

Moot Formation Professional Baseball Circuit in the Near Future

Proposed League Will Include Fredericton, St. John, Moncton, Sp'hill

Baseball Officials Describe Rumors Heard at Hub As "Greatly Exaggerated" --- No Official Announcement

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 3.—(Special)—The possibilities of the organization of a pro baseball loop embracing Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, and possibly Springhill, were being whispered among baseball fans here. Although the rumors were not based on any official pronouncements, it is generally believed by the local sporting fraternity that some definite action relative to the formation of the proposed league will likely follow in a few weeks.

Baseball officials here would not comment on the reports heard, but it was unofficially learned that the proposed plan is being given their serious consideration.

Diversity of Opinion
When the proposal was first mooted a couple of months ago, there was great diversity of opinion among the diamond fans as to whether such a league could be successfully operated. It was argued that the cost involved would prohibit such an undertaking, while on the other hand it was also contended that pro baseball would gain the support of all the sport followers in the centres mentioned.

It is generally agreed that a better brand of the popular pastime would be welcomed by the customers, particularly in view of the fact that amateur ball, as was played here during the past few years, did not prove particularly popular with the fans.

Whether preliminary negotiations are being carried out to bring about the formation of the four-team loop, could not be learned last night. Local baseball moguls were reticent when questioned on that point, and refused to make any comment other than that the matter is being considered.

"Greatly Exaggerated"
SAINT JOHN, Feb. 3.—(Special)—Baseball officials here branded the rumors circulating in Moncton regarding the proposed formation of a pro baseball loop, as being "greatly exaggerated."

Too Expensive
Nothing definite could be learned here this morning regarding the 'pro baseball' rumor at Moncton, although it is understood that local officials are not seriously considering the matter. As was pointed out some time ago, the proposed loop would be an expensive proposition and it is highly improbable that the league could be successfully operated.

Dizzy Dean Predicts Cardinals Will Win

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 3.—Predictions flew thick and fast today when 'Dizzy' Dean and a bunch of American baseball leaguers got together, but the predictions were all 'Dizzy's.'

"The Cards will finish first next season, provided I sign—if I don't they'll finish seventh or eighth," was his first offering.

He predicted that Detroit Tigers would return to the top in the American League with Hank Greenberg, out most of last season, back in the lineup.

Others in the group, on a beach outing, were Greenberg and 'Goose' Goslin of Detroit, Jimmy Foxx of Boston Red Sox and Lynn Lary, recently traded to Cleveland by St. Louis Browns. They didn't have as much to say as "Dizzy."

Future prospects may be described as in an airway weather report: 'fair weather straight ahead with thunderstorms on the right and left.'—Donald R. Richberg.

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LAWSON LITTLE WINS MATCH AT SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Lawson Little, Canadian Open champion and king of amateur golf until his abdication in favor of professionalism last April, put \$1,000 and a tournament championship into his pocket today as convincing proof that he still is a master of match play competition.

It took 20 holes in the final round of the 72-hole San Francisco match play Open to do the trick, but the husky son of a United States army officer fought it out with the courage of a real champion.

Little edged out Neil Christian, squatty veteran from Yakima, Wash., after the latter had staged a thrilling comeback to square the match on the 18th green.

The British and American amateur champion of 1934 and 1935 played sub-par, unbeatable golf in the first three rounds, eliminating Orville White, 5 and 4; Jimmy Hines, 3 and 2; and Horton Smith, 5 and 4.

A COSTLY DRIVE
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—It cost Ed Dudley \$500 when the Philadelphia professional's drive off the 18th tee landed in the pocket of Charles Edward Tatum, a spectator.

Dudley was two strokes ahead of Harry Cooper and needed only a par to win \$1,000 posted for the professional shooting the lowest net score in California's four winter meets. Competition for the prize ended Friday with the qualifying round of the San Francisco Open tournament.

Stentled, Tatum yanked the ball out of his trouser pocket and dropped it in the rough. Dudley took a five, while Cooper scored a birdie three. The pros. split the purse, each having a total of 975 strokes.

POPE IMPROVED. GIVES AUDIENCES TODAY

(Special to The Daily Mail)
THE VATICAN, ROME, Feb. 2.—Pope Pius XI is much better today. He gave several audiences and expects to follow the regular schedule of audiences in the near future.

If political progress had kept pace with the economic advance in 1936, we might be well content with the result achieved.—Sir Austen Chamberlain.

There are many make-believe madmen in the music world; I respect only the real madmen.—Richard Strauss.

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FORMER WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP DESCRIBES DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BOXING AND FIGHTING

MONTREAL, Feb. 3.—In a copy-right story in the Montreal Star, Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight fistic champ, contended there is as much difference between boxing and fighting as there is between day and night. Describing boxing as the manly art of self defence, the Manassa Mauler said that "fighting is when you are in there to win, even if you have to take a sock or two to do it."

The story continued, in part, as follows: "Boxing is a fine sport, a great game and it does build fine, sturdy character, teaches self-reliance, courage, fair play, and it develops alertness of mind and body. I'm for it, and believe every healthy boy should practise it. It's great exercise. But fighting—that's different. The late Bill Brennan, may he rest in peace, was a good friend of mine, but he always thought he could lick me, and when we got in that ring it was a fight. I'll never forget our second battle, held in old Madison Square Garden on December 14, 1920. We had fought once nearly three years earlier, on February 25, 1918, in Milwaukee, and I'd scored a K.O. in six rounds, but Bill thought that was a lucky win for me, and after I won the title, he kept hounding me for another fight. I was only too glad to oblige him, as Tex Rickard would pay me \$100,000 for doing so. It turned out to be one of the toughest battles I ever had.

The night of the fight I met Brennan as we were going to our dressing rooms. We shook hands and Bill said to me: 'Jack, I'm your pal and I like you. But tonight I'm going to knock you out. I'm in great condition, and I'm a clinch to knock you out.'

At the finish of Referee Billy Haupkum's instructions, Bill touched my right gloves with his and said: 'It's my turn tonight, Jack, old pal. I'm going to knock you stiff.' He darn near did. We fought eleven gruelling rounds and he nearly finished me.

The referee shouted ten as his hand pounded downward and Brennan was out. I spent two days in the hospital after that fight, but Bill, poor old pal, he was in the hospital seven days.

Well, there's your difference between boxing and fighting. Boxing is really a genteel sport; fighting is a brutal contest.

And no matter what reformers say, the people prefer their paid gladiators to fight. If ever we got so civilized that we don't like to see a good brawl it will be just too bad for the human race. At least that's what I think.

BRADDOCK AGREES TO WARM-UP BOUTS N. Y. HIPPODROME

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Heavyweight champion James J. Braddock, lured on by the prospect of getting \$500,000 for defending his title against Joe Louis in Chicago, joined promoter Mike Jacobs' gill-edged colors today by agreeing to two warm-up bouts at Uncle Mike's Hippodrome.

Braddock will meet Eddie Kotwica, former New Jersey amateur heavyweight champion, and Eddie Cook, a big Negro from Havana, going two rounds with each.

The reason for the two bouts, to be fought on the same card, quite plainly is to test the contract held by the Garden for Braddock's services. Anyway, it's an open challenge to the Garden, which said it would think about it when the time came for the Hippodrome fights.

Promoter Jacobs flew in from his Chicago conference last night. He spent a busy day with Joe Gould, manager of Braddock, and lawyers. He had no announcement about the proposed Braddock-Louis fight.

Budge Replaces Perry As "Amateur Czar"

CANBERRA, Australia, Feb. 2.—Now that Fred Perry, Great Britain's lanky tennis star, has turned professional, Don Budge will take his place as czar of the amateur courts, according to Norman Brookes, former world's champion and now president of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association.

"Budge was rapidly overhauling Perry," Brookes said recently, "and as he is six years his junior it appeared certain he would have had Perry's measure next season. There too, Gottfried von Cramm and Adrian Quist were always likely to beat Perry."

Brookes said he would like to see the distinction between amateurs and professionals dropped.

Former Beaver Star Collects Two Goals

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 2.—Kenzie MacNeil, who used to play with Saint John, N. B., Beavers, scored two goals tonight as Sydney Telephones ran wild over the youthful Sydney Cubs 7-0 in a Cape Breton League hockey game.

The result gave Telephones a four-goal lead over the rest of the league. Cubs, Res'Ve and Sydney A's are tied for second place.

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK" —WITH— "Dinny" Dinsmore

"Daddy" Bubbar was here with the Seagulls last evening, and acted as timekeeper. Daddy says that his injured back still gives him plenty of trouble. However, he believes that within two weeks' time he will be able to don the goaling pads again. Local fans will be glad to hear this, as Daddy was very popular when he played here with the Fredericton Millionaires.

The Saint John Seagulls put in their final appearance here last evening. The 'Gulls were at full strength and showed that they can't be counted out of a playoff berth, until the final gun is fired. The Taylor coached crew are a fast band of pucksters, and would, no doubt, be higher up in the league standing, had the injury jinx stayed away from their camp.

Harold "Snap" Thompson, burly Capital defence ace, was used sparingly by Bill Gill in last night's game. Thompson suffered a severe head injury several weeks ago, and is not in his own as yet. Snap adds a lot of punch to the Capital lineup.

Most of Fredericton's defensive strength in last night's game rested with "Cliff" Young, their agile net-minder. The fast sheet of ice for the contest had the forwards travelling at a fast clip, making it difficult for the defence to use the body.

Fredericton has the only "homebrew" team in the league, and the boys deserve a lot of credit for their valiant efforts to cop a play-off berth. Local fans appreciate their efforts, and have been attending the games with regularity.

Frankie Martin, Canadian bantamweight champ, was disqualified in the bout with Filio Echeverria, of Spain, which was held at Havana, Cuba, on Monday night. Officials charged that Martin was "butting" his opponent. The Canadian ace is well known to Maritime fight fans. He made an appearance at Moncton last July when he won a decision over Kid Hart, Maritime featherweight king, in a ten round fracas.

Cy Taylor, pilot of the Saint John Seagulls was well pleased by the performance of his troops here last evening. A clever strategist, Taylor has developed the Loyalist City hockey machine into a high-class fighting unit which should go a long way on the road to the Maritime championship.

HOCKEY SCORES

| N. H. L. Standing (Canadian Section) | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|---|----|----|-----|--|--|--|
| | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | | | |
| Canadiens | 33 | 20 | 10 | 3 | 92 | 72 | 43 | | | |
| Maroons | 33 | 12 | 14 | 7 | 70 | 77 | 31 | | | |
| Toronto | 30 | 12 | 16 | 2 | 77 | 79 | 26 | | | |
| Americans | 31 | 9 | 18 | 4 | 70 | 97 | 22 | | | |

| (American Section) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | P | W | L | D | F | A | Pts | | | |
| Detroit | 31 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 81 | 62 | 42 | | | |
| Rangers | 31 | 14 | 10 | 7 | 76 | 61 | 35 | | | |
| Boston | 31 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 73 | 76 | 31 | | | |
| Chicago | 32 | 8 | 18 | 6 | 57 | 72 | 22 | | | |

National League
Canadiens 1, Boston 0.
Maroons 3, Toronto 1.
Rangers 4, Detroit 4.

International-American
Syracuse 2, New Haven 1.
Southern N. B. League
Saint John 5, Fredericton 4.
Halifax City League
Wanderers 5, Dartmouth 2.
Tramways 15, Dalhousie U. 9

SCHEDULED TONIGHT
International-American League
New Haven at Pittsburgh.
Cleveland at Providence.
Springfield at Philadelphia.

HOCKEY VETERAN "GOING STRONG"

Jack LeClair, who has spent over 20 years as an active player in amateur hockey ranks, is still going strong. The old gray mare of the famous Sussex Dairy Kings is playing for the Irving Oilmen in the Saint John Commercial League. The old veteran, who teamed up with Joe Lamb, way back in the days when Sussex held the spotlight in Maritime hockey circles, led the Oilmen to a 6-5 victory over Sussex Rovers at the Sussex Arena. John played in the old arena long before any of the men who opposed him last night were born, and he still showed his home town fans that he must have drunk from the fountain of youth. John will soon be celebrating his Silver Jubilee in the hockey profession.

Increasing emphasis should be placed on public service as a career.—Harold L. Ickes.

Loyalist Squad Defeats Fredericton Capitals Southern League Tilt

Invaders Collect Four Tallies in First --- Keenan, Morehouse Star For Locals --- Large Crowd in Attendance

THE Saint John Seagulls, with more of their stars back in the line-up, edged out the Fredericton Capitals 5-4 at the Arctic Rink last evening before a bumper crowd of approximately 2,000 enthusiastic hockey fans. The 'Gulls banged in four goals before the dazed Capital team came to life, and the Taylor coached crew walked off with their first victory in 10 starts. The Saint John team now are tied with Bill Gill's pucksters for third place, in the Southern League cellar.

Saint John have one more game to play, while the local squad have two. A win and a loss for the locals, in the event the 'Gulls defeat St. Croix, would necessitate a play-off between the two clubs for a play-off berth.

First Period
A fast sheet of ice greeted the teams last evening, and play opened very fast. "Swede" Olsen, blond winger of the 'Gulls, banged in Saint John's initial tally, before the fans had really settled in their seats. The former Ottawa star, playing with his right arm in a cast, split the Fredericton defence wide open, and gave Young no chance to have. The clock read 1:35.

The Mills-Keenan-Morehouse line came on, and gave Lynch, the brilliant 'Gull net-minder, several anxious moments. Mills hit the goal post. Play opened up and Young turned aside several hard drives as Olsen, Price and Patterson were solving the Capital's defence with ease. Price drew the Fredericton defence and slipped the disc to Don Patterson, who rang up Saint John's second goal, at the 7:52 mark. The decision was greeted with "boos," as many thought Patterson was in the goal crease. One minute later, Vince Livingstone came up from his defence post to bang in Price's well timed pass, and made the count read 3-0 for the 'Gulls.

Keenan Outstanding
Keenan, who garnered four scoring points in the contest and was the outstanding man on the ice, led several dangerous rushes goal-ward, but Lynch out-guessed the sorrel-top on every occasion. Ed Burke put the 'Gulls four up, when he rifled home Clancy Sharpe's pass, while going at full stride. A minute later at the 11:30 mark, Keenan converted Morehouse's pass into a well earned goal. Toward the end of the period the same two combined again and the score-board read 'Gulls 4, Fredericton 2.

Second Period
Fredericton came to life in the second period and peppered Lynch with an avalanche of rubber. Pickard drew a penalty for kneeling Keenan, and the Caps applied the pressure. Mills jammed home their third goal on a pass from Keenan, at the 11:16 mark. Lifford was roughed up by Lynch, and Referee Clark awarded a penalty shot. "Bus" McLennan took the hand-out but failed to register. Don Patterson ended the Saint John scoring, as the period drew to a close.

Third Period
Pickard drew his second penalty of the game for tripping "Bus" McLennan, and during his two minute rest Fredericton gave Lynch some anxious moments. Goodine was through and missed an open net. Keenan, Mills and Morehouse failed to click on several occasions. Pickard returned and teamed up with Olsen on a dangerous rush, but Young saved the day.

At the eight minute mark, Gill threw five forwards into the fray, and Lynch really gave the fans an artistic net-minding display. Sain' John shot the puck down the ice, to relieve pressure throughout the period. On a breakaway by Olsen, Young came out to the blue-line to break up a real scoring threat. Lifford banged here the final score of the contest, when Keenan again sped past the Seagulls' defence, and gave the stocky winger a perfect pass and his peg had Lynch beaten all the way. For the remaining six minutes Saint John played strictly defensive hockey, and Fredericton banged away at the Saint John citadel, but failed to register the tying tally.

Summary
First period: 1—Saint John, Olsen 1:35; 2—Saint John, Don Patterson (Price) 7:12; 3—Saint John, Livingstone (Price) 8:35; 4—Saint John, Ed Burke (Sharpe) 10:35; 5—Fredericton, Keenan (Morehouse) 11:30; 6—Fredericton, Keenan (Morehouse) 17:40. Penalty, Sharpe.

Second Period: 7—Fredericton, Mills (Keenan) 8:35; 8—Saint John, Patterson (Price) 19:53. Penalty, Pickard.

Third Period: 9—Fredericton, Lifford (Keenan) 14:28. Penalty, Pickard.
Lineups:
Fredericton: Goal, Young; defence Chalmers, Thompson, Goodine, Kil-

ST. ANDREWS SIX SMOTHER U. N. B. IN HOCKEY BATTLE

ST. ANDREWS, Feb. 3.—U.N.B.'s entry in the Inter-Collegiate League received a severe drubbing last night at St. Andrews, when the fast stepping Senators snowed them under by a score of 7-0. The collegians could not cope with the speed and tricky footwork of the Senators, and Wilson, their stellar net custodian, was called upon to make several stops that bordered on the miraculous. McNichol and J. O'Neill led the home-sters, each getting four scoring points.

Cecil Covey loomed large in the Collegian's raiding lines, and "Bill" O'Neill robbed him on several occasions. Tonight's loss was the second for the U.N.B. six, at the hands of the St. Andrew crew, in two nights. The U.N.B. team seemed to lack condition, and when in playing shape, should be a real threat to cop Inter-Collegiate League honors. "Bob" Chalmers, their newly-appointed coach, failed to accompany the team on their border fight. "Bob" played in last night's game here, and his assistant Bill Gill, handled the Capitals.

Gotham Stars Get Player Awards

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Two infield warhorses of the pennant-winning New York baseball clubs, Anthony Michael Lazzeri of the Yankees and Travis Calvin Jackson, were selected today as recipients of the annual player awards made by the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association.

The scribes voted Lazzeri as "the player of the year," because of his great 1936 comeback, coupled with record-smashing slugging performances during the regular season as well as in the world series.

Jackson, who has closed a 15-year season in the majors, was chosen for the award recognizing "meritorious service in baseball over a long period. The elections were announced by James P. Dawson of the Times, Chapter Chairman.

Lazzeri will receive a plaque which has in four previous years been voted to Louis Gehrig of the Yankees, Hank Greenberg of Detroit Tigers, Carl Hubbell of the Giants, and Dizzy Dean of the Cardinals. But for the fact he was a former winner and thereby barred from consideration, Hubbell would have given Lazzeri a race for the honor.

Previous winners of the award Jackson is getting include Connie Mack, John McGraw, Wilbert Robinson, Miller Huggins, Babe Ruth, Herb Pennock and Frank Frisch.

burn; forwards, "Bus" McLennan. "Bus" McLennan, Lifford; subs, Morehouse, Keenan, Mills, Haining. Saint John: Goal, Lynch, defence, Pickard, Livingstone; forwards, Don Patterson, Price, Olsen; subs, P. Murphy, J. Murphy, Sharpe, McEwen and Burke.

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