



SPORT

WHYS AND OTHERWISE

AS SEEN BY
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Soccer is booming again in the Boston area. Hereabouts soccer thrives during the summer months, being most popular then. For some strange reason soccer is played in summer, although because of its ruggedness it is really an autumn game, like rugby football. Just how popular soccer is is shown in the following: The soccer season goes into full swing this week-end with the American and Boston and District Leagues both having full schedules carded and the magnates of both loops are expecting the best season in a decade. The pro circuit got under way last Saturday and the Boston Celtics turned in a brilliant performance in playing a tie game with the fast Providence outfit. Next Sunday the Celts travel to Fall River, where they clash with Tec White's Rovers at Bigherry Stadium, and the Hub eleven will be given a real test, as the Rovers loom up as the best outfit in the circuit.

Hockey is a bit previous, as Ralph Boyce and a few supporters found when they attempted to hold an organization meeting for the Yorks last night at the City Hall. Only a few turned up. With the football season not yet underway it is pretty difficult to get hockey started—especially when there will be no ice until December 25 or thereabouts. However Mr. Boyce's attempt to organize now shows energy and a keen interest in putting the Yorks right up into the front in hockey again this year.

Early activities of some NBC personalities: Smith Ballew, m.c. of the Shell Chateau programme, once made phonograph records singing under 17 different names. He made over 5,000 of the discs. . . . Mariou Talley at the age of five was singing in church choirs. . . . Vivian Fridell, the Mary Noble of Backstage Wife, got her radio start while a student at the University of Wisconsin, writing and acting her own programmes on the university station.

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Yankees Favored to Win World Series

Carl Hubbell, However, is Big Obstacle in the Way—Sell-Out is Anticipated.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25—New York Yankees are favorites to win the World Series, but the prospective appearance of Carl Hubbell in the box has made the Giants the choice for the opening game in the Polo Grounds next Wednesday.

With Hubbell on the mound, Jack Doyle, Broadway bookmaker, today quoted 6 to 5 against the Yankees in the first game and 3 to 5 against the Giants. For the series, however, Doyle quoted 11 to 20 against the Yankees and 13 to 10 against the Giants.

While the betting commissioners reported a lively business, the mid-town offices of the Giants and Yankees were deluged with ticket requests. A sellout of box seats was announced by both clubs. They added, however, that the supply of reserved seats is far from exhausted.

Maximum capacity for the two ball parks will be 71,767 for the Yankee Stadium and 51,856 for the Polo Grounds. Assuming capacity every day and a six-game series, a new World Series record for attendance and receipts will be assured. The total attendance in that case would be 370,869, compared with the current record of 328,051 set in 1926 when the Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals were rivals. The present record of \$1,207,864 for receipts, also set in 1926, likewise would be eclipsed.

SPORT JOTTINGS

Oliver French, President of the Nashville, N. C., Baseball Club of the Piedmont League, was named President of the Rochester Red Wings of the International League in an announcement yesterday by Vice-president Branch Rickey of St. Louis Cardinals, parent organization of the two clubs. He succeeds Warren Giles, who recently was appointed Vice-President and General Manager of Cincinnati Reds. French comes to Rochester after eight seasons as an executive of the various clubs of the Cardinal system.

As an indication of widespread interest aroused by the first all-New York World Series since 1923, the Baseball Writers' Association disclosed yesterday requests for working press tickets have exceeded all previous records. Applications have swamped the local chapter, of which James P. Dawson is Chairman, and outnumber the seats available at either the Polo Grounds or Yankee Stadium. Each club has allotted space for more than 500 working sports writers.

Frank Coleman, 18-year-old rookie pitcher with the London entry in the Intercounty Senior Baseball League, has been awarded the trophy for most valuable player in the 1936 season. It was announced yesterday by Arthur J. Holle, Kitchener, President of the Intercounty Umpires' Association.

Ed Downey, former Orillia lacrosse player, who played with the New Westminster Salmonbellies this year, will return to the East Oct. 1, to work out with the Montreal Canadiens in the National Hockey League. Mayor Fred Hume, President of the Salmonbellies, announced yesterday. Mayor Hume said Bill Mullis also was returning to the East. Plans of Bill Wilson, Bill Wilkes and Pete Anthony, other former Orillia stars, were not announced.

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MILDRED MAY WON FREE FOR ALL AT WOODSTOCK

Machias Stables Came Near a Grand Slam—Arguments in Free-For-All.

WOODSTOCK, Sept. 25—The Sullivan and Mawhinney stables of Machias, Me., with their entries piloted by driver Clukey, came close to making a grand slam of the Woodstock Driving Club fall harness racing meet, which closed here this afternoon. After winning all three classes on Thursday, the Machias stable took two races today, although receiving much stouter opposition than on the previous day. The races were fairly well attended in spite of a cold wind that swept the track and kept the time slower by several seconds than it would otherwise have been.

Clukey drove Mildred May to a surprise win in the free-for-all, the judges declaring his mare the winner after a race marked by constant bickering and disputes. He was also declared the winner by agreement of the drivers with Miss Uhlen Volo in the 2.23 trot after Ralph Carey's Calumet Euclid had taken the first heat. G. Mathien's great little horse, Peter Oswald, captured the 2.20 mixed class, although Clukey behind Bobelwyn almost carried the race to extra heats.

The much anticipated free-for-all was productive of more arguments than good racing. Zombro Hanover spilled the dope in the first two heats by handily outfooting the favorite Budwenger. Mildred May took the next two, Driver Giggey refusing to bring Zombro Hanover to the wire in the fourth on the ground that the race had not been called until after sunset, Mildred May being awarded first money and Giggey's entry ruled out.

In the first heat of the free-for-all Zombro Hanover took an early lead, which he held handily at the half-way mark. Approaching the three-quarter mark instead of folding up as the stand expected he put on more steam and coming into the back stretch was three lengths to the good a lead which the other two found it impossible to overcome.

Dow Settlement

Worship service was held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning with a good number in attendance. The pastor brought to us a wonderful message and all who attended were helped by the stirring thoughts.

The B.Y.P.U. held their weekly session Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. A Bible cross word puzzle was the programme for the evening it being led by Elsie Doughtley.

We are glad to report William Walker is now able to resume his duties as usual.

Mistress—Maria, when we have visitors I shall call you Estelle.

Maid—Yes, ma'am, and what am I to call you?

Mistress—Idiot!

Maid—Very good, ma'am.

GOLF AND... TEMPERAMENT

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 26—The golfer who had arranged for another crack at par was described today as the hardest kicker when the weather man is wrong.

But generally folks are tolerant when the weather forecaster is fooled by nature, said James Spencer, local meteorologist of the weather bureau.

He is wrong only 12 per cent of the time, Spencer said. If a forecaster doesn't maintain a "good batting average" he is "benched" by the weather bureau. The average for the country is 88 per cent.

SHIFT IN BOSTON BRUINS OWNERSHIP

Transfer to Art Ross, et al—Date Not Yet Set

BOSTON, Sept. 24—Art Ross, Weston Adams and Ralph Burkhard have obtained the Bruins. The attorneys have not yet passed the papers but the club will be reorganized and C. F. Adams, president and principal owner of the Bruins, will retire, as he has tried to do, for some months.

Ross, when asked point blank yesterday if he and Weston Adams, son of C. F. and Burkhard, had obtained the Bruins, said any statement in confirmation or denial must come from C. F. Adams.

But he did not deny it and it can be set down as certain that the trio have obtained the Boston club of the National Hockey League and C. F. Adams, now rid of the Bees, formerly the Braves, also, may devote all his spare time to Suffolk Downs.

Attorneys must be consulted on the transfer. There are government taxes to be considered and met.

The situation is similar to that encountered last year when C. F. Adams, as principal stockholder reorganized the Boston National League Baseball club so that Bob Quinn would be able to assume the presidency of the club.

It was rumored around town that the Garden directors were ready to buy the Bruins and that they had agreed to pay C. F. Adams' price said to be \$250,000.

Consummation of the deal will stop all talk, all reports and rumors. The Garden directors will be disappointed because the Bruins, as their property, would return more than they will if they rent the Garden.

Ross is said to own \$110,000 stock in the Bruins. He has been with the club for 12 years and in the heyday of success accepted stock instead of money, as a bonus.

C. F. Adams gave his son shares as a present at Christmas, at least once and perhaps several times, and Burkhard invested in some shares when C. F. Adams put some stock on the market or quoted it for his friends and associates.

ON FISHING TRIP

A. H. King, of Hartford, Conn., arrived here today and this afternoon left with William T. Griffin for Boiestown where he will spend the next ten day fishing.

BUCKY HARRIS TURNS TABLES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26—Stanley R. "Bucky" Harris, who apparently wasn't considered good enough to manager the Boston club that Tom Yawkey's millions bought, has taken a team of bargain-counter pickups, and made good his vow to whip the Red Sox.

By trouncing the expensive Boston team, 4 to 0, Washington went 6 1-2 games ahead of Boston in the league standings. The triumph was Washington's twelfth in twenty starts against the Yawkey crew.

It was two years ago that the Boston owner suddenly deposed Harris as manager and bought Joe Cronin from Washington as shortstop-manager at a \$250,000 figure.

Harris, jobless, stepped into Cronin's former Washington post. Last year, under Cronin's leadership, the Bostons landed in fourth position—no higher than Harris had driven them the year before. This season, with the influx of such stars as Jimmy Foxx, Eric McNair, Flint Cramer and others, Boston was rated early as a definite flag contender, while Washington was bracketed with the hapless Philadelphia Athletics.

Harris determined to beat the gold-plated Bostons. The Senators absorbed the spirit. They've won out, and to cap the climax it was Joe Cascarella, a little pitcher Boston cast off, who shut out the Red Sox.

JACK DEMPSEY TALKS OF HALCYON DAYS IN RING

BOSTON, Sept. 25—Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, and the man who with the lamented Tex Rickard made "million-dollar" gates possible, arrived in Boston.

After Jack detrained at the Back Bay Station he went to a nearby hotel. Jack had an engagement here to referee a "battle royal" at the Boston Arena, and during a brief chat he reminded me that it was the 10th anniversary of his dethronement.

"Ten years ago tonight Gene Tunney and yours truly fought in the 'Battle of the Deluge' in the Sesqui Stadium at Philadelphia. It doesn't seem that long, but the old story about 'time flies' convinces one that it is so.

Never Will Forget

"I'll never forget that battle," said Jack. "Undoubtedly combats were decided under other unusual circumstances, but that fight in the down-pour and that crowd that remained through it all remain indelibly set in my mind. Nothing will efface it.

"Some champions faded out of the picture since then; others were forgotten just as soon as they lost their titles, but a grateful public still receives me cordially wherever I go and I attribute all this to having given them the best I had in my fighting days."

What about the future of the boxing game, Jack? Was a question I hurled at him.

"I think it will be all right," said he. "Talent is necessary and then there will be a revival. Just now it seems to be stagnant, but the Louis-Ettore bout proved that if you give

them what they want, the customers will come out. More than \$200,000 worth of customers at a Philadelphia show is a healthy sign.

Promoters Can Help

"If hustling managers and promoters will give the game the attention it deserves, it will positively come back. But, bear in mind, it must be handled properly and things must be above board if the 'Million-Dollars' gates are to be revived."

Jack is doing well in New York and his restaurant is such a success that he is seriously thinking of eliminating refereeing, mat and ring, from his schedule.

McFarland Fought Deshler

Only once in the career of the late Packey McFarland did he appear in this city. He met Dave Deshler, who passed on a few years ago, and the contest was an exceptionally clever one.

The late Jack Sheehan was third man in the ring, and McFarland when Jack declared the bout a draw, felt that Sheehan had given him the worse of it. He lost his self-control and promptly landed on Sheehan's jaw, knocking Jack down.

His overt act brought the spectators to their feet and hundreds of Sheehan's loyal friends rushed to the ringside threatening dire things for McFarland.

"Darling, you were cheated when you bought my engagement ring."

"Oh, no, I wasn't. I know my onions."

"Perhaps, dearest, but you don't know your carats."

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