



SPORT

WHYS AND OTHERWISE

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Quick Thinking

Eddie Hurley, writing in the Boston Record, salutes that New York Yankee veteran, Tony Lazzeri, who has done so much to put the Yanks into the world series this fall. Says Hurley:

"A belated salute to Tony Lazzeri, nimble witted keystone patrol of the A. L. champion Yankees, the veteran usually pushed aside by ambitious recruits in the spring, but who is generally in the thick of it in the fall, in spite of his long service.

"Perhaps it should have been mentioned before, but with one thing and another, it slipped my mind until now.

"At the time, perhaps the bleacherites didn't give Tony credit for anything out of the ordinary, but as the play occurred at Fenway Park during the last visit of the Yankees here, even though it failed, it simply illustrated the fact that the California Italian may be getting along in his baseball years and may not be so sure-footed as he was in the past, yet he still uses his head for much more than a hat rack.

"With none out at the time and Jimmy Foxx on second base, Kroner hit a hard grounder to Lazzeri at second. He was playing his usual position back there near the grass, but from the corner of his eye he noted that Foxx was loafing a trifle on the way to third. It might have been much easier to have thrown out Kroner at first base, but Tony wanted to cut off that run if possible. So he cut a surprise throw to third instead of first, and nothing but baseball instinct forced Foxx to hustle a bit more at the end of his run, and Lazzeri failed in making the play by the proverbial eyelash. Yet it's such thinking that carries teams to pennants and it impressed me so much at the time that I thought it was worth, at least, passing mention. And there was the old sparkle in Eddie Collins' eyes as he stood back there and watched Tony make the play, recalling, no doubt, similar instances in his long second base career. Yet Collins nor any other second sacker ever thought more quickly even though the effort proved a failure. But the same guy probably will continue to sparkle for many years."

Davis After Trout

From Jasper Park Lodge, Alta., comes the news that Robert H. "Bob" Davis, the famous globe-trotter columnist, along with Mrs. Davis is a visitor there and will remain there until the middle of September. "Fresh as a daisy and simply 'rarin' to go'" is the way one of the golfers there sums him up.

Bob Davis, who has travelled more miles and seen more countries than any newspaperman alive or dead, had hardly settled down to a slow gait before he was seen scribbling a few notes in his famous black book. "Just a little more dope for the melting pot," said the veteran as he disappeared in the general direction of his typewriter. One of the few sections of the Canadian Rockies Mr. Davis has not visited, is Maligne Lake, the famous speckled trout fishing glacier fed lake. "I want to go in there because Irvin Cob told me of a pippin that got off his hook on his last visit and I'm on my way to catch it. If it has grown any since he let it off his hook, however, I'll need plenty of help to bring it home. But I'm sure going to make short work of the trout," threatened the famous writer.

SPEED, THROWING ABILITY CARDINALS VIRTUES TO RICKEY

BOSTON, Sept. 15—"If you have good legs and good arms, that's enough for me. I'll teach them the rest."

That is the credo of Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals, the team which supposedly was eliminated from the National League pennant race, yet today is close enough to become an altogether too-serious threat to the pace-making New York Giants. And the credo of Rickey may, in the end, result in the pay-off for the Cardinals.

Bruised, Battered and Lamed but Withal Speedy

The St. Louisans have finished their two-game series with the Boston Bees and they turned on the heat. They have the ball-players, to be sure. But those ball-players are not at their best. Yet, bruised and battered and lamed as they are, they still have plenty of speed. And they displayed that speed very convincingly. Garibaldi, for instance, seemed to fly as he beat out a bunt to the pitcher. And he went from first to third on a single to right field. Which may not seem to be much of a feat except that

TIGERTOWN IS BASEBALL-MAD, DESPITE LAPSE

Detroit Attendance is Likely Again to Exceed Million Mark for Year.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—Tigertown is still a baseball-mad community, to which figures for the season will testify. While the idols of Detroit have declined from their once high estate at the top of the American League, turnstiles at Navin Field have hummed a merry tune. Well over 800,000 paid have passed through the gates, and with many attractive dates still on the schedule, it is expected that, for a third successive year the total home attendance will exceed 1,000,000 paid.

All the world loves a winner, to be sure, but public patronage in Detroit has been maintained to such a high degree that while the Tigers can do no better than finish in second place, far removed from the pennant-bound Yankees, they are still distinctly in the black, a financial success in no small way.

Those bold attendance figures emphasize more sharply than ever that Detroit is capable of supporting two big league teams, one in either circuit. It is a well-known fact that Sam Breadon, president of the St. Louis Cardinals, would be delighted to move his franchise into Tigertown, at a large expense, if necessary. The late Frank Navin blocked his path last year, but now that the club is under a new ownership, the way may be smoothed at the next winter meeting.

It is, of course, not as simple as that. Permission would have to be obtained from every team in both leagues, and other complications are involved. But it is still generally believed that St. Louis is not as good a baseball city as Detroit, both as to climate and in public interest. It is fairly possible that Breadon will make a last effort to move his colorful Cardinals into Detroit soon.

Battle For Second Place

A battle for second place never carried much interest, but with the Yanks walking off with the flag all by themselves it develops that a quiet but bitter brawl is being waged for the runner-up position, with Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Washington and even Boston fondling

the Bees right fielder, Gene Moore, has one of the most-feared throwing arms in the business. In fact, it is so respected that the majority of runners are very careful not to oversprint second base.

Stu Martin, Pepper Martin, Ducky Medwick, Gutteridge—they're all fast. And it all comes back to what Rickey has often said and which he always practices in looking over material. Even in those schools the Cardinals conduct, he sizes up a player first as to his speed afoot and second as to his throwing ability. After that he looks for other things. He is willing to take a boy and work him carefully, through the Cards chain. But he wants them fleet and he wants them with whip-lash arms. And he has them.

Screwballs with More

Twists Than Hubbell
Another factor which helps the Cards is that they are an ebullient clan. One of the observers from St. Louis snorted the other day when sympathy was expressed for Joe Cronin, the Red Sox manager.

"Weep about Cronin!" he cracked. "What's tough about his job? Maybe one or two don't hustle once in a while. And maybe a couple of them are temperamental. But that's only once in a while. Say, that man Frank Frisch has the toughest job of them all. Because these Cards aren't temperamental. They're screwballs with more twists than Carl Hubbell's delivery.

"Frisch doesn't have to work about their playing baseball. That's one thing where he's sure they're okay. Why, they'd go out there and play with only one leg. In fact, that's what some of them are doing. But they're daffy. They're clowning and they just turn a baseball squad into a traveling bug-house. And it's Frisch's job to keep them from going just too far.

"Cronin's job tough? Say, he's got a rocking chair job compared with Frisch."

Another difference is that Cronin's rocking chair is in sixth place, while Frisch is sitting very close to the top.

hopes of edging in behind the McCarthymen.

At the moment, the Indians are in the second niche, but they have dropped two out of three since embarking on their final tour of the East, and indicate that the old road jinx has caught up with them again. The Tigers are two games to the rear, and half a game farther down the line are the White Sox. The Senators, in fifth place, are four and a half games behind the Indians, while the Red Sox will have to put on a terrific spurt if they hope to close the eight-game gap that separates them from the Tribe.

The team favored to outspurt the others is Detroit. The Tigers can put on the pressure. They are built around many veterans, who not only are out for a neat share of the world series receipts but are eager to fatten their pitching and batting averages to present strong talking points when salary time creeps around again.

None of the teams is losing sight of the big world series ahead, and in that case second-place money will be nothing to pooh-pooh. A subway world series or one between the Yankees and Cubs should be one of the richest ever, in so far as the runner-up teams are concerned.

VINES MEETS VIN RICHARDS AT NET JARRETT DAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 15—Ellsworth Vines will meet Vin Richards in a special match at Manhattan Beach, Sunday, as a feature of the Eleanor Holm Jarrett Day. The match between the two stars will start at 12 noon and open the many events of the day. Mrs. Jarrett will provide the big thrill of the afternoon when she will make an attempt to set a new mark in the 100-meter backstroke.

Would Bar All U. S. Footballers

OTTAWA, Sept. 15—All playing certificates of American players with Interprovincial Rugby Football Union teams will be passed by the Board of Governors and teams may be limited to use only two Americans on their squad, according to S. Dumoulin of Hamilton, a governor of the Big Four who passed through Ottawa.

Dumoulin added that a meeting of the board was expected to be called next week in Kingston, and all matters pertaining to American players in the Big Four would be dealt with.

Father of "King" Clancy Retires as Governor

OTTAWA, Ont., Sept. 15—Tom Clancy, the original "King" and father of Frank "King" Clancy of Toronto Maple Leafs, plans to retire as a governor of the Interprovincial Football Union, it was learned yesterday. Years ago King Clancy the first was a great football player and later a coach. Retiring from active sport, he made a reputation as a dressing-room orator, and some of his pep-talks to football and hockey teams are among the classics of sport.

In the last year or two Clancy has not been in good health, and this led to his decision to retire from the board of governors. His successor has not been selected by the local club.

CAN'T FIND AN OPPONENT FOR AL M'COY

Former Bangor, Me., Fighter Climbing, But Opponents Are Scarce.

BOSTON, Sept. 15—Matchmaker Valenti is combing the country for a young man to give Al McCoy a battle either at the Boston Garden or the Boston Arena. It is a difficult task finding one. Not many good boxers are available.

There was some talk of inviting Phil Brubaker to come here for a meeting with McCoy, but Valenti figured that he is too expensive, and besides, after his recent setback, he would not be a magnet with McCoy.

Al Gainer was mentioned, but Gainer has several matches on his slate and right now he is not available. He is a satisfactory performer, and in view of his other tilts here, he would appeal to the customers.

FREDERICTON EXHIBITION RACES INAUGURATED THIS AFTERNOON

Junior Free-For-All, 2:18 Trot Will See Battle—13 Starters in 2:18 Trot and Pace.

The Fredericton exhibition three-day race meet will be inaugurated this afternoon at the Fredericton race track, with the feature being the 2:18 trot with the only Newfoundland horse on the card, Harvest Melody, picked to battle John Dean, Saint John owned horse, for the event. Harvest Melody is owned by Willis Reid of St. John's, Nfld. Besides the 2:18 trot, there will be the 2:18 trot and pace and the Junior Free-For-All.

Bud Wenger, the outstanding pacing marvel from Houlton, Maine, is the favorite for the Junior Free-For-All. There will be 13 starters in the 2:18 trot and pace. It will be the first time in fourteen years that it will be necessary to hold two elimination heats in that event, one with seven starters, and the other with eight. The first four positions in each heat will go to the finals, while the positions in the eliminations will count in the result.

In the junior free-for-all, Bud Wenger, bay gelding, owned by T. V.

Holdaway, Houlton, will go to the wire as favorite, with Mildred May, bay mare from the Sullivan and Mawhinney stable, as a close second favorite. Other starters will be Guy Britton, George Turner, Halifax, and Marjorie M. Sydney-owned mare.

Six horses will line up for the 2:18 trot with John Dean as the favorite. The others are Harvest Melody, second choice tonight; Silk Girl, Frank Murphy, Halifax; Peter Pin, E. B. Avery Woodstock; High Toby, H. T. Fulton, Upper Stewiacke, N.S.; and Bob Lewyn, owned by Sullivan and Mawhinney.

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