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## CONNIE MACK FORECASTS A RETURN TO BASE RUNNING ART

With Ball Deadened There Will Be Superior Pitching and More Emphasis on Fine Points.

(By Connie Mack)  
You are going to see a different kind of baseball on major league lawns now that owners have voted to deaden the ball.

This change is due to criticism from the fans. They are tired of seeing so many homers batted out of the parks by the broadbacks.

They want a return to the close-score games where diamond battles were decided by powerful pitching and snappy base-running.

The fan thinks the game should be given back to the pitcher. In the days of Waddell, Plank, Bender, Walsh, Mathewson, Adams, Brown and other stalwarts the pitcher had the advantage. It was almost impossible to beat such curvers when they were right.

You had to do a lot of conniving and work hard to score a run. You had to take chances on the bases. You had to use the run-and-hit device more. You had to put on the spectacular squeeze and double squeeze.

The squeeze play was first used by the New York Americans when they were managed by Clark Griffith and played on the old Hilltop grounds.

Griffith had an exceptionally expert bunter in Hal Chase, so he hit on the scheme of scoring a man from third base on a bunt. The batsman seldom put on the squeeze sign on the first pitch. If the first pitch was a ball, the squeeze sign was generally flashed on the second pitch on the theory that the pitcher would take pains to get the next one over.

The reason why Chase was such an artist on the play was because he knew how to bunt. He could also foul a wide pitch and save the runner from being thrown out at the plate. You must know that the squeeze can look very bad when the batsman fails to get his bat against the ball.

The New York Americans won a lot of games with the squeeze, and other clubs copied the idea, but in the end it was overdone and many clubs discarded the play.

It was only used casually for a season or two. Around 1909 I decided to revive the squeeze in a big way, but my plan was far different than the Chase squeeze.

I decided to score runners from both third and second on the bunt. The bunter I selected for what quick-

ly became known as the 'double squeeze' was Jack Barry, my nimble shortstop. Never a long hitter, Barry was a tricky chap at the plate. He could bunt to perfection.

The runner on second was generally Amos Strunk or Stuffy McInnis. It did not matter so much who was on third. Barry made the play possible. It was necessary for him to hunt so that the pitcher would field the ball. Not only that, it must be so well placed that the pitcher's back would be turned toward third base.

We will say Baker was on third and Strunk on second. As soon as Jack Barry gave the double squeeze sign, Strunk was off like a bullet. Baker went in slowly. The pitcher would look at Baker nearing the plate out of the corner of his eye and decide to concede his run to make a sure out at first. He did not know that Strunk was five feet behind Frank. As soon as the pitcher threw to first, Baker cut loose for the remaining distance and Strunk scored right behind him.

Here was an instance where one little bunt did the work of a single. We had to resort to strategy like that to win games when the pitcher had the advantage.

The Athletics used the double squeeze with success for several seasons and then it was abandoned. Like the single squeeze, everybody began doing it and it grew into disuse from too much use. Now that baseball has changed, you will see a lot of shutout games next season. Base-running will leap in importance.

Not only that, a slower baseball will be reflected in the type of new players that are sought. A distance hitter who is a poor fielder will be replaced by a ball hawk who can go far to make a catch, a youth who can bunt, run and steal bases.

## Play-off Referees Named For League

Official referees for the playdowns of the New Brunswick Southern League were named at a week-end meeting of the executive at the Admiral Beatty Hotel. Referees named were George Duncan, Saint John; John Lowe, St. Stephen; George 'Shorty' Clark, Fredericton; and 'Wick' James of Moncton.

Playoff dates will be arranged as soon as the team positions are finally determined. The league will come to a close on February 5 and the playdowns will commence a few days later. Decision was made to use two referees for the playdowns, the visiting referees to be in charge of the game, and the home referee his assistant.

The matter of the Saint John Seagulls' protest of their recent 3-2 defeat at the hands of the Fredericton Capitals was tabled for further information. Joe Payne, Saint John, was dropped as an official referee.

Executive members attending the meeting were Dr. Keating Moncton, president; Frank Gallagher, Moncton, a member of the M.A.H.A.; Henry White, Moncton, manager of the Maroons; Verne Olive, Fredericton, manager of the Capitals; E. Royden Colter, Fredericton, vice-president of the Southern N. B. League; A. Prillutsky and Wm. T. Whitlock, St. Stephen; C. C. Crocker, J. Vernon Cunningham and H. L. Marcus, Saint John.

## Former Champion Will Referee Bout

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—Sixto Escobar, world bantamweight champion, today signed to meet his old rival, Lou Salica, in defence of his title in a 15-round match at San Juan, Porto Rico, February 22.

Promoter Arthur Gigante said Jack Dempsey had agreed to referee. Salica and Escobar have split even in two matches, Escobar lifting the bantam crown from Salica in their last fight.

## PRO. GRID PLAYERS PLAY FOR LOVE OF GAME, NOT MONEY

(By Harold (Red) Grange)  
Recently I wrote that professional football of today is superior to the college game. Pursuing that topic, I'd like to point out some of the reasons for my belief.

Players become eligible for professional football at a time when they are just reaching maturity, physically and mentally. Most men graduate from college between the ages of 20 and 22 years. Three years later they possess greater stamina, are better co-ordinated and are stronger physically.

Recheck of our most successful college eleven reveals them to be the squads with the highest average age. Minnesota is the best example at the moment. Russel Thompson, rookie Bear tackle, is another case in point. He is six feet five inches tall and weighs 248 pounds. During his three years at the University of Nebraska, he never advanced beyond the status of a reserve, because he was growing so fast he lacked co-ordination and stamina. In his fourth year of football, he is just beginning to develop as a player and looms as one of the best line prospects in the National League.

The greatest difference between professional and college play is in the defence. The players are larger, stronger and smarter in professional football and there are no weak spots in a line. No matter how effective an offense is, it will have difficulty gaining through seven able-bodied linemen who average 220 pounds from end to end. A college line averaging 190 pounds is considered tremendous.

There was a time when I could work up a pretty fair country resentment against the criticism of professional players' spirit. This is one of the chief complaints of hide-bound detractors, such as a newspaper friend of mine.

Perhaps no one in the country is so bitter against professional football, attacks it so knowingly and yet knows less about it. He has only seen one professional game in his life. His tirades only incite tolerance now.

One visit to a professional locker room the day of a game is all any one needs to be convinced pay-cheque football is a myth. When big, strong men cry over a missed tackle or a poor block you know they've got something on the mind besides the weekly envelope.

Ernie Smith, the Green Bay tackle and place-kicking star, walked off Wrigley Field last year before 10,000 people with bitter tears streaming down his face. He had just missed a short field goal that would have given the Packers their first victory in five starts against the Cardinals. Smith didn't want his pay cheque. He wanted that victory; and he wanted it more than any college boy I've ever seen.

Professionals like the game for itself or they would not continue to play after college. In fact, they wouldn't even play in college if they didn't have a genuine affection for the game.

How many times have you heard a senior, just ending his three years of varsity eligibility, say: "I wish I had another year." He is just beginning to know the game and reaching the point where he can really play football to the fullest extent of his ability.

There is nothing reprehensible about playing professional football. Many of the leading educators and coaches, who once opposed it, are in agreement with this now. After he has spent three years studying and practising for nothing but a sweater and nine big rags on Saturday, the boy is entitled to cash in on his knowledge and prowess.

College baseball players enter the big leagues and college golfers turn pro. I have even heard of college piccolo players joining professional dance bands without jeopardizing their social standing. Why should there be anything abhorrent about a football player doing the same?

There should be no friction between college and professional football. The pro game does not menace the college game and will never replace it, even though it will always be superior to it.

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## Harvey Jackson Back to Old Form

### PROBLEM FOR OXFORD IN 56-POUND MASSEY

LONDON, Jan. 25—Oxford rowing authorities were faced today with the difficult problem of whether to place Hart Massey as the Oxford coxswain in the University boat race with Cambridge to be rowed on the Thames on March 24.

Massey, the second son of Hon. Vincent Massey, the Canadian High Commissioner in London, is aged 19, weighs only 56 pounds and stands less than four feet in height.

Boat race usage stipulates no minimum weight for coxswains and should Oxford choose Massey their boat would carry more than 50 pounds less than Cambridge as the average cox weighs 110 pounds.

But it would mean the building of a special boat to ensure that the stern would be in the water while going through rough patches, and the catch is what would happen were Massey unable to participate at the last moment, as an average-weight cox would cause the special boat to drag at the stern.

One suggestion is that Oxford build a boat designed for an 84-pound cox and let Massey carry 28 pounds dead weight. Another suggestion is that two boats should be built.

Massey, a graduate from Upper Canada College, Toronto, is in his first year at Balliol. His older brother, Lionel, is also at Oxford. Young Massey started coxing last fall.

### Basketball Being Revised Again

NEW YORK, Jan. 24—International basketball rules, governing Olympic games play, have been revised to eliminate the centre tap-off, but otherwise to conform generally with the Canadian and United States style of court competition.

James F. Tobin, jr., veteran New York basketball official, came back Saturday from the International Basketball Federation congress in Berlin with that information, as well as the chairmanship of the rules committee of the Federation.

In addition to the centre tap eliminating, the new rules call for two officials instead of one, five substitutions for each team instead of two, and the 10-second rule which prevents "freezing" the ball by the leading team.

### ELECTROCUTION OF POULTRY IS MODERNISTIC

OTTAWA, Jan. 25—Electrocution of poultry instead of the usual killing methods now employed by farmers in Canada may result from experiments being conducted by the National Research Council. Methods of electrical stunning of chickens have been tried out in the Council's laboratories with a view to improving the feather release in order to make plucking easier, and also to improve bleeding, if possible.

The Council's nineteenth annual report disclosed today a large number of experiments with different electrodes, and different points of application have been tried. It was found that, if the electric current could be directed to the part of the brain which controls the feather muscles, good dry plucking could be achieved. Further experiments will be carried out to obtain a good comparison with this and other methods of killing, such as the usual brain stick. After electrical stunning, the bird is bled in the usual way, and while the bleeding always appears to be satisfactory, some physiological measure of perfection in the operation is necessary before electrical killing can be compared with other methods, the Council said. Practicality of the method for use on farms is also being considered.

### BUSHER SHINES AS LEAF'S TRIM RANGERS 4-0

TORONTO, Jan. 25—Harvey Jackson led Toronto Maple Leafs to a decisive 4-0 victory over New York Rangers before almost 13,000 persons here Saturday night. The big left-winger scored three goals as Leafs chalked up their first win in three games against Lester Patrick's team.

Jackson stood out in fast Leaf attack that outshone anything the New Yorkers had to offer. He scored in the first period and rapped in two goals in the third. Sylvanus Apps, centre, on Jackson's line, tallied the fourth and Gordon Drillon, right wing on the same trio, assisted in Jackson's third goal.

A fist fight, sparked by "Red" Horner and Art Coulter, held up the game for five minutes toward the end of the third period.

When the officials had untangled the mass of players who joined in the fray they imposed major penalties on Horner, Coulter and Bill Thoms, who had come to the assistance of his teammate.

### DODGER HURLER RECEIVES RAISE

Ace Pitcher Receives a Substantial Raise From \$12,000 to \$14,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—Brooklyn Dodgers apparently have seen by the papers that their ace pitcher, Van Mungo, insists on a pay increase this year. The club announced today the big right-hander's 1937 contract will call for a salary higher than he received a year ago.

Whether the terms have been boosted to meet the \$1,500 or \$2,500 increase Mungo has been reported as seeking is not known. The Dodgers said only that "many players receive increases" in the club's mailed contracts, that Mungo was one of them.

The temperamental fire-baller was supposed to have received \$12,500 in 1936. The rumors are he wants at least \$14,000, maybe \$15,000.

Contracts for the veteran Heinie Manush and the 1936 American Association slugger, Jack Winsett, already are in the Daffy Dodgers' office safe.

### New York Giants Sign Jimmy Ripple

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—Jimmy Ripple has returned his signed contract for 1937 to the Giants. Purchased from the Montreal Royals at the close of the 1935 season, Ripple made good at bat and in the field last year. He received an increase in salary for 1937.

### BOSTON TEAMS WANT FRANCHISE TO BRITON LEAGUE

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 24—Two Boston baseball clubs were willing to purchase a franchise in the Class D Cape Breton Professional Baseball League, Bernie "Skit" Ferguson today told a meeting to consider affiliation with the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

Ferguson, who last year managed the reserve team in the league, until its withdrawal near the end of the schedule, said the clubs were willing to operate in that mining town. He made no application for membership on behalf of either the former team or a new one and did not enlarge on his statement.

He also said the United Mine Workers' Union was considering sponsoring a team in the league.

### Perry Loses to Vines at Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25—Ellsworth Vines, United States tennis star, defeated Fred Perry 6-1, 7-5, in their exhibition match here last night. Perry was badly off form in the first set, losing the six games after winning only the first.

Bruce Barnes defeated George Lott in a subsidiary match, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2. In his first set, Perry, who held the world title for England before he took up professionalism, made a stand in the fifth game. With his single game opposed to Vines' four, he stiffened his stand and the game went to 20 points before finally falling to Vines.

### Former Maritime Star Father of Seven-Pound Boy

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 25—While her husband was competing for Boston Bruins in a National Hockey League in Boston tonight, Mrs. Ray Gettiffe gave birth to a seven-pound boy in hospital here. Mrs. Gettiffe, a London girl, met her husband while he was playing for Stratford Midgets, an amateur team. Gettiffe formerly played for Charlottetown Abbies in the Maritime "Big Four" and later for Saint John Beavers.

### Kansas Flyer Wins By 3-4 Mile Run

NEW YORK, Jan. 25—Glenn Cunningham, former Kansas flyer, running his first race in the colors of the New York Curb Exchange, raced to an easy victory in the three-quarter mile handicap invitation, feature event of the Osceola Club games Saturday night. Cunningham had a 10-yard margin over Lou Burns, Manhattan College's intercollegiate indoor 1,500 and outdoor 800-metre champion, who start-

### Officials Fail to Identify Fighter

HALIFAX, Jan. 25—All efforts to learn the identity of the scrapper who fought Werther Arcelli of Boston here New Year's Day under the name of Whitey Hurwitz had proved futile, declared President James MacDonald following a meeting of the Halifax Boxing Commission last night.

Syd Newman, promoter who refused to name the party who handled the show for him, was fined \$25 and had his license for the Ring Boxing Club cancelled.

The commission wrote the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, requesting information regarding Whitey Hurwitz. T. C. Murphy of the department of public safety included in his reply a sworn statement Morris Whitey Hurwitz had never fought in Halifax and was not in the Nova Scotia city New Year's Day.

The answer also declared that Hurwitz had not been fighting during the past three years.

Halifax officials sought information regarding the true identity of the fighter billed as Hurwitz through immigration authorities, but were refused any information.

It was decided outside boxers in future would be required to identify themselves before entering the ring to fight in Halifax.

ed also from the scratch mark with William Ray, of the New York Curb Exchange, in third place. The time was 3:09.7.

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