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## On the Sidelines

Geoff "Babe" Dye, who was hockey's most famous marksman until his retirement and until Charlie Conacher came along, may be back in the National League next winter as a referee. The Babe handled the final of the N. H. L. schedule in Toronto and made a good impression.

Andy Lytle, who comments interestingly on sport in the Toronto Star speaks of training of the sport champions, the various ways in which they chose to train and the extent of their pleasures in the off-season. Lytle's remarks follow:

"Dempsey has sipped the odd highball for years and is fond of a glass of beer. Maxie Rosenbloom isn't so particular and there was only one Mickey Walker who would consume any given quantity, in training or out of it. Barney Ross is tee-total. So is Jimmy McLarnin, whose early background tended to make him that way. Ross' passion is dress, his friends say. McLarnin likes to hit around eighty in his car, is a soft-touch inside of a haberdashery shop or if a golf game is proposed. Ross and McLarnin, like Gene Tunney, are business-like products of a racket that became an industry rather than the swash-buckling, devil-may-care types glorified in earlier days on what was once called the manly art. Dempsey is still another type. He prefers the mob, night life and noise. He craves the limelight in a boyish, likeable way, probably gives more of his money away than any celebrity in contemporary times and has a happy knack of making you like him more readily than any champion since the glamor that was draped about the robust, roaring figure of John L. Sullivan, created a hero at whom boys in many countries gaped in reverential, envious, awe."

Art Ross or Frank Patrick are not prepared to say anything about next year's plans for the Bruins, but the hockey fans can be assured of the fact that there will be some new faces on the club. Not that either was critical of any player or of his work this year, but the club was decidedly shy on man-power of big league calibre. There are several prospects coming down from Toronto, one of whom is Roy Conacher, brother of Lionel and Charley Conacher, and how Ross got him is something of a mystery. Fans remember Lionel telling last year what a wow the kid was and it must burn Connie Smythe, if the kid is as good as they say he is, to think that Ross snatched him from under the Leafs' pilot's nose.

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## The Maroons Check Leafs Into Submission

Won First Tilt of Stanley Cup Play-offs 3 to 2 In Grilling Overtime—Trottier's Shot Breaks Up Game—Bill Miller Clicks.

MAPLE LEAF GARDEN, Toronto, April 4—Montreal Maroons, thumping the foe with steaming body checks in the most respected Red-team tradition roared tonight in the first game of the Stanley Cup series and established themselves favorites over the National Hockey League champions.

Like the Maroon powerhouse in the days of Nels Stewart, Babe Siebert and Dun Munro, crushing every attack with driving body blows, Tommy Gorman's brigade battered the Leafs as they have seldom been battered on home ice and then clearly outpointed them in a brief overtime period.

On the best play in the rugged battle, Earl Robinson and Dave Trottier combined to punch in the winning goal five minutes and 28 seconds after the overtime period started. It climaxed an alert, relentless attack that seemed destined to beat the Leafs without much delay.

Robinson, snapping up a loose puck a few feet outside the Toronto blue line, crossed into Leaf territory and snapped a brisk forward pass to Trottier. The puck passed between "King" Clancy and Red Horner, who had done the Toronto defending since the overtime started.

**Trottier's Terrific hot**  
Inside with no one in his way, Trottier skated a few strides and whipped a terrific shot into the lower corner of the cage. George Hainsworth had kicked out a dozen shots that might have ended the struggle in the third period, but had no chance on Trottier's sizzler.

Starting 3-1 favorites to win the first game, the Leafs will go into the second contest here Saturday night no better than even money choices on the game and certainly no better than even money on the series. The third and, if necessary, the fourth, will be played in Montreal.

The Redman paved the way for victory with a smashing body assault in the second period that resulted in bitter exchanges, high sticking, and seemed to have no effect at all on Gormans iron men. The Leafs were slowed down by thumps that left the fans gasping. It happened that not a single penalty was handed out during the wildest period of the night.

OTTAWA, April 5—Canadian winners of money in sweepstakes on the Grand National or any other event are still subject to prosecution and seizure of their takings under the Dominion law allowing institution of suits against them by informers.

A change in the law last session of Parliament, however, deprived the informer of any share in the seizure. The whole amount goes to the Crown making it unlikely any private individual would act as an informer, unless he felt personal animosity towards the winner or wished for patriotic reasons to see the Government collect additional revenue.

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## GOSHEN HARNESS MEET IN AUGUST HAS BIG ENTRY LIST

(By Gurney C. Gue)  
First in the field with a list of entries for Grand Circuit trotting in 1935, the old firm of Cane, Cox and Saunders, of Goshen, N. Y., has opened the season with a rush of business which ought to gladden the hearts of new dealers, old dealers and plain dealers of the horse world. In the fifteen stake races which closed recently for the meeting to be held August 12 to 17, the Orange County track managers report a total of 425 nominations, or an average of 28 to a race. This is the best showing since 1929 at Good Time Park, and it seems to confirm the apparent turn in the tide which was so strongly indicated last November by a jump of 94 per cent in market prices at the annual sale of yearlings from Walnut Hall Farm.

Especially gratifying are the marked gains in all colt races and in those for aged horses having very fast records. These gains are offset to some extent by decreasing returns in some of the races for horses with slow records, or small earnings, but it is the colts and the fast horses that make a meeting. The others merely fill in.

The first division of the Progressive Stake, which is for trotters having records faster than 2:04 and thus is virtually the free-for-all race of the meeting, affords the big surprise. All horsemen have been complaining that too many of our fastest trotters were being sold for export to Europe, yet the Goshen entry list shows enough of them now in training here to bring out 23 nominations for one race.

The Good Time Stake for two-year-old trotters sets the record for the Goshen meeting, and incidentally dis-

closes the rapidly increasing number of juveniles in training. Where 48 were entered in 1934, there are now 70 aspirants for honors in this event, which usually uncovers the contending colts in the Hambletonian Stake of the following year. Bill Strang, Brookfield, Ed Lasater, Happiness, Rosalind and nearly all of the youngsters now being developed in Florida are among those entered, but W. N. Reynolds' colt Decision, that some of the experts have thought to be the best of them all, is a conspicuous absentee. In view of the number of nominations this year it is a good thing that a consolation race has been provided for those that do not start, or starting, fail to win a part of the main stake.

**Pacing Also Shows Gain**  
Pacing races as well as trotting races show gains for the colts and the faster older horses, with losses in the slow classes. With only 21 where there were 28 last year in the 2:20 class, the open race for horses having records faster than 2:03 has 15 entries as compared with 10 in 1934. Six of the prospective starters in this race are now in the 2:00 list, and more are likely to be there before the campaigners reach Goshen. The entries include all of the four leading contestants of 1934; also the fast filly Calumet Evelyn, that as a three-year-old beat the cracks of the free-for-all class in the \$10,000 race at Lexington. In the race for three-year-old pacers at Goshen 29 entries were received where 11 were forthcoming a year ago, while 33 were named in the race for two-year-olds as against 28 in 1934.

## OLD MASTER WONDERING ON SON'S CAREER

Connie Mack, Jr. Takes Canadian and United States Firms' Agents Striving to Organize Game in England.

Connie Mack, the dean of baseball, went to the Athletics' spring training camp at Fort Myers, Florida, with two ambitions for the season of 1935.

For thirty-five years as part founder-owner-manager of the A's, Connie never before had more than one dream at the start of a season: namely, the winning of another pennant.

This year, however, the lean leader has another desire; to wit, the developing for baseball's posterity of an heir to his genius. It is hard to say which is closest to his heart.

Like heroes, baseball managers are not manufactured and no one knows that better than Macw. That is why he said, astutely:

"Naturally, I'd like to keep baseball in the family, but I'm not saying how far my boy will go in the game."

**He's Down South Now**

The "Old Man" was referring to his son, Connie Mack, Jr., who is down South with the Athletics and his dad. Young Connie has assumed his new role as coach of the pitchers and the catchers.

The addition of Connie, Jr., gives the A's roster a trinity of Macks. Besides the elder and younger Connies, there is Earl Mack, who has been a coach on the team for a number of years and for whom a brilliant managerial future as a successor to his father was promised when he came into the big league, just as it is now prophesied for the boy Connie.

## BASEBALL BEING ORGANIZED IN THE OLD COUNTRY

To A. Donald Kelso, American business man of Winsted, Conn., goes the credit for making the first real effort credit for making the first real effort

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At the moment he is finding his self-appointed task a far from easy one, for the tradition-bound English do not take easily to changes in their national sporting pastimes and are far from enthusiastic about playing baseball.

But Kelso, who is managing director of a large American firm with headquarters in Birmingham, is hopeful his pioneering work will get results and that a baseball league on American lines will soon be formed among the work people of the Midlands.

**Firms Co-operating**

In an interview Kelso revealed he has circularized all the American and Canadian firms in the Midlands asking them to co-operate with him in the formation of such a league. While the response to date had not been particularly gratifying, he believes that when those works with American connections get properly organized he will be able to announce England's first baseball league.

Jack Johnstone, author of Buck Rogers, which uses the 25th Century for a locale, is an avid student of ancient history.

## Government To Control Sport In Yugoslavia

Sport in Yugoslavia is to be put under government control. A new law, which will abolish any clubs not considered fit to control sport of young people, has been passed by parliament. Soccer, the country's most popular sport, is chiefly affected.

## HUBBELL TELLS WHY HE DOESN'T WASTE PITCHES

Famous Southpaw Says He Has Cut Down On 'Screw' Ball—New Ball Better for Batters.

Carl Owen Hubbell hurls only one of his famous "screw" balls for every four he used to pitch with the less lively horsehide.

The change in the official league ball last year did not keep the ace of the Giants' staff from leading all rivals in effectiveness for the second straight season, but it did mean harder work and forced him to alter his hurling habits.

"Hitters who were comparatively easy to stop with the deader ball in 1933 became tough in 1934," said Hubbell while discussing the burdens of big league pitching life.

"That meant hearing down more often, because the big hitters are always hard to handle, no matter what kind of a ball we are using.

"The main difference to me with the lower seams and thinner cover is that my screw ball doesn't break as quickly now as it did with the deader ball. I didn't throw one-fourth as many screw balls last year as I did the season before. I pitched more fast balls because strange as it may seem fast-ball pitching is more effective with a livelier ball. You will find nearly all the best pitchers now rely on their fast ball."

The screw ball is still Hubbell's main reliance in the clutches, however. The fact is he has two of them. He delivers his No. 1 screw ball with his usual motion, three-quarters side-arm. It breaks down and away from

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## SOFTBALL IS CATCHING ON IN U. S. COLLEGES

College Coach Says the Game is Taking Place of Hardball on List of Sports in U. S. Colleges.

United States colleges will have varsity softball teams within two years.

That's the prediction of Howard (Red) Blair, football coach and athletic director of Akron University in Ohio, who points out that the steady growth of interest in softball in the schools indicates that within the near future there will be inter-college competition among softball teams.

According to Blair, more college students are now participating in this sport than there ever were playing hardball. With the growth of intramural leagues and added interest in the game, varsity teams are just a matter of a few years of development.

The Akron mentor points out that the cost of equipping a softball team is very low compared to that for hardball teams. He said that this is one reason why it is softball rather than hardball that a number of colleges are favoring.

Akron has neither a softball nor a hardball team, but the athletic department's stand is definitely toward softball if the university is to be represented by a baseball team.

"Read every line perfectly and they think you are a parrot. Make a mistake now and then or stumble on a word, and they know you are human." That's the philosophy of acting of Edgar A. Guest, the poet, who is now being starred Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. AST, over the NBC blue network in a new series called "Welcome Valley," the story of a small town newspaper editor and his fellow citizens.

a right-hand batsman. It is a left-handed equivalent to Christy Mathewson's famous fadeaway. The No. 2 screw ball, delivered with a full overhand motion, breaks down sharply and is generally effective against left-side hitters.

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