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On the Sidelines

That Danno O'Mahoney, the Irish wrestler, has reached his peak, is shown by the fact they have matched him with Jim Browning.... And if he escapes the Missouriian's whirling leg scissors he's entitled to recognition as a championship contender.

The Dai-Nippon Tokyo Baseball Club, Ltd., one of the teams which opposed Babe Ruth's outfit in the Orient, has arrived on the U. S. Pacific Coast and may invade the east. It is yet to be decided. Although the team was beaten by Gabby Street's Los Angeles club, in its first game in this country, A. C. Shiba, who looks like one of Singer's midjets, held the Coast leaguers scoreless during the four innings he was on the mound.

Ed Hurley, boxing writer in the Boston Record, tags Al McCoy, the Bangor, Maine, fighter, as a comer who is doing his part toward putting boxing back on its feet. Heading his column "McCoy in Boxing Comeback," Hurley proceeds to relate that "McCoy may be able to lead the game into the sunlight and if it's courage, gameness and ambition you're looking for you find then in this kid." McCoy meets Hait Littmann, of Milwaukee, who holds a victory over Lou Brouillard. McCoy figures the only way to get to the top is by stepping in with any and all of them, and while his handlers have been criticized in putting him in with Littman, Friday night, McCoy doesn't agree. "If I can't beat Littman along with the rest of them, I want to get out of the game," he says. "I'm not going to waste years in the game without something to show at the finish."

Years of futile nursing doesn't mean anything to McCoy and he doesn't care whether Littman holds a win over Lou Brouillard or not. He thinks he can beat both of them. A nice way to feel, too.

It's all so confusing, this talk about "Ruth to shift to first base," or "Ruth to remain in the outfield for the Braves," so perhaps you'd like to have Babe's opinion of it all. While Ruth is willing to do almost anything to help out the Braves, he has his own ideas of his limitations.

"I'm strictly an outfielder," he confessed. "I never was a first baseman and I never will be. True, I clown around first, but that's the extent of my ability. It's so easy to blow games over there that I want no part of it. I'm an outfielder, and not a sun fielder, either. I never have played the sun-field and I'm not starting now."

And this is exactly as Ruth outlined the case.

"Lefty" Gomez is now the highest paid pitcher in baseball, although it's impossible to get the low down on Lefty Grove's salary with the Red Sox.... Who knows, he may have an agreement with Tom Yawkey, so he may be able to top the salary of the Yanks' southpaw, who has been one of the few underpaid stars of the game in the past few years.

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AMBERS-FULLER SCRAP POINTS TO MORE INTEREST

Fast Fight at Madison Square Garden Last Friday Night Peps Up Fight Fans.

NEW YORK, Mar. 6—Lou Ambers' triumph over Sammy Fuller in the Madison Square Garden ring last Friday night showed its effect in a considerable brightening of the entire fight scene. Managers, promoters, match-makers and fighters, and even spectators smiled.

The fine fight staged over the fifteen round route by the two lightweights brought acclaim from the crowd of 9,351 fortunate enough to forget former sins of the Garden and purchase tickets. All concerned felt that the success of the Ambers-Fuller fight presages success for fights to come, for a fan's memory is short. If there's been a good fight at the Garden one week, doesn't it stand to reason there will be another? And they don't want to miss good ones.

Of course, there's no indication that the Carnera-Impellietiere bout the next listed by the Garden, for March 15, will be anything like the lightweight bout, but there may be a tumble and at least the fight will settle for all time any pretensions that the tall boy from Peekskill may have.

Loser Praises Ambers

Most of the talk yesterday was about Ambers: his speed of foot and hand. Fuller and his manager, Dan Carroll, were not at all backward in handing glittering plaudits to the Herkimer youth.

"He was like a bug," said Fuller, between swollen lips, and squinting through eyes half closed. "I never could keep away from those hands of his."

"He's just like Harry Greb," was Carroll's praise. "And when Ross has trouble making the weight that Sammy did, he'll find that Ambers is better than he is. Take my word for it."

Ambers admitted that he had fear about travelling the 15 round distance, but said that in the closing rounds he felt fresh and could have gone on. Except for a cut under his right eye, received in the fifteenth, when Fuller staged a desperate rally, Ambers was in excellent condition yesterday.

After the eighth round there was no doubt of his superiority, for it was then that the Boston campaigner grew weary. First, Fuller had tried to land a knockout blow, but, disconsolate because he couldn't land a solid punch on the weaving, rolling target from upstate New York, his sole idea became one of escape from that bothersome, whirling man in front of him.

Hockey Results

National Hockey League

Toronto 10, Canadiens 3.
Rangers 1, Boston 3.
Americans 1, Chicago 5.

International League

Cleveland 0, Detroit 2.
Syracuse 4, Buffalo 4 (overtime).
Nova Scotia Senior "B" Finals
Kentville Wildcats 8, Antigonish Bulldogs 5. (First game of two-game total goal final series).

MT. EPHRAIM, N. J., March 6—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Munn, of this town, meant what they said when they declared at their marriage two years ago "we'll save our pennies so we can have a baby."

Yesterday, Papa Munn, beaming with pride, went to a closet and brought out a bucket full of pennies. "Here," he said, to the doctor, "is your fee."

Werber Revives Base Stealing Art In Major Leagues

WASHINGTON, March 6—Bill Werber, Boston infielder, wound up a profitable winter in the insurance business today and headed for Sarasota, Florida, for spring training, vowing he again would lead the American League in stolen bases.

"Barring injuries, I should swipe between 45 and 50 bases next season," said the youngster who starred at 3rd base for the Red Sox. "That ought to be good enough since my 40 was tops last year."

"I expect to add to my total every year," he explained. "I figure I may get around 55 or 60 in 1935."

Werber feels he could have stolen more than 40 last season.

"I never steal a base just to be stealing one," he said. I try to steal one when I think it will help win a game.

The former Duke University basketball and baseball ace is trying to pattern his career along Ty Cobb lines.

"Cobb was about as great as they come. He was in there fighting all the time, trying to win. And that's the way I feel. I want to be aggressive and willing to take chances."

Last year, Werber recalled, he did just exactly what he told Eddie Collins he would do — hit above .320 and lead in stolen bases. He hit .321.

"I think the reason I did better than in 1933 can be traced to Bucky Harris. He was a great manager gave his players plenty of leeway and didn't ride us," Werber said.

By a queer quirk, Werber will be playing under and alongside Shortstop Mgr. Joe Cronin—the man he 'rode' unmercifully last summer.

"Joe and I carried on duel of repartee and goat-getting, but he's a swell fellow, we're friends now and I hope to have a fine year under him."

If Grove and Ferrell turn in pitching anywhere near that of which they are capable, Werber believes, the Red Sox will be strong contenders for the pennant.

"We've got a good team and good hitters," he said. "Cooke and Solters should be good in the outfield. You can expect Solters to be up around he top in hitting, too."

CHUCK KLEIN OF THE CUBS IS GIVEN WARNING

Cubs' Owner Sour On High Priced Star For Poor Showing

CHICAGO, March 6—Chuck Klein, who moved from Philadelphia to this city to decorate himself with a Cubs uniform, is not exactly a welcome guest in the front office of the Wrigley forces.

It seems that President Wrigley doesn't care a great deal about the style of playing that he saw the man from Philadelphia exhibit last campaign. He has taken the bull by the horns and promises to do some rodeo work if Klein and other members of the Cubs don't do better work.

Each will be thrown, roped and sent elsewhere. And they have been notified what he'll do. And their playing doesn't go for the training period.

For several weeks after they start on the league campaign, the average of the spotted ones will interest Mr. Wrigley and his secretaries.

Wrigley says he won't tolerate those "can but won't" fellows on his team, so it looks as if they'll either brace or call a van.

Dr. Fessman, when he got home, found the Munns had saved 3,500 pennies for their baby.

EDMUNDSTON AND CHARLOTTETOWN TO MEET FOR TITLE

Intermediate Title of the Maritimes to be Decided When These Teams Meet Thursday, Friday at Edmundston.

AMHERST, N. S., March 5—President James E. Wry announced tonight that the Charlottetown Intermediate Abbies and the Edmundston Eskimos intermediate champions of New Brunswick, coached by Sprague Cleghorn, former N. H. L. star of several years ago, would meet for the intermediate championship of the Maritimes.

According to word received here tonight the two-game series for the title will be played at Edmundston Thursday and Friday nights of this week. Total goals of the two games will decide the title.

Oxford six, Nova Scotia finalists, were obliged to drop out of the running, after winning the N. S. crown, due to lack of finances.

President Wry, on learning that Oxford was forced to drop out of the playdowns for the Maritime title, immediately notified Edmundston and Charlottetown clubs that they were the finalists and that the series should be completed as soon as possible.

Since their overwhelming victory over the Moncton Intermediate Hawks the Eskimos have been practicing every day under the watchful eye of Cleghorn and appear in great shape for the finals.

To reach the N. B. finals Edmundston was forced to trim the North Shore champions from Newcastle and Chatham. They then took on the Fredericton Cubs in a hard fought series and managed to win out by their first victory at home. They held Cubs to a 2-2 overtime score at Fredericton and then went on to eliminate the Moncton Intermediate Hawks.

LIGHTS WILL FLASH IN CASE OF RACING MISHAPS

Indianapolis' Famous Speedway To Have a Safety System in Case of Track Accidents.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 6—The busiest one-day, one-way roadway in the world is going to have traffic lights.

Electric slow and go signals will be installed at the Indianapolis motor speedway for the running of the 23rd annual 500-mile race here on May 30.

In the past the bustling 105-mile-per-hour traffic has been handled at the speedway by a system of hand-manipulated flags.

Under the new electric traffic light system, the official in charge of a section of the track will determine the danger of a local accident in his particular corner, and by simply pressing a button, put on the caution light in six sections of the track, thus slowing down the cars until the situation is cleared up.

This will be the first time that any race track in the world has installed such precautionary signals and is destined to further increase the safety of one of the outstanding sports competitions.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6—William Hudson, barber shop owner, has turned to publicity in the hope of averting further robberies and beatings.

A sign in his window reads:

"This store was held up. I was beat up. We never keep more than \$10 in the place any longer than it takes to get it to a bank."

"I no longer wear diamonds. Don't waste your time here."

SOVIET RUSSIA WILL TAKE UP BASEBALL

Russia Adopting Great American Pastime—To Form League in Moscow—Training Now.

MOSCOW, March 6—With baseball rapidly gaining headway in the Soviet Union, the first steps are being taken toward organization of a Soviet national league. Four of the eight Moscow teams which will compete this season already have begun indoor "spring training," since snow will prevent them from limbering up outdoors for a month or six weeks. Nine provincial cities have organized teams which will be included in the prospective league.

Nikolai Mantsev, new chairman of the Supreme Physical Culture Council, who is enthusiastic about the great American pastime, has succeeded in having a "baseball department" established in his council.

Game to be Introduced in Army

Plans are afoot for introduction of the game in the Red Army. The rapid spread of baseball throughout the country is retarded only by the dearth of American made equipment and the difficulty which the Soviets have experienced in their efforts to produce baseballs on the American model.

The Supreme Council now is planning to buy at least a gross or so of baseballs in the United States and may import an American baseball making machine. Two Soviet sports equipment factories are turning out mitts, bats, masks, bases and the like on a small scale and are preparing to expand operations.

Old Y.M.C.A. Equipment Found

A stir was caused in Soviet baseball circles when Eugene Peterson, American sports writer on the Moscow Daily News, added to the meager equipment supply by the discovery of four bats, ten fielder's gloves, two catcher's mitts, five masks and two chest protectors, stored in the Moscow Institute. This equipment, which was in good condition, had been left behind by American Y.M.C.A. representatives following their sojourn here in the early '20s.

Last summer William C. Bullitt, American Ambassador, presented equipment for two teams to Moscow's Park of Culture and Rest.

In the inter-city games played last summer American workers here outnumbered the Russians on the teams, but this season Russian players are expected to be in the majority.

Finnish-Americans who migrated to the province of Karelia, northeast of Leningrad, following the Revolution, have made baseball especially popular in that region.

Twenty Grand Will Try Luck in English Classic

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 6—having failed in his attempted comeback in the \$100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap, Mrs. Payne Whitney's Twenty Grand next will try his hand, or foot, at English racing. The big son of St. Germans—Bonus will sail for England Friday, it was learned today, to be trained for the Ascot Gold Cup. Eighth on the list of American money winning horses, Twenty Grand was unsuccessful in the stud and then failed in California after two and a half years away from the races.

NOTES FROM BIG LEAGUE CAMPS

Chicago Cubs

AVALON, Calif., Mar. 2—Kiki Cuyler prefers to operate at No. 3 in the batting order, but Charlie Grimm, the boss of the Cubs, is out to make a leadoff man out of the fleet outfielder. Grimms initial batting order, which may stand for the opening of the season, has Cuyler at the top, with Chuck Klein at No. 3, and Freddy Lindstrom, heir apparent to the third base job, in the clean-up spot.

Chicago White Sox

PASADENA, Calif., March 6—With his eye on a bonus of \$500 for every victory over ten again this season, George Earnshaw, the Chicago White Sox big right-hander, is about the busiest man in camp.

Earnshaw reported in fine condition and announced he expects to win 16 games this season. He won 14 last year and picked up \$2,000 in addition to his regular salary.

With Zeke Bonura, young first baseman, still holding out for a higher salary figure, Jimmy Dykes indicated he would use Glenn Wright, former National League shortstop, at the position.

Cincinnati Reds

TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 6—Chuck Dressen, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, expressed belief today concerning his youngsters that soon "there will be no infield in the league that will outclass them to any great extent."

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