



SPORT



MORRIS WOULD HAVE DEFEATED JIM THORPE STATES LAWSON ROBERTSON

(By Lawson Robertson)
OTTAWA, Jan. 22—There has been considerable comment in the United States on the James E. Sullivan Annual Award, given to the person considered most outstanding as an amateur athlete and sportsman during the previous year, going to Glenn Morris.

The final vote, polled from 600 United States sport leaders and devotees of amateur athletics, awarded the gold medal to Morris, the Colorado youth who won both the United States National and Olympic decathlon championships.

Jesse Owens was voted second place. A great many sports fans wondered why, in view of the Negro athlete's great 1936 performances, Owens should finish second in this popularity contest.

The award is based, not only on outstanding athletic achievements, but also on qualities of leadership, character and amateur example, as well.

To those who know both Morris and Owens personally, as I do, there is little to choose between them, so far as personality is concerned.

Morris is a great athlete and a persistent youth who rose from mediocrity to a world's championship. He typifies the ideal in all-around athletic ability.

Jim Thorpe, greatest all-around athlete ever produced in the United States, would be far in the rear of Glenn if both men were competing in an all-around test when both men were at their prime.

In fact, of the ten events which comprise the decathlon, Thorpe would excel in only one—the running

high jump. Jim's best mark at this event was 6 feet 5 inches.

Morris, on the other hand, could specialize and compete successfully in championship company in eight of the other events.

Lithe of limb, strong, speedy and aggressive, Morris is a fine example of all-round ability. A keen student of form, he had just one slight weakness—the pole vault. Knowing this, he spent a whole year trying to improve his lone shortcoming and Glenn cleared over 12 feet in this event at Berlin.

Thorpe, possessing rare natural ability, never studied the technique necessary to perform well in the javelin, discus and pole vault.

Luck goes with the efficient. Morris is a fine, outstanding young American who was admired by all who came in contact with him in Berlin last year.

Hitler, when asked who he thought was the best athlete in the eleventh Olympiad, replied immediately, "Morris, the American. He does ten sports and he does them well. He has speed, strength, skill and endurance."

Owens, to many non-partisans, appeared a standout in not only the Olympic games but as a record-breaker in four track and field events—100 metres, 200 metres, 220-metre hurdles and running broad jump.

There is no doubt that Jesse was the track and field sensation of 1936. To those of us who know him well, he was more than that.

To meet Owens and talk to him for five minutes would convince any one that he is a sportsman and a gentleman; "a gentleman (definition) is a man who has consideration for the feelings of others."

Owens' status as an amateur was never questioned until he recently became a professional.

Jesse was always willing and obliging and made himself subservient to his teammates' cause both at Ohio State and as a member of the Olympic team.

As an example, when he was told that he might not be needed on the 400-metre relay team in Berlin, he replied, "Coach, I have won enough honors already, but if you think we might lose the race if I don't run, you can count on me to keep in training and I'll do my best."

Owens received an offer to become a professional in vaudeville for a big sum just after his final Olympic race. It looked swell to Jesse and he left Germany with good financial prospects. When he arrived in New York a dialogue was outlined in which he was supposed to say he had received a raw deal in Germany from Olympic officials and Hitler.

"That isn't true, I can't say that," Owens remonstrated. The contract was destroyed in front of Owens and thrown into the waste basket.

That's the kind of fellow he is.

THREE NEW STARS IN HALL OF FAME

NEW YORK, Jan. 22—Napoleon Lajoie, Tris Speaker and Cy Young, a trio of the greatest diamond heroes of the past, today were voted positions in baseball's permanent hall of fame at Cooperstown, N. Y.

The trio, winners of a poll taken from the membership of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, will join the "original immortals," Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson, who were elected in the first poll last year.

Bronze plaques of the "original immortals" already have been hung in the museum at Cooperstown, birthplace of baseball. Those of Lajoie, Speaker and Young will be ordered immediately.

Lajoie, who batted .300 for 15 years in the majors when such an average was a mark seldom reached, led the voting in the second poll.

ALBANY BALL CLUB IS BACK IN LEAGUE

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 22—Albany was back in organized baseball today with a New York-Penn League franchise, but no ball players.

Bill McCorry, former manager of the Albany International League Club which has been shifted to Jersey City, bought the franchise of the Allentown Club from the Brooklyn National League Club.

Brooklyn retained all the Allentown players, forcing McCorry to start from the scratch in building the new team.

Two Southern League Ice Battles on Tonight

PRO TENNIS, LIKE WRESTLING, LACKS LUSTRE

NEW YORK, Jan. 22—The professional tennis caravan, featuring Fred Perry and Ellsworth Vines, has many of the characteristics of a herd of wrestling pachyderms, a veteran of the sports world points out. To which it might be added that it was Jack Curley, leading wrestling impresario, who launched the first ambitious venture in pro tennis. However, M. Curley did not last long enough in the pro net game, the interference being that the racket wielders' idiosyncracies were too much even for a man accustomed to serve as mahout for the mat pachyderms.

In the wrestling business it is considered quite proper to have the same men engage in a "championship contest" almost every night in the week. That also seems to be the case in pro tennis, as Perry and Vines are scheduled to face each other in some sixty different towns before they reach the end of this particular trail. One wonders if they will manage to put some melodrama into each meeting and to leave the outcome of each encounter, as well as the final result of the series, in doubt up to the last moment with the same dexterity as their brethren of the mat.

The tennis gang has one advantage over the wrestlers in that the members may do as they please without meddlesome interference by athletic commissions. The wrestlers' pyrotechnics have been somewhat curtailed by the edicts of various commissions. In New York, for instance, the grapplers were forbidden the pleasure of throwing each other out of the ring as a regular part of their routine.

When, as and if wanting public interest makes it wise to pep up the tennis routine, Perry and Vines will be able to go as far as they like, such as breaking rackets over each other's heads or pelting the referee with balls.

Another similarity between the tennis and wrestling professionals is that they always have an alibi for a lack luster showing. In the net game the alibi is either that one or both of the players were ill or that they did not have enough time to practice. These explanations have been given for the dull work of the headlines in each professional tennis exhibition in New York in the past.

The first, between Bill Tilden and Karel Kozeluh, was slow, it was said, because the latter had to play only three days after stepping off the boat that brought him from Czechoslovakia.

The second, between Tilden and Henri Cochet of France, almost failed to come off, because Cochet had a bad cold and did not show up at the Garden at the appointed hour. The promoters dragged him out of his bed, put him into tennis make-up and pushed him out on the courts, where he managed to stagger through somehow.

In line with precedent, both Perry and Vines, it seems, were ill last Wednesday night, but went through with it for the good of the game—and for their \$25,000 split of the lucre.

SAILOR KNOWN AS CHECKER CHAMP

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 22—Arnold Brindley of Glace Bay, who is in the city, a sailor on the Lord Strathcona, is something of a checker champion. Recently he defeated some of Saint John's best players and is eagerly seeking others in Saint John to test his prowess in the move and jump game. Brindley states that one well-known player in the city refused to meet him for a side bet of money. He is willing to play anyone in a 30 game match.

Shakespeare Becomes Best Seller With M.P.'s

OTTAWA, Jan. 22—Attendees at the Parliamentary Library reported a heavy demand among members of the House of Commons for the works of Shakespeare, causing many to wonder if the House was about to be treated to a deluge of quotations. Conservative Leader Bennett yesterday quoted "Othello" in reference to the abdication of former King Edward.

Capitals and Seagulls Are Fighting With Backs to the Wall--Executive Meets on Week-end.

Saint John Seagulls and Fredericton Caps start down the home stretch in the Southern New Brunswick Hockey League with their backs to the wall and the intent of gaining a berth in the league playoffs, which will probably open on Feb. 8. The league finishes on Feb. 5. This gives the teams but two more weeks of league competition.

The Gulls will be at home tonight in The Forum against the Moncton Maroons while the Caps will travel to St. Stephen for their scheduled encounter with St. Croix.

Abbe Prilutsky, manager of the St. Croix, said last night that the ice in the rink was holding and that despite conditions this evening he game will be played as scheduled.

Although it was not known for certain it was believed that 'Buzz' McLeod and 'Wick' James, both of Moncton would handle tomorrow night's fixtures—one in each centre where the games are carded. The two arbiters will probably referee the league playdowns.

A meeting of the Southern League executive is slated for the Admiral Beatty Hotel over the week-end when the playdown officials will be definitely named, the protests of the Saint John Seagulls against Fredericton considered and other matters of importance discussed.

ST. CROIX CONFIDENT
ST. STEPHEN, Jan. 21—Suffering no casualties in last night's game at Moncton, the St. Stephen St. Croix will take on the Fredericton Capitals here tomorrow night in a crucial league fixture.

The Border club needs a win tomorrow night to clinch a playoff berth, while the Fredericton aggregation needs about all their remaining games in the schedule to come out ahead of the locals.

Although the St. Croix still feel the sting of defeat at the hands of the league leading Moncton Maroons they are far from downhearted. The lacing certainly showed up their weak points, which Coach Rollie Robertson ironed out in a heart-to-heart discussion with his mates tonight.

The clip the Capital crew have been setting of late under their new coach 'Big' Gill, shows the Fredericton aggregation a more improved team than in its last appearance here and the St. Croix will have to extend themselves to stop the onward rush of the Capitals.

TWENTY-EIGHT RINKS ENTER N. B. BONSPIEL

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 22—When entries closed at six o'clock last night for the New Brunswick Bonspiel 28 single rinks for competition for the Ganong trophy, emblematic of the singels championship, had been received by H. W. Stubbs, co-secretary of the bonspiel committee.

Rinks from Dalhousie, Bathurst, Campbellton and Fredericton swelled the number of entries.

Besides these four, which were received yesterday, the other curling clubs entering rinks to date are St. Andrew's, Thistle and Hampton, all of Saint John; St. Stephen, Hampton and Moncton.

Newcastle and Chatham remain to be heard from and it is possible their entries may be received tonight as all clubs have 24 hours' grace in which to make their entries valid.

Tonight the committee will meet to make the draw for the first day's play in singels competition. It is not yet known how many doubles rinks will be entered for the tourney. This will be announced tonight. The bonspiel opens on Tuesday and continues to Thursday night.

SALICA TO BATTLE ESCOBAR

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—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 on Feb. 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.

MOUNTIE TEAM ENTERED IN DOM. SHOOTING EVENT

A team from the "J" Division of the R.C.M.P. has been entered in the Dominion Marksmen 22 S.M.L.E. Rifle League which this year attracted entries from fifty-one teams representing military, Air Force and R. C. M. P. units stationed in various parts of Canada. During January and February competing teams in the various Provinces will fire three matches to decide the Provincial championships, the winners being eligible to shoot off for the league championship which carries with it the Dominion title.

In the New Brunswick title matches the Fredericton unit's competition will come from the two teams entered by the Moncton Garrison Sergeants Mess. The "A" team of the Royal Canadian Engineers, Halifax, are favored to win the Nova Scotia title having captured the Dominion title for the past two years.

All Provincial champions with the exception of the winners in Prince Edward Island are entered again this year and the matches are expected to provide some keen competition.

All matches will be fired on indoor ranges of fifty feet, twenty or twenty-five yards and targets will be checked at Dominion Marksmen headquarters in Montreal. The Dominion title matches will be fired after the completion of the Provincial championships.

Leading Scorers In Hockey League

MONTREAL, Jan. 22—Detroit's Larry Aurie opened a three-point margin on his line-mate, Marty Barry, for the National Hockey League scoring lead last night by firing two goals and gaining two assists in Red Wings' 7-2 drubbing of Chicago. Barry could only get one assist but kept him alone in second place with 26 points, one more than Canadiens' Johnny Gagnon who also picked up an assist. The leaders:

	G.	A.	Pts.
Aurie, Detroit	17	12	29
Barry, Detroit	7	19	26
Gagnon, Canadiens	13	12	25
Schriner, Americans	9	13	22
Lewis, Detroit	12	9	21
Ward, Montreal	12	9	21
Johat, Canadiens	11	9	20
Cowley, Boston	9	11	20
N. Colville, Rangers	8	12	20

"Big Poison" Waner Requests Increase

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 22—Paul "Big Poison" Waner, last season's leading batter in the National Baseball League, is a holdout.

W. E. Benswanger, president of Pittsburgh Pirates, disclosed today he had received Waner's unsigned contract with a request for a "further increase" in salary. He did not say how much Waner had been offered or what he was asking.

In the same mail Benswanger said he received the signed contract of Paul's brother, Lloyd "Little Poison" Waner.

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BASEBALL'S 1937 HOLDOUT PARADE SHOWS SIGNS OF BECOMING BIG FLOP

NEW YORK, Jan. 21—Baseball's holdout circus of 1937 promises to be a bigger flop than Branch Rickey's threatened auction sale of 'Dizzy' Dean. Players are breaking all speed records in signing the papers. Pepper Martin even hitch-hiked on a truck to sign with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Right now, Buck Newsom, noted South Carolina mule-tamer, is making more noise than Dean but Clark Griffith, the old fox of Washington, isn't worried. Like most clubowners, Griffith likes to hear the boys holler and then pulls a neat squeeze play.

New York Yankees contracts were placed in the mail yesterday. No trouble is expected unless Lefty Gomez, due for a great divide cut, balks. Joe Di Maggio, surrounded by some

shrewd relatives, also may protest but the dope is 'Der Mag' is going to get a very pleasant surprise.

Wanted: A baseball expert who figures the Cleveland Indians weren't cheated by the slick St. Louis Browns in their recent player swap. Pilot Rogers Hornsby of the Browns always gets credit for pulling fast ones, but his clubs never get anywhere. If you think Cy Slapnicka, head man of the Indians, is a babe in the woods, listen to what Johnny Hughes, who used to play with Cy, says:

"We had a flock of wise fellows on our pennant winners in Milwaukee in '14, but none could keep up with Cy Slapnicka. In our poker games, we usually watched Cy win because he'd outsmart the smart guys."

KEARNS OFFERS BRADDOCK \$400,000

DETROIT, Jan. 22—A new bidder in the heavyweight fight market set up a \$400,000 cash on the line offer to tempt champion Jimmy Braddock into meeting Joe Louis in the Brown Bomber's home town.

Jack Kearns, with his brand new title of promoter, offered that sum to Braddock to carry his crown into a ring at Navin Field Baseball Park in June against Louis, provided a Max Schmeling fight fails to materialize.

Presupposing that the Schmeling boycott eventually will bar the German from meeting Braddock, Kearns wired Braddock of the offer and at the same time promised Louis \$200,000.

The fight in Detroit, said Kearns, who seeks to drum up the Motor City into a national boxing center, would draw \$1,250,000.

It was the first move for a major fight on the part of promoter Kearns, former manager of Jack Dempsey.

"Joe Gould, Braddock's manager, said he wants money for Braddock," said the doughty Kearns. "Well, I'm ready to give it to him. I'm ready to put it in the bank for him right now, or the minute he signs to fight Louis."

Kearns, who declined to disclose the identity of backers, but pointed to "my own experience" as one attribute, marked down a number of details which he said would insure the success of a Braddock-Louis fight here.

Detroit's proximity to large cities, including New York, an overnight ride, and Chicago, Philadelphia and Cleveland, he said, would make a crowd a cinch.

"Louis," he said, "ought to fight before his home town, too, and that's enough to make it draw."

Navin Field, the Detroit Tigers home, has 40,000 permanent seats, which, Kearns said, could be increased to about 80,000 with accommodations on the playing field.

Kearns said he thought there was small chances that Schmeling could override the boycott.

HOCKEY RESULTS AND STANDINGS

N. H. L. Standing (Canadian Section)										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Canadiens	27	15	9	3	75	59	33			
Maroons	28	10	12	6	59	65	25			
Toronto	25	10	13	2	62	65	22			
Americans	27	8	16	3	58	78	19			

(American Section)										
	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts			
Detroit	27	16	7	4	72	55	36			
Boston	28	10	12	6	65	63	29			
Rangers	26	12	9	5	64	50	23			
Chicago	28	7	15	6	41	60	20			

National Hockey League
Boston 2, Maroons 1.
Americans 6, Toronto 3.
Chicago 2, Rangers 1.

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Fredericton at St. Stephen.

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