

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR AMATEUR HOCKEY

MOST PROMISING REPORTS COME FROM THE MARITIMES, STATES CECIL DUNCAN, PRESID. CAN. AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSN.

New Playoff Rules to Bring Upper Canadian Winners East; Many Professionals Apply For Reinstatement

OTTAWA, Oct. 18—Amateur hockey throughout Canada should enjoy one of its best seasons during 1937-38, it was indicated by reports to the office of Cecil Duncan, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

Most promising reports come from the Maritimes. Bill Gill and Dud James, of the Moncton Hawks, have applied for reinstatement and if their requests are granted will play with one of the strong teams the East expects to send out on the Allan Cup trail again.

A new playoff arrangement will affect the Maritimes. In future, the Quebec Province or the Ottawa and district champions will travel East to meet the winners of the Maritimes title, instead of the latter visiting them for the playoff.

More than a dozen professionals have applied for amateur cards in Quebec, and the province will have two senior loops this season, instead of one. The Provincial League, an intermediate circuit last season, has been given senior rating. The Quebec Senior League, formerly the Montreal Senior Group, is the other.

New Senior Group Likely

For a time, withdrawal of mercantile clubs in the Ontario Hockey Association left the outlook gloomy around Toronto and district, but it seems certain now that Oshawa, Port Colborne, Toronto and Hamilton will be banded into a senior group that will produce better hockey and will send out stronger teams for the play-down.

As usual, Northern Ontario is expected to ice some of Canada's strongest squads to defend the Allan Cup won last year by Sudbury.

The outlook in Thunder Bay branch is promising. Port Arthur and Fort William will play a regular schedule with American teams and will then meet in a play-off series, before engaging the intermediate champions of the same league.

Manitoba is having trouble organizing a strong senior league, but is expected to have things ironed out in time to start the campaign on schedule.

In Prairie Provinces

Owing to drought conditions on the prairies, the situation there is somewhat uncertain. Players have been moving about, and the North Battleford Club, Allan Cup finalists last spring, will send out an entirely new team this winter.

Alberta is prepared for a big year. Strong clubs are certain to be seen in action this season in that province, and the game has been given another boost there the knowledge that the Allan Cup finals will be played again in Calgary.

Band of strong clubs in Trail, Kimberley, Rossland and Nelson, and also in a few other centres, is expected to give British Columbia one of the best seasons in a long time. The return of the world's amateur hockey champions, Kimberley Dynamiters, to competition should also help hockey on the coast.

SPORT DUST

—BY—
"Timmy" Green

Burdo, with the best turnout to work on since the first of the season, yesterday put his men through a stiff practice session which changed his opinion of the team. Admittedly disgusted with the showing against the Saint John Seniors Saturday afternoon, in waiting for the game with Mount A. this coming Saturday, Burdo is now much more optimistic.

The game last Saturday should have, and, we believe, did show the boys their weaknesses. They are going up against a stiff team in the next game, and will have to play a lot better rugby than they did in their last game if they intend to capture the New Brunswick intercollegiate crown.

The New York Rangers, the kid team of the NHL, is now re-organized and ready for the wars of the coming season. The new Rangers team may well show their colours when the test comes but at present it seems to be a highly uninteresting team. Good as some of the young bloods may prove themselves to be, they seem to be lacking the colour of the old names in hockey.

After all, though, this seems to be the case with all the teams. Have any of the new entrants to hockey the same magic in their name that the words Clancy, Morenz, Conacher, Lepine, Gagnon, Johnson and Shore instill in the hearts of the fans?

They seem to be having a lot of fun over the Narragansett track dispute and apparently will have a lot more before the race meet scheduled for today (Oct. 27) under way, when steel helmeted National Guardsmen patrol the gates with machine guns, bayoneted rifles and tear gas bombs.

We are going to leave it with you to figure out this M.A.H.A.—M.P.B.A.A.U. of C. dispute. What with clashes, contradictions, accusations, threats and what not being hurried from each side, all we have gotten out of it is a big headache.

Whether the latest development in which the M.P.B. threatens that all hockey players playing under the M.A.H.A. will be barred from amateur sport is an ace in the hole or not, remains to be seen. A peaceful settlement between the warring factions would be a "Bromo" to this throbbing dome.

SPORT SHORTS

FATHERS

Bob Feller, Cleveland ace, and Carl Hubbell, star of the Giants, got their pitching lessons from their fathers. The father of Hubbell was a former minor league catcher in the southwest.

FOREIGNERS

Miss Maribel Vinson's professional skating troupe is recruiting the outstanding star of Europe. Frederic Mesot, Belgian fancy figure skater; Karl Schaefer, Olympic champion; Alf. Trenkler, ice comedian of Vienna, already are here and rehearsing for the winter tour.

MEXICO TO EXHIBIT

Mexico will have an exhibit in the North America Sports Garden and Outdoor Life Show to be held at Baltimore, Feb. 11-19.

BOB FELLER SHOWS 'EM

Home-town followers of Bob Feller claimed a new record recently for Cleveland's schoolboy pitcher, American league sensation.

Feller pitched for two team in an exhibition game and struck out 13 men in four innings.

The victim of the 13th strikeout reached first base when the catcher dropped the ball. Scorers credited Feller with a strikeout, the catcher with an error.

NEW MANAGER

Charlie Goldman has become manager of Lou Ambers, lightweight. Al Well gave up handling the lightweight king when he was offered the job as Mike Jacobs' matchmaker.

BIGGER JOCKEY

Herbert Bayard Swope's campaign for bigger jockeys brings out some figures on English rides. English lads average 115 pounds to 105 in the United States. English jockeys average 25 years; U. S. 18. One Englishman rides at 54. English jockeys last 10 to 15 years.

DOG BITE

Football injury reports are many but chances are Spriggs Sands, St. John's college guard, is the only player who was benched by a dog bite this season. Sands was bitten by a dog at a practice session.

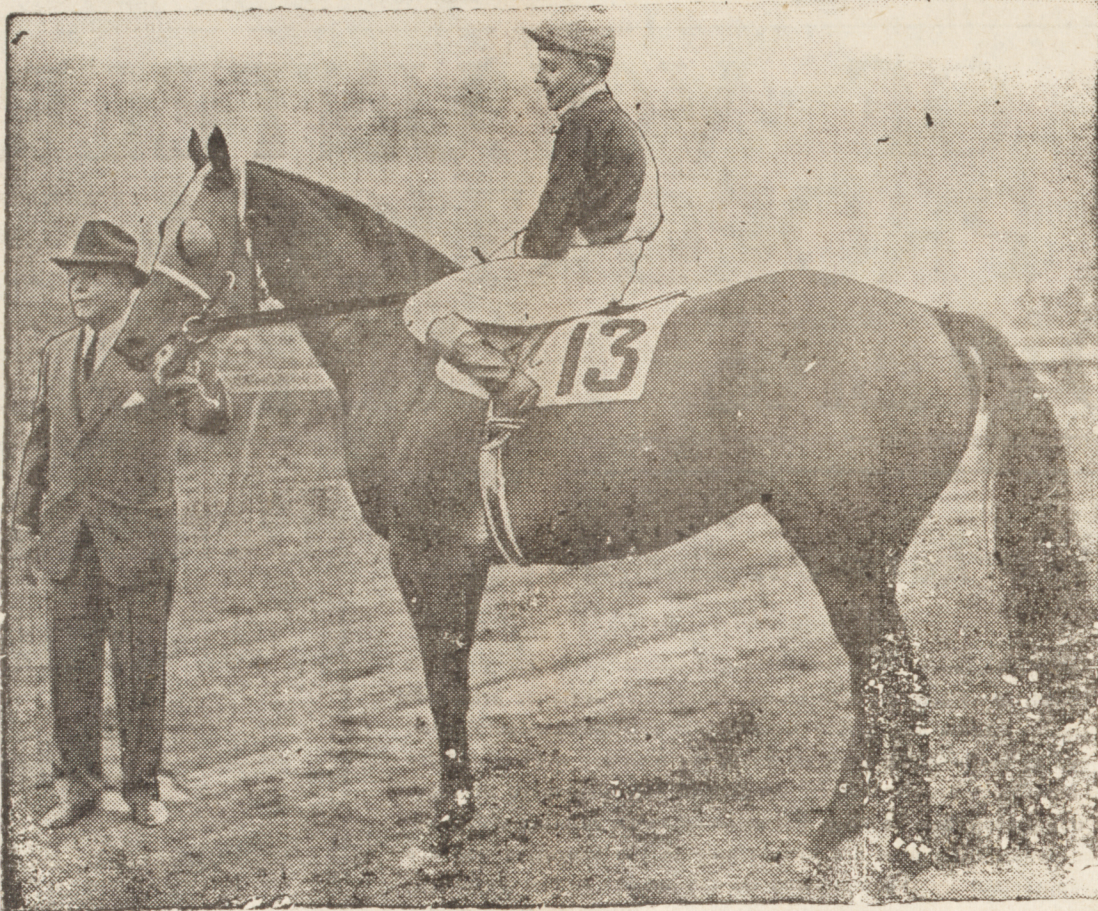
STEADY JOB

Cecil Ross has started his twentieth year as football coach at West Virginia Wesleyan.

REAL GIANTS

In stature and accomplishment the New York club in the National league merits its nickname, Giants. The Giants have won 15 National league pennants, more than any other club in the circuit.

BELMONT FUTURITY RECORD BREAKER



Menow, winner of Saturday's Belmont Futurity worth \$56,825, is shown above with Jockey Charlie Kurt-singer, who piloted him to a new world's record of 1:15 1-5, for the six and a half furlongs, and his owner Hal Price Headley. Menow beat Tiger by four lengths with Fighting Fox taking third position after a photo finish with Tiger. The Headley racer is the leading juvenile of the year with total earnings of \$65,825. Kurt-singer's victory with Menow marked the first time that a jockey had won all four big American stakes in the same year. He was astride War Admiral in the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

EVEN THE COMMISSIONERS IN THE WRESTLING MIX-UP

Boxing and wrestling commissioners often play right into the hands of the promoters.

There is a glaring instance of this in wrestling. There are, and have been for years, champions galore. Instead of doing something to correct the evil the individual state commissions frequently add to the confusion.

Some weeks ago Bronko Nagurski ascended to the throne—in the viewpoint of certain commissions. Then the N. B. A. said John Pesek could have the title—if he'd take it and defend it in 90 days.

Jim Londos came back from a long exile. (He had been beaten before he left.) He was signed for police benefit show in Baltimore. He came back claiming the title in various foreign lands. George Pencheff, Australian title claimant, was signed as Londos' opponent. Whereupon the Maryland state commission announced itself. The Maryland solons would recognize the winner as the world champion.

The wrestling game prospers on such decisions. There are plenty of champions to pass around. Nearly every match made has some bearing on 'the title.'

Al Delaney Decisively Beats Harry Stahl

LONDON, Oct. 18—Al Delaney, Canadian heavyweight making his debut in England, tonight decisively defeated Harry Stahl, champion of Holland, in the main event of a card at the National Sporting Club's Stadium at Earl's Court.

The bout was stopped at the end of the seventh round by the referee to save the continental battler further punishment. By that time he was in bad shape and had to resort to clinching to keep erect.

Delaney, born in Oshawa, Ont., 21 years ago of Russo-Irish descent, favorably impressed critics. He completely outclassed Stahl, showing clever craft.

RAIN STOPS RECORD TRY

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah, Oct. 18—Rain again forced postponement today of Capt. George E. T. Eyston's test of "Thunderbolt", the car he hopes will break the world land speed record.

The record 301.12 miles per hour, is held by the British driver's countryman, Sir Malcolm Campbell.

MARVEL MCCARTHY

Joe McCarthy should be the happiest manager in the big leagues. No club that he has managed in 13 years has finished lower than fourth place. In other words Joe's clubs have won the pennant four times, finished second six times and fourth place three times—the latter occurring in his first three years with the Cubs.

Style trends point to big league ball players going to the 1938 training camps in trailers.

Hollywood Job May Be Answer To the Ruth Puzzle

Babe Ruth as manager of the Hollywood baseball club may be the solution to the problem. "What to do for Ruth?" that has been bothering the baseball writers for so long.

The Hollywood job wouldn't be like any ordinary minor league job. The Hollywood club will be owned by celebrities. The club will be nationally known because of its location, its backers and its clientele. Ruth and Backs would prove a good combination—a natural.

Before he accepts, if he does at all, there will be much delaying and much refusing. That is the way they do things nowadays in sport. It provides more talk, and talk fans the interest.

It may be Ruth's final offer in baseball. The big fellow has been unhappy since he quit the Boston Bees. He plays his golf, he hunts and fishes. He attends all the big sporting events. And he generally has company. But the one thing he likes is baseball. Nothing else will satisfy him.

INVINCIBLE

Senorita Anita Lizano never lost a set in the national singles tournament.

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TO ASSAULT THE ONE MILE MARK

Archie San Romani, back from a busy tour of European track meets, has entered New York University to take a course in instrumental music, and continue his running for the New York Club Exchange A.A.

"The mile record will fall this winter," said Romani.

The mile record is held by Glenn Cunningham, who will be a teammate of San Romani on the Curb Exchange. It is 4:06.8.

"It would have fallen the day I ran at Stockholm," he said, "but for an error of the officials. They wanted to get my time for the 1,500 metres and, therefore, had two tapes stretched across the track. I hit the first tape and came to a dead stop, thinking the race was over. They hadn't told me of their plan. Johnny Magee raced up and told me I wasn't through; to go on. I did. But stopping and starting cut off quite a bit of time. Still I ran it in 4:08.4."

George Weiss Catches Rickey

George Weiss finally caught up with Branch Rickey, who had several years start on him in baseball farming.

A few years ago Weiss joined the Yankee organization, assigned to develop a farm system and some star players. That he has accomplished. His Newark team in the Little World's series this year is one of the finest baseball clubs ever assembled in the minor leagues. Undoubtedly it could go into either of the major leagues and whale the stuffings out of several second division clubs.

George Weiss is a Yale man. He went into baseball immediately after graduation. He was a magnate for a short while in New Haven. From there he went to Baltimore as general manager, and then to the Yankees.

SOME HOMER RECORD

Jack Gibson is the greatest of all colored baseball stars.

The catcher of the Homestead Grays hit 74 home runs in 68 ball games the past season. His batting average was .428.

Josh stands an even six feet and weighs 200 pounds. He is strong and he is fleet.

The colored star started on the sandlots of Pittsburgh and joined up with the Pittsburgh Crawfords. The Crawfords sold him to the Homestead Grays for \$2,500—the most money ever paid for a colored star.

ANOTHER TIE?

Princeton and Navy have announced a 1938 football game in Baltimore. They met there in 1923 and 1925, both being tie games.

Once upon a time a good football team had no more than four plays—an end run, a straight buck, a criss cross and a kick. The New York Yankees have only one play—a home run in the bleachers.

SHERIFF C. D. SHIPLEY, SECRETARY OF M. P. B. A. A. U. OF C., URGES RETURN TO FOLD OF REBELLING SPORT BODIES

Recommends Action At Annual Meeting, A. A. U. of C. to Entice the Bodies Back; Stresses Necessity of Compromise

DAL CAPTURES MAR. COLLEGE TENNIS TITLE

Trims Mount A. 14-4 at Halifax Yesterday

HALIFAX, Oct. 18—Dalhousie University tennis team retained the Maritime intercollegiate championship here today by defeating Mount Allison University court stars, 14 matches to four. One match was not finished.

The Halifax college has dominated the tri-province tennis loop for several years, but its supremacy was seriously threatened last season when the New Brunswick university held them to a draw. Dal retained the title, however.

The feature match of the series today was the first men's singles between Mount Allison's ace, Don Robinson of Moncton, N. B., and Hugh Little, Dal's No. one man who is Eastern Canada junior singles champ. The New Brunswicker, after dropping the first set before the steady stroking of the Haligonian, pulled up his game to win the second and third sets, both in overtime.

YOUTHFUL RACE DRIVER

Alma Sheppard, 11 year old, is driving winners in the harness race circuit. She drove Dean Hanover at Lexington and the three-year-old broke a trotting record that day.

Dean Hanover is owned by Lawrence B. Sheppard, Alma's father, of Hanover, Pa.

HALTED

An old order was halted this fall when the Newark Bears beat the Baltimore Orioles in the International league playoffs. Managers of previous winning teams were all former White Sox stars—Nemo Liebold, Ray Schalk and Ike Boone. But this year Buck Crouse, manager of the Baltimore club, lost out, in four straight.

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