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BASKETBALL IS REAL SPORT OF KINGS THIS CRITIC SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Basketball is the "real American sport" and the increased interest shown in the game nationally is evidence that it is a challenge to football, declares Nat Holman, one of the game's great stars, today.

Holman, now coaching at the College of the City of New York, writes in the current Liberty magazine: "Recent statistics prove that more than sixteen million people play basketball in this country. Interest in this game is so great that it is challenging football as a spectacle in some sections of the country, particularly in the east and the middle west."

"Basketball," writes Holman, "is the only game which is purely American in origin and inspiration. Baseball is a direct descendant of the old English game of rounders sprinkled with features of cricket. Football can be traced to the rugby of our British cousins."

Coach Holman points out hockey,

THREATENS THE COACH'S "DATTER"

CHICAGO, Dec. 11—Federal agents held Kenneth William Faulkner, 19, last night for demanding \$5,000 from J. W. Behr, coach of the United States Olympic boxing team, under threat of kidnapping his co-ed daughter.

An official said he surrendered last night, admitted mailing three letters to Behr, and would be arraigned before United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker tomorrow on extortion charges.

Behr enlisted the aid of the Government agents when he received the letters threatening the abduction of his daughter, Barbara Ann Behr, 18.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11—Buddy Baer, huge "little brother" of former heavyweight champion Max Baer, scored a first round knockout over Patrick Michael Barry of Ireland at the Stadium on Wednesday night.

The time was 2:46; the knockout blow a right to the stomach. Baer weighed 233 3-4, Barry 226.

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golf, tennis, boxing and wrestling all are of foreign origin.

"But basketball," he compares, "was born in 1891 when Dr. James A. Naismith came up with two peach baskets, a soccer ball, and a bright idea in an effort to give students at Springfield College a new form of exercise to relieve the tedium of formal gymnasium work."

He admits, however, that people do not play a game merely because it's a domestic product. Basketball, he says, is popular because it is good, clean fun and commands the attention of the spectator with its fine blend of hard fast action and scientific teamwork. Parents, he says in conclusion, rarely refuse their children permission to play basketball because serious injuries are rare and fatalities are practically unknown.

HEAVYWEIGHT SITUATION IS A-SIZZLING

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—With the arrival here of the temperamental Teuton, Max Schmeling the heavyweight situation is expected to start sizzling again.

Der Moxie is coming for the dual purpose of sewing up James J. Braddock for a heavyweight title fight next summer and to toss a monkey wrench into the plans of Promoter Herman Taylor for a prior meeting between Braddock and the Black Bitter, Joe Louis.

The New York State Athletic Commission confidently expects to see a deal closed for a title fight at tomorrow's meeting, but there are many angles and lots of ifs and buts to be considered and threshed out.

No Other Bouts

First, Schmeling is sure to insist that any contract he signs with Braddock prohibit the champion from risking injury by fighting anybody before he meets the German. The Commission is expected to support Schmeling in this stand. That may mean Braddock and his manager, Joe Gould, will refuse to sign, walk out of the meeting and close for a no-decision contest with Louis at Atlantic City under the banner of Herman Taylor.

On the other hand, Schmeling may not be so keen to sign if the Commission stipulates that he promise, to the tune of a \$25,000 forfeit, that if he wins the title he will defend it here within a year. Reports are spreading that should the German become the first man on record to win the heavyweight championship twice, he will ship it back to Germany and bury it.

Joe Gould says he will not let Braddock fight Louis for a cent less than a flat guarantee of \$300,000, but if Braddock fails to get together with Schmeling, Taylor may be in a position to force him to take a smaller cut for a Louis bout.

OWEN LENNON GETS JOB ON THE PACIFIC COAST

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 11—Owen Lennon, former Halifax Wolverine, who was thrown out of a job when Buffalo Bisons left the International-American Hockey League, left tonight to join Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League.

The speedy wingman had been out of a berth only three days.

"Nig" Brenneman, one-time Charlottetown Abegweit and Saint John Beaver, was idle an even shorter time for he signed up the day after Bisons' disbandment with Cleveland Falcons of the International-American.

The pair were the only two former Maritimers on the team, which withdrew because of financial trouble created by lack of a home rink.

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Schmeling - Braddock Meeting is Still Uncertain

MONCTON CLUB TAKES FIRM GRIP LEAGUE LEAD

SAINT JOHN, Dec. 12—Culminating a stirring uphill battle with a garish solo dash by Appleby, second string centre, Moncton Maroons took a firm grip of the upper rung on the Southern New Brunswick Hockey League ladder last night. The Maroons nosed out Saint John Seagulls, 5-4, but it took a ten-minute overtime period to accomplish this feat.

The game was marked by much improved team play by the losers, good flashes of smart fast hockey and refereeing that displeased both teams and fans alike. Saint John took an early lead, saw it reduced by a questionable goal on a freak shot batted in from high in the air, surged ahead another notch ten seconds later to lead 3-1 going into the third period, lost the margin and tied it quickly in the third and finally bowed to superior skating of the visitors.

DIAMOND DUST

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Heard at the Major League meetings:

Jimmy Dykes, White Sox manager, offers this solution for the lack of trading: "They should hold these meetings right after the world series. Everybody forgets how lousy his ball club is by December." . . . President Lou Comiskey of White Sox and Burt Shotton, manager of Columbus Red Birds, have been in bed with flu ever since the start of the meetings . . . club owners may abolish what remains of the major-minor league agreement next year and allow major league officials to sign sandlot players to major league contracts . . . Said Bill Benswanger, president of the Pirates: "No ball player is worth \$200,000, not even Dean." . . .

Job-hunters at the meeting: Sid Weil, former president of the Reds, and Larry Macphail, last year's general manager of the same club, Al Mamau, manager of the Albany club last year, Casey Stengel and Otto Miller, deposed Brooklyn Leaders, and Del Bissonette, former Brooklyn star . . . Every club in the National League except St. Louis and Philadelphia tried to buy Paul Derringer from the Reds . . . Lefty O'Doul reports that the two best prospects out of the Pacific Coast League this year were Bob Doerr of San Diego, who went to the Red Sox, and Joe Marty, of San Francisco, the outfielder grabbed by the Cubs . . .

Those who feel confident enough to analyze the actions of Branch Rickey say he has committed himself so far on the Dean deal that he may now feel forced to lower his price in order to save his face . . . The Dodgers, badly in need of outfield strength were amazed to read that Ethan Allen had been sold by the Cubs to St. Louis Browns . . . Somebody in the Brooklyn office forgot to look at the waiver list . . .

SPORT BRIEFS

Light Work for Champ in Gotham NEW YORK, Dec. 8—James J. Braddock, world's heavyweight titlist, started training in New York for his proposed bout with Joe Louis in Atlantic City, N. J., in February. The champion felted the light and heavy bags, skipped rope and worked on the mat and pulleys.

Jack Dempsey Hits Big Pins NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Every morning Jack Dempsey can be found in the Capitol alleys, Broadway, training as hard as he did for the great fights in preparation for the A.B.C. tournament. Dempsey wants to grab some of the \$120,000 in prize moneys. He will go South beginning the New Year to open his new hotel in Miami Beach, and then return and devote all his time practising with his team mates. Jimmy Smith is teaching Jack some of the fine points of the maple crashing business.

NAMED RECEIVER

OTTAWA, Dec. 11—Edward L. Morris, Moncton, has been appointed official receiver for the County of Westmorland under the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, according to announcement in The Canada Gazette.

"All Mistake" Says Tony About His Wife, Maye

MILLBRAE, Cal., Dec. 11—Tony Lazzari, famed second baseman for the New York Yankee's baseball team, today will withdraw a divorce suit he filed yesterday against his wife, Maye, charging cruelty.

"It was all a mistake," Lazzari said, refusing to make further comment.

His wife and 5-year-old son, David, sat near Lazzari in the family home here when he announced the suit would be withdrawn.

HOCKEY REFS AT THE BORDER

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 11—Abe Prilutsky and William T. Whitlock, co-managers of the St. Croix Hockey Club in the Southern New Brunswick League were a little worried tonight about ice holding for next week's games here between the home club and Saint John Seagulls and Moncton Maroons. A cold snap over the week-end, both stated, would make things right and assure the home fans of two fast tussles.

The club-heads stated that John Lowe and George Walker, both of St. Stephen, had been named as official St. Croix referees. Under the plan adopted by the league, it was said, the home team supplies officials thus reducing travelling expenses.

SPORT-ENDS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—You may know the verdict in the celebrated Bob Feller case before night . . . Judge Landis has a brief as thick as "Gone with the Wind" on it . . . Betting is even Feller will be turned loose . . . Then he can write his own ticket . . . If he signs for less than \$100,000 he's a sap . . . Baseball writers sent Judge Landis a wire congratulating him on his 70th birthday . . . The judge wired back: "Thanks for your welcome perjury." . . . Many of the lobby managers think all the Branch Rickey ballyhoo on Dean is just a smoke-screen for a sale (possibly already made) to Cincinnati.

Dutch Reuther, who watched the kid all last year, says Joe DiMaggio's little brother, Vince, bought by the Bees, can throw and field with anybody in the majors . . . Mike Jacobs wires from Cleveland there is more than \$70,000 in the till for the Joe Louis-Eddie Simms fight Monday night . . . Some of the boys are laying 7 to 6 Ellsworth Vines trims Fred Perry in their first pro start . . . New York columns say Bea Gottlieb, who once beat King Edward at golf, is trying to cash in on the current constitutional crisis by offering her golf act to the night clubs . . . In all his 56 years in baseball as player, manager and magnate "Old Fox" Clark Griffith of Washington sold only one ball player . . . That was Joe Cronin, his son-in-law—for \$250,000 bucks.

Most harassed scribe at the baseball meeting is J. Roy Stockton of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch . . . Every time he gets a wire his fellow scribes swoop down wanting to know, "Is it about Dean?" . . . New York Boxing Commission will recognize the Bob Pastor-Ray Impellitteri winner as New York State champion . . . Why not. Since they're about the only heavies in the State?

The baseball men give Judge W. G. Bramham and his right hand man, Joe Carr, full credit for the flourishing condition of the minors . . . Bill Terry has added eight new heifers to his Memphis farm, but only one new ball player to the Giants . . . He may come up with Virgil Davis any day now . . . He asked a smart golf man: "Who would you name as the country's outstanding golfer?" He replied: "On form, Henry Picard."

"The difference between the cow and the milkman," sneered the disgruntled customer, "is that the cow gives milk." "Aye, so," said the milkman, "and another difference is that the cow doesn't give credit."

JIM BRADDOCK-MAX SCHMELING STILL UP IN AIR

No Settlement in Sight After Heated Session Between Rivals For Fight.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—The Jimmy Braddock-Max Schmeling heavyweight championship fight was right back behind the eight ball tonight.

A hectic three-hour session of the New York State Athletic Commission, during which sharp words flew, accomplished nothing, except to show the gladiators are far apart in their demands.

Obviously disgusted the Commission ordered the opposing camps to get together on a date in February or March. Another meeting was called for tomorrow to discuss it further.

The proposal for an early spring fight was counted out from the start. Joe Gould said he positively wouldn't send Braddock into an indoor title bout and James J. Johnston, speaking for Madison Square Garden, the promoter didn't see much chance of taking it to Florida.

A contract submitted by the Garden calling for the show to be staged in the Long Island City Bowl on June 3 was agreeable to Schmeling but was flatly rejected by the Braddock camp.

The objection was based on a clause that neither principal is to

Warrington is to Fight Morgan

BOSTON, Dec. 11—The Quincy Lodge of Elks will stage a double-header at the Quincy Arena tonight, and the principals in the big bouts will be Tiger Warrington of Halifax, N. S., and Jack Morgan of Buffalo and George Dixon of Buffalo and Biff Lemieux of New Bedford.

In addition to these there will be three preliminary events.

The profits of the show will be used by the Elks to provide Christmas baskets for the needy of the Granite city.

Interest in the series has mounted the past few days, and many prominent citizens are putting their shoulders to the wheels to aid the Elks in their worthy undertaking.

fight in anything but four round exhibitions in the interim. If signed it automatically would block Braddock's proposed Atlantic City no-decision contest with Joe Louis.

Gould said he had signed an earlier agreement with the Garden for a June date, was willing to go through with it and post a \$5,000 check to prove it.

"Will you agree not to fight anyone else before June?" asked chairman John J. Phelan.

"No, sir," replied Gould.

Schmeling told the Commission he is ready to fight now, in February or any time and said he thought Braddock should fight his first.

CANADIAN SWIMMERS IN THE LIMELIGHT

BOSTON, Dec. 12—Three of Canada's best swimmers will appear in the aquatic show at the Boston Arena Saturday night when Margaret Hutton, Alf Phillips and Benjamin Gazelle, all of Toronto, make their bow before local fans in competitive events against the best of the United States athletes.

Miss Hutton has been an outstanding star on the Canadian swimming team. She is the national record holder of the 50-yard back-stroke and the 100-yard back-stroke. She also holds the record in the 40, 50 and 100-yard free-style.

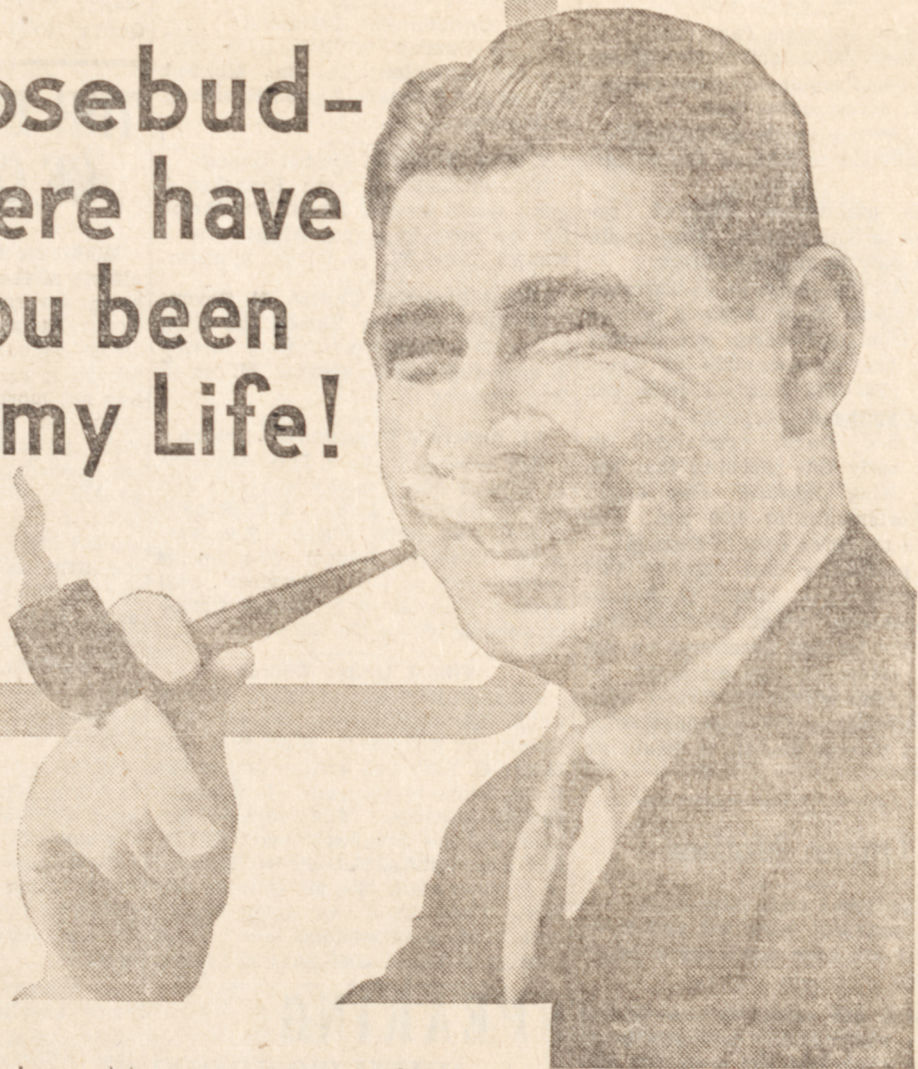
Miss Hutton will appear in several sprint events with Lenore Kight of Cincinnati and Josephine McKim, who starred in the 1932 Olympics.

Gazelle and Phillips, the two male champions of Canada and Great Britain, will also appear in active competition against the best the United States has to offer.

Gazelle competed in the 1933 outdoor meet at Detroit to win the United States national championship in the 100-yard open free-style.

He also won the 100-yard free-style Canadian title at Toronto, the 100-yard back-stroke title at Winnipeg, and clipped the British Empire mark in the 100-yard back-stroke during the Canadian Olympic tryouts at Montreal last summer.

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