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## FAKE CHAMPION MAT DUELS ARE BEING PROBED

**Montreal Athletic Commission Takes Steps To Clear Up Mess — Bad Situation.**

MONTREAL, July 19—Sharp steps were taken today by the Athletic Commission of the city of Montreal at a special gathering, to check the wholesale "championship" wrestling matches which are being advertised and staged at stadiums all over the city.

The commission signified its willingness to sanction a reasonable number of bona fide matches for titles, but took a firm stand on the orgy of unauthorized matches in progress, in which titles are advertised as being involved.

Promoters will be notified today that any one advertising a championship match without a sanction from the commission will be fined \$300, and have his license revoked.

Contracts, on forms being prepared by the commission, must be filed for all championship matches seven days before the date, accompanied by the weight forfeits from the wrestlers and an extra guarantee from the promoter.

Several tangles resulting from wrestlers failing to appear were heard including the cases of Angrigon and O'Brien, who did not carry out advertised matches at the Arena. The Commission deferred action until further investigation is made, it being made clear, however, that in neither case was there a bona fide contract existing. Eugene Tremblay appeared as manager of Bill O'Brien, to whom he recently lost the lightweight title, and signed a contract for O'Brien to appear at the Arena. But Tremblay having no manager's license, the Commission declined to take action on that basis. Several charges were made which will be investigated by the Commission.

In the case of boxer Ray Cook and his contract with Sam Gibbs of Montreal, the Commission is notifying the Ontario Commission and the Cook interests that any suspensions that may have existed against Cook by this Commission are withdrawn, but that the Commission still recognizes the contract between Cook and Gibbs.

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## Japanese Sport In Ascendancy

**Tours of Foreign Athlete Line Taught Them Things — Bruins Hockey Club Trains At Saint John.**

BOSTON, July 19—It is interesting to learn that Keith S. Brown, Yale's great pole vaulter, who made a new world record in the IC4A championship meet at the Harvard Stadium last June, does not expect to do so well in the Oxford-Cambridge meet as he has done in the United States because of the difference in the conditions prevailing in England. He won the British A. A. title in that event last Saturday with a vault of 13 ft. 10 in., which is far below his best, although it was a fine performance in the eyes of the British athletes. Europe has produced few pole vaulters who could give serious opposition to those of the United States, with Charlie Hoff of Norway as the outstanding one. In the eyes of what Brown says regarding vaulting in England, the Norwegian's performance of 13 ft. 11 3/8 in., made in Finland Sept. 27, 1925, stands out all the more notably.

### Japanese Gain

The tours which American College and professional athletes are making to Japan each year are undoubtedly playing a big part in the rapid development which the Japanese athletes are making in their international competition. Every year one or more American team is visiting the land of the Rising Sun and competing with the best athletes there. Last year, Harvard sent her baseball team and a team of professional baseball players played a rather extensive schedule there. This year Yale has sent her baseball nine and, with Princeton, her best golfers, while the A.A.U. has sent its best men swimmers. Competing against these stars is sure to improve the Japanese, and no one need be surprised to see the subjects of the Mikado administering more than one defeat to Uncle Sam's best before many more years are past. Their swimmers did it in the Olympic Games of 1932, and it looks as if it would be only a matter of time before they broadened their field of victory.

### Hockey Gossip

This is hardly hockey weather, but we would call attention to bits of gossip regarding the great ice game which are of interest. The first is the announcement by Frank Boucher that he will not be a candidate for the Lady Byng Trophy again. He has received the first one as his personal property and, in withdrawing from competition for the second one, he has shown some real sportsmanship which earned him the first of the trophies. The other is the announcement that the Boston Bruins and Boston Clubs will do next season's training at St. John, N. B. About three months more and there will be plenty more news for the hockey fans.

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## LAND FROM WHERE FEW BIG LEAGUERS EVER RETURN

**Philadelphia Scribe Gathers Some Information On Where Stars of Yesterday Have Gone — Sad Are The Tales Of Some.**

This piece is dedicated to the lads who have gone down. Down from the big leagues, into the bush. Into the bushes from whence they came, basked briefly for one or more seasons in the major league sun, and then resumed before smaller crowds, in smaller cities, on smaller pay.

Where are they now? Many a time I hear people ask, although mostly curiosity rather than deep interest. For the public is fickle, forgets quickly, is soon attracted to another idol and his deeds. Babe Ruth came out of the comparative obscurity which has been his since June 1 to sit in a box at Cleveland's All-Star spectacle, and no doubt there were those in the throng who, shown the great man, rejoined amicably: "And who is Ruth?"

So I pick up the ball players' "Bible" today and go through a series of box scores in Sporting Laws, which, coupled with notes taken off and on regarding those who played the majors, are presented here to reveal where some of them toil now.

Joe Hauser, nearing the end of a long and honorable career in the AA circuits, still bangs balls over the wall for Minneapolis, but the fact the Millers are ready to pay heavy money for Dale Alexander, of Kansas City, bears out the report Unser Choe is about through. Big footed Dale, by the way, is no spring brawler himself, yet contrives to sock the apple off American Association pitchers, and moreover, gets paid by Tom Yawkey-E. Collins, who operate Kansas City.

### Two Sammies Out of Luck

Somebody wrote in to advise that Sammy Gray, the old Mackman, and one-time Brownie, is in a sanitarium in Texas. I would like to check the report and know which sanitarium and why.

His old buddy, Sammy Hale, is also in Texas, now playing semi-pro ball if anything, since he was on the way out with Tulsa last spring. Poor Sammy—released a few days before he would have become a ten-year-man by the Browns—shunted to the Pacific Coast and the Texas Leagues, put all his savings in a wheat farm and then—the crash. Unable to pay the balance, lost his place and is right back where he started except that he has several children and a wife to support now.

A ray of hope in his case lies in the fact he can organize a ball club and make more money in the oil fields a chance he no doubt has taken.

There's another name, Tony Rensa, catcher. Now with Milwaukee, a haven for many leaguers. The Brewers employ Marshall, one-time flash with the Giants; Storti Wingard and Gullic who had a whirl with the Browns; Earl Webb, the old double hitter of Boston, and Doljack, once of Detroit.

Hurst Plays With Columbus  
Don Hurst, who used to threaten resignation from a Phillies' job to espouse the movies, seems glad to hold down first base for Columbus. Phil Todd has the same job in St. Paul, and a smoother article around the bag never lived than ex-Mackman Todd.

Remember George Detore? Who got sore when shunted back by the A's? Playing third now for Milwaukee, but not regularly. Mickey Health, hot-shot once with Cincinnati, is Indianapolis' first sacker, while Old Hoss Stephenson patrols the outfield for the same club.

Buzz Arlett is only a pinch hitter for Minneapolis these days, and no-

body cares if he takes a rocking chair out to morning practice up there. Remember when he pulled that with the Phils?

Frank Sigafoos plays third for Louisville, on which club Penn's Jim Peterson isn't going so hot. Nick Cullop still bangs 'em a long ways for Columbus. Wilcy Moore stopped a hitting streak for Sigafoos, while pitching for K. C.

Chalmers Cisell currently second bases for Portland, Jim Kessey is on first for Oklahoma City. And there's Grantham, first base for Seattle. Hal Rhyme is shortstopping for San Francisco, under management by Lefty O'Doul, one who went down while he still had plenty of major league base hits in his system, and who still works the outfield.

### Heving, Bassler Still Catch

De Sautels, the catcher, is with Hollywood, while Smead Jolley lingers about the same outfield. The San Antonio club is just a graduate club of the St. Louis Browns: Scharsin, Debs Garms, All-American Bettencourt, of foot ball fame, with Severeid catching. Could that be old Hank?

In going over the boxes it occurs that first basemen hold on the longest. There is Connasser with Dallas. He was an outfield candidate, too, once with Cleveland.

Johnny Heving, another who could have remained a year or so longer in the big time, is catching and managing Fort Worth. A nicer fellow never donned the mask in Boston or Shibe Park.

Johnny Bassler, stricken with a heart attack, won't catch any more for Hollywood this season, but Larry Woodall, who teamed with Johnny behind the log for Detroit, still receives for the Frisco Seals. Young Ed Walsh, son of the famous spitballer, who lost out with Oakland, hooked on with New Orleans. On the latter's lineup we see, too, Harley Boss, center of that scandal in Cleveland one summer.

### Hooks Helps the Crackers

Clyde Milan's luck holds; canned by the lowly Birmingham Barons, he was hired almost at once when Mule Shirley, of the Chattanooga Lookouts, went on another bust. Chattanooga is a first division club with ideas, if few major league vets.

In the Southern League Atlanta leads, and why not? Isn't the great Palmisano catching, with the borrowed Alex Hooks, of the A's hammering the ball hard?

Way down in the Three-Eye with Ft. Wayne, a lad named Cobb plays

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## Golf At Montreal

The annual golf tournament of The Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company was held at the Hampstead Golf Club under excellent weather conditions. The event attracted a large number of employees. The low gross prize was won by C. S. Bradeen with an 80. The low net was won by Norman Nicholson with a 68. G. W. Spowart had the low gross on the first nine holes and P. A. Forester low gross and the 2nd nine. Other prizes winners were: H. E. Race, H. A. Dale, T. H. McWhann, J. R. Stevenson, J. O. Pitt, C. E. Gishel and P. W. Bowers. Supper was served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

first base. But we know he isn't Ty.

Of interest to local fans is the Albany lineup, with or without Alabama Pitts. The latter, incidentally, continues to get his base hits, leading off the lineup with apolmb. But there are listed Don Kellett, Penn's all-around athlete, with Frank Hayes, the Merriwell kid from nearby Jamesburg, N. J. Also Eddie Cihocki, who didn't win that Cub shortstop job, but still fields with the best. And, until recently when he retired to his Martinsburg home to await contract advice. Hack Wilson, far below the pinnacle of those 56 homers with the Cubs.

Syracuse, too, has a raft of old staff Specs Torporcer, the manager; Jim Moore, the Adonis of left field once at Shibleshire; Prince Onna, recently bought from Atlanta, and a Roettger as first who must be friend Oscar. He was nearly put out of base ball with a pitched ball in the head, but recovered and left Montreal where Del Bissonette now plays the bag.

### Some of Them Manage

There's Suitcase Seeds in the Royals' raiment, too, and Dugas and Smythe, former Phils. Jake Flowers at third for the Rochester Red Wings, where the sensation of spring training in Tampa, Johnny Mize, still languishes. He'll be up in fast company some day, making it a little faster. Ike Boone, of whom they jested so heartlessly in Brooklyn, is smart enough to manage Toronto and play outfield these days. Dick Porter's with Newark, b'gosh.

Ray Schalk, no longer playing, broke a bone in his foot while essaying batting practice pitching to Marvin Olson, another old timer. Ray manages the Bisons, you know. Harry Heilmann, old Tiger slugger, plays sandlot ball in Detroit, is quite a figure in young base ball.

I see, too, where Ray Starr was fined and suspended by the Toronto Leafs, that Lisenbee hurls for Buffalo, and that Fresco Thompson is now third basing for Montreal. Ted Kleinhans, of Newark, set a new strikeout record at 14 one night against the Albany club. Irvine Jeffries, who nearly broke his face on the Shibe Park screen one afternoon, is second baseman for Baltimore now.

And so they carry on in the bush. Some day we'll check on the still smaller leagues.

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## TWO SLUGGERS COMPARE NOTES ON BATTLING ART

CHICAGO, July 19—They were just a couple of homerun hitters comparing notes as they travelled to Detroit from Cleveland after the All-Star game and were to oppose each other in an exhibition game the following day. Both topping six-feet, both weighing well over 200 pounds and packing loads of power; both with identical swings and so alike in batting theories that one might think it a Damon and Pythias act.

But it wasn't; for Hank Greenberg, slugging Detroit first baseman, and Wallie Berger, ace of the Braves battling corps, were on mutual ground and with the same idea in mind, when up there at the plate. "Wait for the fat one and then sock it for all you've got."

And to reach an anti-climax, it was with one of Greenberg's bats that Berger knocked the ball out of the Detroit park right over Greenberg's pet sector, the left field fence.

After listening to the two in a fanfest it was doubly interesting to compare the two as they took their respective turns at bat. If it were not for the different uniforms and the face that there was only the swing to go by, the fans could hardly tell one from the other.

Berger had the edge in the game, since he accomplished his aim in knocking the ball over the fence, while the best Greenberg could get was a double to centre. Ben Cantwell, who pitched well enough to win an ordinary game, without the ground rules which were in force because of the huge crowd, was the victim of several fluky doubles that turned into Detroit runs.

However, it isn't about Cantwell we started to spin this yarn, but about the two four-base sluggers. They compared the weight of their bats, and found them alike. Both have small hands for big men and have thin-handled bats. Both are righthanded hitters and try to pull their shots into left field.

Don't think, however, that they always are trying for the circuit clouts. "Get those runs across the plate" is the slogan of both and the records show that they accomplish their purpose more often than the record of their hitting averages might show.

Peebles, Scotland, July 18. — Canada's youthful quartette of tennis stars over here for seasoning yesterday put both men in the last eight in men's singles in the Scottish lawn tennis championships.

They were eliminated in women's singles, but gained the third round in both men's and women's doubles, and the second round of mixed doubles.

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