



# SPORT



## On the Sidelines

"Baz" O'Meara in the Montreal Star comments on the Canadiens' chances in the coming N. H. L. playoffs as follows:

"Canadiens refuse to take for granted the assurances that they are certain to make the playoffs. Joe Simpson is also scowling in the direction of those who dismiss Amerks claims to the charmed circle so lightly. So do the American player. They feel that if they can whittle down the Canuck lead to five points now, they will overhaul them in the stretch. Still the odds favor Canadiens although they have failed to beat Americans on home ice this year. Maroons are not in any happy frame of mind over recent accidents. Conacher seems to have his battle against Young, but he broke his thumb. True it is not a serious injury as hockey casualties are rated now, but it is not anything to laugh over just the same. Connie has had plenty of bad luck this year, and his most recent they are fortunate in having such a long lead for second place, and are taking no chances of being caught shorthanded in the playoffs. The game tonight is not vastly important except that it will serve as an occasion to in Toe Blake, the latest amateur recruit. From all reports he is another Cain. If he is as good, as that Maroons have made a ten strike as the energetic Cain is not far from being an outstanding find.

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Outdistancing a field of sixty-five jumpers, Gunner Oman, of the Norge Ski Club, of Chicago, won the Canadian ski jumping championship. This is the first time in twelve years that the title has been taken outside of Canada.

Oman jumper 117 feet on his first attempt and added eight feet on his second try, six feet better than his nearest opponent.

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Panama Al Brown, Negro holder of the world's bantamweight title wears France's medal of physical education. The champion of the 118-pounders was honored because he has been the "hardest fighting world champion", the citation said, and also because he has defended the title thirty one times against French boxers.

## SPORT SHORTS

### SHIRES SEEKS PLAYERS

Fort Worth, Feb. 25—Art Shires, former White Sox, Braves, and Washington Senators first sacker, who was signed by Joe Cambria, of the Albany Club of the International League, to manage the Harrisburg Club of the New York-Penn League, expects to band together a first class team. Shires is scouting some good material for his team.

### YANKEES ARE TO BE SIGNED

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 25—No less than ten members of the New York Yankees squad are still unsigned as the club is making arrangements to depart for their St. Petersburg, Florida training camp. Outside of "Babe" Ruth and Charlie Devens, who apparently are taking no interest in contracts at this time, there are "Lefty" Gomez, Ruffing, Lazzeri, Crosetti, Selkirk, Hoag, Allen, Van Atta Walker and Combs.

Barker (whispering to new helper): "Here comes a man for a shave".

Helper: "Let me practice on him".

Barber: "All right, but be careful and not cut yourself".—Santa Fe Magazine.

## HOPE TO SAVE RELICS, HISTORY HARNESS RACING

NEW YORK N. Y., Feb. 25—Carl S. Burr, formerly State Senator from Suffolk County; Frank H. Briggs, sometime secretary of the Mayflower Society, and other old-time devotees of trotting are organizing a movement to collect and preserve in some suitable public institution the literature and relics relating to the evolution and history of the American trotting horse.

On the Long Island farm where Mr. Burr now lives he and his father of the same name and his grandfather, Smith Burr, spent their best years in breeding and training light-harness horses. Lady Suffolk, the first 2:30 trotter, and Maud S., the first to beat 2:10, were among the noted ones handled there. Track and road vehicles—sulkeys and wagons—of the period of "the old gray mare" are in the barns along with those of the last days before motor cars.

Those and such other relics as a silver cup won by Rose of Washington at the fair of the American Institute at which Hambletonian was shown in New York, must sooner or later be lost unless a permanent repository can be found for them and others like them now reposing in many old family homes. Then there are the books, magazines, papers and pictures relating to the subject; a library in itself.

Because New York was the birthplace of the breed and the scene of its early exploits, Mr. Burr hopes to find a place for the collections in this city. But space is precious in metropolitan museums and libraries, as a few years ago when they tried to obtain a gallery for relics of the turf in one of the institutions to which they had contributed many thousands of dollars. Mr. Briggs thinks the Smithsonian Institution in Washington or the Department of Agriculture there would be a suitable place, since the trotting horse is the creation of American breeders proceeding along lines at once original and more scientific and efficient than any previously followed in any branch of animal breeding.

## IRELAND IN RUGBY VICTORY OVER SCOTLAND

DUBLIN, February 25 — Ireland sprang a surprise in the international rugby series here today by defeating Scotland, 12 to 5. Trailing, 5 to 3, at half time, the Irish made a great spurt after the interval.

Ireland's 12 points was made up of four unconverted tries scored by O'Connor, Lawler, Bailey and Ridgway. Shaw obtained Scotland's touch down in the first half, Fyffe concurring. Rain interfered with the play which was watched by a crowd of 35,000.

The home team scored first through O'Connor. A passing movement by the Irish three-quarters broke down and the ball was kicked over the line by Bailey. O'Connor flung himself on the ball after a terrific race with the Scottish backs. Ridgway failed to add the extra points.

Play swung to the other end and Shaw went over, Fyffe converting.

Scotland made a number of dangerous rushes after the interval but Shaw was brilliant in defense. Lawler put Ireland ahead going over from a line-out. Siggins failed with the kick. Then Bailey scored between the posts but Ridgway made a wretched attempt to convert. Toward the end of the game Ireland repeatedly attacked and finally Ridgway went over a fourth try. This time Sayers failed to add the extra points.

## N. H. L. NEEDS ANOTHER TEAM TO BALANCE IT

"Bullet Joe" Simpson Has Some Ideas on How to Improve the National Hockey Loop.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 25—"What we need in the National Hockey League today is another team to balance up the two groups more so than the various theories for improvement now circulating", said Joe Simpson, manager of New York Americans, prior to departing for Montreal.

Bullet Joe, Selkirk, Man., fishing magnate delivered in plain language his opinions of suggestions the league be rolled into one group, next winter, that the standing be listed on a percentage basis and that the Americans be counted out of a playoff berth without further ado.

"This suggestion, coming from I don't know where, that the league go back to the single group system, certainly does not jibe with my ideas for improving major league hockey", said Joe.

"The ideal situation would be five teams in both the Canadian and United States sections. That would eliminate many of the grievances—objections to the schedule I mean—now prevailing. Have you noticed how the schedule has been hitting my team this year? Now mark you I am not squawking. I am merely pointing out facts. Three times this year we have started off on what looked like promising winning streaks with two or three victories over the outstanding teams in the league. Then, what happens? We get a week's layoff and the players hang about idle and fretful and lose their form by the time the next game comes to hand.

"Even some of the baseball leagues have copied our idea of playoffs so there can't be so much wrong with that. It's true the major leagues are still a bit skeptical of the plan but then they have two eight team groups and besides they play practically every day in the schedule whereas two or three nights a week is the best we can do.

"The fans have shown they have no objection to our play off system by attending them in increasing numbers every year. Possibly we had two evenly balanced circuits, that is five in each group, and the whole ten teams well matched, we could drop the second and third place playoffs and content ourselves with the league championship series, the winner to get the Stanley Cup.

Simpson dismissed in short order a suggestion emanating locally that hockey adopt baseball's percentage system of regulating the standings.

"Can you picture the thing from an injury handicapped team's viewpoint", he asked. "Supposing a team went out there shorthanded against a supposedly superior squad and held it to a tie and then found out they got exactly nothing for the stale-mate. Would that be fair to the underdog? I don't think so."

While admitting Montreal Canadiens had shown great improvement in recent weeks, Joe was not willing to concede Leo Dandurand's crew had third place in the Canadian division clinched.

"If we are fortunate enough to best them we are still very much in the

## Cubs Lose At Edmundston 4 to 2

Sprague Cleghorn's Edmundston Eskimos In Win Over Fredericton Club—Fast Periods.

EDMUNDSTON, Feb. 25—Edmundston Eskimos defeated the Fredericton home-and-home series in the N. B. Intermediate semi-finals. Over 800 fans witnessed the efforts of the Eskimos, trying in vain for a wider margin.

Play opened fast with the Cubs pressing hard but the Eskimos soon organized themselves and led by Snap Dickey, Langlais and Milo, Gagne broke through doing some beautiful stickhandling and snappy passing through the defence. Langlais scored on an assist from Gagne and Dickey. The Cubs tried to counter but were forced to fall back on the defensive following Pickard's penalty.

The bell brought the first period to an end as the Eskimos were pressing for a second goal. The second period opened with some nice rushes by both teams. After five minutes of play Langlais was assisted by Dickey in scoring the second tally for the Eskimos. This was soon countered by Mills of the Cubs, who sent a fast one through Ritchie on an assist from Steen. Pickard drew two penalties, Gulliver and Keenan each one during the period.

### Fast Third Session

The third was faster and individual rushes resulted in two scores for the Eskimos by Len LeBlanc and Langlais. With only one minute to go the Cubs pressed hard and Lifford at last sent in a loose one in past Ritchie to make it 4 to 2.

The Cubs' defence saved them from a rout. Langlais was the hero of the evening with three scores to his credit. Referees were Dr. Herbert and Edgar Wade, of Fredericton.

### Summary:

First Period: 1, Eskimos, Langlais (Gagne and Dickey). Penalties: Pickard (2), Beaulieu.

Second Period: 2, Eskimos, Langlais (Dickey); 3, Cubs, Mills (Steen). Penalties: Pickard (2), Gulliver, Keenan.

Third Period: 4, Eskimos, Len LeBlanc; 5, Eskimos, Langlais; 6, Cubs, Lifford. Penalties, Keenan.

Line-ups: FREDERICTON—Goal, Young; defence, Pickard, Goodine, Minue; centres, Steen McDonald; wings, McLennan, Keenan, Mills, Lifford.

EDMUNDSTON—Goal, Ritchie; defence, Adams, Copie LeBlanc, David; centres, Dickey and Gulliver; wings, Beaulieu, Len LeBlanc, Langlais and Gagne.

running for that third place. I still think we can trip Canadiens", he said.

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## Bland - Wallace, Jimmy Boyne In Welter Bouts

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 25—Tommy Bland, Canadian lightweight champion has left for Vancouver, B. C., to meet Gordon Wallace, the coast's hope for the Dominion welterweight title, promoter Playfair Brown said Saturday.

Bland lost a close decision to 19-year-old Frankie Genovese, of Toronto here some weeks ago, and Genovese was to battle Irish Jimmy Boyne, of Fredericton, N. B., for the right to meet Wallace for the championship. Brown said, however, the Toronto Italian's father has refused to permit Frankie to sign further bouts until he comes of age. Consequently Bland will represent the East against Wallace. No date has been set for the Bland-Wallace bout.

Brown added that if Bland takes Wallace, Barney Ross has expressed willingness to appear in Toronto against Tommy in a tune-up affair prior to Ross' projected return scrap with Jimmy McLarnin.

## Fredericton High Swamped Rothersey

ROTHESAY, N. B., Feb. 26—Fredericton High School hockey team outplayed Rothersey Collegiate yesterday afternoon in a regular game of the N. B. Interscholastic Hockey League here by the score of 6 to 0.

Early in the game the Capital boys showed superiority in all branches of the game and in the first session opened the scoring. They continued to outplay the Rothersey sextet in the second and third sessions.

The defence department of the Fredericton team was particularly strong and time after time turned back many well organized Rothersey attempts.

Employer (to newly-hired typist): "Now I hope you thoroughly understand the importance of punctuation?"  
Stenographer: "Oh, yes, indeed, I always get to work on time".—Grit.

"Have your new neighbors much cough?"

"I don't know, but certainly they have plenty of crust".

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## BOOKMAKERS RALLY TO FIGHT BETTING VETO

ALBANY, February 25—With the Twomey constitutional amendment legalizing pari-mutuel betting at New York State race tracks up for a Senate vote Monday night, legislative leaders today were investigating reports of an alleged \$250,000 "publicity" fund, supposed to have been raised by bookmakers opposed to the measure.

The resolution, passed by the 1934 legislature and scheduled to go to the voters next November if repassed by this legislature, came out of the finance committee Tuesday, after Senator John J. Dunnigan, majority leader of the upper house, insisted that it be reported.

Opposition to the measure, calculated to add \$5,000,000 a year to the state's revenue, has not been concealed. Some of the book-makers have been open in their attempts to prevent it from reaching the voting machines next fall.

The bookmakers pocketed considerable money last summer as a result of the betting splurge which followed legal wagering under the 1934 Crawford-Breitenbach law. They feel that parimutuel machines will cut into their earnings and they are said to be willing to spend some of their summer profits as a cheerful contribution to the "publicity" fund.

Governor Lehman has no voice in the sending of proposed constitutional amendments to the people. That is a legislative function. The governor, however, favors the parimutuels system and he may use his influence against the book-makers' "publicity" drive.

Teacher: "Robert, if you are always very kind and polite to all your playmates what will they think of you?"

Robert: "Some of 'em would think they could lick me!"—Chicago Daily News.

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