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On the Sidelines

The feature of the Minto-Devon York County League baseball game last night was, of course, the fact that it was the occasion of Minto's inaugural appearance in a York County baseball loop. Minto has never—at least for a long number of years—been in a York County League. This year mainly through the constant efforts of A. D. Taylor, the Sunbury County member, Minto is fulfilling a long-sought ambition to be in a York County League. From their appearance last night the Minto players are likely to find favor with the fans in this part of the county, who are more or less tired of seeing same old faces. Of course the fans recognized Charlie Nichols and George Arnold, former Fredericton and Marysville players, and they had seen McGovern, Trainer, and the Saint John boys before also. There are several Minto-pures who don't look half bad.

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Fredericton's first venture in the loop will be against Minto on Thursday. Earl Gorman's team, which is a mixture of juniors and seniors will journey to the coal town late in the afternoon, playing at six o'clock.

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Barney Ross and Jimmy McLarnin meet tonight in another welterweight clash. The bout promises to be one of the biggest gate attractions over a period of months, since the two always put on a grand show. The last time this pair met the net receipts amounted to \$200,000.00. McLarnin, the defending welterweight champion, has participated in seventy-one bouts since he began his fist career in 1923 and he has been beaten in only eight of them. Barney Ross, the challenger, has fought fifty-nine times and has lost three by decisions and has fought to three draws. Neither scrapper has ever been knocked out. The bout will be fought in the Polo Grounds and commences at ten o'clock.

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Jimmy Boyne, the Fredericton scrapper, meets K. O. Dennis in Bangor, Me., tonight. On the same card is Al McCoy, meeting Hunk Anderson in the main bout.

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According to one of the Moncton Millionaire hockey star, has returned from England, where he has been playing hockey since last October. Joey Beaton, of New Glasgow, who was with MacArthur, also has returned to his home.

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The feat of knocking out three home-runs on the same day by Babe Ruth shows that there is still a spark of that former dynamite left in the old boy's shoulders and legs. Of course it might have been the last mighty effort of a mighty monarch.

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Bill Laskey tells us that everything is in readiness for the N. B. Amateur boxing championships occurring on Friday night at Saint John. Fredericton is sending Ken Corbett, light heavy; Ron Laskey, middleweight; Alex McLeod, welterweight; Cecil Covey, lightweight, and Dallas Laskey, 15-year-old flyweight to the bouts. Many from here plan to see the bouts.

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CONNIE MACK'S VIEWS ON MAJOR LOOPS' SEASON

"No Outstanding Team In American Circuit," Says — Connie In Baseball 49 Years.

Chicago, May 25.—When Cornelius McGillicuddy speaks about baseball, he knows what he is talking about. He has spent forty-nine of his seventy-two years in the game, forty-one of them as a manager. Under his abbreviated name of Connie Mack, he has managed the Philadelphia Athletics for thirty-four years.

Connie Mack says:
1. "I don't see any outstanding club in the American League."
2. "Nobody is a better catcher than Jimmy Foxx."

3. "The Athletics would win the pennant easily if they had the 1929 pitching staff of Grove, Earnshaw, Waberg and Rommel."

4. "One of the best things that has happened to the American League in a long time is the comeback of the Chicago White Sox."

The tall, thin leader of the Athletics is highly enthused about his own team, despite the fact that it has won only five of eighteen games and is in the cellar.

"I like this team," says Mack. I think it has wonderful possibilities. We were slow in starting because of injuries to some of our best men. We have almost our full strength now, and our success from now on is up to our pitching staff.

"It's not a bad pitching staff. We have six men who have all the qualifications of good pitchers. It is all up to them. They have the speed and curves. I'm going to be disappointed if they don't show something before the year is over. The men I refer to are Cain, Dietrich, Benton, Marcum, Cascarella and Wilshire."

"There's no outstanding team in the league like the one I had in 1929-30-31, the Yankees of 1926-27-28, or Washington in 1924-25. Pretty near any one of the eight clubs could win the pennant with the right sort of breaks. The league is better balanced than in years. Cleveland seems to have the best fortified team, but I don't say they'll win."

Has the transfer of Foxx behind the plate been a success?

"Putting Foxx behind the bat plugged the weakspot in our team," he replied. "Foxx is one of the best players in the game at any position. When I moved him behind the plate, that left first base open, but Phinney has been playing a whale of a game there and hitting well. Yes, Foxx has justified my judgement in making a catcher out of him."

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Devon Trims Minto, York Opener

Score 3 to 2 as "Johns" Keene Pitches Brainy Ball For Winners — Nichols Weakened In Sixth — Visitors Show Many New Faces To York County League Fans.

The York County baseball league opened for 1935 in Devon last evening, featuring a victory for Devon 3 to 2 over Minto, a brainy pitching performance by the Devon hurler, "Johns" Keene, and a parade of new faces to the local baseball fans.

Minto, the new club in the four-team loop, jumped into a commanding lead in the early innings last night holding a two-run lead until the sixth by virtue of "Chawlie" Nichols' fast ball which breezed past eleven hitters. In the meantime "Johns" Keene was plugging along "chucking" up slow ones and fast ones, passing one here and one there—mixing them with a craftiness good to look at. The fans had practically conceded the game to Nichols and the Mintoites by the time the last half of the sixth rolled around.

Things Happened

Then things began to happen. "Si" Howell cracked a single and went to third on an error and a bad throw. "Big" Lawrence picked one of Nichols' slower ones, and nailed it for two bags, scoring Howell. Guy Miles corked one. In the meantime Ev Staples got on by an error and scored on Miles' bingle. When the proverbial smoke cleared Devon had three runs chalked up on the scoreboard. The scene had changed like lightning.

In the first of the seventh Minto threatened but Keene was like the rock of Gibraltar. Probably the veteran hurler never pitched a better game for the earliness of the season. He worked his fast one and his slow one to a nicety. With two men on, one by an error, he craftily passed. McGovern, who previously had hit two to the fence in right field, and then forced George Arnold to fly out to Miles for the final out. With the bases loaded and Devon only one precarious run to the good, Keene was steady as granite. It was one of the neatest pieces of hurling seen here in some time and actually shaded the showier performance of Nichols. The latter, however, also pitched good ball and but weakness in the sixth was practically unbeatable. Nichols' fast ball and outdrop were unhittable in the early frames and Devon appeared helpless and beaten until the eventual sixth.

Keystone Mixup

Ev Staples and "Si" Howell were having some difficulty around the keystone sack and got their pitcher into some bad situations several times. Staples was particularly off, and made five errors.

A large crowd, many from Minto, attended the game, and must have been well satisfied with the brand of baseball played. The game sparkled with some good individual plays. "Bib" Lawrence, playing right field, pulled one of McGovern's sailing drives right off the fence. Guy Miles made several difficult putouts and "Si" Howell made one beautiful stab forcing a man at second, and Kiley's catching performance for Minto was a fine display of backstopping.

The only extra base hits were McGovern's three-base joust to right, and Lawrence's ringing double, the latter coming opportunely in Devon's rousing sixth inning. Minto had eight men left on the paths, Devon only four.

Five New Faces

Of the new Minto team three are from Saint John—Kiley, McGovern, and Titus. George Arnold who played second is a former Marysville player, and Nichols learning his pitching prowess in Fredericton. The rest of

the team are fondlings of the coal mines, and a promising group they turned out to be.

Devon had "Cliff" Young at first base, Fredericton having waived his services. Young McIntyre played third base for Devon, behaving well in the field although a bit unripe at the bat. The lineups and summary follows:

Minto										
	ab	r	h	pc	a	e				
Kiley c.	3	0	0	10	1	1				
Melanson, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	1				
x McDonald	1	0	0	0	0	0				
McGovern, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0				
Arnold, 2b	4	0	0	1	0	0				
Lunney, lf.	3	1	1	1	0	0				
Wade, ss.	3	0	1	1	0	1				
Leger, 1b	3	0	0	5	0	0				
Nightingale, rf.	2	0	0	0	0	0				
xx Titus	1	0	1	0	0	0				
Nichols, p.	3	0	1	0	3	0				
Totals	29	2	5	18	4	3				

Devon										
	ab	r	h	pc	a	e				
J. Watson, cf.	3	0	1	1	0	0				
Howell, ss.	3	1	2	1	5	0				
E. Staples, 2b.	3	1	0	3	1	5				
Young, 1b.	2	0	0	7	0	0				
E. Lawrence, rf.	3	1	1	1	1	0				
G. Miles, lf.	3	0	1	3	0	0				
McIntyre, 3b.	3	0	0	1	1	0				
Balley	2	0	0	4	0	0				
Keene, p.	2	0	0	0	4	0				
Totals	24	3	5	21	12	5				

x—Batted for Melanson in 7th inning.
xx—Batted for Nightingale in 7th inning.

Score by Innings:
Minto 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2
Devon 0 0 0 0 0 3 x—3

Summary: Three-base hit, McGovern. Two-base hit, Lawrence. Struck out, by Keene, 3; by Nichols, 11. Bases on balls, off Keene, 2; off Nichols, 1. Wild pitches, Keene, Nichols. Left on bases, Minto, 8; Devon, 4. Time of game 1.30. Umpires, Earle McPherson and "Knucker" Irvine.

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Wrecks Car In Speed Test

Indianapolis, May 27 — Merrill (Doc) Williams, race pilot of Anderson, Ind., wrecked his car while making a test run at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway today in preparation for the 500-mile race qualification trials. Williams suffered a fractured ankle.

Williams was riding alone. His car hit the upper retaining wall, caromed off and hit the lower wall. It was smashed beyond repair.

The accident occurred near the place where William H. Stubblefield, Los Angeles pilot, and his mechanic, Leo Whitaker, were killed last Tuesday.

HORNSBY IS BUSINESS MAN!

Washington, May 27. Rogers Hornsby thinks his latest deals in baseball talent ought merely to be listed as good business for the St. Louis Browns.

As for his sale of Louis (Buck) Newsom, fast ball pitcher, to the Washington Senators, he said today that it was merely a case of being unable to resist an "enormous offer."

His other trade, involving exchange of Pitcher George F. Blaholder to the Philadelphia Athletics for Merritt (Sugar) Cain, pitcher, and Ed Coleman, utility outfielder, he called a "good deal."

"Newsom is a good pitcher, but he only cost me \$7,500," Hornsby said, "and I'd used him for two years. When this offer from the Senators came along I couldn't resist it. It was enormous, somewhere between \$50,000 and \$60,000."

Hornsby said he figured that two youngsters such as Cain and Coleman were a bigger asset than Blaholder.

"I'm going to use Coleman in the outfield and Cain in the box whenever I can," he said. "We got a good deal there, in particular with Coleman. He ought to help us out quite a bit. I think Cain is going to develop, too."

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HELEN WILLS MOODY SEEN AS SLIPPING

Experts Don't Expect Ex-Queen To Regain Her Place In The Sun Sails For Old Country

New York, May 25.—Whatever may be the opinion of Americans, the British are not velling their belief that Mrs. Helen Wills Moody is destined never again to appear on the court at Wimbledon. They mildly infer that Californians, in frequently relating the physical improvement of the former queen of the tennis courts, are making the wish father to the thought.

As all close followers of American tennis are aware, the coming younger players all were pressing the girl who ruled as Queen Helen closely when she made her forlorn and dramatic stand against the relentless chop drives of Helen Jacobs at Forest Hills. The British point out that Queen Helen was beginning to waver at Wimbledon. Opponents were beginning to wreck her pet weapon, the terrific forehand drive, with which she had laid low so many in her years of supremacy. Miss Dorothy Round came near to conquering Mrs. Moody in the last match.

Americans in the inner official circle curiously dismiss the discussion as to whether Mrs. Moody will return to competition with the brief statement: "She's through."

New Talent Formidable.
Throughout the tennis world it is freely acknowledged that in recent years the women's game, with its speed and hard hitting, has come along much more rapidly than that of the men. In place of there being one woman player standing head and shoulders above all others—as it was in the glorious days of Miss May Sutton, Miss Suzanne Lenglen and Miss Molla Bjurstedt—there are now six or eight women all in the top flight. As the British see it, the time of a long reign for any woman as queen of the courts is at an end.

"Mrs. Wills-Moody's decision that it would not be wise for her to re-enter international competition this season has not occasioned much surprise in tennis circles," one of the British officials informs the writer from London. "After an interval of eighteen months away from the game she will naturally require extended practice if she is to regain her former position in the game."

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