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On the Sidelines

From Toronto comes word that the Canadian racing season will open May 28 at the Thorncliffe race track with a seven-day meet scheduled and will be followed by Long Branch, which will run from June 5 to June 12. Then follows Dufferin Park, the dates being June 15 to June 22.

Only twenty-seven men will accompany Connie Mack to the southern training base, which shows, according to Ed Hurley in the Boston Record, that baseball owners are not going to act as spendthrifts in the future.

Interest in schoolboy track is expected to reach a new high this year in the area of Boston, Mass. It would not be surprising if renewal of interest in school track sports bring results. Interest has been low for years. "Track," says Jack Mulligan in the Boston press, "is one of the best sports on the scholastic curriculum and it would be gratifying to witness the return of the sport to public favor this year."

"Dolph" Eardley, Fredericton boy, whose marriage was reported in The Daily Mail yesterday, was a star runner on local tracks a few years ago and for the past four years he has exercised his considerable natural talent in this direction, on tracks in and about New York city. "Dolph" has earned an enviable reputation on metropolitan tracks and has often been jogmate to some of the leading runners on the continent, not to mention his close friendship with several of them, including Bonthron, Michelson and DeMar.

The Boston Braves' baseball club is in a plight. The Braves need an anchor, someone to own them. Only by prompt action by the National League leaders, headed by Ford Frick, which took over a 11-year lease on the Braves' Field, was tragedy averted along the big-time baseball trail. The National League leaders are now conspiring to find new ownership for the Braves. In this latter connection it is noted that Judge Emil Fuchs and Charles F. Adams, principal owners of the club, are willing to turn over their holdings at any time. The poor Braves!

The crowds that have turned out this winter so far for the York Co. Intermediate League games are not ones to give the club managers or the rink manager any smiles of happiness. In fact, so far as we can learn, the gates have been pretty poor. In a way it is regrettable. The only way to encourage junior or intermediate hockey and begot senior players, is to patronize at the gate. And of course, if the fans don't come the younger players are under just that much handicap. On the other hand it really is a difficult process to make the fan who has been used to watching the best in amateur hockey to switch suddenly and go "goo-goo" over the playing of the younger boys. They can't be expected to. And holding out the argument that it is their 'moral' duty to do so has got nothing to do with the facts. One glaring fact in the fans' indifference is probably that he hadn't any money. What the scientific remedy is, we don't know. But we'd like to. So, too, would the Arctic Rink management and the clubs of the York County League.

FRISCH FACES HARDEST TASK WINNING AGAIN

Repeating With Cardinals Would Put Him Among the Greats

Great championship baseball teams last for more than one season. He is a shrewd manager who rips out his weak spots and goes fighting on after he fails to repeat his championship victory. Those who stand pat fall by the wayside. The most recent example of a one-year team was the Washington Senators of two years ago. The ensemble fell apart during the struggle with the Giants in the fall of 1933 and last year slumped to seventh place.

Next season with that sturdy Boston American league team, Joe Cronin will have a chance to show whether he is a real manager or was just carted along to fame in the 1933 race.

Wise Money Wary

Wise money is not being wagered the Tigers will repeat. The sharps appear to believe that the Tigers were a one-year team who played over their heads with the help of Schoolboy Rowe and the spirited backstop work of their manager.

Cochrane is eager to repeat chiefly because it would prove to the baseball world that the Tigers had a really great team, and not a group clicking when better teams slumped.

Around the bars and grills where baseball was being warmed up last winter, there was a little doubt about the ability of Frank Frisch as a leader. Labelled a second John McGraw by the publicity provokers of the St. Louis club, Frisch started it out with the idea that the indifferent playing that marked the close of Gabby Street's regime in St. Louis would have to pass along with Gabby.

Frisch found it no easy task to lash the men. The players who like the easy going worried under the whip and when the season of 1933 closed Frisch's future as a manager was a bit uncertain. How he drove the Cards steadily forward in 1934 is recent history, but he certainly tried none of those vigorous methods that the late leader of the Giants used to employ. In fact, Frisch took each player's case differently. He spurred some of the men on and coaxed others. His chief problem was the Dean boys. Once he got the pair hustling for the flag, the Cardinals forged ahead to a pennant and the world championship.

Must Win Another Flag

Quite a difference from a year ago. Frisch has won his place among the successful managers in one season's operations. To prove the greatness of the St. Louis team he must lead the Red Birds to another flag and another world championship.

Frisch will have much new material in 1935, but the group who pushed aside all opposition last fall will be back in action.

The Deans will return to the firing line with more confidence than they ever had in their lives.

It would seem as though the St. Louis team ought to be a 4 to 1 bet to win, but the records of other world championship teams may not lead the odds-layers to such generous figures.

Old managers who have won big and little titles have said that the most difficult task a manager faces is to take a world championship team and push it through to another flag and Frisch will have to do that to stay with the list of great leaders of all time.

Canzoneri Wins!

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 31—Tony Canzoneri of New York, former world's lightweight champion, temporarily halted the title aspirations of Leo Rodak, Chicago youngster, in a bristling 10-round battle before 14,000 spectators in the Chicago Stadium tonight.

Cubs Sign Up Two Recruits

CHICAGO, Jan. 31—Carl Valcek, former University of Wisconsin pitcher, and Stanley Klores, a freshman at Northwestern University, were added to the Chicago Cubs' squad today.

Valcek, a Chicago youth, was a member of the Elmira club of the New York - Pennsylvania League part of last season. He obtained his release from Elmira, a St. Louis Cardinal subsidiary, when he decided to resume his law studies. He is a right-hander, 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighing 196 pounds.

Klores, from West Allis, Wis., is 18 years old, 6 feet tall and weighs 190 pounds. He was regarded as a certainty to play first base for the Wildcats next year, and also was ranked as the best end on last fall's freshman football squad. He bats and throws left-handed.

"Old Aleck" Seeks Managerial Berth

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 1—Grover Cleveland Alexander has applied for the berth of manager of the El Paso club in the Arizona-Texas League, when and if that loop is organized. At present it does not seem likely that the circuit will materialize. The former star pitcher of the National loop asserts he is in fine condition and can take his turn on the mound, as well as pilot the club. His wife is now in El Paso.

HOOF PRINTS

Remembering what happened when the owners of Protector, 1:59 1/4; Sturdy, 2:04 3/4, and Tara, 2:03 3/4, failed to keep them eligible to the Hambletonian Stake after buying them as yearlings for less than ten cents on the dollar as compared with their real value, Walter Cox recently planked down \$200 to make the second payment for next year's race on a yearling filly that cost him only \$225 at the last Old Glory sale.

Cox has three aspirants for winning honors in his training stable at Goshen. One of them cost \$3,700 but the Orange County snowbirds say Lady Christine makes the sleigh-bells jingle a little louder than any of them when he clucks to her for speed on the snow-path.

She is a daughter of Tillsworthy, 2:11, and Crystal Light, by Walnut Hill, 2:08 3/4, not exactly the tip of fashion in point of breeding, but the lightning sometimes strikes in seemingly strange places.

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Notwithstanding the absence of Chatham and Avon from the Bay State Circuit of 1935, there will be more harness racing than last year if present plans are carried out. These call for two weeks of it at Windsor, Conn., following the opening meeting at Goshen late in June, with 4 weeks at Sturbridge, Mass., to lead up to the arrival of the Grand Circuit cavalcade in Salem or Boston.

Two independent meetings preceding Goshen are talked about for the half-mile tracks at Orangeburgh, N.Y., and Riverdale, N. J., the latter being a new one built by Joseph F. O'Shea, owner of last season's winning two-year-old trotter, Snowdown, 2:11 1/2.

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Marysville Lost, But Fought Hard

Defensive Slips Costly To Losers as Cubs Trim Them 4-2 Last Night—Cottontowners Display Best Performance of Season—Goodine Nets Two for Winners.

IF it hadn't been for a few slips by the Marysville Maple Leafs' defence last night they might have given the league-leading Cubs a trouncing. As it was the Cottontowners gave one of their best performances of the season but dropped a 4-2 decision to the Cubs in a York County Intermediate League fixture at the Arctic Rink last night. In a temperature of 18 below zero only a small crowd watched the game which saw the Cubs add to their league lead.

The Cubs, through Pickard, Mills and Goodine, rammed in a trio of goals within 18 minutes after the game started and thereby hangs a tale, for at least two of these goals were scored on costly miscues by the Maple Leafs' outer defence of Minue-Chalmers-Dinsmore. The Cub scorers went through unmolested and "Pud" Fradsham, the goalie, didn't have a chance to save. It was tough on both Fradsham and Marysville, for the former had an "on" night, and had Minue and Dinsmore paid sharper attention to defensive work and less to their furious rushing sallies down the ice—both did fine jobs offensively—the Maple Leafs might have easily turned defeat into victory. Similarly the Cubs tallied their final and decisive goal in the last period, for Fradsham was left practically unprotected by his rearguard when J. Keenan rushed in and dumped one at the Marysville goalie, who saved, but was unable to clear away in time to keep the huge Goodine from netting his second tally of the evening's play.

Outplayed Cubs

Apart from these defensive omissions the Marysville offensive, particularly the Hainig-Cameron-McIntyre line, almost outdid the more experienced Cub forwards and in the second period actually did outplay them. But it was pretty difficult to overcome the count of the first period, which stood 3-1 in favor of the Cubs. And though the Maple Leafs plugged away under the smart generalship of Doug Cameron, the tireless work of Billy McIntyre, and the occasional effective flurries of Chalmers, they never quite reached their objective. The nearest they got to it was the 3-2 score early in the third period but Goodine's second goal, coming after 15 minutes of the final period decided the issue for certain. The second period was scoreless, with Marysville forcing the play and the Cubs only being saved by the smart work of Cliff Young in the nets.

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Young's ability to get rid of the puck still has "something" on the other goalers in the loop even though Fradsham's performance in the Maple Leafs' net was quite on a par last night.

Young Starred

The Cubs' victory was due in no small part to Young's net-minding and the alert work of Goodine and Pickard; also the steady performances of Jackie Keenan, Doug Mills and the elusive Bud Steen. Gus McLennahan's consistent strength on the wing was missed last night, he being absent. Brud Beatty, who filled out the second forward line, was surprisingly effective, though he hasn't played a wing position very regularly.

Marysville chose to use Eddie Dinsmore and Percy Minue alternately on defence with Bob Chalmers. Somehow it didn't turn out, for it seemed that both were in the thick of the fight most of the time. Ordinarily Dinsmore's and Minue's play would have been considered highly effective but not as it turned out last evening. The better plan would have been to keep Minue back at defence with Chalmers where he is cooler and steadier under fire. Minue tends to let his feelings get the better of him when up in the front line ranks, as was evidenced in the closing minutes of the game when he deliberately threw his stick in an attempt to avert a goal, being penalized, of course, by Referee Wade. A defence such as Chalmers and Minue put up in previous games would surely have spelled a win for Marysville at the Arctic Rink last night.

The Summary:

Following are the line-ups and summary:

Cubs—Goal, Young; defence Goodine and Pickard; forwards, Lifford, McDonald, Keenan, Mills, Steen and Beatty.

Marysville—Goal, Fradsham; defence, Minue, Dinsmore, Chalmers; forwards, Haining, Cameron, McIntyre, Miller, Fallon, J. Wade.

First Period—Cubs Pickard, 6 min.; Cubs, Mills, 7 min.; Cubs, Goodine (Steen), 18 min.; Marysville, P. Minue, 19 min. Penalties—McDonald, McIntyre and Dinsmore.

Second Period—No score. Penalties, Pickard.

Third Period—Marysville, Cameron, 9 min.; Cubs, Goodine (Keenan), 15 min. Penalties—Pickard, Beatty, Minue (2).

Referee—Edgar Wade.

THOUGHTS OF A GOALTENDER

Doug Cameron, the speedy center ice player of the Marysville Maple Leafs was right on and he is one of the offensive sparkplugs.

Club Must Raise \$4,000 To Stay

ELMIRA, N. Y., Jan. 31—Perry B. Farrell, president of the N. Y. - Pennsylvania Baseball League, today gave fans in this city until next Thursday to raise \$4000 needed to take over the franchise turned back several weeks ago by the St. Louis Cardinals.

If, at the expiration of that time, the sum is not raised, the franchise will be turned over to some other city, Farrell said. In a meeting with officials of the Association of Commerce yesterday he explained that \$4,000 would enable the team to take the field next spring and provide for the installation of flood-light equipment for nine games.

A committee of eight business men, headed by Mayor Harry W. Honan, will try to raise the required amount.

DEMPSEY WAS TURNED DOWN BY N. Y. COMMISSION

NEW YORK, Feb. 1—Jack Dempsey was turned down as referee of the Art-Lasky-James' J. Braddock heavyweight fight by the New York State Athletic Commission today. Commissioners Brown and Phelan spurned the suggestion on the ground Dempsey would not make himself available for regular assignments with other members of the staff.

The Dempsey appointment for tonight was sought by Madison Square Garden in an effort to curb an epidemic of recent unpopular decisions.

Much acrimony was exhibited at the meeting, Kilpatrick informing Brown that the commission's rules were too involved and its officials were incompetent. Brown's reply was that the officials were "at least as good as the bouts put on at Madison Square Garden."

Fradsham's performance in the Leafs' net and Young's in the Cubs were features of the contest.

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Pickard and Beatty served penalties for roughing up Dinsmore, the referee deciding that the former's check was not quite legitimate and Beatty roughed the chunky one to the boards.

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"Bud" Steen was one of the most effective of the Cubs forwards but Bruce McDonald and Bill Lifford were not up to their usual good form.

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