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Port Royals Lead Softball League At End of First Week

Schedule Will Be Announced When Grounds Arrangements Completed.

The City Softball League is away to a good start and indications point to an exciting season for both spectators and players. It is too early to make any definite remarks in regard to player strength of the several teams as the closing date is not till June 15 for registration of players.

The British Consols and Port Royals played the most exciting game to date on Tuesday evening on the Allison Grounds. Barrett for the British Consols and Stuart for Port Royals were the opposing pitchers and staged a spectacular pitcher's battle. The Port Royals were declared the winners by a score of 9 to 6, but not before the Consols gave them a hard fight. At the time of writing Port Royals top the league.

The playing schedule for the league has not been announced yet, awaiting definite information in regard to grounds.

THE CITY SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING

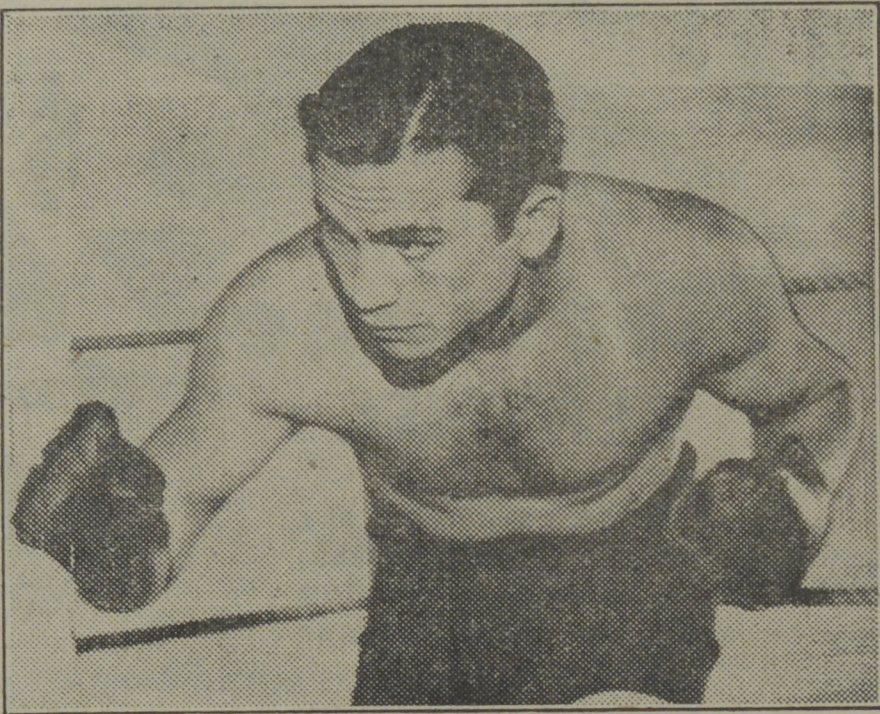
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Port Royals.....	2	0
British Consols.....	1	1
Prov. Wood Products..	0	1
Geldart's Dairies.....	0	1

Splendid Horse Races Staged At Havelock, Monday

Harry Putnam, owned by Mr. Willis, Gagetown, won the match race in straight heats, at Havelock, which headlined an attractive card of harness racing featuring the holiday attractions of this district. The Gagetown horse defeated Handsome Boy in straight heats. In Class B, Queenie Mac, owned by Mr. Ryder, of Havelock, won from a fast field, while Peter Watt won Class C. in straight heats.

A crowd of about 500 fans attended the races, which were staged on the Pine Tree Park speedway. The races were thrilling and provided keen competition in every heat. A slight accident occurred in the second heat of the Class C. race when Miss Mutch fell as she was rounding a turn and Driver Jones was hurled clear of the sulky. The horse was unharmed, and Driver Jones escaped with a few bruises.

BARNEY PUTS SKIDS UNDER JIM



Here is an aggressive picture of BARNEY ROSS, who recaptured his welter-weight title from Jimmy McLarnin, former Vancouver boy, in a great battle. Both took a good deal of punishment, but Barney seemed to show more signs of the hammering he got than did Jimmy.

"Mysterious" Billy Smith Given Call Over Lavigne

Seconds Stepped Into Ring And Disqualified Their Man—Fans Resented Smith's Tactics of Hitting in the Clinches.

By RAY HANSEN

A number of requests have been received by the writer asking for details of big bouts held years ago and are still recalled by boxing fan. Included in the number was one asking for some details of the "Mysterious" Billy Smith-Kid" Lavigne fight which took place in San Francisco, Cal., on March 14, 1899.

Smith, who was always considered a Saint John boy, won the bout in question being awarded a decision in the 14th round, when Lavigne's seconds jumped into the ring claiming a foul.

Details of this contest follow:

Smith entered the ring at 9.15 accompanied by Alex Greggains, Tim McGrath and Billy Hennessey. Lavigne followed a few minutes later. His seconds were Billy Lavigne, Teddy Alexander and "Young" Mitchell. A wrangle arose over a bandage on Smith's left hand, but Lavigne gave way and consented to its remaining. They agreed to break away clean. Time was called at 9.30 p.m.

In the first round, Smith, who towered over his opponent, was the first to lead, shooting a left to the neck and pounding the Kid's ribs with his right as they clinched. The fans resented this. Lavigne shot home a good left to the jaw after they had broken clear of the clinch. They again

clinched and Smith was cautioned by the referee for using his left. Honors were even at the end of the first round as few blows had been struck, but Smith was hissed for disregarding his agreement and hitting in the clinches.

In the second Lavigne shot a stiff left to Smith's jaw and the latter retaliated with a similar blow. Several exchanges followed with Lavigne getting the better of the rally. Just before the bell sounded Lavigne shot a hard right under Smith's heart.

As the third round opened both men started right in slugging and both landed several times, but little damage was done. Smith used both hands again in a clinch and was again warned by the referee. Both were sparring at the bell.

Smith rushed his opponent in the fourth and landed a left to the neck and a right to the body. Lavigne shot a right to the body. Both were apparently over-anxious and were leading and swinging wildly and then clinching. The Kid's side was red from Smith's blows in the clinches.

In the fifth round Lavigne started off by knocking a left to Smith's neck and a right to the body. His leads were short. They then mixed and although both

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SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



AT THE TIME OF WRITING Commissioner Landis had heard the evidence of Walter Johnson, manager of the Cleveland Club of the American League, and that of Willie Kamm, a star infielder, who was indefinitely suspended by the "Big Train" on a charge of affecting the play of the younger players of the club with suggestions and advice. While the club was playing good baseball it was not coming through in the manner expected and demanded by Johnson. Dissension had crept in and after an investigation he indefinitely suspended Kamm, who as a result of his great playing ability, has been an idol of the fans, and dismissed out-right Catcher Glenn Myatt. Kamm felt that he had not been treated fairly and demanded a hearing before Commissioner Landis. Prior to this investigation Alva Bradley, president of the Cleveland club, announced that he would withhold action until a decision had been handed down by the Commissioner. In event that Kamm was vindicated he said he would have no recourse but to dismiss Johnson and secure another manager. After hearing both sides Landis decided that action, if any, was up to the owner of the Cleveland club. If Johnson felt that the united or individual actions of Myatt and Kamm were hurting the morale of the club he was justified in taking the action he did and he should receive the hearty support of the owner. No player, no matter how good he is, should be allowed to take liberties which might directly or indirectly jeopardise the interests of his team.

IN A FEW MORE DAYS MAX BAER, THE HEAVYWEIGHT champion of the world, will conclude his boxing and devote the rest of the time, in preparation for his bout with Jim Baddock, to road work and light exercise. He has had some trouble with his hands. During an exhibition bout he injured his right hand and was forced to favor that member during the course of his training. Later he struck one of his sparring partners on the head and sustained a swollen joint on his left hand. While both were responding to treatment the fact remained that he did not dare take any chances of aggravating either injury and thus jeopardize the heavyweight crown. As a result road work and light exercise will keep him in good condition and at the same time rest his hands for the coming tilt. He is said to be in splendid condition physically and was credited with taking his training course more seriously than on former occasions. The champion and his manager are both so confident that he will dispose of Baddock that they are already making arrangements with Walter Rothenberg for a fight with Max Schmeling in London on August 17. The latter was expected to arrive in America in the course of a few days to make final preparations, post a specified sum of money, etc. Baer is also said to be ready to meet Joe Louis if he succeeds in defeating Primo Carnera in their bout scheduled for June 25.

THE RESULT OF THE BIG FIGHT BETWEEN JIMMY McLARNIN and Barney Ross was unsatisfactory, many noted authorities saying the Canadian defender of the title was robbed and others contending that Ross was entitled to the verdict. In reading over the account of the bout it seems hard to figure out where Ross had a sufficient edge to warrant the title changing hands. It is beginning to appear that the only way to be sure of holding a title in New York is to knock out your opponent. With few exceptions every man who attends an exciting bout has his own ideas of who had the better of the go. It is almost against human nature to sit by the ringside and coldly calculate point after point. Judgments of blows landed, etc., are bound to vary as during the excitement two people are prone to view the same occurrence from entirely different angles. Charley (Pop) Foster, McLarnin's manager, vehemently declared after the bout that Jimmy will never fight again, but there are many who doubt this as it is an open secret that his ambition was to retire from the ring as welterweight champion of the world. As the present champion's managers have agreed to give the Canadian another chance at the title there is a possibility that he will endeavor to satisfy his ambition. A bout would not be possible until the fall as Ross suffered a broken thumb in the bout and will have his hand in a cast for some weeks. McLarnin's share of the gate receipts amounted to \$42,526 and Ross received \$26,579.

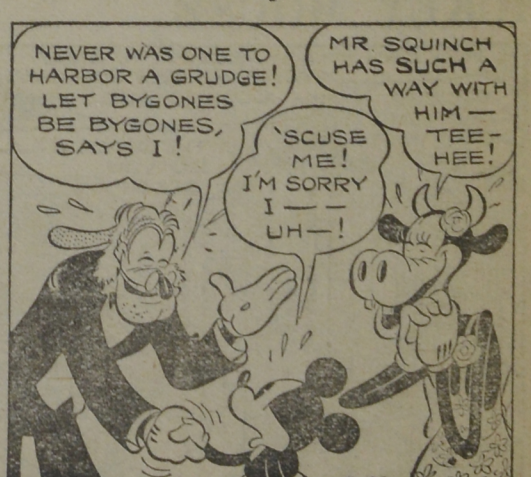
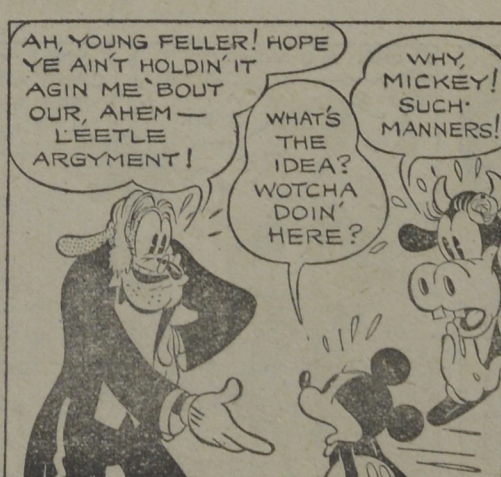
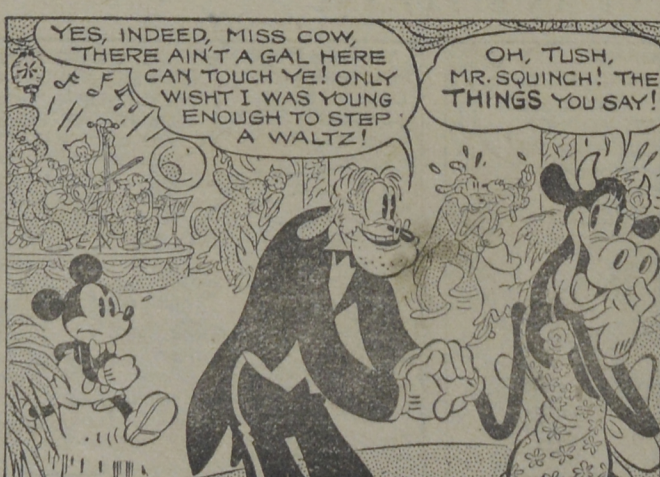
WHY "BABE" RUTH DID NOT PERFORM AS CONSISTENTLY as expected this year may have been due to his failure to get along with Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the Braves. That harmony did not exist was quite evident from the happenings over the week-end. The fact that he was not allowed to absent

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MICKEY MOUSE



THE LADY-KILLER



By WALT DISNEY