

SATURDAY NIGHT MUSINGS

SPORTS writers all over the Maritimes are almost hysterical over the opinion of Lester Patrick that these provinces should produce more of their own athletes by training the native-born. So far back as the writer can remember such a move has been advocated. Newspapers in all the larger centres have advocated the development of the home talent for sports. As a matter of fact, much along this line has been done in connection with basketball and to some extent in baseball. Hockey players have been given little chance for growth down here by the Atlantic, although in other days Moncton, New Glasgow, Fredericton and Charlottetown, as well as Bathurst had teams made up chiefly of Maritime players.

Of late years there has been a desire to import and that has applied to hockey and baseball players as well as to goods that we consume. So far as hockey is concerned in Saint John, this city was without a suitable rink for several years. When the rink was secured the owners found that they had to make all the money possible in order to carry on. So they secured the best players possible in order to give competition to teams in this circuit, which was shown to be playing the best brand of amateur hockey in the world. The costs of keeping such a team in competition took about all the money that could be secured and left none for the development of the youngsters.

However, more attention is to be given to the young players if plans which are now being considered are worked out.

It is well to remember that the development of young players is much more of a problem than it was, say, 25 years or more ago. Then the boys wanted to play games for the sport and they provided their own equipment. Of course the equipment required then was not so elaborate as at present, but what was needed was not the concern of rinks nor of those backing the teams. But those days have passed and now modern equipment must be supplied so that risks of injury may be eliminated as far as possible. No doubt the move to develop our own players will gain force during the coming summer and winter and perhaps Maritime boys eventually will get their chance to work into the big time.

The writer can remember the time when the younger boys played baseball with home-made materials. Gloves or pads of cloth were used extensively and "knitted" balls were considered better than those that could be purchased. While playing with that home-made stuff the boys appeared to have just as much fun as they do today and some of them gained baseball skill that carried some few of them up into the big time. One thing which may be a handicap on the training of youngsters these days is that some of them have parents, who were athletes in their day, and their ambition is that their sons have the best equipment possible. Maybe athletic training is made too easy for the present-day boys. However, something must be done if the Maritimes are to develop its own talent for future athletic contests.

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Though Canada does not provide major league baseball to keep pace with the Canuck hockey setup, two Canadian cities, Toronto and Montreal, have teams in the International—a Class AA league. Last season Toronto Maple Leafs produced their best outfit in years with a hustling collection of talent and after winning the league playoffs were beaten only by Columbus in the Little World Series. They will be back this year with a changed line-up but high hopes of repeating. Here are some of the ballchasers who, in training camp, look like sure wearers of the Maple Leaf. Left—Manager IKE BOONE, former Brooklyn Dodger outfielder, and

master swatsman and still one of the most potent club-swingers in the game. The popular Boone will again play as well as manage the team. Right—EARL COOK, promising product of Toronto sandlots, who has shown some good pitching in training camp. Last year he was sent to Wilmington for seasoning after a Toronto tryout. Circle—Catcher JACK CROUCH, who is returning to the Canadian city as first string backstop Toronto have a working agreement with the Cincinnati Reds and hope to get some bolstering from the major leaguers.

FANNING FOR THE FANS

By LLOYD M. YOUNG

THE HALIFAX WOLVERINES, Maritime champions and Eastern Canada semi-finalists, won from the fast Montreal six in the final game by a score of 7-2 which put them in the running for the finals for the Allan Cup, and in the first game they defeated the Western team, namely, Port Arthur Bearcats, by a score of 3-2. Halifax went right out in the first period and copped three goals, Ferguson being the high scorer with two goals unassisted, while Hudson gained the other tally for the Wolves, and the Port Arthur team collected one in the first period and one in the second. And as we go to press the two teams are fighting it out for the Allan Cup and a trip to the Olympics in 1936; and indications are that Halifax will win the series and the mug will be in the East for another year.

EDDIE SHORE, BOSTON Defence player, was announced as winner of the Dr. David A. Hart trophy as the most useful player to his team in the National Hockey League season just closed.

FRANK BOUCHER FOR THE seventh time in his career and for the third time in a row the star centre player of the New York Rangers, has been awarded the Lady Byng trophy for the best and highest type of sportsmanship combined with superior playing ability.

BARNEY ROSS, WHO HAS ruled the lightweights for the past two years, has turned in his resignation as champion of the 135 pounders to the New York State Athletic Commission. The successor to Ross will probably be the winner of a bout between Amers and Tony Canzoneri, former titleholder.

MAX BAER HAS ACCEPTED Jimmy Braddock as his heavyweight title opponent on June 13, while dates were assigned for a battle between Joe Louis and Primo Carnera, as well as the third welterweight championship of Jimmy McLarnin and Barney Ross.

THE SAINT JOHN CITY Senior Amateur Baseball League reorganized with three clubs officially entered for the 1935 series. Teams entered are St. Peter's, Pontiacs and Y.M.C.I.

WINNIPEG MONARCHS CAPTURED the Dominion Junior hockey supremacy and the Memorial Cup by defeating the Sudbury Cub Wolves in the finals, taking the final game by a score of 4-1.

BABE RUTH, THE MIGHTY home run king, made his debut in National Baseball League by knocking a home run and bringing in the four runs that Boston Braves collected in a win over the Giants by a score (Continued on Page 14, Col. 5)



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THE BUREAU OF INFORMATION

By WALT DISNEY

MICKEY LEARNED THAT PETE WAS GOING TO BE HANDED A SUM OF MONEY IN A MOVIE THEATRE BY AN UNKNOWN MAN!

DIPPY WAS SENT TO TRAIL HIM, BUT GIMMED THE PLAY BY GOING TO THE WRONG THEATRE!

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