



On the Sidelines..

Alex Levinsky, Rangers' defence player, has been let out to the Chicago Black Hawks. Levinsky was formerly with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"Moncton has folded up" goes the word along the Dominion hockey front. And it seems more than likely, in view of the split in the ranks caused by the letting out of so many of its stars. The latest to go is Big Bill Gill, who will get a weekly salary of \$85 from Syracuse for the rest of the season. Hawks have certainly not been the same this year with several of its star players gone and another year may see still further decay in the ranks. Too bad, the team couldn't have stayed together for the Olympic splurge.

Another report in the sport world is that Babe Ruth will go to Montreal along with the Boston Braves and that even now the Bambino is being perked up on his French.

Judging from the exhibition of the Fredericton juniors against Moncton Red Indians Thursday night it will not be long before the capital has another crop of hockey players. One fan, looking on at the game ventured the opinion that in three years the Eagles will be the senior hockey team in this city and will be challenging anything in the Maritimes, which by that time he further concludes, will again be actually "simon-pure." Certainly the team has lots of natural ability and it is astonishing how quickly the lads have learnt the rudimentary lessons from their coach "Larry" McLean. Our own private opinion is that McLean is one of the finest teachers of hockey in the Maritime Provinces and anything the Eagles show this year will be in no small part attributable to him. Bill Walker, who manages the Eagles, also deserves credit for his keen insight as to the possibilities of the youngsters and for putting them in the charge of so competent an instructor.

"Dud" James of the Moncton Hawks, who has been one of the dazzling lights in Maritime hockey for a long time, has been offered a contract by Syracuse Stars. According to his own statement, though he will remain with the Hawks. James has been one of those consistent star performers and popular with fans all over the Maritime Provinces.

A good story is told of Casey Stengel, former Giants' outfielder, who while managing the San Antonio team forgot himself for a brief moment—and made a darn good story by the slip.

One town in which his team played yielded a paid attendance of less than a hundred. That night the players were the guests at a dinner at the Elks Club. The hall was packed with about three hundred diners and Casey, called upon to make a speech, stood up, looked over the crowd thoughtfully for a moment and then said:

"I am very glad to see you all here this evening but—er—where the hell were you this afternoon?"

There's many a slip between the cup and the lip might apply to the York County Intermediate hockey loop. While things are running quite smoothly at present, and everyone seems to be working to develop junior and intermediate hockey players, there have been a few dark clouds hovering over and threatening amicable relations between play-

HARRIDGE EXPECTS A KEEN PENNANT RACE

American League President Comments on the New Baseball Season to Come.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19—They say even a weather man hits it right in his predictions now and then. I certainly sympathize with him. For three years I predicted a close race in the American League and I finally made good in 1934 when Cleveland, New York and Detroit took turns in leading, with Detroit finally clinching the pennant six days before the campaign came to a close.

Having had American League clubs help me out in my forecast of a year ago, I see no reason for not predicting at this time that we will have an even more spirited contest for the championship in 1935.

Detroit may experience more difficulty in capturing the flag than it did in 1934. The Tigers won their laurels because of the catching and magnetism of Manager Cochrane and the team's immunity from injuries. They played head-ups baseball from start to finish and Cochrane expects them to repeat.

Managers of teams who were runners-up to Detroit claim the Tigers cannot expect to be as free from accidents again. If they are correct in such statements, our race is sure to be closer. New York will be a strong contender again. Possibly, if Coombs and Dickey had not been injured last season, the battle would not have been decided until the very last day.

While it may be bromidic to say that pitching is 70 or 80 per cent. of a club's efficiency, it nevertheless has been shown to be true on numerous occasions. New York counted on Allen and Van Atta as half of its pitching "Big Four" in '34. Neither was able to help except at brief periods. If they come back in '35, the Yankees certainly will be more dangerous.

A Fine Chance

Cleveland has an excellent chance of improving its standing. The Indians are especially strong on the mound and at the bat. Even more batting strength has been added by the acquisition of outfielder Bruce Campbell and infielder Louis Berger. The latter is said to be one of the greatest infield prospects that has come into the league in many years.

Boston, with a crippled pitching staff and an infield that was weak in spots, still was able to finish fourth in 1934. It should make a stronger bid for the pennant next season with the chance that Grove, Pipgras and Walberg will be able to take regular turns in the box, and with Joe Cronin, a most capable young manager and an exceptionally fine shortstop, piloting a much better balanced team than in '34.

The Athletics appear to be the dark horse. At the outset of last season, it lacked the pitching, but during the last month Connie Mack had his young hurlers working smoothly and winning many splendid pitched contests. In fact, these youthful pitchers demonstrated that, with a season's experience behind them, they are going to keep the Athletics well up in the race from the start. Mack has announced he will use Jimmy Foxx, his most powerful batsman, as a catcher. This move will be watched with great interest.

Rogers Hornsby worked wonders in his first full campaign at St. Louis. He will have a stronger team in 1935, one that should win more games. The same may be said of Washington and Chicago, both of which were riddled by accidents throughout the 1934 bat-

ters, clubs and fans. It is to be hoped that all will be adjusted and that the winter hockey season will prove as good an ending as it has a start.

Want Racing Rules Uniform

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 19—The first snag in the path of unanimous action came today as the National Association of State Racing Commissioners considered the merits and demerits of open and closed claiming.

While only scattered comments came from the executive sessions before the open meeting to consider the proposed uniform code of racing rules, it was indicated Rhode Island's commissioners opposed the modified open claiming rule.

As proposed by Chairman Wm. H. Cane, New Jersey commissioner, of the uniform rules committee, the modified regulation set a time limit of 30 days during which a premium of 25 p.c. of the claiming price would be a condition for entering the horse in another claiming race.

ANNOUNCES OPENLY FOR PAID ATHLETES

Nine Scholarships To Be Offered to Athletes At Worcester, Mass., College, Says President

WORCESTER, Jan. 18—In an effort to put Worcester Polytechnic Institute in a football class with the leading colleges of New England, Prof. Herbert F. Taylor, alumni secretary, came forth with an announcement today that no less than nine scholarships worth \$400 or more apiece will be offered to students who are outstanding in athletics.

Tired of losing in football and other athletic events for many years, Prof. Taylor recently startled the athletic world by announcing that Polytechnic wanted athletes.

In offering the scholarships it is hoped that Worcester Polytechnic Institute will be up with the leaders in football, baseball, track and other sports in the near future.

Five major scholarships of more than \$400 have been allotted, one team each of five districts, Greater Boston, Western Massachusetts, Connecticut, Westchester, Long Island and Northern New Jersey.

Other Scholarships

It was also agreed upon to furnish scholarships worth \$400 for students in other districts which take in New York, Cleveland, Chicago and Washington.

Several other scholarships valued at \$300 will also be awarded in an attempt to put Tech on the map in athletics.

The local institute had a disastrous season on the gridiron in 1934 when even the students failed to take interest in the football team. Officials of the school came to the conclusion that something must be done to advance Worcester Polytechnic Institute in all athletics and as a result the announcement followed.

So Worcester Polytechnic Institute may break into the headlines of the sport pages in two or more years.

tle and never able to present their full strength.

Chicago has done some wise weeding out and added some excellent prospects, while Washington has improved its batting. Stanley Harris is back as manager at Washington where he won two pennants and has some capable new material to try out. Jimmy Dykes at Chicago, has had the benefit of a year's experience as manager, and I count on him to place a hustling team on the field.

MONCTON JOINS NEW MERCANTILE HOCKEY LOOP

Beavers and All-Stars of Saint John in Circuit; Abbies Are Out--Queer Split-up.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 19—A commercial league, to be named either New Brunswick Mercantile League or Maritime Mercantile League at a meeting on Monday in Moncton, was formed last night following the Beavers-All-Stars game at The Forum.

The League will include Moncton Hawks, Saint John Beavers and Saint John All-Stars. W. C. McQuade, secretary of the Beavers' Hockey Club announced last night following the session at which Budd A. Taylor, director of the Hawks' Club and the executive of the Beavers' Club, mutually agreed on the three-team circuit.

The Charlottetown Abegweits were excluded, Mr. McQuade said, owing to the expense the local teams would incur on the long trip to and from the Island.

The Beavers will open the new league with the Moncton Hawks at the Hub Monday night, it was decided. The schedule will be drawn up following the game.

SPORT BRIEFS

Rainville Advances in Net Play NASSAU, Bahamas, Jan. 19—In excellent form, Marcel Rainville of Montreal, advanced through two rounds of the British Colonial tennis tourney here with the loss of only three games.

His fine placements sent Dr. H. A. Quackenbush, of Nassau, out of the first round by scores of 6-0, 6-2. The little Canadian internationalist came back in the second round to defeat Rex Higgs, also of Nassau, 6-1, 6-0.

Sir Bede Clifford, Governor of the Bahamas, was beaten in the second round by Dr. Eugene McCauliff, of New York. Scores were 6-1, 6-1.

Marsh and Henaire to Meet

MONTREAL, Jan. 18—Joe Marsh, member of last summer's Canadian British Empire Games boxing team, was signed yesterday to meet Battling Hanaire, rising Quebec lightweight, in an eight-round semi-final to the Gregg Gregerson-Aurelien Lamotte flyweight title bout next Monday at Quebec. The bout will be Marsh's second since turning professional a few weeks ago.

Jimmy Boyne, of Fredericton, N.B., kayoed Hanaire in the 9th round of a 10-round bout at Edmundston last fall.

Mickey Cochrane, peppery pilot of the Detroit Tigers, says his team will win the American League pennant.

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Fame, Fortune In Tennis Game

NEW YORK, Jan. 19—With fame behind them and fortune as their goal, George Martin Lott, Jr., and Lester Rollo Steofen, latest recruits to professional tennis, earned slightly more than \$6,000 each in their first week as play-for-pay racquet wielders.

While Lott and Steofen and their barnstorming partners, Bill Tilden and Ellsworth Vines, took things easy yesterday in New Haven before appearing there in an exhibition tonight, Promoter Bill O'Brien announced the gross receipts thus far of the three months' tour which opened in Madison Square Garden here over a week ago, amounted to \$45,069.52.

HOCKEY RECORDS

- International League
Syracuse 1, Windsor 4.
O. H. A. Senior "A"
Port Colborne 2, Toronto 5.
Varsity 2, Hamilton 4.
Maritime Hockey League
Moncton 2, Charlottetown 6.
Saint John Senior
All-Stars 9, Beavers 3.
Exhibition
Moncton Red Indians 3, North Saint John Cadets 3.
SCHEDULED TONIGHT
National Hockey League
New York Americans at Maroons;
St. Louis at Toronto; Canadiens at Boston.

In 1900 Canada exported 470,000 barrels of apples; by 1920 this had increased to 1,238,000 barrels, and for the shipping season 1933-34 all records were broken with a total of 3,476,114 barrels shipped out of the country. In 1900 Canada's export apple trade was confined to nine countries; by 1932 thirty six countries received Canadian apples.

Max Baer has started training for his bout at Miami, Florida with Jimmy Maloney, former South Boston heavyweight, now a traffic cop in Miami.

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MISGIVINGS ABOUT ENGLISH GOLF IN 1935

Future of Game in the British Isles is Imperiled—More Hope For the Pros Than Amateurs.

LONDON, Jan. 18—In golf clubs through the length and breadth of England they are discussing with grave misgivings the prospects of British golf in 1935.

The "American standard" is the phrase most heard, and with the exception of women golfers the British standard is several "shots" below that type of golf which American visitors to England invariably manage to produce.

There is more hope for the professionals than the amateurs. A new generation is growing up. Although the American challenge last year was not by any means representative of the best of the United States, the golf shot by Henry Cotton, Syd B. Brews, Alfred Padgham and three Whitcombe brothers would have beaten the world's best.

But good as these players are, none but the very young or the very senile tip the Britishers to retain the Ryder Cup when they battle for it in the United States next May—despite the fact that the players mentioned above will be strengthened by brilliant and recently grown champions like Sam King, Willy Cox, Charles Denny and Walter Laidlaw.

British golfers never play their best in torrid heat, and anything over 80 degrees in these wind-swept isles is torrid heat.

Amateur golf presents a still more mournful picture. The lacing the American Walker Cup team gave the British team on St. Andrews' ancient links caused many to wonder whether it was advisable to continue with the biennial competition owing to the marked superiority of American amateurs.

The fault lies with the royal and ancient club of St. Andrews. The committee of that august body in picking that last team must have paid more attention to social graces than golfing ability.

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