



SPORT



On the Sidelines

Soccer, the game that has shown such big gains in popularity in this part of the world, has also made a substantial footprint in Soviet Russia. The English clubs, Rangers and Arsenal, are dicker to make trips to the U.S.S.R. during the approaching summer. It is of interest to note that Soviet under the new regime is making vast expenditures on athletics for the well-being of the masses. Enormous stadia are arising at Moscow and at Leningrad. In a recent soccer match there a crowd of 40,000 persons watched.

Bill Rogell, a member of the Detroit Tigers' baseball team, plays ice hockey, the most dangerous game in sports, to keep in condition during the winter.

Art Ross, the Boston Bruins' hockey executive, speaks with psychological truth when he pronounces in an interview that a club is most popular with the crowd when that club is winning. "It is natural that the people want a winner and that is when we are most popular," he says. "All the good-will in the world will not draw the fans when we are not winning."

Here's one writer who spikes all this talk of Dizzy Dean's peeve at Babe Ruth for the big slugger's entrance into the National League. Dean is quoted as saying that he didn't believe Ruth was ever worth \$80,000. "I don't think I am worth it, or anybody else." The writer who hides behind the Detroit News column "Between the Scenes" says:

"True, if you look at that \$80,000 as just \$5,000 more than the President of the United States gets as a salary, then perhaps Ruth was overpaid, contrasting the two jobs. But if you regard that sum as merely a percentage of the profits which Ruth earned for his employer, Col. Jake Ruppert, then he certainly was worth it. Surely the laborer is worthy of his hire!

"The fact that Dizzy Dean, in all his now-born modesty, doesn't consider himself worth \$80,000 a year, has no bearing on Ruth. There is no comparison between the two men... yet, if ever. All Ruth did for baseball was to take a mere sport and make of it such a breath-catching spectacle that public patronage permitted salaries of \$10,000 and more for stars of less magnitude than Ruth to become the rule rather than the exception. Dizzy Dean wouldn't be getting \$20,000 himself today were it not for Ruth and his imitators."

Charlie Porteous, the most famous hockey umpire of the present day relates some reminiscences of an early day and hazards on who, in his opinion, are some of the best hockey players of all time. As quoted, some of Mr. Porteous' opinions run as follows: "Of the early years of the century he thought Cyclone Taylor the most spectacular hockey player he ever noted in action. 'He was a wizard on skates, and it is too bad he did not stay in the east just as he was approaching the peak of the game.'"

Of the period from 1915 to 1930 he rated Frank Nighbor tops. "None could excel him in poke-checking. He was a great ice general, possibly the greatest in the game," is his tribute to the Pembroke pokecheck king.

"Of the moderns he hands the palm to Frankie Boucher. He points out that Boucher has played now for nearly 14 years, is the cleanest player in the game, a rousing skater, great playmaker, and a thoroughly likeable gentleman. 'What more could one ask in naming the greatest player?' He has seen every goal tend since the days of Stocking to the present day. He stood behind the huge Nicholson, spectac-

LASKY AND BRADDOCK MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The pugilistic highlight of the week is scheduled for New York, Jimmy Braddock meeting Art Lasky there in a 15-round battle at the Garden, which was recently taxed to capacity by customers who were lured there by the Carnera-Impelliere combat.

Lasky Game Battler

And Lasky has established himself as a game and willing battler. The route is a hard one for a willing team like this pair.

Undoubtedly Lasky will enter the ring favorite, but Braddock is always worth a bet.

In his battles in New York he demonstrated rare punching powers on each occasion.

And not so long ago he knocked the props from under Corn Griffin, who clipped Jim Maloney on the chin in a southern city one evening.

McCoy-Godwin

But New England fans aren't giving the New York battle much thought. Boston fans are having one in the Hub that is absorbing their attention.

Matchmaker Valenti feels that Al McCoy of Waterville, Me., and Bob Godwin, of Florida, will provide abundant action for the paying customers of Boston.

They will clash in a 10-round battle at the Boston Garden next Friday evening.

The announcement that Godwin had been signed to replace Tony Shucro on the card was hailed with joy. The Floridian has demonstrated that he can fight.

When Maxie Rosenbloom was in Boston he declared that Godwin is the toughest man in the South. That's some boost coming as it did, from Rosenbloom.

About Ring Affairs

The Irish American A. C. of South Boston will stage its weekly series in a short time. It is reported that there will be a new small club in the fight field around Boston in a short time. Lou Brouillard goes to the firing line next Friday night at Hollywood, Calif. His opponent will be Swede Berglund. Midget Wolgat clashes with Pablo Dano tonight at Los Angeles, and Wolgat should win.

lar Paddy Moran, elegant Percy Lesieur, crafty Riley Hern. Vezina he thought was great, and Gardner a mighty netman; but when he had sifted them all down his ballot was cast for Clint Benedict. "There was none better and over the long stretch I cannot figure anyone just quite as good," he stated.

"He thinks the old time games were more exciting, that there was more combination playing, but he states that the present game is a lot faster. Like may another he deplores the passing of the old-time stickhandler of the Farrell, Gilmour, Odie Cleghorn, Boucher type. Shooting, in his opinion is very much the same, but the goal tends are a lot better, and have a lot more latitude than the old timers who were not allowed to go to their knees. That accounted for a great deal of the tremendous scoring feats of their era. In those days a goal tend was almost entirely at the mercy of an attacker who has beaten the defence. Now it is still a 50-50 proposition and such goalies as Cude often make it look a less even proposition for the forwards."



The fear of the "strike" among the New York Americans seems to have been allayed at last. William V. Dwyer, owner of the club, says: "A strike would have been impossible. All the players are under contract. Possibly the pay has been a bit late, but the players are satisfied, assured that they will get their wages. That's his story."

Soccer Between Germans - French Eases War Fear

PARIS, March 17—A soccer match between French and German teams eased the tension of Paris streets as international political and military rivalries succumbed to the spirit of international sport.

Forty-five thousand Frenchmen at the Parc Des Princes cheered as the German team sang "Deutschland Uber Alles, and several hundred Germans in the audience returned the compliment with the French team in the "Marseillaise."

The German team won, 3-1.

THEY'LL BE JUMPING 7' 2" SAYS CAL. STAR

LOS ANGELES, March 19—It may be next week. It may be next month. It may be 10 years, or even 100, but some day someone's going to make a successful running jump at 7 feet, two inches.

That's what Cornelius Johnson, the lanky young negro from Compton, Calif., thinks Johnson is holder of the National A. A. U. indoor high championship and for three years has been A. A. U. champion outdoor leaper.

The "shooting" mark of 7 feet 2 inches, seems to be the "stratosphere" which most high jumpers took to, the young negro said.

"I expect to jump 6 feet, 11 inches in the Olympic tryouts or in the Olympic games," said Johnson. "But that will be about my limit. I'm not tall enough to go much higher. It will take a man at least three inches taller than I am."

Johnson stands 6 feet, 3½ inches and if he carried out his hopes of clearing the bar at 6 feet, 11 inches, it will set a new world's record. Johnson's best mark is 6 feet 8 5-8 inches, set last July in the National championships when he tied with Walter Marty, of Fresno, Calif., who holds the world's record of 6 feet, 9 1-8 inches.

ESKIMOS AND WOLVES BATTLE ON TONIGHT

EDMUNDSTON, N.B., Mar. 19—Edmundston Eskimos, senior "B" hockey champions of the Maritimes, and the Halifax Wolverines, senior "A" Maritime champions, battle here tonight in the first of a two-game, total goal series for the senior title and the right to enter the Allan Cup play-downs as Maritime representatives.

Both teams last night were confident of victory. Wolverines this season have beaten teams the Kentville Wildcats outscored. The Wildcats lost to Eskimos in a two-game series for the Senior "B" title in a close final game after battling to a 3-3 tie in the opener.

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MAROONS AND BRUINS IN BIG GAME TONIGHT

Hockey Experts Picking Maroons As Team To Survive N. H. L. Play-offs—Both Rugged.

Hooley Smith, Lionel Conacher, Jimmy Ward, Earl Robinson, Baldy Northcott, Stew Evans, Herb Cain, Gus Marker, Bob Gracie, Marvin Wentworth, Russ Blinco and Alex Connells of the Montreal Maroons will oppose the Bruins in Boston's last home game of the regular season at the Garden tonight.

More than one hockey expert picks the Maroons as the team to survive the three series among the second place clubs and the third place clubs.

To reach the Stanley Cup finals the Maroons must win against the Black Hawks or the Rangers.

The Maroons are one of two clubs which have won a series from the Bruins. Chicago is the other. If the teams play hard hockey, as it is likely the fans will see a real game.

It will be a "preview" probably of the final series for professional hockey's blue ribbon. Percentage will favor the Bruins to win. They are at home and the home team has the edge.

It may be that the Maroons will play to get the Bruins' goats. There is such a thing as psycho-analyzing the opposition, if that term is proper, and the Maroons through "Big Train" Conacher and Hooley Smith seem to delight to do so.

Fans remember how Lionel smacked Joe Lamb and Nels Stewart. Hooley Smith is a sweet player but "bad medicine."

After tomorrow's game the Bruins will have three or four days of rest and workouts before the championship series with Toronto opens on Saturday.

CANADIAN HOCKEY TEAMS HELPED TRADE

OTTAWA, March 19—The Canadian championship hockey team which have toured Europe in recent years giving exhibition games of hockey as it is played in this country have, perhaps unconsciously, greatly helped to promote the sale of ice skates throughout the world, according to the Department of Trade and Commerce, Exports of Canadian-made skates to Continental Europe and Great Britain totalled 25,748 pairs in 1934, as compared with 24,418 pairs in 1933. In addition exports of skates to Japan, China, Korea, Australia and New Zealand have increased from 2,155 to 3,917 pairs.

Canada's main market for skates has always been the United States. In 1931 exports to that country amounted to 163,178 pairs, but dropped in 1933 to 5,478 pairs. In the past year the United States however purchased 54,397 pairs. Newfoundland is another of Canada's oldest customers for skates and took 1,480 pairs last year.

Eliminating United States from Canada's foreign trade in skates, exports to other countries have increased steadily in past years, with the exception of 1930 and 1931 when world-wide depression affected expenditures on sport goods in general, the Department states. In 1931 total shipments to countries other than the United States amounted to 9,035 pairs. In 1932 they increased to 13,614 pairs in 1933 to 28,183 pairs, and in 1934 to 34,573 pairs.

Lady. Have you been accustomed to having a housekeeper over you? New Maid: Madam, we never speak of having people 'over us.' But I have had colleagues.—Denver Post.

MANY MAJOR LEAGUERS TRY TO REGAIN FORM

Gelbert and Simmons Among Those Trying For Old Form—What the Others Are Doing.

NEW YORK, March 19—Some of the "if" men are showing surprises in the baseball training camps. "If" players are those who were off form through injuries or slumps last season and who are being counted upon by their managers for regular duty this year.

Charley Gelbert shot himself accidentally in the leg in the winter of 1932-33. From the Cardinals' camp in Florida comes information that Gelbert is able to hold his own in a straightaway dash, and will be utility infielder of the Red Birds this year.

Bobby Brown, the sensational pitcher who was heading for stardom two years ago, is on his way back. Bill McKeechie says after viewing the youngster's control. In his first-year form Brown would be a welcome addition to the Braves' aging mound group.

Sammy Byrd, once called Babe Ruth's caddy, has displayed talent enough to assure him the post in centerfield on the Cincinnati team. Manager Dresen was delighted that Byrd had decided to vote all his time to baseball instead of golf. Byrd said the reputation of being a good golfer did not help a man to win a steady job on a big league team.

There has been much conjecture about the Cubs all winter. When Mgr. Grimm, after several days' practice, put Hazen Cuyler in left field and Bill Herman at second, two questionable spots were filled permanently, he announced. Few thought the Cubs would sidetrack for Cuyler, but the outfield on the opening day undoubtedly will have Cuyler in left, Stainback in center and Klein in right.

The big "if" man of the White Sox is Al Simmons. With the Athletics Simmons was an outstanding star, but his work with the Sox has been decidedly below par. He is eager to continue below par. He is eager to continue the drive he started late last season, but he needs a vigorous, hard-hitting combination to keep him swinging hard and driving in runs.

Washington needs another winning pitcher, and that means the "if" tag is pinned on Bobby Burke. Manager Harris has promised to use the slender southpaw as a first-string pitcher. At times Burke has looked like a star, but once he has lost a game he has been kept on the bench without action for a month. He pointed out to Harris that Washington managers last other pitchers lose six in a row. Burke is in fine physical shape.

Philadelphia has a group of "if" players, but early reports on them indicate that much of Connie Mack's worry will be solved by Jimmy Foxx behind the bat. Foxx is showing signs of being another Mickey Cochrane in keeping the team on its toes. He is displaying much more enthusiasm than he did last season.

"Thomas, I do not like calling my chauffeurs by their Christian names—what is your surname?" "Darling, madam." "Drive on, Thomas."—Lustige Blaetter.

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Huey Long Says Horse Racing Is a Flim Flam Game

NEW ORLEANS, March 19—Senator Huey Long has come out flat-footed about the horse racing racket, denouncing the sport of kings and queens as a flim-flam, nothing more.

Huey doesn't expect to ever see the horses run, but he says he helped the people of New Orleans to have racing so that it would cut down their assessments.

From \$1,000,000 to \$300,000 is some drop, said Huey, "so I must be considered a friend of the sport."

It was Huey who, not so long ago, launched the 'Siege of New Orleans' and made it possible for other things besides horse racing to go on uninterrupted.

Rainbow Really Violated Rules

LONDON, March 18—Charles Nicholson, designer of T. O. M. Sopwith's America's Cup yacht Endeavour which was defeated by the United States defender, Rainbow, last summer, today broke the silence he has maintained since the disputed series for the first time by charging that Rainbow had violated the rules by adding illegal ballast to improve the yacht's speed.

In a letter published in "yachting world" Nicholson cited the American rule which says "side marks must be cut by the surface of the water." He declared Endeavour's marks cut the surface but Rainbow's did not.

After the end of the America's Cup series off Newport last summer Sopwith charged Rainbow had violated both the racing rules and the rules for construction of cup yachts. Nicholson, however, refused to comment upon these charges.

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