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## French - Canadian Seeks Boxing Career Only To Become Marathon Champ

By Jack Mitchell  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Oct. 22—(CP)—Paradoxical as it may sound, the General Cote became a marathon champion because he wanted to be a boxer.

The well-knit French-Canadian, who won the North American Title in the Boston Athletic Club's annual 25-mile race in training at Hyacinthe now for the United States National Championships at Yonkers, N.Y. His whole racing career dates back to the time when he decided to be a boxer.

"I wanted to be a boxer when I was about 15 and I worked hard at it for a couple of years," said the 35-year-old Cote. "I used to do about five to 10 miles of road-work a week and finally I got to like the better than the boxing. So I became a runner."

In the running line, marathon racing was the nearest to boxing work, so that was the sport Cote took up. It paid dividends early last summer when he became North American Champion and holder of the world's record all at once by winning the Boston race in the time of two hours and 22.28 minutes.

The victory, in which he clipped 23 seconds off the course mark, came in his fifth appearance in the Boston race. He is aiming at a banner year by capturing the Nov. 10 Yonkers grand, where he has finished second in each of the last four years.

"Pat Dengis of Baltimore beat me out every time in the last three years," the bronzed, well-built runner said. "Dengis was killed in a plane crash during the winter so it looks like it might be my year. It was too bad about Pat, though, he was a great competitor and I'd sooner be in there trying to beat him."

## Excess Weight Is Drillon's Big "Bogey"

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Oct. 22—(CP)—The big bogey in Gordie Drillon's life at the Toronto Leaf's hockey camp these days is excess weight. When he has that wicked Maritime husky is going after the National Hockey League scoring championship, leading the fight his club will make for the Stanley Cup.

Drillon reported for training with 201 pounds draped around his six-foot frame. His best playing weight, he says, is around 187 which means he has to shed at least 15 pounds.

Injuries and force of circumstances made last year a disappointing one for the big right winger, despite the fact his team gained the Stanley Cup finals. Drillon, Syl Apps and Bob Davidson form the No. 1 line of the Leafs.

After winning the scoring honors in 1937-38—his first full season in the NHL—Drillon lost out by a point to Toe Blake of Canadiens the next year.

He started last season at a fast clip and was right up in front of the point-getters when an injury sent him to the sidelines. When he returned, Apps was hurt and the high-scoring partnership again disrupted.

During the current training session Drillon is potting goals with the old adobe and in one morning workout scored at least five. He has lost none of his speed in swooping down on loose pucks and his shooting eye is as keen as ever. Barring bad breaks, the big Montreal lad should play back to the form which made him the most formidable right winger in the game.

The Leafs have another Maritimer in camp. He is Bob Copp, former University of Toronto defenseman, slated for a post with Toronto the NHL's Senior Club. He is a native of Port Egin, N.B.

Copp started out as a goalie, graduated to a forward post and then drifted back to defence on the advice of Ace Bailey, Varsity coach. His versatility alone makes him a good prospect a year hence after a season of touting in the Senior Ontario Hockey Association.

## Canadiens Workouts Are Pleasing To Coach Irvin

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Oct. 22—(CP)—Montreal Canadiens spent 2 1/2 hours on the ice today in a practice Coach Dick Irvin called the "best yet" for the National Hockey League squad. The new coach then made use of further adjectives by calling the drill "real spicy."

Left winger Jack Adams, formerly of Vancouver Lions of the Pacific Coast League, was a casualty, needing four stitches to close a gash in his lip after a collision with big Cliff Gouppille, red-headed Canadian defenseman.

Louis Trudel, a left winger, and defenseman Alex Singbush, two others who have been on the casualty list through injured knees, saw action today. Before he suffered a late last week Singbush had made a good impression on Irvin and is likely to get consideration for a defence post with the NHL team. He played last season with New Haven Eagles of the American League.

## 'Bummer' Doran First Casualty Of Leafs' Team

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Oct. 22—(CP)—Basil (Bummer) Doran today became the first serious casualty of the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League when he suffered a severed artery in his ankle. He was taken to hospital and will be out of action at least three weeks.

Doran, who has played minor league hockey the past few seasons although the property of the Leafs, has been working out on defence and left wing and was slated to be sent to either Providence Reds or New Haven Eagles for further seasoning.

## Remember When

(By The Canadian Press)

The Pacific Coast Hockey League, with Frank Patrick, now manager of Montreal Canadiens, at its annual meeting in Vancouver 18 years ago today.

We love ourselves not withstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.—Cyrus.

## Rough Riders Seeking Investigation

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 22—(CP)—Cliff Wible, President of the Inverhuron Rugby Football Union, announced today he had received a letter from the Ottawa Rough Riders Football Club asking for an investigation of the play in which Tony Golab was injured Saturday in Ottawa.

Wible said he would make no comment until he had received statements from officials who handled the game between Toronto Argonauts and Rough Riders.

## CLEARING N.S. ORCHIDS

Nearly 25,000 old and un-estriable apple trees have been pulled in the commercial apple growing districts of Nova Scotia up to the first week of October, 1940, since the inauguration in the fall of 1939 of the policy of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Provincial Highways Department, of providing tractors. The service is free to orchardists in order to give them an opportunity to clear out unprofitable trees.

## DOLLAR DOWN SLIGHTLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 22—(CP)—Leading foreign currencies lost in relation to the United States dollar on the foreign exchange market today.

The Canadian dollar fell 1-8 of a cent to a discount of 13 1/2 per cent. (Ottawa Foreign Exchange Control Board rate 9.09-9.11 per cent discount.) Free Sterling was 1-2 cent off at \$4.02 1/2 and the Swiss franc declined a fraction to 23.19 cents.

## CANADIAN SUGAR OUTPUT

Canada's ten sugar refineries manufactured 620,345,592 lb. of refined sugar from January 1 to September 7, 1940. This is an increase of 59,147,046 lb. compared with the corresponding period of 1939.

## Hamill, Reardon Still In Running For Bruins Line

HERSHEY, Pa., Oct. 22—(AP)—Robert (Red) Hamill and Terry Reardon were assigned numbers today, indicating that both are still very much in the running for berths with the Boston Bruin National Hockey League squad.

Hamill was an aggressive and capable performer most of last season with the Bruins, switching between a wing and defence post. Reardon was called up from Hershey for the final Stanley Cup game with Rangers and was brilliant throughout the fiercely-contested battle which knocked the Bruins out of the running.

## ANTS WORK FOR FARMER

Harvesting of seed on the farm, particularly of grasses, has always been a matter of hard labour, but, according to a report of a Soil Conservation officer of the United States Department of Agriculture, farmers in Texas have reduced the work to the status of an ordinary chore. One farmer obtained 200 pounds of clean seed in two days from a hill in a nature of native buffalo-grass. Soil Conservation men, who noticed that red ants collect buffalo-grass seeds and pile them around the ant hills, were able to tell farmers how to get seed for planting. The seed was swept together with a stiff broom and then run through a commercial cleaner to separate the seed from the soil, trash, and weed seeds. In two days one man collected nearly 800 pounds of sweepings, from which the farmer obtained about 200 pounds of good clean grass seed.

## Girls Get Ready For War Service Drill and Train

TORONTO, Oct. 21—(CP)—Smartly costumed in their air-force blue uniforms, hundreds of women in the Canadian Auxiliary Territorial Service in various parts of Canada are turning out for drills and classes these evenings—just in case there's little fooling among these women. Most of them spend their days in business but two or three evenings a week they attend drill, take through-going classes in first aid, motor mechanics, telegraphy and air raid precaution work.

They mean business and are prepared to serve wherever and whenever the government decides they can be useful. Some are already doing regular volunteer work regularly, looking after the offices of the Veterans' Guard and operating switchboards in some places.

The C. A. T. S., or "cats" as they even term themselves, originated in Toronto a few months ago but are rapidly expanding to other provinces, and have units in formation in 22 centres at the moment with an enrolment of around 3,000. These centres include Regina, Ottawa, Winnipeg and St. Catharines. The Toronto unit has 800 members. Miss Ivy Malson, Toronto advertising writer, who founded the organization, said the promoters were carefully avoiding duplication of effort with any other women's organization. In the Maritimes and British Columbia where there are already Women's Service Corps, with similar objectives, the C. A. T. S. will not establish branches.

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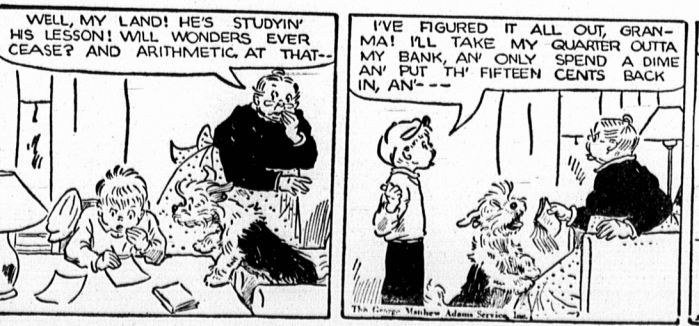
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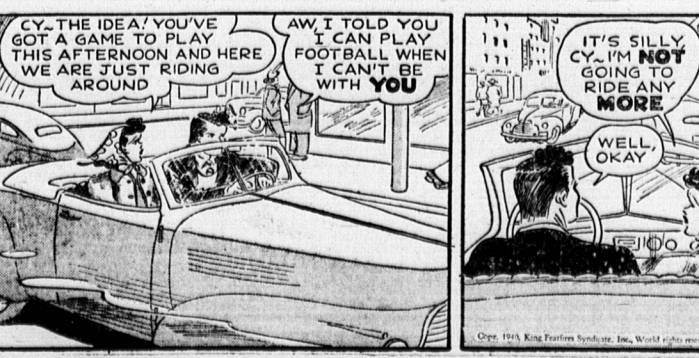
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