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On the Sidelines

The Montreal press compliments Bill Miller along with Sammy McManus for the part both played in the Maroons' climb to the heights of National League hockey. In a summary of the players on the championship Maroons, the Montreal press gives the following details of Miller and McManus:

BILL MILLER Centre—One of the finest players the Maritimes ever turned out. Like McManus, Allan Cup champs to Stanley Cup team in one big jump. Born at Campbellton 24 years of age. Big and strong. Did his bit last night. Should figure next season.

SAMMY McMANUS, Left Wing—First year in pro hockey. Auspicious start with Stanley Cup champs. Last year Moncton Allan Cup monarchs. One of few players born in Ireland. Year 1909. Started Toronto Canoe Club juniors. Played in Maritimes with New Glasgow, Fredericton, Moncton Hawks. Great speed. Should see much service next year.

A University of Alberta football hero risked his reputation in the field, but proved his prowess at gulping ice cream in the tuck shop by consuming three bricks in 25 minutes flat. Indignant at cynical bystanders who doubted his assertion he could handle a whole brick by himself, the athlete raised the quota to three bricks in 35 minutes and called for wagers. After the first brick, which disappeared in four minutes, the gridiron star was sternly refused an amendment to the wager by which subsequent bricks would be allowed to soften while another was eaten. The second brick occupied him seven minutes. Desperate, the challenger craftily chose a cherry and nut mixture as the last hurdle. The ice cream champ laid it away in 25 minutes, then called for hot coffee.

All league baseballs are sewn by hand today, just as they were in the dim and distant past, for the reason that no machine has yet been invented that can cope with that step in the manufacture of the five-ounce, nine-inch spheres. Leather, you see, varies widely. Covers cut from one horsehide skin may stretch easily—those cut from another may be as tough as a board. For that reason some covers have to be trimmed with a shears as they are being sewn, while others have to be pulled and yanked with a pair of pliers so that they will meet evenly when the sewing is completed. Hence, baseball sewing is an art that has survived this machine age in which we live—and it is very likely to survive for evermore.

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ALEX. CONNELL FIRM IN PURPOSE TO QUIT HOCKEY

Maroon Heads Will Try To Divert Great Goaler From His Plan—Come-back Trail Tough One.

MONTREAL, April 12—Alex Connell, Maroons' maestro of the mesh, is going to hang up his stick. In the dressing room after the last game of the Stanley Cup series with the Leafs he observed that he could hardly hope to duplicate his final performance again, so he felt it time to retire on his laurels.

"That is all over till next year," a reporter observed, shaking hands with Alex.

"I guess it is over forever with me," the fireman answered.

"Say you don't mean that. Why this is like a home to you. That maroon crowd couldn't do without you," was the startled rejoinder. Connell is a noted jokesmith, but there was a serious ring in his voice.

"You know how it is. I was out a year, and I can tell you the comeback trail was no bed of roses until we neared the play-offs when I suddenly really felt I was going to town."

"Then you know how I felt in that first game here on Forum ice against Chicago. There was something missing. Gradually it came back, and when we hit the series it felt like my old-time self. But it was hard. Many a time if it had not been for the friendly help of Tommy Gorman, his encouragement, his way of peppering me up I would have thought it was all no use."

"You know Gorman is like a tonic, he can make you do things you never thought yourself capable of. I do not think I could rouse myself to such a pitch again in another year."

He confessed that his ambition to show some of his Ottawa friends that they were very wrong in their estimate of his capacity had something to do with his dogged trek along the comeback trail which was climaxed with a Stanley Cup triumph, and adorned by his great goal keeping throughout the series, particularly in the first period of the game at Toronto.

"So now I guess I will take my sweater, my stick as keepsakes and call it a day. I mean it. I am not bluffing. Like Greta Garbo, I tank I go home now."

When cold October winds start to sigh through the naked trees, when the leaves turn to gold and glory, when hockey players' thoughts turn to the frozen surface, when Tommy Gorman starts to pep proceedings up again he may lure Connell from his purpose, but as he turns his face homeward to Ottawa he will carry his retirement idea with him.

"The fans they soon forget. Better to retire a champion than to linger on and become a forgotten man."

Maybe Alex is right, but it does not seem reasonable.

CAMPBELLTON, April 11—Robert Baird and Robert McKenzie, Campbellton, C.N.R. locomotive engineers, who recently retired on pension, were presented with long service medals this week by J. E. Gibeault. A number of railway employees witnessed the ceremony. Mr. Baird and Mr. McKenzie made appropriate remarks.

While still in possession of the vigor imparted by our glorious crisp winter, we should at once get busy and have our house cleaning done before catching the last run of late spring 'flu or that down-and-out feeling that gets you at the bud period. A very good start is to lay some NEW

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Max Baer to Fight Wills in Michigan

NEW YORK, April 12—Max Baer, heavyweight champion and his manager, Ancil Hoffman, left New York yesterday for Grand Rapids, Mich., where the champ will meet Young Wills in a four-round exhibition encounter. They will return to New York Monday to make final arrangements for a heavyweight title fight.

SENATORS HAVE A NEW CLEAN-UP HITTER ON TAP

Jonathan Stone Elected By Harris to Fill Shoes of Joe Cronin—Plenty of Hitting Strength.

As if to be on the mark before the pennant fight starts, Bucky Harris, manager of the Washington Senators, has stepped out with his probable line-up for next season even before all the Senators have been signed. Despite a general belief, Harris is not going to throw into action a green team. On the contrary, the veterans will get the call.

Only one recruit is on the list to start the season. He is Alvin Powell, who will be put in centerfield and told the position is his. Besides being the regular centerfielder, Powell will lead the batting order.

Of chief interest in the tentative line-up of the Senators is the player who is to try to fill Joe Cronin's fourth place peg in the batting order. Harris' plan, which will cause discussion all over the circuit, is to assign Jonathan Stone to the clean-up job.

Were any other manager but the shrewd Harris to make such an experiment the fans would cry in horror, but it was Harris who first suggested the placing of Joe Cronin at that vital point in the batting array.

Stone is a chop hitter in an era of sluggers. If he were to be placed upon the market today sharpsharps believe that no team would claim him. However, Harris says he is willing to stand or fall with Stone as No. 4 hitter.

In the opinion of the Washington manager Stone's value does not lie in the extra base hit column. The Washington outfielder gets his drives safe when men are on the paths.

"Just look back at the weak Detroit team we had in 1933," said Harris. "That year Stone batted fourth for us, hammered 108 runs over the plate and his batting mark was .297. May I add that in the same season Charley Gehring, batting .320 and in third place, was unable to produce as many tallies for the Tigers."

It is evident from the first draft of his playing personnel that Harris is to bank more on men who can drive in runs. In the line-up that Harris has announced he has not given first consideration to Fred Sington, even though the rookie is an extra base hit producer.

Lyn Lary would like to have a shot at batting No. 2, but Harris plans to drop him to eighth place, giving second position to Myer, third to Manush and fifth to Travis, with Kuhel in sixth and then Bolton, the heavy hitting backstop.

Hitting is not worrying Harris. It is his relief pitchers who give him the most concern. He is counting on Whitehill, Weaver, Hadley and Stewart as starters, with Bobby Burke swinging into action against teams long on portside batters.

Tom Thomas, who did a bit of a comeback last season, will be second reserve flinger, with Jack Russell filling in as No. 1. Linke, McColl and Prim are down for bull pen duty, although the club may hold one of the recruits sent up from the minor league teams.

Royals-Wolves Battle To Death

HARRY WILLS KNOWS VALUE OF HEALTH "FAST"

Former Negro Heavy to Reduce From 245 To 160 in Annual Fast—Cured Broken Rib.

NEW YORK, April 12—Harry Wills, former negro heavyweight fighter who once loomed as a formidable contender for Jack Dempsey's crown, washed a piece of ham down with a long swallow of milk and then arose from his dining table last night to announce that he was starting then and there upon his 23rd annual fast. For the next 21, 23, or 30 days, depending upon how quickly he feels the poison washed out of his tremendous system, the only thing that will pass his lips will be water—or Adam's ale, as he puts it.

Standing six feet two in his stocking feet, the Black Panther now tips the scales 245 stripped. From past experience he knows that he will lose from four to five pounds today, three and one-half to four tomorrow, four pounds on Friday, and from then on three pounds a day until he starts eating again. At that rate he will be down around 160 and his clothes will be hanging in folds around his powerful body.

The former heavyweight contender taught himself the beneficial qualities of fasting, he said. Twenty-three years ago he was suffering from a broken rib and was treated by a doctor. When the physician said it was all well, the fighter reached up to grab a training ring and wrenched a cartilage in that self same rib. Then he took his case into his own hands and decided that a month long fast would be just the thing. At the end of that time his rib was well and so he has fasted once a year ever since.

C. A. H. A. DEALS WITH IMPORTANT PROBLEMS

HALIFAX, April 11—Rulings dealing with three major problems affecting amateur hockey were made at a brief session of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association here today.

Five extra days were given the branches to declare their entrants in the elimination race for the Allan Cup. In future, Western champions are to be declared by March 15 instead of March 5, and Eastern champions by March 17, instead of March 12.

Amateurs who want to try out with professional teams must seek permission before Dec. 1 of the current season and stay away from amateur games until they have presented a report of their activities in pro company to their branch officials.

Juniors must present more definite proof of their ages in the form of baptismal certificates, letters from the Dominion Immigration Department or school enrolment cards before they can obtain playing certificates.

Mrs. Henpeck, sarcastically—I suppose you've been to see a sick friend—holding his hand all evening.

Mr. Henpeck, sadly—if I'd been holding his hand I'd have made some money.

The rookies include Leon Pettit, a seasoned minor leaguer; Orville Armbrust, Syd Cohen and Reese Diggs.

HE'S 43, WITH SEVEN KIDS, BUT STILL IN FIELD

Smiling Jimmy Henigan To Battle Hills and Dales in B.A.A. 26-Mile Grind April 19.

BOSTON, April 12—Little Jimmy Hennigan, of Medford, Mass., 43-year-old, and father of seven children, will again be in the field facing the starter's gun in the B. A. A. Marathon out in front of Lucky Rock Manor in Hopkinton on April 19.

The wizened little Irishman, who has been laughing at miles and those heart-breaking hills and dales for 25 years, sent his entry to the B. A. A. officials this week, listed from the North Medford Club.

It will mark the sixteenth time that Hennigan has started in the B. A. A. grind of 26 miles, 385 yards. He won in 1931, the qualifying race for the U. S. Olympic team, and ran at Los Angeles, failing to get in the money as Juan Zabala of the Argentine ran off with the honors.

Fever Returns
Smiling Jimmy's record reveals that he was second in 1928, eighth in 1930, second in 1932, and eighteenth in '33. Last year he was back in the also-rans.

Henigan has been retiring from the marathon game for the past three years but seems unable to cure the fever. His home in Medford is cluttered up with over 100 trophies, medals, watches, lamps, statues, clocks and hundreds of other awards for foot-racing. Smiling Jimmy, who ranks with DeMar as the most popular runner along the line from Hopkinton to Exeter street, admits such trophies will not pay the grocer's bills but he's in the race again and hopes to add another first place medal to his list.

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The Deadlock Must Be Broken in Fourth Game At Halifax Tonight— Tie Game Stands.

HALIFAX, N.S., April 11—President E. A. Gilroy, of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association tonight confirmed his edict that Montreal Royals and Halifax Wolverines must finish their Eastern Canadian title series Friday "if they have to play all night".

One of the teams must go into the Allan Cup finals against Port Arthur Bearcats on Monday, and there were to be no ifs or buts. A possible tie game would have to be broken, the 30-minute overtime rule having been waived to permit the Eastern rivals to play until it was broken.

This was a decision of the Association officers, President Gilroy explained.

So Royals and Wolverines, each with one game and a tie to their credit, rested up tonight for the battle of their lives.

The Quebec-Ontario champions defeated the Maritimers 4-3 in the second encounter Monday and Coach Don Penniston was confident they could do it again. Reports that Royals were weakening under the strain of a second tough series following their long engagement with Toronto All-Stars were denied in the Montreal camp.

Captain Ralph St. Germain had a sore arm, but was said to be ready for the fray, and if Doug MacQuiston had shown any signs of being weary he was nicely over it.

Two new recruits now on their way from Montreal, "Buddy" O'Connor and Trueman Donnelly, would be used for relief in tomorrow's game and in the finals if Royals won.

Jubilant about last night's 4-2 victory over the invaders, Wolverines were bubbling over with confidence. Coach Red Stuart planned no lineup changes, finding his men "plenty good as they are".

The Wolves, in their first battle since they eliminated Charlottetown Abegweits from Maritime competition in February, were just getting back to form after the long lay-off, in the opinion of Manager Jack Conn. There would be "no stopping them now", he declared.

Big League scouts, here looking for professional material, thought the Wolves recovered by changing their tactics and beating the Royals at their own game.

The vivacious French-Canadian songstress, Gogo DeLys, who proved such a hit on the Phil Baker programs has been signed for the new ciggie program which takes to the air over the NBC network on the 20. Miss DeLys made her radio debut in this country from the Coconut Grove in Los Angeles with Jimmy Grier's orchestra.

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