



# SPORT



## On the Sidelines

The Rangers and Canadiens will meet at New York on March 24 and at Montreal on March 26 in the N. H. L. playoffs for third place teams, it is announced.

The curtain will drop on hockey in New York City on April 6. After that date the Garden will not be available for the ice sport until late in the fall. If the series with the Maple Leafs extends to five games—April 4 and 6 will be the dates of the two games of the Stanley Cup series in Boston.

There is the stray bit of baseball chatter along the street corners these days and the latest anent a York County League is that Minto will be in a league with Marysville, Devon and Fredericton—to make a four-team circuit.

Charlie Porteous, veteran hockey referee, who has seen them all play hockey, claims that Babe Dye, the old St. Pats' star, had a faster shot than Charlie Conacher, but not so much variety to his drives.

Several members of the international Olympic committee said that unrest in Europe would not interfere with the 1936 Olympic Games to be held at Berlin unless it developed into another general European war. General Charles Sherill, United States Olympic committee man, will leave Paris for Rome to discuss the situation with the Italian committee, but was among the most optimistic.

"As long as youth is more interested in sport than in war, nothing except war itself can interfere with games," he said. "The games may do more toward bringing the nations together than all the statesmen have done so far."

Jimmy McCaffrey, of Montreal, predicts that the Royals will be a pretty tough team to knock off in the Allan Cup playdowns if they get past St. Jerome. "Why we almost beat Hamilton, with an ordinary team last year," said McCaffrey, "and they had a better team, I figure, than this year with Blake and Farrell and Marsh and the like. Hamilton beat the Torontos five times this season, so the Torontos can't be as strong as they are cracked up to be. McCaffrey, figuring the ability of the Ottawa players and members of the Halifax Wolverines, doesn't think the Maritime team will worry the Royals, if the local team gets past Toronto. "Make no mistake about it, these Royals are tough," he concludes.

The C.A.H.A. has asked for a check-up on the length of sticks used by players. They must not be over 54 inches from top of handle to heel of blade. Referees for the Moncton vs. Ottawa Rideaus junior series at Ottawa tonight and Saturday are Mallinson and Moore of Montreal. For the O.H.A. Senior vs. Ottawa District Allan Cup series at Ottawa on March 25 and Toronto March 27 Sauve and Moore have been named.

A dude ranch in western Wyoming has honored Buck Rogers by naming the place the Buck Rogers Ranch!

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## PICKS GREAT BRITAIN TO KEEP DAVIS CUP

Jean Borotra, the Great French Tennis Star, Makes Prophecies For Approaching Season.

PARIS, March 21—Great Britain will retain the Davis Cup if Fred Perry has not joined the pro ranks by July, when the challenge round should bring together the defender and the Australians, Jean Borotra predicts.

"The British and Australian teams are on a par," Borotra said. "But the British will win because they will go into the fray fresh while the Australians will be fatigued after fighting their way through the eliminations, which will be one of the toughest in years."

The Basque dismissed the chances of the United States, "whose team is composed of untried youngsters" and his own countrymen, whom he thinks will be eliminated in the first round by the Australians.

Borotra declared that he would be a member of the French Davis Cup team. He and "Toto" Brugnon, the two remaining members of the original Four Musketeers, who brought the cup to France and kept it there for six consecutive years, will carry the doubles burden once again.

### Other Members

Christian Boususs, frail left-hander, and Andre Merlin, who is now recovering from an injured leg, will represent France in the singles. Marcel Bernard, promising left-hander, will be on the squad and will play if Merlin has not recovered in time.

Borotra, who has always been a great favorite in the United States, said that he had hoped until the very last moment to participate in the current United States indoor championships but that "business came first."

Turning to the subject of pro tennis, Borotra was of the opinion that the tension between the monied players and the simon pures was slowly being slackened and that some time "in the far future" he saw the possibility of an open tourney along the lines of those held at the present time in golf.

"I don't think that any further concessions should be made to the amateurs, however," he said. "Either an athlete is an amateur or a pro. Perry should not be permitted to act in the films and still retain his amateur status."

### French Opposed

"The French Federation, of which I am vice-president, will oppose it. As the motion requires a two-thirds majority, I don't see how it will pass the international body."

Asked to pick the best tennis players he ever saw in action, Borotra named without hesitation, Bill Tilden, Norman Brookes, Henri Cochet and Rene Lacoste. These four, he said, were about equal with no preference to be shown.

He deliberately left Ellsworth Vines of California out of the list.

"Vines may eventually take his place among the greatest stars of all time," he said, "but he is still young and hasn't had the time to establish his right to that claim. He has the best service I have ever seen and the execution of his strokes is marvellous. He must still show improvement in his ability as a fighter before I will place him in my list of the really great."

An inquisitive friend asked Roxy's four-year-old nephew what his famous uncle is doing on the air. "He's eating music," said the youngster. "Eating music?" the astonished visitor replied. "Yes, sir," the little boy insisted. "I heard him say, 'Gosh! These notes are sour!'"

## Just As Easy To Score As To Keep 'Em Out

LONDON, Eng., March 21—Soccer goalkeepers can score goals. F. Moss, the Arsenal custodian, proved it today at Everton when the Gunners gained a 20 victory and retained their leadership of the English League.

Moss injured his shoulder while keeping goal and went to outside left. In a drive on the Everton defense the erstwhile goalie closed in and gave Sagar no chance with a regular piledriver. The deputizing outside left received a tremendous ovation from the crowd and a friendly mobbing by his colleagues. Drake had previously opened the scoring for Arsenal.

## COAST LEAGUE MOUNDSMEN ARE IN DEMAND

NEW YORK, Mar. 21—Encouraged by the success of the Phillies in drawing out of the Pacific Coast League Curt Davis, the best first year pitcher of 1934 in the opinion of many veteran ball players, other clubs have obtained the services of mound mechanics who have had several years of schooling under the warm summer sun of the California circuit.

The Athletics put in a draft for Lieber, the husky pitcher, who has a baffling skinner, and Connie Mack considers he made a ten strike in this move. The Reds grabbed Le Roy Hermann after the Cubs lost title to the big right-hander.

Rogers Hornsby also took from the same circuit Fay Thomas who had a short trial with the Giants. Thomas has a blazing fast ball and Hornsby is inclined to believe that the recruit will be ripe this year for regular duty in the American League, even though he is thirty years old.

Hornsby never regretted that he picked Buck Newsom out of the Coast League.

It is the plan of the Cardinals to give a thorough tryout to Dick Ward, the Coast pitcher they obtained from Chicago.

### Newsom's Future Uncertain

It is not at all certain that Newsom will be worth much to the Browns this year. The noisy pitcher who craved for a chance to show up Dizzy Dean, only to fall down badly when the time came, suffered an infection of his right wrist and elbow this winter and was not among the early pitchers in the camp of the Browns.

With little cash to go out into the open mart to purchase players, Hornsby had hoped to be able to interest some of the contending clubs in making a swap for Newsom, but with the pitcher under the doctor's care Hornsby must re-open negotiations with clubs that might be interested in other members of his cast.

At the opening of the spring drills the other day at West Palm Beach it was noted that Hornsby shoved Johnny Burnett, obtained from Cleveland, in at second base. Some took it to mean that the boss of the Browns is thinking of shipping Oscar Melillo to a rival club, although Boston dropped negotiations for the speedy Italian second sacker during the baseball meetings here.

### Red Sox May Be Interested

In view of the coup that put Babe Ruth in the uniform of the Braves, many baseball men are wondering if the Red Sox will not make further moves to strengthen their infield. The Browns have two men who might interest the Sox. One is Melillo and the other is Irving Burns. The latter is a Massachusetts boy who would welcome a chance to play with Boston.

## BOSTON WRITER PICKS MAROONS OR BRUINS

Sport Scribe Thinks that Maroons or Rugged the Bruins Will Survive Stanley Cup Playoffs.

(By Ed Hurley)

BOSTON, March 21—While there is no guarantee going with the guess, I'm taking the Bruins and Maroons to battle it out for the coveted cup this year, although you may like the Leafs, Rangers or Hawks for your money, a mere detail, which keeps your favorite bookmaker cloaked in the last word in haberdashery, etc. I'm taking the Maroons as ultimate winners, which may be the best reason of all that they'll fold up long before the cup series is reached, my guesses generally finishing that way. After Tuesday night's setback by the Maroons, the Bruins are awaiting the playoff series with the Leafs which opens Saturday night here, a series which I've always regarded as a trifle perplexing to say the least. I have never been able to learn why two teams, after playing 48 games throughout the season, finishing on top in their respective divisions were forced to start all over again in order that they might prove no mistakes were made on the journey. Of course it's nice to keep the box office men employed a little longer and it may help the hockey players spend a more enjoyable summer, but saving for such reasons, I have been unable to see any sense to the play-off plan.

Now if the Leafs of Toronto and our own Bruins were to open a series for the Stanley cup by virtue of smashing down all opposition in their respective divisions, I could understand that, but just why a team which finishes the long and rugged season in second and third place should be permitted to win the most coveted prize in hockey, well, that's something much too deep for my juvenile brain. And perhaps after all the fans like the plan, so why criticize. Long ago they sold the idea in Canadian cities, but Americans, more accustomed to the plan used in deciding baseball championships, scowl just a trifle, now and then. Yet you'll probably see the Garden jammed in the last rafter throughout the series with the Leafs, exactly as it should be, and no doubt crammed to the last inch of standing room if the Bruins smash their way through to the finish. Ever since the play-off plan was brought to this country there has been much vigorous protesting, yet some of our baseball leagues, realizing the extra box office appeal, no doubt, have adopted the exact plan. And hockey men insist they're right and have often tried to sell the same scheme to major league baseball, which has wisely sidestepped any such plan thus far, although it's impossible to tell what the future may hold.

Whether you know it or not, a team which finishes on top at the end of the regular season has no more than a 50-50 chance of annexing the Stanley Cup. Statistics of other years, since they divided the league in 1926 and 1927 prove this. Of the 16 teams which have clashed in the play-off for the league championship exactly four of them have wound up with all the glory and most of the money. In the case of the Bruins, they have reached the 400 class. In previous years they participated in five championship play-offs, winning the cup twice, in 1929 and again in 1930. In four out of eight years the winners of the Stanley Cup were unable to finish on top in either of the league divisions, all of which tells quite an interesting story and indicates that the best team over a long stretch of games isn't quite so hot in these crucial series, where money playing value is so important.

## Cavalcade Will Make Comeback, Says Trainer

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 21—There may be some pessimistic sportsmen in this broad land who think, as a result of Cavalcade's failure to start in the recent \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, that Mrs. Sloane's great race horse never again will be seen under colors. Down here they know better.

Cavalcade will be seen again on the race tracks, and you have the word of Bob Smith for it. Smith happens to be the man who developed Cavalcade, who trains the extensive and powerful Brookmeade Stable, and he based his contention that Cavalcade will run again on the fine showing the son of Lancegay has been making here since he returned from the Pacific Coast, where he suffered a stone bruise on his off forefoot that forced him out of the running for the rich prize.

## Dysart Wants I. C. R. Restored

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friend (Anderson) claimed that that loss was due to the failure of the Commission to renew the contract. They did renew the contract and made a better bargain than the old Commission; they could not terminate a five-year contract, but made a new arrangement.

### Stumpage

Referring to the stumpage question, he said that a proposal for a sliding scale had been suggested by the then Minister of Lands and Mines during the session of 1920. The suggestion created some discussion and the consensus of opinion among the members being that it could not be carried out, no further action was taken by the Minister. Some hon. members who are now occupying the Opposition front bench were then in the House, and agreed with the then Minister that the plan could not be operated with any degree of success. Various methods are used to get lumber work and the cost is apportioned by the operator on his entire output. On some rivers of the Province logs will almost run out themselves, while there are others where it often takes two years to bring out a drive. Therefore under the conditions that prevail, it is not practical to regulate the cost on a mileage basis.

Some hon. members opposite had made much of a resolution adopted by the Public Accounts Committee in 1927, condemning expenditures made without authority of the Legislature. He had in his hand a copy of a resolution adopted by the Committee in 1926 signed by members on both sides and expressing disapproval of an unauthorized expenditure by the former Government of \$2,569,067.00. His hon. friends opposite were now criticizing the Government for not living within its means, yet when in power they spent over \$2,000,000.00, during an election year it might be added, without any legislative authority. The former Government did not include in its ordinary expenditures the interest on the bonds of the Saint John Valley Railway.

MR. DOUCET—"Who built that Railway?"

HON. MR. STEWART—"We are paying for something that you built which has disappeared entirely—not a vestige of it left. Continuing, he said that the old Government incur-

red a deficit every year it was in power, including one of \$756,589.00 in 1925, and a total of \$3,416,392. Yet they now claimed that given an opportunity they would balance the budget.

### Other Expenditures

The Hon. Leader of the Opposition in referring to the installation of a sprinkler system in the Legislative Buildings, had told of somebody who would have done the work for \$17,000. In reply he would say that three tenders were received in response to an advertisement,—one for \$31,000.00, one for \$20,000.00, and another for \$27,000.00, and the lowest was accepted. Before the installation of the system, there was insurance on the buildings to the amount of \$178,000.00, and a premium charge of \$3,360.00. Insurance now carried totalled \$700,000.00, and the premium charge was \$2,520.00, a saving of \$840.00 on four times the amount of insurance. The contract was carried out by the Automatic Sprinkler Company, who were the lowest tenders.

There had been some criticism by hon. members opposite over an expenditure of \$800.00 for two small bridges, he would point out, made it possible to abandon the upkeep on two miles of highway, which meant that there would be a saving on construction work. One of the bridges had been built for the accommodation of only three families, which was the same number occupying Jourmaine Island in Westmorland County where the old Government had expended \$50,000.00 on a bridge, and which was built by degrees.

MR. DYSART—"Tell us about the ark."

HON. MR. STEWART—"The Jourmaine bridge was a little older than the Montgomery stone pile, but it is there and the bridge is not. Continuing, he said that the bonded indebtedness of the Province was pretty high, but he had yet to learn from his hon. friends opposite what Projects carried out by the Government should not have been undertaken. He would like some hon. member to rise in his place and name just one. The Government from 1926 until 1934 inclusive had expended on permanent bridges, the sum of \$3,117,320.45; on secondary and branch roads \$13,382,405.80; and on main trunk roads, \$9,549,356.67, a total for roads of \$22,931,762.47. Other capital expenditures included Provincial Hospital, \$1,344,500; Vocational Building, \$94,631.19; Provincial Building, Saint John, \$130,000. Provincial Museum, \$228,702.72;

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