



SPORT



On the Sidelines..

The executive of the York County Intermediate Hockey League held a meeting the other night and learned a few things about players, not all complimentary. It seems the league is to have four clubs, the Cubs, Bankers, Marysville and a junior team called the Eagles, entered by "Bill" Walker. The latter club, merely a bunch of kids who need enough practice to enter the junior playoffs towards the end of the winter, have no special designs on a league title. But naturally enough the other three clubs are all eager to win. Therefore they have spared no efforts to gather unto their respective selves the best material they can find. This has caused some friction.

It was because of this difficulties of players that the executive met and tried to reach a solution. The Cubs who won the title last year and who are expertly managed by George "Brud" Beatty, have again cornered most of the strength, having about the same line-up as last year. Marysville, too, has done well for itself despite all of Percy Watt's gentle warnings and has even succeeded in luring "Tod" Haining away from the Bankers. Bryce Love, manager of the Bankers, finds also that Jack Wade has forsaken his club for Marysville, and has some complaints to make. There are probably some other player-club derangements. In the meantime Love has threatened to withdraw his weakened Bankers—and if such happens it will mean a split-up of the league.

The players on the respective clubs have been rather selfish and unreasonable about it all. It does not seem to occur to them that unless the league is adequately balanced that few people will be induced to pay their money to watch the games. In advance, the Cubs look altogether too powerful for any of the other clubs and, of course, the junior Eagles cannot hope to compete with the Cubs, many of whom are actually senior players of seasoned ability. The ridiculous statement made by Bud Steen that the juniors have just as much chance of being on top as the Cubs is a good example of the attitude of most of the Cub players, who refuse to relinquish their Damon and Pythias complex of "sticking together," even though they must know that unless the loop is given a better player balance that none will watch the games. Players of the seniority of the Cubs should have gotten over that pretty uniform stage by this time. Certainly enough, their showing in the playdowns last year is nothing to give the fans heart flutters as to what they would do if given another chance this year.

All of this childish attitude was brought out the other evening when the Cubs resented the suggestion that during the winter several of the Cub players be transferred to the Bankers, and, at the end of the league schedule that the same players be re-transferred in order to be eligible for the playoffs. Some form of satisfactory house league plan could be easily arranged between the Bankers and Cubs. The present program with the dissatisfaction expressed by the Bankers is liable to spell disaster to the league. It might be well for the Cubs to get this through their heads: That the fans are not going to see their resplendent and brilliant ice exhibitions. What they are going for is to see a good hockey game—some

BIG INCREASE IN PRO SPORT RECORDS SHOW

Pro Football Made a Big Advance in the U. S. Last Season

NEW YORK, Jan. 4—In the midst of a sweeping come-back on nearly all athletic fronts this year, from the viewpoint of gate receipts as well as the grade of competition, the two trends considered most striking by the country's sports editors are: (1) the rapid growth of interest in professional sports, notably football, and (2) the development of a more open style of play on college gridirons, featuring the use of the lateral pass.

Other outstanding trends noted in the annual Associated Press sports poll included the drift of amateur stars to professional ranks, especially in tennis; the marked revival of baseball's popularity, spurred by the shift of major league power from east to west; and a boom in amateur boxing, as contrasted with the continued decline of interest in professional pugilism.

As one sports editor summed it up: "1934 came closer to duplicating the sports activity and interest of boom times than any year since 1929. Except for professional boxing, every sport attracted bigger crowds and furnished more exciting competition than we have had in some time. At the same time the public continued to show more discrimination and apparently will patronize only the attractions offering the most for their money."

The growth of professional football to a point where it is rivaling the college sport for interest and crowds, prompted another sports editor to predict that within five years "there will be professional teams in nearly every city of 250,000 or more, and that these same pro teams, whether through rentals or actual acquisition of equity, will be making many stadium bondholders rest easier."

spills and scraps, and some evenly-matched competition.

It's our own hope that either Wade or Haining be returned to the Bankers...that Marysville be given every support from the residents up there...that "Bill" Walker's Eagles be given all the encouragement that a junior organization deserves...and that the Cubs are still able to fit themselves with ordinary sized hats. These, judging from present indications and the attitude of several of the managers and players, are the only things that can be reasonably hoped for.

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"Strangler" Lewis And Don George Matched in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5 — Ed (Strangler) Lewis, the former world's heavyweight champion, and Ed (Don) George, Buffalo grappler, who is recognized as champion in New England and Canada, will be rivals on Jan. 7 in the new year's first important wrestling event at the 71st Regiment Armory.

They are to wrestle to a finish under the modified rules of the State Athletic Commission which find the 11 o'clock curfew waived.

Lewis has just returned from a successful invasion of Europe and is reported in excellent condition. The burly Kentuckian is campaigning for a chance at Jim Londos' title, which Lewis held four times.

George boasts two drawn battles with Londos in the past six months and expects a victory over Lewis to pave the way to another test against the champion.

HELEN WILLS TO TRY COMEBACK, HAS HIGH HOPES

Has Recovered From Injury and Will Try To Win Title Back

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5—Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, former queen of the world's tennis courts, will return to the game this month seeking her lost glories, she announced a few days ago.

Forced out of competition eighteen months ago by a back injury, Mrs. Moody said her physician at last had given her permission to play again. As a sort of New Year's vow, she said, she planned to try her hardest to win back her national championship at Forest Hills next summer.

"Of course there's still a great gap between the trying and the winning," Mrs. Moody said. "Right now the doctors say I may go out on the tennis courts again as soon as it gets a little warmer. I believe it will be before the end of January. I shall be terribly thrilled to be able to swing a racquet again."

Mrs. Moody and her husband only recently established their studio home on fashionable Nob Hill. They have been living nearly a year at the San Francisco home of Moody's parents, pending the star's recovery.

The injury, which was of a serious nature, caused Mrs. Moody to default to Helen Jacobs in the tennis final in the Forest Hills tournament of 1933.

HAMAS EAGER TO GET A CRACK AT MAX BAER

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—Far from discouraged by Max Baer's amazing kayo of King Levinsky, "Uncle Charlie" Harvey startled the fight world with a brand new proposal. On behalf of Steve Hamas, Baer's leading challenger, Harvey suggested a four-round match for the world's championship to be staged before Hamas leaves to box Schmeling in Germany on the 10th of March.

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When women act that way, they are having hysterics. When men do it, they are making money.
Brief explanation of the mess in Asia: The rest of the world has had enough war and Japan hasn't.
Don't feel battered when people call you a good egg. A good egg is the kind you can use.

Uncertainty Clouds Ice Situation

MONCTON HAWKS ARE ONLY SHADOW OF FORMER TEAM

The Opinion in Hockey Circles That Defence Is Cracked and One Great Machine is No Allan Cup Prospect For 1935

The Moncton Hawks, kingbirds of amateur hockey and twice titlists in the Allan Cup competition, appear to be demoralized. And this despite the fact that only a few months ago the chances of the Hawks making the third consecutive win of the Allan mug, and being thus elected the Canadian representation at the Olympics, looked rosy.

The defection of Bert Connolly, a product of Montreal hockey; Sammy McManus, born in Belfast, Ireland, but reared in Toronto; Aubrey Webster, of Kenora, Ont., all wingers, who signed with the pros, after apparently being ready to stay with the Hawks for this season have walloped the Hawk prospects for Allan Cup duplication hard. Connolly booked himself with the New York Rangers, and McManus and Webster tied up with the Montreal Maroons, only to be shifted down river to the Windsor Bulldogs for further pro seasoning.

McManus and Webster, it is said, sent a collect telegram to Perc Nicklin, of Fort Frances, Ont., the Hawk coach, with the information they wished the Hawks luck but had signed with the Maroons. Connolly apparently ignored all Nicklin's importunities to return to Moncton and Nicklin didn't know the lanky Montrealer was lost to his machine until he read it in the newspapers.

The Hawks claim the claim legal assistance. The backers of the Hawks claim they should be allowed by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to strengthen the weakened Hawks to the extent of replacements for the three exiteers, because of no notice having been given the club of the plans of the three deserters to jump the championship chariot just at the start of the hockey season.

The Hawks had engaged Gordie McLean and Mike Medinski, defencemen, and Charlie Marshall, a winger, for the 1934-35 outfit, before the unexpected departures of Connolly, McManus and Webster. All the trio of new players have been barred from the Allan Cup playdowns by the C.A.H.A. because of the ruling which upset the Big Four Maritime circuit into a mercantile route. McLean and Medinski hail from Winnipeg and Marshall from Ottawa. McLean has not played a game in the Big Four thus far, due to a broken ankle sustained in the first practice game of the season; Medinski has shown fairly well, and Mar-

shall has not been the equal of any of the missing trio.

In Losing Streak
The Moncton champs lost four contests in a row. This is the first time that has occurred in the four years the Hawks have been in the flock. One of the defeats was 8 to 2. This is the worst beating in Hawk history. In addition to letting the eight trickle between the goal stanchions, Jimmy Foster, ex-Winnipegger, halted forty shots. Which proves the play was chiepy in the Hawk defending zone. The opposing goalie had only twenty-one saves in the three periods. The Hawk offense has been out to lunch ever since the season opened. Bill Miller, who was credited with being the most valuable player in the loop last season, has been hockeying at about 50 per cent. of his form of last winter. He had been relied on for a big season at centre. Miller, it is whispered, wanted to quit the Hawks in favor of the Saint John Beavers in the same circuit, but was refused permission to change his unit by the Hawk club.

The Hawk backers have been making a frenzied search for talent within the Maritime branch of the C.A.H.A. Several juniors are being initiated. Pop Kerr, of Chatham, N. B., a forward, who played in London, England, last winter has been signed on.

The Hawks are dismayed and their backers are in a quandary. More than anything else the city of Moncton wants the Allan Cup for the third year, to establish the record and to place Moncton in the Olympic line-up. It would be a big publicity stroke for Moncton, and for its industries.

Defence Has Cracked
Not all the discredit for the downfall of the Hawks can be directed at the forwards. The defence has cracked under the strain of an overdose of attacks from foes in the Big Four. Even Bill Gill, ex-Broadview, Sask., and Winnipeg defenceman, who has been the ace barred man of the Hawks for four seasons, has not been up to normal, although far more effective than his mates, Len Burrage, formerly of Winnipeg, and Medinski.

If the Hawks win the playdowns in the Maritimes, for the right to represent the Atlantic region in the Allan Cup competition, the team will be but a shadow of its old self. There are only eight men qualified to enter the

Few Definite Developments in the Maritime Hockey Tangle—"Big Four" Changes.

SAINT JOHN, Jan. 4—The Maritime senior hockey situation remained clouded in uncertainty at an early hour this morning.

Developments last night were:

1.—The Quebec Amateur Hockey Association made application for the Allan Cup playdowns in view of the situation which has arisen possibly excluding the Halifax Wolverines. The Maritimes will stoutly oppose the move, J. E. Wry, president of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association maintained.

2.—There is a possibility that the Moncton Hawks will reconsider their decision to continue Mercantile hockey and enter a league with the Wolves and Truro Bearcats, possibly the Abbies, under the jurisdiction of the C.A.H.A. and make another bid for the Allan Cup.

3.—The Wolverines will be asked to re-enter the Maritime Mercantile League, according to word received, after it was learned that E. A. Gilroy, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, had refused sanction of the Wolves to sponsor a league in Halifax.

From Alcide Gagnon, president of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association, came word that that body would request the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to transfer the Allan Cup finals from Halifax to Montreal owing to the situation which has arisen that three of the "Big Four" teams have definitely decided to continue Mercantile hockey.

This would be opposed, President James E. Wry, of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, tonight declared at his home in Amherst. The province by the sea would have representatives to play for the trophy—even if they did not come from the "Big Four," he asserted.

Allan Cup contests. Of these, there are only five forwards. Nor is there a relief for either of the two defence regulars.

The Halifax Wolves lost one man to the pros, viz, Bill Cowley, of Ottawa, a centre, who did efficient work for the Haligonians last season. Cowley is with the St. Louis Eagles. Coach Bill (Red) Stuart of Amherst, N. S., a former Toronto and Boston, N.H.L. defenceman, has developed a formidable combination from what he had last winter, with two legal additions. In the league playoffs of 1934 the Hawks beat the Wolves handily. But the tables are turned thus far in the Big Four League games.

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