



SPORT



On the Sidelines..

The old year has not yet disappeared in memory. Sports commentators are still grinding out copy on the big doings of last year, the highlights and the lowlights. They turn from the tragic destiny of Primo Carnera to the twinkling hoofs of "Cold Cash." We follow with some of the never-ending lists of season's luminous events and champions.

"Cold Cash" stands out as the star performer among the pacers. Some of his better achievements were a 2:00 heat at the Syracuse free-for-all in September, and two subsequent heats of 1:58½ and 1:58½ to supplant the record set by Single G. for three heats.

Primo Carnera is described as the "most tragic sport figure of 1934." Carnera, a big ignorant fellow from the hills of sunny Italy, was the dupe of gangland and shifty management. He ambled along the championship trail stupidly and with mostly wonder in his big good-natured eyes. When Max Baer left him bruised and bleeding on that memorable night last summer he was friendless and the look in his eyes had changed from wonder to pain. In all respects Carnera was nothing more than a pawn for the money "sharkers."

Only in one respect has the strenuous art of wrestling progressed over the past year. And that is that there is one professional heavyweight champion less. Jim Londos, the Greek Adonis, is recognized as one of the two claimants to the wrestling throne. The other is Don George. The pro champ who has retired from the field perforce is Jim Browning. He was eliminated by Londos. There are no new matmen and about the only interesting thing in the field for 1935 is a possible meeting between London and George for the title.

Here's a story of trapshooting in 1934. Just a quarter of a century or so ago Mark Arlie, of Champlain, Ill., bought himself a fifty-dollar shotgun. He's been shooting that same gun ever since and has won some \$50,000 in cash prizes and about \$150,000 worth of trophies with it. Arlie must be somewhere near the world's biggest money-winner in this art.

Frank F. Dole, the great authority on dogs, opines that there was a "distinct upturn in kennel interest throughout 1934." Registrations of thoroughbred dogs with the American Kennel Club will set an all-time record, he believes. The total of dogs will exceed 60,000.

Handball, we learn, made a grand bid to become a major sport during the past year. An attempt was made after the idea got wound up, to stage a big tournament in Madison Square Garden. But despite the high hopes the top crowd was only 400, and handball didn't look to be in for a sensational debut in the bigger events. Canada doesn't go in for this sport very much, though we believe that Toronto University, and perhaps others, go in for the sport in some degree.

Art Ross, the Boston hockey mogul, wants more bumping back in the game...a little more heavy hitting. But it seems, according to Baz O'Meara in the Montreal Star, that it was a little too much heavy hitting that hurt hockey in Boston, where quite a few formerly ardent fans have not recovered from the Bailey incident yet. O'Meara thinks

CAN'T REFINER HOCKEY AND KEEP INTEREST

Savage Body Checks and Jolts All Part of Game, Says This Big League Critic.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Bad blood flows on the ice again and fights break out around the circuit of the N. H. L. Nels Stewart was recently suspended for having laid his stick over Lede Klein's head during a game with the Americans here, while in St. Louis the chief of police serves notice that in the future battling hockey players will be carted from the rink to the lockup.

Calder had to do something about the Stewart case and in lifting the suspension everybody, including the Americans, were satisfied, but the St. Louis chief of police is being a bit silly about it. Hockey is a rough game and every now and then the young men engaged in it will bash each other over the head, but there is no need to become excited about it. If the chief is serious about juggling the players, he will succeed only in driving the struggling Eagles right out of town.

Anybody who knows anything about hockey can tell him that there isn't anything in major sport quite as dull as a nice, clean exhibition of that game, devoid of savage body checks and slashes—and any time the players are checking and slashing in earnest, there is bound to be a fight sooner or later. It isn't difficult to figure why this should be so. Jolt and roll a fellow with a stick in his hand—whether it's a hockey stick, a walking stick or a night stick—and you are very likely to get cracked with it. There is something about having the stick in his hand that makes him lash out with it first and think about it afterwards.

Certain restrictions are necessary to keep every hockey game from becoming a brawl with sticks. Penalties have been provided by the rules to curb the more excitable players and these are enforced by the referees and the president of the league. Make them too drastic and couple with them the possibility of being flung into jail and the game will wither and die. Hockey and prize fighting may be refined to a certain degree, but in either case the process of refinement, if carried too far, will be fatal.

that fans like good hard hitting... body checking with plenty of spice, but he states—and rightly—that there is a difference between that and out-and-out rough play.

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Halifax Wolves Have Withdrawn

Conn Advises That the Wolves Will Not Enter New Maritime Mercantile League—Disruption in Big Four.

MONCTON, Jan. 3.—Halifax will not enter a team in the Maritime Mercantile League, Jack Conn definitely advised B. A. Taylor, of the Moncton Club late tonight, and consequently the Mercantile cycle will be composed of Moncton, Saint John and Charlottetown.

The game between the Saint John and Moncton clubs scheduled to take place here tomorrow night in the event of Halifax dropping from the group, has been postponed. Prior to the game which probably will be held here Monday night, a meeting is slated to take place here when a schedule for the three-team loop will be drawn up.

The definite announcement from Halifax tonight has caused a considerable flurry in the hockey muddle, and leaves the Wolves top favorites to advance into the Allan Cup play-downs as representatives of the East when the tail end of the season rolls around.

It has been hoped that Conn would continue in the league, but he has practically a full line-up of eligible players, who will no doubt give a good account of themselves, and with the Allan Cup finals slated to be played in Halifax Forum it was said it was almost too much to expect Conn to throw aside chance and play Mercantile hockey.

Issues Ultimatum
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. Jan. 3.—"If teams in the Maritime 'Big Four' League participate in Commercial hockey after Jan. 2 they automatically suspend themselves," said E. A. Gilroy, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association here tonight.

Informed senior teams in Moncton, Charlottetown and Saint John intended to continue their Mercantile loop without Halifax, Mr. Gilroy said the players would be suspended under a ruling of J. E. Wry, president of the Maritime branch.

"The suspensions will be concurred in by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association," said Mr. Gilroy, "and all players will be barred from playing with or against teams registered with the C.A.H.A."

"Registered C.A.H.A. players who play with or against suspended players will automatically suspend themselves," he added.

YOUNG CANUCK ATHLETES BACK HOME AGAIN

Successful Tour of the Antipodes by Youthful Track Stars

VANCOUVER, B.C. Jan. 2.—Twelve youthful Canadian athletes returned to their native land over the weekend after six weeks' tour of the Antipodes—a tour in which they carried the banner of Canada's athletic youth higher than it had ever been carried before in any overseas or international invasion.

Headed by Captain Jim Horner, of Toronto, the youthful party landed here en route to their various homes from British Columbia to Ontario.

From Dr. A. S. Lamb, physical director at McGill University and head of the young athletes, came the highest praise for the achievements of the twelve lads.

"The boys established an excellent record during their invasion, scoring 36 out of a possible 45 victories," Dr.

CAMBRIDGE TEAM'S VISIT PUT RUGBY OVER IN UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The sport of rugby never enjoyed a more exploited season than it did in the spring of 1934. With the visit of the Cambridge University team from England, the offering of a trophy to perpetuate an international rivalry, the creation of several additional college and club fifteens and the establishment of an Eastern Rugby Union, it is safe to say that this game advanced further during the year now closing than any other.

The games played here by the Cantabs, of course were the season's highlights. One-sided victories over Harvard, 41 to 18; Princeton, 40 to 10, and Yale 32 to 5, were followed by a clash with an all-star team picked from college and club ranks. For a half in a driving rain which thoroughly soaked a crowd of 10,000 the English were as dominant as they had been against their single college rivals and built up a 17-0 lead.

All-Stars Finish Well

In the second period, however, Allie Sherman adopted one of the invading team's pet tricks and kicked a dropped goal on the dead run for the All-Star fifteen's first score. This seemed to spur the Americans and before the game was over they had added five more points on a try and conversion, had outscored the visitors, 9 to 6, in the second half and had gone down to a 23-9 defeat with more glory than expected.

During the Cambridge trip here football coaches and experts viewed rugby's invasion and were particularly interested in the fast moving lateral passes. Some apparently took a few notes, for that pass has dominated many a gridiron game the past season.

After Cambridge returned to England the colleges and clubs continued their season here with renewed interest. Princeton cleaned up. The defeat by Cambridge was the only setback suffered by the Tigers all spring.

SPONSOR MORE WINTER SPORTS

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—A new departure in the program of the Y. M. H. A. physical education department goes into effect this week with the first meeting of the newly organized "Y" Outing Club. For the past few years winter sports have been dormant about the Association, and steps are now being taken to remedy the situation. With the new Y.M.H.A. House League hockey schedule going ahead at full swing, the executive in charge plans an equally successfully prospect for the exponents of skiing.

Interesting plans are outlined by the committee. Regular outings of the club will be held every Tuesday evening on the slopes of Mount Royal, when skiers will get a chance to show their skill in various relay and cross-country races. Week-ends will be devoted to Laurentian trips with Shaw-

Lamb said. "Out of 72 starts they placed 65 times. Everywhere we went we were entertained royally, and the people of Australia and New Zealand were exceptionally kind to us." The genial coach and manager of the team concluded.

Scrambled eggs: A scheme to make you eat the white in order to get the yellow.

As a rule, he is about 19 years old if he thinks brakes are something on the other fellow's car.

bridge as the club headquarters. Slalom and langlauf races and ski jumping will provide the thrills of the program for those interested in competitive events, while for those not so inclined there will be ample opportunity to follow the trails which wind around the district.

Interested members are urged to be on hand tonight to discuss the details. Lou Riven, chairman of the executive, will be in charge aided by a committee consisting of Dave Becker, Al Lesser, Jud Lipsey, I. Epstein and Sydney Barnett.

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A GREAT YEAR FOR ENGLAND IN COURT GAME

Perry's Great Showing In 1934 Stood Out As Shining Light—Allison's Comeback.

The leading figures in the world of amateur tennis when the season of 1934 came to its close were a fair-haired girl from the shores of the Pacific, Miss Helen Hull Jacobs, of Berkeley, Calif., women's national singles and doubles champion, and a slim, black-haired young foreigner, Frederick John Perry, of England, national singles titleholder.

Of the two, Perry stood out more clearly, there being no amateur with whom he came in competition during the competitive year over whom he did not show a definite superiority. Miss Jacobs was supreme in this country, at least, and the only rival who gained a signal victory over her in a major tournament was Miss Dorothy Round, of England, winner of the classic Wimbledon tourney. Previously, in the Wightman Cup matches, Miss Jacobs had vanquished the English star, but there is no question but that in a world ranking Miss Round would get the No. 1 place.

It was a great tennis year for England. Perry, in addition to winning our national single title for this second year in succession, also was the dominating figure in the second successive annual triumph of England in the Davis Cup matches. The mother country has come a long way back, as the result of a fight to regain lost world prestige that began in 1913, this year after she had last held the cup. Aside from our own keen desire to regain the international trophy that was taken from these shores eight years ago by France and has remained on the other side of the Atlantic ever since, the return of England to the top of the tennis world was hailed on all sides with acclaim.

While the United States was defeated for the eighth year in succession in her efforts to regain the Davis Cup, she made a better showing than in the two previous years, defeating a strong Australian team in the final round and putting up a great battle against England in the challenge series, although winning only one match, the doubles. Sidney B. Wood, Jr., won from Jack Crawford, of Australia, in a magnificently played match and Frank X. Shields also flashed great tennis in some of his Davis Cup play. George M. Lott, Jr., and Lester R. Stogden winning the Davis Cup, the all-England and the national doubles titles, further solidified the supremacy of the United States in doubles play.

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