


SPORT



On the Sidelines

From Halifax comes word that the advance sale of tickets for next month's Allan Cup games drew hundreds of applicants. 'Before the opening of the store where the tickets are on sale, a black-long line of prospective buyers stretched from the doorway', notes the Canadian Press.

Carl Mensenberg of Scranton, Pennsylvania, rolled a perfect game of 300 in his first competition of the singles event of the American Bowling Congress. He totalled 672 to take the lead in the event.

Leslie Mann will have charge of the United States Olympic Games base ball team. He has started gathering material for the nine that he will take to Berlin next year.

The players will, of course, all be amateurs.

The main competition if not the only competition outside of Canada, will be offered by Japan.

All ball players in Japan are amateurs and, therefore, every ball player in Japan will be eligible for the 1936 Olympic Games.

An all-star American League team played in Japan during the winter. The big leaguers beat the Japanese, but most of the games were decided by low scores.

Babe Ruth, since his return to this country, has announced that the Japanese are poor ball players and they will never be good because they will never hit well and their fielding cannot compare with that of the Americans, especially their throwing. Ruth and his mates did not try to beat the Japanese by overwhelming scores.

But, while the Japanese looked weak against the American Leaguers they will do a great deal better against an American amateur team, and it is by no means certain that the United States will win the Olympic Games base ball title. The championship may go to Japan.

The Montreal Maroons complained of rough usage from the New York Americans in the recent Madison Square Garden fracas. The press account of the game showed that there was plenty body checks and cross checks. Murray, Brydges, being especially vicious. Among those injuries was Bill Miller, ex-Moncton Hawk player, who received a painful gash near the right eye.

In a recent hockey game between Princeton and Dartmouth (yes, they do play as well as football in American colleges), Princeton coasted to an easy victory the score being 7 to 3.

Robert Fillingham, the New York Sun's expert on the horse, says that gray horses were uncommon on American trotting tracks half a century ago but today there are only about one hundred, so decided has been the trend of the breed to become all bay. He adds that it is noteworthy, then, that two grays—Greyhound, 2:04 2-4, and Silver King, 2:06, are now dividing first place as short-odds favorites in the winter betting on the \$35,000 Hambletonian Stake of 1935.

We heard one the other day that bears repeating. It seems that last summer Minto sent a ball team to Devon, expecting to be opposed by the regular Devon club. On contrary a bunch of juniors were

ACQUISITION OF RUTH GIVES BRAVES BOOST

Evidently Betting Boys Don't Believe the Babe Is Washed Up—But Still Potent.

National League teams were considered to have a chance for the flag this year before Babe Ruth transferred his home runs to Boston. Now the Braves may be said to have 25 per cent better opportunity than they did when the odds layers were picking pennant potentialities. The team was only twelve games out of first place when the Cardinals galloped away with the bunting in 1934.

Bill McKechnie as all the world knows by this time, did not have a fat bankroll to do any competitive bidding for young timber. It was his idea before Ruth was obtained that the Braves would be as powerful as they were in 1933, and they did scare the Giants for a few months in that memorable race.

The Braves' leader says that 12 games are not such a hurdle to clear. In 1933, Ben Cantwell rolled home with twenty victories. Last year he contributed very little to the cause. Yet late in the race McKechnie saw signs that Cantwell was on his way back to stardom. This year Ben appears to be set for a winning season, possibly fifteen victories, which would mean a lot to the new setup at the Hub.

Those who risk their cash on their ability to pick the flag winner will be interested in the Braves with Ruth in action. The old home-run hero will draw fans at Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, besides packing them in at home. The club will have cash to bolster weak spots. The race should be thrilling.

As the teams file onto the spring drill fields, expert opinion still holds the Cardinals will repeat, but the Giants' power both at bat and in the box may upset the Dean brothers. Many commentators are urging the smart minds to give more consideration to the Giants and their powerful pitchers—Hubbell, Schumacher, Fitzsimmons and Parmelee—as against the St. Louis staff of the Deans and some fading veterans.

When the Chicago Cubs dashed away to Catalina Island the other day they took 1,200 baseballs, 116 bats, three masks and three protectors, but some of the experts who went with them feared that the team should have had some better pitchers, a harder hitting outfield than it has and a young

sent in against Minto and the game turned out to be a fiasco. A D Taylor, M. P. P., who is a keen promoter of Minto baseball, was present at the game. Chagrined at the spectacle, Mr. Taylor vowed then and there that this year such a stunt would not be repeated. Thus a brand new Minto team this season. And now bring on your juniors!

Lou Gehrig the Yankees' 1st baseman, is something of a fishing star as well as shining on the baseball field. At present he is at the Long Key (Fla.) Fishing Camp with Mrs. Gehrig for a few days' angling for sailfish, amberjack and other battling fish which inhabit the waters on the nearby reefs and Gulf Stream.

The home-run star will experiment this season with ultra-light tackle. Last winter at Long Key he caught both sailfish and amberjack on regulation light tackle. He releases most of his fish.

Gehrig's arrival at camp climaxed a week of favorable fishing conditions during which several new records for the season were made.

Rookies Are Making Good With Dodgers

ORLANDO, Florida, March 12 —As our dashing Dodgers finished their second week of Spring training, three rookies—Babe (Blimp) Phelps, Frank Lamanske and Bob Logan—looked like sure shots to clinch jobs in Casey's Stengel's corps of cloverkickers.

The first practice game of the Spring training season held at Tinker Field resulted in 13 to 4 victory for the regulars over the Yannigans. No less than seven errors in the field smoothed the path for the first-string performers. Logan and Leslie Munn divided the pitching for the victors while Lamanske and Tom Baker performed similar chores for the Goats.

Warrenton, Virginia, March 12 —Mrs. Dodge loaned yesterday purchased 175 acres adjoining her Brookmeade Farm, near Upperville, for \$20,000. The additional acreage is known as the Old Dunbar Place on the Llangollen Road.

With this extension of her Virginia estate, racing followers deduced that Mrs. Sloane was preparing for the day when the ace campaigner of her Brookmeade Stable, Cavalcade will be retired for breeding purposes.

TROTTERS, COLTS IMPROVE IN SPRING WORKOUTS

Spring Workouts Progressing in Sunny South—Bill Strong and Rosette Turn in Notable Performances.

NEW YORK, March 12—Handicapped by cold weather and shipping sickness, two year old trotters in training at Longwood, Fla., lagged behind their usual February speed displays, but with rising temperature and restored health they seem to be making up for lost time in March, judging from some of the performances of the last few days.

That of W. N. Reynolds's two-year-old colt, Bill Strong, timed at 2:11½ in his work last Tuesday eclipses anything ever reported for one of his age at Seminole Park or elsewhere at this time in the year, just as his last last mile a month ago set new bounds for speed at that early stage of the winter season. When Ben White let him step the last half-mile in 1:03, and the last quarter at a 2:04 gait after going the first half in 1:08½, it goes without saying that the colt could have beaten 2:10, if called upon to trot that fast.

How fast he will be going before the coming campaign ends is now the

first baseman who can stand the gaff of 154 games.

It was conceded that the infield had been strengthened by the addition of Fred Lindstrom at third base, but those who watch the Cubs day in and day out fear that the absence of Guy Bush and Jim Weaver will cost the team third place and boost the Pirates up a peg. French and Carleton, to Chicago sideliners, seems to be the best bet of an outfield that never will rate with Wilson, Cuyler and Stephenson in their prime.

In looking over the Cubs outfield some critics observed that Chuck Klein was just a player born for a bandbox park like the one in Philadelphia and would not bat much better than he did last season for the Cubs. Demaree has much to show in hitting before he can eliminate the veteran Hazen Cuyler, Stainback, to Chicago sideliners, seems to be the best bet of an outfield that never will rate with Wilson, Cuyler and Stephenson in their prime.

Eskimos In Tie With Kentville

Edmundston Came From Behind to Earn 3-3 Tie; Game Played on Soft Ice—Winners of Series To Meet Halifax Wolverines.

KENTVILLE N. S., March 12—Coming from behind in the third frame tonight the Edmundston Eskimos, intermediate champions of New Brunswick and P. E. I., earned a 3-3 draw with the Kentville Wildcats, Senior "B" crown and the right to meet Halifax Wolverines in the final play-downs of the Maritimes.

The game was played on a soft ice surface which, towards the end of the tussle, contained pools of water. In spite of the fact that good puck-handling was hard for the players, close marking prevailed and the contest was cleanly played.

The Eskimos elected to play a cautious, defensive brand of play in the first period and Kentville carried the attack. The Wildcats in this period were unable to get close in on Ritchie in the Edmundston uprights. What shots he had were cleanly handled.

The teams leave here tomorrow for Edmundston where on Thursday night the final game of the series will be played.

After six minutes of play, Copie LeBlanc picked up a batted puck outside his own blueline and on a nice solo effort registered the first goal of the game.

Kentville retaliated with several savage attacks on the Eskimo net without avail, the Eskimos throwing up a three-man defence. Joe Jordan of the Wildcats' second line, received a dangerous cut over the right eye from a high stick and was carried from the ice. He returned later. The period ended 1-0 in favor of the Eskimos.

SHORTEN SWIMS AT TORONTO

TORONTO, March 12—It was reported in aquatic circles yesterday that marathon swims at the Canadian National Exhibition this year will be shortened from fifteen miles to five for men swimmers and from five to two miles for women.

Official announcement has not been made, but these are the suggested distances, and the C. N. E. sports committee may reach a decision at its meeting next Wednesday.

If the distances are cut down it is likely the purses will be slimmer. Last year the men's prize was \$5,000, \$1,500, \$700, \$500, \$200, and \$100, and the women's prizes were \$2,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100.

Hockey Scores

National Hockey League
Toronto 1, Maroons 0.
Canadiens 4, Rangers 3.
Americans 1, Boston 4.
St. Louis 3, Detroit 2.

International League
Cleveland 2, London 2 (overtime).
Maritime Senior "B" Finals
Edmundston Eskimos 3, Kentville Wildcats 3. (First of home and home series. Deciding game at Edmundston Thursday).

SCHEDULED TONIGHT
Maritime Junior Playdowns
Moncton Red Indians and Junior Bearcats at Moncton. (First game of two-game, total-goal finals).

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PACE GROWS HOT IN ALLAN CUP PLAYOFFS

MONTREAL, P. Q., March 12 —Playdown trails—the pathways that lead to elimination or the Allan Cup—grew hot. Only one provincial champion has been declared however.

The lone sectional titleholder is the Kimberley, B. C., team, champions of the Pacific Coast. In Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, senior squads are embroiled in the struggle to declare provincial representatives in Allan Cup frays.

The fight between Toronto Stars and Hamilton Tigers is stalemated after two games in their efforts to declare a Senior Ontario Hockey Association champion Saturday's game resulted in a 1-1 tie and last Wednesday neither team scored. They meet again Tuesday and Friday.

Brockville Magedomas, O. H. A. Senior "B" winners move into Northern Ontario Wednesday and Friday to meet the winners of the N. O. H. A. finals. At present Sudbury hold a 5-1 advantage in their two-game series with Kirkland Lake Millionaires. The second game remains to be played before Magedomas invade the north for their two-game series against the winners.

Winnipeg Falcons took a strong hold on the Manitoba title by getting a 4-2 win Saturday over San Antonio Mines in the first of a three-game series. They play again tonight and the winner of the series will meet Port Arthur Bearcats, champions of Thunder Bay. Saskatchewan's finals start tonight with Weyburn Beavers, champions of the South, engaging North Battleford Beavers, northern champions. Beavers, defeated Yorkton-Melville, 6-2, Saturday to win the two-game-total southern series 11-3.

Edmonton Superiors and Coleman Canadians play their deciding game of their best two-out-of-three series for the Alberta title tonight. Superiors won the first game 6-1, and then Coleman came back Saturday to win the second match, 5-4.

Kingsville, Ontario, March 12—More signs of spring—sap running and a robin. The sap dripped freely from maple trees which had been trimmed recently. The robin was vouched for by four citizens.

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