



SPORT



On the Sidelines..

Now that Max Baer is on the top of the heap and seems to be just about the best heavyweight bet around, it will do no harm to tell this one on him, in view of his well-known capacity to toot his own horn. In 1931 Tommy Loughran proved to be a shadow to Baer in a bout between the two. Baer was unable to land a glove on the clever Philadelphian.

Says Ed Hurley in the Boston Record: "Connie Smythe, boss of the Toronto Maple Leafs, popped off the other night in New York and had them sweating for a few moments. Smythe pointed an accusing finger at the official timekeeper, whom he charged with halting the game 12 seconds before it should have finished and robbing the Leafs of a goal. And that wasn't all. He insisted that the Madison Square Garden management imperiled the lives of his players by shutting down the ice plant a half hour before the game was supposed to finish. The overtime was played in slush and soft ice as a result, which caused players to be dumped all over the ice in a futile effort to keep their feet on the trick ice. Now they're going to install a giant electric clock, which will synchronize with the official watch to prevent such squawking in the future."

For talking back to Manager Herb Gardiner of the Philadelphia Arrows' hockey club, Doug Brennan, former Rangers' defence player, was sent to his home in Havlock, Ont., and fined \$50. It seems that the manager remonstrated with Brennan on the way he was playing his position.

For some fans, who are all for wrestling, baseball, fighting, or the six-day bicycle grind, tennis offers some problem. Associated Press tells this one, which concerns a couple of ushers who were watching the Vines, Tilden, Lott and Stofen play the other evening, and, who, being accustomed to watching other sports, couldn't quite get onto the terms or the action of tennis. Said one: "Say, that Vines got a high hard one like Dizzy Dean, but they look like a bunch of wrestlers that lost their script. 'That ain't it,' rejoined the other. 'This party's like the six-day bike race where one side steals so many laps, then the other. They're working this up so that soon you can drop in after the theatre and see eight-ten sets, then come back the next day and see some more.'"

Baz' O'Meara in the Montreal Star refers to the coming Allan Cup playdowns, and doesn't fail to slip in a little irony on the Maritime import matter. Says he: "Amateur hockey teams which are furiously engaged at present in efforts to make the Allan Cup playdowns have something to look forward to. The trip to Berlin beckons next year. There will be no reason why the top Canadian team should not be picked, because the top Canadian team this year will be a very strong one. For there are some very fine amateur clubs and players dotted round here and there. Just as good amateurs as ever broke into the N. H. L. for instance. Such players as Farquharson, St. Gerbain, Watson, for instance, just to name a few, or Eddie Finnigan, Bourcier, George Brown, to add to the list. Or the undoubted talent that is playing for Toronto or Hamilton. To say nothing of the imports who were acceptable in the Maritimes."

SOX WILL NOT EXPEND ANY MORE MONEY

Cronin Trade is the Last Spending Spree of Red Sox Owners — Rivals Asking Big Prices For Players.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Values of baseball players have jumped to amazing proportions since the Boston Red Sox bought their new manager, Joe Cronin, from Washington. That big deal is the last the Red Sox will make with any big cash outlay involved. Eddie Collins says the Boston team will struggle along as best it can rather than pay the prices demanded by those with whom he has been trying to trade. The days of the pot of gold have faded. Yet it is said, the Boston club has already netted 10 per cent. on its baseball investment so far.

Boston was not eager to have known the price paid for Cronin. Clark Griffith of Washington did not want the world to learn the exact figures, but so much controversy has arisen about the price the figures have been allowed to become public. The results have been disastrous for the Red Sox, who are seeking a first baseman and a key-stone tender.

\$285,000 Involved

Clark Griffith, it is now said semi-officially, received the sum of \$150,000 cash and Lyn Lary for whom the Boston club paid \$35,000 last season, for Cronin's contract. A second payment of \$100,000 is to be made to Washington before the season opens. On top of that Cronin has a five-year contract calling for a salary of \$30,000 a year. All this makes the dicker the most expensive in baseball. It became known that he faced a troublesome situation in case his son-in-law failed to produce a winner at Washington.

O. H. A. PLAYERS' STATUS CLARIFIED

NORTH BAY, Ont., Jan. 16—Status of players in the northern senior group of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association was clarified today by an announcement by W. A. Thompson, secretary-treasurer of the N.O.H.A.

Cecil Duncan, of Ottawa, vice-president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, declared Jan. 7, that 22 players performing in the N.O.H.A. were under suspension because they did not have proper transfers.

According to Mr. Thompson's announcement, 82 players in the northern senior group, which is made up of teams from Kirkland Lake, Timmins, McIntyre Mines, South Porcupine and Noranda, were given certificates, nine are applying to the C. A. H. A. for transfers, and 18 were denied transfers by the C. A. H. A.

The Banjoleers, heard every Saturday morning from Schenectady, are brothers, Don and Lee Hancox. Their home is in Troy.

Lou Brouillard, former middle-weight champion, and Frankie Battaglia, the Winnipeg slugger, will meet in Motor Square Garden, in Pittsburgh, Jan. 29.

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Bill Bonthron Ordered to Keep On Running

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—If you've ever had a bull by the horns and couldn't let him go, they you can appreciate the plight of bounding Bill Bonthron, as great a middle distance runner as this day knows.

Bonthron, winner of the Sullivan Memorial award, wants to quit running, hang up his spiked shoes for all time, but he can't. His doctor has advised against it.

"My doctor said it would be too great a shock to my system," Bonthron said, "if I were to quit running suddenly. So I've got to taper off gradually and perhaps in a year's time, when I'm thoroughly 'trained down' I'll be through."

NATIONAL LOOP PITCHING WILL BE STRONGER

NEW YORK, Jan. 15—Pitching plans in the National League are about completed for next season. Seven clubs are aiming to end the reign of the Deans as masters of the mound. Conceding that the Cardinals will be a hard team to beat after their sensational pennant spurt of last season, rival managers are seeking to throw the pitching Deans off their stride, and when the Deans falter the Cardinals are no pennant contenders.

The Cubs have set themselves up as the real rivals of the St. Louis world champions. Their two pitching hopes will be Warneke and French. Able assistance will be expected from other members of the curving corps, but the southpaw from Pittsburgh, rated the second best in the circuit, with their own sterling right hander, will be the Chicago challenge to the Dean peril.

The Giants will have Hubbell and Schumacher again. The southpaw who won the flag for the Terrymen in 1933 showed in the pitching averages released the other day that he was the ace of portsideers when it comes to pitching efficiency. Hubbell only has to be a shade better than last season to be up to his 1933 form. Schumacher, a master moundsman, is still far from his pitching peak. He may surprise the league next season.

Pittsburgh's defiance to the Cardinals is a pair of pitchers obtained from the Cubs. They are Big Jim Weaver and Guy Bush. The former was the pitching surprise of the loop last season with his deceptive fork ball. The veteran Bush, as serious a lad as ever scaled a mound, has vowed that he will win 20 games for the Pirates.

PARKER IS MENTIONED FOR DAVIS CUP TEAM

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 16—W. Gibbons of the Davis Cup committee, says "three youngsters" in amateur tennis are being considered for the Davis Cup team that will represent the United States this year.

Gibbons told the league of West Jersey Field Clubs last night that Frank Parker, Gene Mako and Donald Budge are tentatively included in his list.

The other tentative nominees, he said, are Wilmer Allison, the Texan, now ranked No. 1 nationally; John Van Ryn, of Philadelphia, and Sydney Wood.

Jake Webber, former Olympic team trainer, will handle the next Davis Cup squad, Gibbons added.

Cubs Win Two, 'Iron Man' Stunt

Trim Bankers 4 to 2, and Eagles 3 to 2, Last Contest Going Into Overtime—Cubs Live Up To Threat To Capture Two Tilts In An Evening.

The Cubs put on a Max Baer act at the Arctic Rink last night, capturing two victories in a double-header winning the first from the smooth-working Bankers, 4 to 2, and the second from "Bill" Walker's and Larry McLean's Junior Eagles. This last game went into overtime, the veteran "Bud" Steen notching the winning counter and making the final tally, 3 to 2.

One of the best crowds of the York County Intermediate League season to date watched the 'Iron-man' affair and were treated to some good smooth hockey in the first game and some mediocre and listless play in the second. "Bud" Steen scored three of the Cubs' seven goals and played the entire two games, which just about rules out that old notion that a veteran can't stand the pace. Bud is just as tricky and durable as ever.

First Game

The first game provided some spicy hockey and the Bankers reinforced by several newcomers gave the Cubs stern competition especially in the first and last periods. They weakened in the second and the eventual league leaders were able to score 3 tallies on "Jeff" Richards, whose assisting defence of Ogilvie and Palmer was not all it might be. Steen got one, Pickard got one, and "Bill" Lifford, the irrepressible one, got the other.

In the third period "Rod" McDonald and Freddy Wade gave the Bankers hope and renewed life when they hopped long shots past Goaler Young and for a time there was some tough battling. But the Cubs, by dint of superior passing game and speedy skating and backchecking by that Keenan-Mills duo of speed, were able to subdue the Bankers. The second period waxed quite rough and Referee Edgar Wade was forced to send Thompson off the ice at one time, when he and Jackie Keenan mixed it, and another few minutes later, Wade and Goodine. Keenan attempted a personal attack on Thompson as he was leaving the ice and rightly should have been penalized along with Thompson.

Some Tangles

During the hectic second period in which the fans were given a good brand of hockey, Ogilvie and "Heddy" Mills tangled and were penalized along with Wade and the usually unruffled Goodine. "Bus" McLennahan, who seems to be less boisterous than the other McLennahan athletes, packed an able shot all evening and as Goaler Richards notes, has just about "the toughest shot in the league". The Banker standouts were "Dr." Thompson who harassed the Cub forwards all night; "Jeff" Richards who put up a swell exhibition in the nets, it being his first appearance of the season; and Ronnie Wade, for his fine skating and backchecking exhibition.

The lineups:
Cubs: Goal, Young; defence, Goodine, and Pickard. forwards, Mills, Steen and McLennahan; Lifford, McDonald, Keenan, George Beatty.
Bankers: Goal, Richards; defence,

HAMAS AND BAER MATCHED

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—If the \$25,000 guarantee for battling Max Schmeling in Germany isn't posted somewhere beyond the German frontier by February 1, Steve Hamas will meet Max Baer in a 10-round, no-decision match in Chicago during March. This was the outcome of a conference here between Charley Harvey, Hamas' manager, and Lewis and Mullen, Chicago promoters.

If Hamas is unavailable for the March scrap with Baer, Art Lasky will be offered the bout.

Palmer and Ogilvie; forwards, Johnston, Dodds, R. Wade; F. Wade, Thompson, R. McDonald, Lynch.

The summary:

First Period
Cubs, Steen 12 mins.
Second Period
Cubs, Lifford, 6 mins.
Cubs, Steen (McLennahan) 13 mins.
Cubs, Pickard, 18 mins.
Penalties: Thompson, Ogilvie, Mills, Wade, Goodine.
Third Period
Bankers, R. McDonald, 2 mins.
Bankers, F. Wade (Dodds), 6 mins.
Penalties: Keenan.

Second Game

The final game was a slow and sorry affair part of the time, with the fans, it appeared, very much on the side of the young Eagles. They fought hard, too, but even favored by the handicap which the Cubs were under of playing two games on the one night the youths were not a match for the cleverer and consistent teamwork of the more experienced Cubs.

Larry McLean had the Cubs practicing all the strategy he knew and for a time their game of a slow opening, defensive style of play seemed to be working. The first canto ended 1-0, Mills slipping a difficult shot past "Ev. Staples for the only goal in this period. In the second the score ended 1 to 1, on the strength of a long shot past Cliff Young, peppered by "Topsy" Flowers the Eagles, clever defense player. The third period also ended in a draw, with "Bus" McLennahan balancing the count in the Cubs' favor after a few minutes of play, which was later equalized when "Bun" McLennahan batted one past Young in a mixup in front of the Cub net just before the bell sounded.

The overtime saw the Cubs playing a better brand of hockey than they had played all during the Eagle contest, and Steen capitalized an opportunity to put his team on top at 3 to

EARL COMBS COMING BACK WITH YANKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 16—Johnny Nee, scout of the New York Yankees, who has spent several weeks visiting players who were ailing last season, reported to the club today that Earle Combs apparently is completely recovered from the smash-up at St. Louis last mid-summer. Combs suffered a skull fracture, a dislocated shoulder and a battered hip.

For two months he remained in a hospital and for two more months he convalesced at his Richmond, Ky., home.

"But now," said Nee, "the Kentucky Colonel looks as good as new. He will report to Dr. Robert F. Hyland, physician for the St. Louis clubs, for a final inspection and join the Yankee squad at St. Petersburg for spring training.

2, when after one minute of play slipped one past Staples, the Eagles' goal. He scored again a few minutes later but it was disallowed when Referee Wade overruled the goal judge, claiming that Staples had been charged.

Strategy Miscarried

Coach McLean had his Eagles playing defensively and waiting for the breaks, when it would seem that the idea would have been to have the Cubs skating their heads off and necessarily tiring. Instead of forcing their opponents to skate and backcheck the Eagles were merely playing into the Cubs' hands (or legs as you wish) and they didn't make much headway. The Cubs merely ambled and were inside the Eagle blue-line entirely too much. The Cubs looked fresher in the overtime than the Eagles did. However the latter put up a good game, probably their best showing of the season and while they didn't win, their showing against the Cubs was the best of any other club in the league. (Continued on Page 2.)

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