

York - Sunbury League Opens on June 1st

RABBIT MARANVILLE HAS SOME THINGS TO SAY ABOUT HIS FAVORITE PASTIME

Rabbit Maranville once said the main reason he lasted so long as a major league ball player was that every evening he shut the clubhouse door on the ball game that had just been played and went home and forgot about baseball until the next day. He said he learned to do that when he was a young fellow with the Braves, because there was a fellow on that club who used to take the ball game home with him, especially if it was a losing game, and play it over at the dinner table. After a while, the Rabbit said, both the ball player and his wife suffered nervous breakdowns, and he didn't want anything like that to happen to him.

he doesn't think any more about the business until he punches the time clock the next morning, but the chances are that while he is out enjoying himself or is in bed sleeping soundly the owner of the business is walking the floor or lying awake in bed trying to figure some way to get it out of the red ink.

"The manager, of course, is the boss who walks the floor and lies awake nights. I know I take the ball game home with me every night. I don't think of it every minute, naturally. But it's always in the back of my mind, and many a night it keeps me from going to sleep long after I've hit the pillow.

A Manager Worries

You were talking with Stanley Harris at the New Yorker last night and you mentioned this. The manager of the Senators said that it was a very good system for a ball player, but a manager couldn't follow it.

"All a ball player has to think about is his part in a ball game," Harris said, "and the only time he ever worries is when he is in a batting slump, when he worries about himself and not about the club. A ball player is like a clerk who works in an office. When he closes his books for the day

"As you know, a manager never figures that the other club won a ball game," Stanley continued. "The way he looks at it, his club lost it. His pitcher wasn't right, or his hitters couldn't hit in the pinches, or somebody kicked one with a couple of men on bases, and so on.

"Therefore every lost game means a weakness in his club. It may be a weakness of the day—a boot by a usually dependable infielder, a sudden fit of wildness on the part of a usually air-tight pitcher, or the failure of a good hitter to hit or even lay down a bunt in a clutch. Those are weaknesses he doesn't have to worry about. But when he sees a player falling day after day he knows he has to do something about it and then falls to thinking—and worrying—about what to do.

"Is the player who is falling merely in a slump? Will he snap out of it in a day or two? Or has he slowed up definitely or lost his nerve and so reached the end of his usefulness to

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the club? If so, what of a replacement for him? Or, if the manager has no replacement for him, where is he going to find one? If he has a trade in mind, what player among those available to him is best calculated to help his club the most?

"Right now I am wrestling with a number of problems—and I can assure I didn't get to bed very early last night and didn't sleep too well when I did get to bed.

"For one thing, I am well protected with reserves for the infield and outfield, but illness and injuries have crippled my pitching and catching staffs—and what am I going to do about that? I can't put an outfielder in the box and an infielder back of the plate, can I? For another, some of my promising young pitchers, with strong arms and all sorts of stuff, can't throw a ball through that window when they're in a spot."

There is No Magic Touch

You asked him if, when he was a ball player, he had a deep-rooted ambition to become a manager.

"No," he said. "I never thought of it. My original appointment to manage the Senators in the spring of 1924 was a complete surprise to me. I had gone to Tampa with Mkie Martin, the trainer, a few weeks in advance of the club, and we were wondering who was going to get the job, when Griff notified me I could have it if I wanted it. Realizing what a great opportunity it was, I grabbed it—and then began to learn, as rapidly as I could, all the things a manager is supposed to know. I had a great deal of help from Griff, just as I get a great deal of help from his advice today. I don't think there ever was a fellow who knew any more baseball than he does.

"It is my own opinion, after a dozen years of managing in Washington and Detroit and Boston and now in Washington again, that there is no magic in managing a ball club. I think a manager can help a club if he is a good manager or deter it if he isn't, but he can't win a pennant just by his brainwork in the dugout. He has to have plenty of help from the young men on the field. On the other hand, he may be the wisest manager that ever lived and yet see his plans go astray because of errors or dumb plays on the part of his ball players.

"There is nothing new in that opinion, of course, I'm merely saying what every manager has discovered for himself. If it depresses him with the knowledge that he has his limitations, it also should console him in times of stress, such as when he begins to believe he is a master mind and then has his best thinking ruined by the failure of his second baseman to pick up a double-play ball, or of his first baseman, let us say, to lay down a bunt with men on first and second, none out in the ninth inning and two runs needed to win."

Some Pitchers

One of the Washington newspapermen having described the Senators as the bombshell ball club or the American League, somebody asked Harris if that meant they would blow up on the Fourth of July.

"I hope not," he said. "Seriously, I think we have a pretty good ball club. Newsom is the only able-bodied pitcher we have who is pitching consistently good ball. De Shong, who started so well for us, and who, I believe, is going to make a really good pitcher, is laid up in Philadelphia with bronchitis, and Whitill hasn't looked good at all, so that at the moment our pitching staff is in pretty bad shape.

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Maxie Makes Ready for Joe

NAPONOCH, New York, May 19—Max Schmeling begins sparring yesterday in his training campaign to meet Joe Louis in their 15-round bout at Yankee Stadium, June 13.

Maxie has contended himself so far with getting into condition. He is a strong adherent of plenty of boxing before a big match and probably will not miss more than a day or two each week of engaging in a few good rounds.

ARGENTINA BANKS ON ITS YOUNG PLAYERS

Olympic Polo Prospects Look Good for This Country

BUENOS AIRES, May 19—The younger generation of Argentine polo players will be teamed with the outstanding veterans in making up the team which will defend the Olympic title at Berlin in August and on its return trip home will play a series with the United States at Meadow Brook, L.I., for the Cup of the Americas in early September. Polo last was played as part of the Olympic programme in Paris in 1924, when the Argentine team won the title, defeating the United States in the final.

A string of forty-six Argentine mounts are now in training in France under Thomas Nelson. The squad of players from which the team will be chosen by Jack Nelson, manager of the expedition, includes Andres Gazzotti, Manuel Andraza, Luis J. Duggan, Enrique and Juan Alberdi and Diego Cavanaugh.

Here the prospects of success are not considered to be bright, as only Andres Gazzotti, No. 1, and one of the team which won the U. S. open championship five years ago, can be classed among the world's foremost players. Gazzotti heads the list of Argentine handicaps with 8, and is still on the up-grade, although he is by no means a newcomer. He plays No. 3 for "Los Indios," and in that position can always be relied upon to give a superb exhibition of the game as only few know how to play it. His dash and anticipatory judgment, and his ability to hit a long ball and to find the goal from extreme range, make him a player to be treated with the utmost respect by any opposition, however good it may be.

SPORT BRIEFS

PHIL ISBISTER CHAMP

HEMELTON, Ontario, May 19—Phil Isbister, son of Bob Isbister of Tiger fame and brother of University of Toronto's starry backfielder, was crowned senior champion at the annual track and field meet of Delta Collegiate here yesterday.

Isbister, however, met William Schwenger, runner-up for the title, in a special race to decide the title. Isbister and Schwenger were tied with 21 points each. Both agreed to contest the mile event with the championship going to the winner. Isbister led Schwenger to the tape by a scant few yards.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, May 19—Litho, 18-year-old Helen Stephens of Fulton, Mo., unofficially bettered two world records in the annual Memphis Cotton Carnival track and field meet yesterday.

The lanky Missouri sensation covered the 100 meters in 23.6 seconds. The world's record in the first event is 1.8 and the second 24.1.

Because her opponents were given handicaps, J. Lyman Bingham of the A. A. U. said the marks would not be considered.

"But we have a good outfield and a good infield and, while we haven't exactly a devastating punch, we're a good hitting club right down the line. If one or two of our young pitchers get so they can control the ball, one of them, facing the Yankees last Sunday, pitched eleven balls in a row, when I would have bet no one in the world could miss the plate that many times in succession—we'll do pretty well. And one more good hitter in our line-up—a solid, long-distance hitter we could count on to drive in a hundred runs or so—would put us in a spot where we could make plenty of trouble.

"Until one or both of those things happen I'll just have to go along, doing the best I can. Playing the percentage and putting in the best pitcher I've got at the start of every game and, if he can't get by, taking him out and putting in the next best pitcher and so on, pulling them out and putting them in until I strike it right. That doesn't sound much like magic does it? Well, that, that's the only way I know of to run a ball club."

GOLF FOR MASSES IS CHANGE IN OLD STANDARD

Many Such Changes for Canadian Open Golf Play—World Open Tourney.

TORONTO, May 18—Golf for the masses, new slogan of the staid Royal Canadian Golf Association, will come to Toronto this summer along with the Canadian National Exhibition, its marathon swims, horseshoe-pitching contests, dog derbies and girls' softball tournaments.

The Canadian Open, ranked with the really important golf tournaments of the world, until now a function of the fashionable club set, will be sponsored in September by the C.N.E. at the pay-as-you-go St. Andrew's course here. The tie-up, first of its kind in Canada, was explained today.

Secretary B. L. Anderson of the R. C.G.A. assured a luncheon gathering of golf officials and sports writers that the step was towards golfing prosperity, a greater open tournament. There was no question, he said, of the old game losing any of its notorious dignity.

Just the same, the R.C.G.A. hoped to attract more ranking professional golfers from the United States and more paying customers to watch them by increasing the prize money and enjoying the advertising liberality of the C.N.E.

There will be the Seagram Gold Trophy for the Canadian Open champion of 1936 and it wouldn't surprise Mr. Anderson or anyone else if the cup was presented to the winner in front of the C.N.E. grandstand. That would be taking golf to the masses with a vengeance. The C.N.E.'s lake-side arena holds more than 20,000.

And in line with the new policy, Joe Kirkwood, Australian trick-shot artist who won the open in 1933, might be hired to demonstrate his assortment of freak shots in front of the grandstand. The R.C.G.A. figures Kirkwood wouldn't hurt the gate receipts at all and might make some converts to golf.

"We don't think," said the R.C.G.A. secretary, "that this venture will harm golf. In fact, we think it will do a great deal to make the game popular with people who have never paid any attention to our open championship. Through our new connection with the exhibition, we will get advertising we couldn't afford before.

"The prize money has been doubled, thanks to the donors of the Seagram trophy, bringing the value of our championship even with that of the United States and British open events. I can see nothing but success for this year's open."

World Wide Tourney

Maybe next year, maybe not, for several years, Toronto may sponsor a world open golf championship, something never before attempted. Such a tournament would require the sponsorship of the U.S., British, Canadian and other national golf bodies.

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Devon, Marysville and Minto Comprise the Circuit — C. L. Dougherty President

The York-Sunbury Senior Baseball League will consist this year of three teams, Devon, Marysville and Minto, and will open on June 1, it was decided at a re-organization meeting here last evening. Each team will play ten home games and ten away and the regular playing schedule will be completed by August 8. A league winner will be declared by Aug. 15, following a five-game playoff series between first and second place teams.

The schedule will be drawn up shortly, all games will open at 6.20 p.m., and postponed games will be played on the first following available nights.

Officials of last year's Fredericton executive reported that there had been no move on the part of players in this city to organize a team and that the understanding was that they would be absorbed by Devon and Marysville, as the players themselves chose. The league last year was composed of four teams.

C. L. Dougherty, Fredericton, was re-elected president of the league and other officials elected were George M. Byron, Fredericton, first vice-president; W. B. Wisely, Minto, second vice-president; and Fred Foster, Marysville, who was re-elected.

Minto management was criticized by individual members for 'robbing' players from other teams in the league. While no team was taken the feeling expressed was that if Minto raided the league next year they would be playing by themselves. It was said that two players from Marysville and one each from Devon and Fredericton had joined the Minto ranks in the last two years.

An optimistic feeling was evident regarding the prospects for junior baseball in Fredericton, Devon and Marysville this season. Ralph Albrant, general secretary for the Y.M.C.A. in Fredericton, who was asked by Mr. Dougherty to attend the meeting, stated that the Y.M.C.A. would be glad to take over the organization of junior ball.

PERRY BEATEN

PARIS, France, May 19—Christian Boussus, France's ranking tennis star, upset Fred Perry of England, 6-4, 6-8, 6-2 in the annual Franco-British team matches yesterday. Boussus broke through Perry's service in the ninth game to gain the decision advantage in the first set, dropped the second after a struggle and then polished off the British ace in the third.

Jacques Brugnon and Marcel Bernard also scored victories for the French in singles. The veteran Brugnon defeated F. H. D. Wilde, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2, and Bernard conquered C. R. D. Tuckley, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

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