



SPORT



JESS HAINES IS ON COMEBACK TRAIL AT 41

Big Knuckle Ball Star of Other Years is a Great Influence on His Team-mates.

Some of the late developments in big league ranks are not spotlight features, but fans who have followed the fortunes of the Cardinals since they were purchased by Sam Breadon about sixteen or seventeen years ago will be glad to learn that the bulk of the Deans and other conspicuous performers has not forced old Jess Haines off the bench.

Some six years ago, when Haines began to show his 35 years, it was announced by the St. Louis club owners that he could stay on the club roster as long as he thought he could pitch.

Those who had noted the long parade of players from the Card park were inclined to doubt that the club had that much sentiment in its business dealings. The signing of Haines, a veteran, 41 years old, to a contract the other day, however, proves that there is heart in the front office of the famous baseball chain store.

Haines frankly told the club owners that he thought he could pitch every fifth or sixth day and win most of the games and that assurance was enough for Breadon and Rickey, who have come to regard Haines as the corner-stone of the fortune they have built up in baseball.

It was back in 1919 that the St. Louis club officials called the stockholders together and announced that they were going to put up \$11,000 for a recruit with a smoking fast ball who was operating at Kansas City. That was a lot of money, the stockholders said, with the way baseball was hanging on the ropes. However, it was decided to take the plunge.

First Big Spending

It was the first big spending spree the club undertook. The youngster was Jess Haines, who is now training with the Cards for his sixteenth season. No finer baseball character ever came up than this man, who now can pitch only every five or six days. His demeanor has been a source of consolation to the club owners. The team began to improve with Haines' arrival. After trying to rifle his fast ball against the great hitters of those days Jess fell back on something with a little deception. He experimented with the knuckle ball.

Game after game he hurled for the Cards with his knuckles bleeding from contact with the stitches on the ball, but he persevered, and in the years that followed he played a prominent part in the successful campaigns of the Cardinal teams.

It was just ten years ago that Jess Haines' knuckle ball began to annoy batsmen, and for five years he enjoyed a high standing in the victory column. His best work was in 1927, when he won 24 games and lost 10.

For the long list of St. Louis managers Haines has given his best, and if it is true that his arm is almost as good as ever, National League fans will be elated to see the veteran hurrying into a picture pretty well crowded by the Dean brothers.

TROJANS WERE ELIMINATED AT MONTREAL

Hopes For Canadian Senior Basketball Title Go Smash When Notre Dame de Grace Team Opened Up.

MONTREAL, April 14 — Saint John's hopes for the Canadian senior basketball title were ended for the season tonight. The Trojans Maritime champions, were defeated 41-30 here Saturday night by Notre Dame de Grace Community Association of Montreal who left immediately after the game for Windsor, Ontario for the Eastern Canada final.

Notre Dame de Grace, Quebec champions and conquerors of the Ottawa Valley titleholders, will clash with the crack five of Assumption College in Windsor tomorrow and Tuesday and if necessary Wednesday for the Eastern Canada honors.

The series will be a best-two-out-of-three contest with the winners moving westward to meet the Western Canada champions.

Trojans bowled out of the picture by a total score of 86-62 as they lost the first game of the round Friday night by the count of 45-42.

While the Montreals took the round by a 24-point margin they were closely pressed by the New Brunswick outfit in the first half of last night's game.

Trojans Take Lead

The Trojans stormed in on the Notre Dame de Grace basket in the first half with shifty attacks which left the Montreals flat-footed. In the meantime they kept the Quebec and Ottawa Valley champions' sharpshooters bottled up by powerful close-checking.

N.D.G. were held scoreless for six minutes and in the middle of the period the Maritimers had an eight-point advantage although they were down five points on the round. The Montreal outfit, however, pulled up in the latter part of the half and reduced the Trojans' lead to four points when the half-time whistle blew with the score 18-14 for the Maritimers.

SEEDING STARTS IN THE WEST

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WINNIPEG, Man., April 13—First reports of seeding in Manitoba were received in Winnipeg today by T. S. Acheson, General Agricultural agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway from Killarney in the southwest of the province. Farmers according to the report, have been on the land for some days and the first seed is already in the ground.

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Gus Sonnenberg To Wrestle Dusek

Dynamite Gus Sonnenberg started work last week for Rowdy Dusek who will clash with Gus in the feature show next Wednesday night at the Boston arena.

Sonnenberg asked for the roughest and toughest when he returned here and he's getting it. He'll meet in Rudy Dusek the most stubborn mat man in the country, and Gus can feel confident that he's reached the top again if he beats Dusek in their two out of three falls match.

BAER BESIEGED ON ALL SIDES FOR RING BATTLES

A Four-Round Bout Between the Champion and Joe Louis Planned by Chicago Promoters.

CHICAGO, April 15—Discussion of the complicated question of when, where and with whom Max Baer will defend his word heavyweight championship, proceeded today—but with no special prospect that it would be solved right away.

Most of the bidding and counter-bidding was being done by the Twentieth Century Sporting Club of New York, a recently formed organization, and the Chicago Stadium—but New York's Madison Square Garden apparently held the ace of trumps.

The Garden has Baer tied up at least until the end of June, and the champion's manager, Ancil Hoffman, says he can't make any dates for fights until the Garden contract is fulfilled. The Garden, however, so far has not been able to get a suitable opponent for a title bout with Baer.

The Chicago promoters, Jim Mullen and Nate Lewis, appear more concerned with the immediate future than with championship bouts later in the year. However, one of their latest proposals—a four-round exhibition between Baer and Joe Louis, the Detroit negro sensation, might interfere with the Twentieth Century Club's plans.

Mike Jacobs, matchmaker for the latter group, announced from New York last night that he had reached an agreement with Homer for a meeting next September between Baer and the winner of the Primo Carnera-Joe Louis battle. A four-rounder between the champion and the negro star might or might not do the Twentieth Century Club's plans, if they go through, some good.

Hoffman said Jacob's announcement was not "exactly true" again citing the contract with Madison Square Garden. However, he said he was interested in the proposition if it could be arranged. At the same time, he had not definitely turned down the Chicago Stadium's four-round exhibition offer. The Stadium would stage the exhibition April 15, but prefers a 10-round non-title match April 12, if a suitable opponent can be rounded up.

Joe Jacobs, manager of former champion Max Schmeling, also had dealt himself a hand. He is after a championship bout for the German, to be held in Chicago next June. Hoffman answered that one with the Madison Square Garden contract obstacle.

The New York end of the problem showed signs of clearing up when Mike Jacobs said he would be willing to "loan" James J. Braddock, the New York State Athletic Commission's No. 1 contender, who is under contract to the Twentieth Century Club, to the Garden for a championship bout. The "loan" however, would be made only with the understanding that Braddock should he win the title, be handed back to the Twentieth Century Club for a return bout with Baer in September.

FARM LIFE HAS PUT GENE SARAZEN IN SHAPE AGAIN

Great Golfer Attributes His Comeback to Quiet Life of the Farm—No More Night Life.

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 15—Gene Sarazen has found a new secret for golfing success, and for proof he can point to his sensational triumph in the Augusta National Golf Club's second annual invitation tournament.

Gene attributes the recovery of winning form after a lapse of nearly two years to the fact he has exchanged the social demands of city life and world travelling for the tranquillity of a farm in East Brookfield, Conn.

He has substituted the habit of rising early for the temptations of metropolitan night life.

He says he never felt in better condition, and he's confident his victory means the launching of another big season.

"I never hit the ball better in my life," said Sarazen. "I had some good luck, maybe more than my share, on that double-eagle Sunday afternoon, but I feel more confident of my shots than at any time since I won the British and American open championships in 1932."

"I'm going right back to the farm to keep in shape. I'll be up with the roosters every morning from now on, running a mile before breakfast to improve my endurance."

Those who stayed to the finish of the battle of Augusta to see Sarazen conquer Blonde Craig Wood, of Deal, N. J., by five strokes in their 36-hole play-off, 144 to 149, are convinced Sarazen is right. In six rounds of tournament play he was six under par.

In practice beforehand he was 17 under par for four rounds. His shot-making was machine-like in its accuracy and consistency.

His million-to-one shot, the deuce on the par five 485-yard 15th hole, made it possible to tie Wood at 282 over the regulation distance.

Needs Confidence

The professional fireworks overshadowed the fact that the renowned Robert T. Jones, Jr., not only failed to make a comeback in his second competitive attempt, but finished lower than he did in the first battle of Augusta.

Jones was in a tie for 25th place with a 72-hole total of 297.

Yet he added to the drama by firing a 33 for the outgoing nine Saturday, and he demonstrated that all he needs is more confidence on the putting greens to make it interesting again for his professional rivals. He will play again next spring.

"Naturally, I would like to turn in some better scores than I've done here so far," said Jones, "but I haven't the time or the urge for a real comeback. I'm through with big-time competition. It would take me a year, playing steadily in fast company, to regain anything like tournament confidence. When I get down in two putts now from 10 feet I'm tickled to death."

Jones has bade the Augusta tournament, but the course he helped design seems likely to become an American golfing Mecca.

It is unquestionably a great as well as a beautifully constructed layout, attractive alike to the duffer and the expert. It may, in time, set a new style in golfing course building.

In any event, the annual invitation affair within two years has gained as much general interest as a national open championship.

Besides giving Sarazen the springboard for a comeback, the tournament

Baer, weighing 220 pounds, is getting down to business to prepare himself for a proposed exhibition tour through the Middle West.

Drivers Prepare For Auto Grind

INDIANAPOLIS, April 15—Phil "Red" Shafer, who has driven over 3,000 miles in competition here in the big annual grind is increasing his team to three.

Al Miller drove one of his entries into sixth place last year and Shafer carried his pet car 275 miles before developing mechanical trouble.

Mauri Rose, second finisher last year, is casting longing eyes at the fast four-wheel drive car which Frank Brisko kept well in the front in the early stages of the 1934 race and probably will be its driver.

WOLVES FACE YOUTHS IN ALLAN CUP FINALS

HALIFAX, April 14—Youth will be matched with experience tomorrow night when Port Arthur bearcats face Halifax Wolverines in the opening encounter of the Allan Cup finals.

The Western champions, a home-brew hockey team with three youngsters just up from the junior ranks, average only 23 years of age. Struggling to keep them from taking the silverware out of the East will be a pack of veterans averaging 26 and collected over the country from South Porcupine, Ont., to New Glasgow, N. S.

But even after seeing the Wolverines take the Eastern title Friday with a bone-crushing 7-2 victory over Montreal Royals, Coach Albert Pudas says his Bearcats have a 50-50 chance for the Canadian championship. The Westerners are all in "perfect condition" and can match the Wolves' speed, he declares.

WASHINGTON, April 13—Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States Treasury, denied today to the House Inter-State Commerce Committee that he had used the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund for buying public utilities securities.

emphasized the stature of William Lawson Little, Jr., as the nation's outstanding amateur. Little equalled par for his four rounds with 288 and finished sixth in a great field of professionals, only six strokes behind the leaders.

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BARNEY ROSS AND AMBERS TO FIGHT MAY 29

Battle of Lightweights Looked Upon as Best Attraction of the Early Summer.

NEW YORK, April 15—Barney Ross will defend his lightweight championship against Challenger Lou Ambers at the Polo Ground on May 29.

The flashy Chicagoan, who has kept his precious bauble in cold storage since he whipped Tony Canzoneri 22 months ago, will attempt to dispose of the Herkimer Hurricane before he faces Jimmy McLarnin in their third welterweight title tilt.

Barney's easy victory over Henry Woods in Seattle Tuesday evening convinced the champion that he can still make the 135-pound mark. He had some doubts about this, but they were dispelled when he tipped the beam at 136½ for Woods in an over-the-weight match.

Maestro Mike Jacobs, who will promote the Ross Ambers joust, which figures to draw \$250,000, huddled yesterday with Al Weill, manager of Ambers, who is eager to pit his pugilist against Barney.

Two weeks ago, at the Joe Louis-Natey Brown fight in Detroit, Don Miguel obtained the services of Ross through Barney's pilot, Sly Sam Pian. Jacobs, the Garden's headache, will fly to Chicago tomorrow to iron out the remaining details of this joust.

Mike, the mad moujik, expects to sign either Canzoneri or Frankie Klick against Cleto Locatelli, the European lightweight ruler, as a supporting slugfest to the Ross-Ambers brawl. The winner of this curtain-riser will get a shot at the 135-pound title within sixty days, according to the plans of Jacobs.

If Canzoneri develops temperament, and it is likely that he may, and refuses to fight the foreigner, the clouting Klick figures to hand the Cleto a thorough pasting. His style of socking should give Frankie an admirable chance of defeating Ambers—if and when they meet.

James Jackanapes Johnston and Col. John R. Kilpatrick denied that the Garden intends to fire them, yesterday. After a recent secret session of the Haunted House's executive committee, it was reported that the Brains of Eighth Avenue had agreed to scrap their futile boxing department.

If this decision was made, the proposition will be submitted to a vote at the next meeting of the Garden's board of directors.

WASHINGTON, April 13—The United States Senate today passed the Administration Bill increasing by \$1,750,000,000 the bond issuing authority of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation to aid distressed home owners.

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