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NATIONAL HOCKEY LOOP MAY HAVE 8 CLUBS OPERATING

St. Louis Eagles Likely to Suspend For One Year — Ottawa Mentioned.

MONTREAL, Aug. 14—The National Hockey League may be forced to operate an eight-club circuit next winter. From an authoritative source, comes the news that the St. Louis Eagles will suspend operations for one season at least.

Nothing in the way of confirmation could be learned. Redmond Quinn, director and legal counsel of the Eagles, was located on the long-distance telephone at Ottawa but could only say: "I don't know. I can't say anything about it. No official statement will be made for at least a week."

"Then you can't tell us whether our report is right or wrong," said The Star.

"I don't know," replied Mr. Quinn. "I can't say anything about it at this time."

The Ottawa man was asked if there was any truth in the rumor that, if the team was not operated in St. Louis, it would return to Ottawa and give the Capital representative in big time hockey again.

"I can't say anything about that either," he said.

The St. Louis club was operated at tremendous loss last season. Not only did the venture at the Mound City dig deep into the bank rolls of the Ottawa owners, but other clubs found the long train jumps to St. Louis anything but profitable.

Frank Calder, the president of the National Hockey League, is out of town at present and couldn't be located by telephone or telegraph to comment on the report.

Tommy Gorman, boss of the world champion Maroons, said he knew nothing about the rumor and could say nothing because it was "all news to him." He did mention that the schedule is already made out and it includes the Eagles.

Believes Eagles Out

Maroons And Canadiens May Train at St. John

MONTREAL, Aug. 14—Canadiens are considering a number of training sites. These include Saint John, N. B., Hershey, Pa., Niagara Falls, Kingston, and Stratford. Maroons have been invited to Moncton, Saint John, N.B., Lake Placid and Winnipeg.

While the matter seems to be up in the air at present and the situation quite unsettled, the opinion of hockey men on the street is that St. Louis will not be represented in the National Hockey League next winter.

The only other immediate possibility for the team, then, is to return to Ottawa. But the owners of the franchise, who were also the owners of the Ottawa Auditorium, may think twice before giving professional hockey another trial in the Capital. Last season Ottawa went for amateur hockey in a big way and the Auditorium derived a large profit from the operation of the Senators in the Montreal senior group with no investment to speak of. Return to professional hockey would, of course, cut into the interest in the amateurs.

St. Louis is considered a good spot for a winning hockey club in good times. But the Eagles were not a winning team and times were not good. The same holds for Ottawa.

In good times, Ottawa could doubtless again support a big-time hockey club, just as it did for years and years.

At any rate, it seems the N.H.L. is going to be an eight-club circuit, with four clubs operating in each section. Toronto, Maroons, Canadiens and Americans in one, Boston, Detroit, Rangers and Chicago in the other.

This alignment would meet with the approval of the clubs. It would call for less travelling and a suitable number of games.

If the Eagles withdraw, the tentative schedule already laid out will have to be ditched. On the schedule Maroons are scheduled to open the season in St. Louis on November 12. Canadiens are billed to play in Toronto on November 7.

BABE RUTH TO ENTER AMATEUR GOLF TITLE PLAY

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 14—Babe Ruth, baseball's greatest slugger, will play with Bill Burke of Cleveland, 1931 national open champion, and Tommy Armour of Chicago, who has held both the British and United States open titles, Friday in the \$3,500 open golf championship here.

It will be Ruth's first appearance in a serious money tournament and his first golf competition in Cleveland. Walter Hagen, veteran of many tournaments, will have Henry Picard of Hershey, Pa., and Elmer E. Heasley, of Cleveland as partners in the tournament.

DIDN'T FORGET FRIEND CADDY...

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14—Walter H. Saunders, attorney, was one golfer who didn't forget the caddy.

In his will, filed for probate today, Saunders set aside a trust fund of \$500, the income of which will go annually to the Bellerive Country Club caddy here with the best record for "honor, courtesy, and efficiency, and who sets the best example to his fellow caddies."

TWO STYLES OF PITCHING ARE CONTRASTED

Ted Lyons Master of One Art and Rowe Master of Other, Book in Duel.

Two types of pitching were dramatically illustrated at Navin Field recently.

Pitching for one team was Theodore Lyons, one of the craftiest craftsmen of all base ball seasons.

Pitching for the other team was Lynwood Rowe, the Arkansas school-boy and the sensation of the major leagues in 1934.

Lyons was pitching to the batters, intending that every ball he delivered catch the batter off stride, pitching the ball where the batter did not like to see it pitched, giving him what he least cared for.

Rowe's object was to overpower the batter, show him stuff that he could not hit.

It was a grand demonstration of two styles.

Lyons, we imagine, at one time pitched like Rowe. That was when he was a young man, equipped with power, ambition and determination. He still has ambition and determination but he has lost his power. He is 36 years old and has been pitching in the big leagues for more than 13 years. He has, in more than a decade, learned the fine touch of pitching, the needed strategy. He has conquered the fundamentals as few pitchers have. Lyons, mark you, is one of the great pitchers of his time. He is a craftsman of the very front rank. Some call him the smartest pitcher that the American League has produced.

Some day Lynwood Rowe will be a pitcher like Lyons. He is learning rapidly. He is in the position this year where he has to learn. Luck has turned against him. He must start winning games by strategy. This period comes to all pitchers.

Rowe (and we have Mickey Cochran's word for it, a sufficient guarantee) will develop into one of the truly great pitchers of base ball.

Every pitcher has a nemesis. Christy Mathewson, greatset of them all, had Joe Tinker, and Tinker was not a great hitter.

Lyons has Greenberg as his nemesis and Greenberg, while not a great hitter today, is rapidly developing into one. He will be one of the greatest of all time. And one of the leading, if not the best, sluggers.

Greenberg has been a problem for Lyons ever since he entered the league. Lyons may get past the entire Detroit lineup but he cannot beat Greenberg and on Friday it was Greenberg who drove in three of the four runs that Detroit needed to beat Lyons.

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VETERANS TRY TO STAY IN MAJORS

NEW YORK, Aug. 13—Baseball's comeback trail is clogged with athletes striving hard to be numbered among those called to the spring training yards in 1936. Veterans like Charlie Root, Ted Lyons, Lefty Grove, George Watkins, Chuck Klein, and Luke Sewell are making news these days as the pennant fights grow hotter.

Less is being heard about the spring rookies who soared to such heights in the early months of the race. Here and there some solitary figure groping along the road that ends in the minors flashes a dramatic feat that adds to the history of the flag struggles.

Four hits by Ralph Kress the other day contained a touch of desperation by a player who has been tried in nearly every position. Kress broke into the headlines recently as a candidate for a pitching job. It appeared to be the redhead's last stand in the majors.

Of course, did not have what it takes to win ball games on the mound. Griffith called the veteran into his office and told him the only job for him was first base at Chattanooga. Red grew sick at heart as he faced the end of the trail.

On the day Kress was to start to Chattanooga the Senators were playing a double header. Buddy Myer had a row with one of the umpires and was ejected from the game. That put Griffith in a bad spot for an infielder, and he telephoned to Kress at his home to come back. Red reported in time to start the second game of the twin bill and delivered four successive hits. After that performance Griffith took back Red's ticket to Chattanooga and told him he could stick around with the Senators.

Pittsburgh naturally is a bit shocked over the hitting form of Babe Herman since he put on a Cincinnati uniform. It is pretty generally known that Charlie Dresen did not want Herman on his ball team, but Larry McPhail took the chance and grabbed him when waivers were offered. Larry believed that Herman might see a chance to save his \$12,000 salary by producing for the Reds. Herman realized his last chance was at hand. A trip to the minors was inevitable unless he could prove to McPhail and Dresen that he had something of the old thunder off his days with the Dodgers.

Babe set out to climb up to the better group of hitters. When he was ushered out of Forbes Field he had the rather measly mark of .235 to show for his big salary. He had disappointed the Pirates, but his work with the Reds has been pretty consistent, for he has batted above the .300 line since he has been operating for Dresen.

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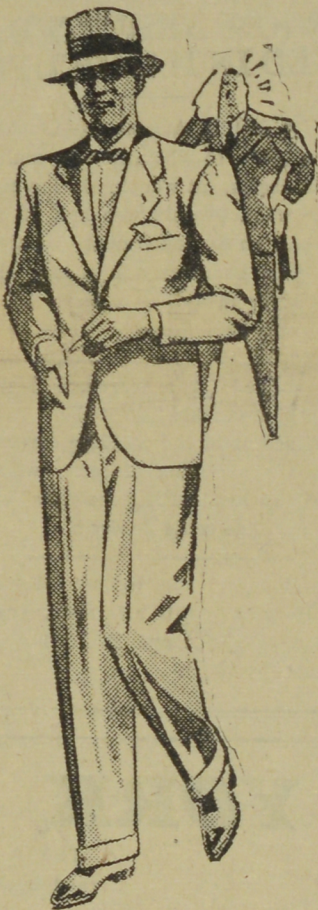
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