

SPORTS



ENGLAND WONDERS AT BASEBALL AND DECIDES TO ABSTAIN

Here are some interesting samplings of what English sports journal, "The London Star" says: "The greatest exponents of the world of baseball—some of them with salaries bigger than Cabinet Ministers—gave their first exhibition game in London at Stamford Bridge this afternoon, before an immense crowd of 'fans', who recognized in baseball the rounds of their youth with a punch and a kick that undreamed of in the playing fields of Stour or anywhere else in Britain.

"They were the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox, the champions of the United States, who are having a trip to Europe as a bonus for being good boys.

"Giants in physique both teams are. No wonder American women and small boys worship them. They are magnificent looking creatures, like glorified Bonbons of the cricketing eighties.

"They make Jack Hearnes seem like a pigmy.

"The Duke of York shook hands warmly with each of the nine, and then the fun on the diamond began. It was more than fun when the amazing accuracy of the throwing and the terrific hitting were seen.

"Each fieldman catches the ball with one gloved hand and throws it with the other. An exhibition of shadow-batting and fielding was a preliminary. Extremely clever it was.

"There were shouts of laughter and cheers, the Dukes of York being as delighted as anybody.

"There may have been 7,000 persons present, when the pitcher started his first whirling and twisting delivery of the inevitable full toss.

"The striker is armed with a bat, which looks like an Indian club, the catcher having a wire mask over his face, the umpire standing close by being similarly protected.

"Ninety per cent of the onlookers gazed at authentic American in sheer ecstasy, just, perhaps, as Englishmen marooned in New York might show equal delight if they saw Jack Hobbs and Bill Hitch in a cricket match on New York's polo ground.

"The Americans call this yelling 'rooting'.

"Baseball is just as easily heard as seen. A few habits of Lord's were there, and were pained to the last degree at the levity both of the crowd and the players, who all shouted and countershouted incessantly.

"Feldsmen addressed the choicest stunts to the pitcher and striker with complete impartiality.

"Socks it to 'em, Strling, Beans, was one cry, and 'Give 'em hell' was another.

"Attaboey came from all over the arena, evidently an essential part of the game as 'All the way' and 'Well-played, sir' are on the cricket field."

"In reporting the first game of the Giants and the White Sox at Stamford Bridge grounds in London the athletic scribe of one of the principal British news agencies put over the following classic on the ticker:

"It was some time before the British among the spectators could settle down to appreciate the finer points of the match. But when they did they applauded as enthusiastically as their American brethren.

"Each side appeared to have its own official barracker, who stood just outside the pitch and deprecated the merits of the batsmen in an extraordinary manner with such cries as 'Never mind him; he swings like a mazy gate!' And to the pitcher: 'Come round to see me, boy. I'll stop here.' To the batsman: 'Now hit 'em up' and 'Attaboey!' the last being an expression used on any occasion. The fielding and hitting of the men were extraordinary.

"The costume of the players seems to be a combination of a jockey cap, a helmet, shirt, plus fours and huge wicket-keeping gloves."

"Ten thousand rather startled football fans had amazing escapes from thick ears, black eyes and confusion when they watched the New York Giants play baseball with the Chicago White Sox on the Everton ground today. It was one of the war correspondents present. Both teams trotted on the field wearing garments which some thought were riding breeches and others, more critical, considered almost plus fours—possibly plus x's. The catchers wore leather gloves like gigantic panhandles. The luckiest man was the keeper of an invisible wicket. He was concealed in a quilt and a fencing mask and leg guards. The next luckiest man was the umpire, who looked as if he was going to a fancy dress ball as Joan of Arc. A man holding a thing like an Indian club hit a hard ball over the roof of a grand stand. All the players began to talk, shout and run. For two hours this bombardment went on while the crowd ducked in its pious attempts to keep out of hospital. It is said that baseball is like rounds, which is like saying a child's popgun is like a rifle. Baseball is rounds played with long range naval guns."

The staid old Morning Post, giving the glad hand to the baseball invaders, sees no possibility of the game taking a hold in England, because 'it is too fast and peppy.

"It is useless," it says, "for these friendly invaders from New York and Chicago, vast cities walled up to the skies and roaring like the sea, to think of converting us from cricketer to baseball. We are too set in our ways to make the change."

Speaking of baseball vernacular, it says that by comparison "the privy language of cricket or even of golf is the simple prattle of babes and sucklings."

French Mystified.

PARIS, Nov. 12.—More than 6,000 French spectators more or less bored although somewhat curious, were introduced to baseball today, when the New York Giants defeated the Chicago White Sox, 8 to 0, in an exhibition game at the Olympic Stadium.

There were some signs of interest when the Giants talked six runs in the seventh and single runs in the following two innings. But the French seemed rather puzzled to know what it was all about. They expressed some surprise when the liners or sizzling grounders were gathered in and shot to first, but it all looked so easy that they soon took good work for granted.

The American rooters—there were a number present—voiced their disappointment at intervals, for they found the game slow, with few flashes of big league fire display. D. Hugh Jennings, jumping up and down on the coaching line, said:

"This is like a funeral."

When Heino Groh stopped a hot liner from the bat of Dave Bancroft the French fans arose to their feet and asked:

"Why did he stop it?"

One Frenchman remarked to another: "Why, it's not as speedy as association football."

"Why doesn't he hit it?" asked the French spectators when the batsmen fanned. They wondered why the Giants and Sox, who they had heard, received more pay than the President of France, couldn't hit a ball when it was thrown to them.

A diagram and technical explanation of the game of baseball, perfectly clear to anyone who already knew something of it, was distributed in circular form. But the French didn't understand it. They couldn't see any difference between a high fly and a foul tip or a homer. "Why doesn't he run?" they said to each other when a batter flew out. One of them suggested that Kanam, the Chicago third baseman, ought to have a wire netting between his legs when he muffed a couple of fast ones.

One of the mysteries to the French "enthusiasts" was why the umpire made strange motions. A few of the well-informed natives asked why there was no suggestion of killing the umpire, as they had often read was always made at baseball games in the United States.

The French were entirely polite, but as Manager John McGraw said: "We can never put it over on them here."

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AMATEUR HOCKEY LEAGUES TO HOLD MEETINGS EARLY

M. A. H. A. Wants Hockey To Get Away To Early Start This Season—Schedules To Be Completed By February 20th.

HALIFAX, Nov. 12.—A. C. Wiswell, President of the Halifax Hockey League and Vice-President of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, has advised the different hockey leagues in Nova Scotia, namely the Sydney Hockey League, Antigonish-Pictou-Colchester League, Valley League, South Shore League and Halifax City League, to hold their organization meetings for the coming season just as soon as possible, so that everything will be ready to get hockey away to an early start the coming season. All schedules must be completed by February 20, so that the play-offs for the Maritime championship may be held before the ice disappears.

G. P. Bolton, of Sussex, N. B., President of the Maritime Amateur Hockey Association, who is in charge of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island sections has issued the same requests to the leagues in his jurisdiction.

The Maritime Amateur Hockey Association now controls all organized amateur hockey in the Maritime Provinces, and has nothing to do with, or take orders from the M. P. B. A. A. U. C. The only thing amateur authorities have to look after is to see that every player has his amateur card. It is expected that amateur hockey under the M. A. H. A. rule will be carried out this season without nearly the same number of disputes as under the old system.

L. OF CROSS "Y" BOWLING

REBECCA LEAGUE

Majority for Seminoles over Eureka 47 pins.

SEMINOLES: S. McGregor 128 129 74 F. McDonald 105 66 105 T. Grant 121 94 142 E. Harris 95 152 146 M. Ling 133 123 162 Total—1775.

EUREKAS: L. Wright 82 177 98 C. Brown 118 104 125 H. Fitzgibbon 91 134 131 O. Lowther 105 69 122 J. Gillis 99 131 139 Total—1728.

Next game, D. H. P.'s and Comets, Thursday, Nov. 13th at 7 p.m.

Following are the scores:

INVINCIBLES: H. Larter 158 122 160 A. Martin 224 216 209 W. Halpeny 163 167 177 H. Morgan 138 110 130 P. Ready 148 156 152 Total—2430.

ALERTS: S. Trainor 149 238 120 V. Coyle 191 94 158 E. Doucette 82 154 148 W. McDonald 176 221 178 S. DesRoches 220 139 162 Total—2430.

Tonight the Newspapermen and C. N. R. try conclusions. Another good game expected.

Taxi Man is Out \$125 On Trip

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—It is not always the long hauls that are profitable to taxi drivers.

An Albany chauffeur learned this when he arrived in New York with a "fare" from that city with the meter registering \$125.

"Just a minute," said the "fare," while I step into a hotel and cash this check for \$750."

The chauffeur waited considerably more than a minute and then went to get his man. Taking him to a police station he asked officers to help him collect his money.

The police looked at the uncashed check and then at the man. "Why this is Edward O'Connor," the chief said. "We've been looking for him. That check is a fraud. Thanks for bringing him in."

"You're welcome," replied the chauffeur, and started on his long trip back.

Poison Kills Prize Infant

(Special to the Guardian)

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Poisoned by roach powder on a piece of bread placed under the ice box in her home at 664 Jackson avenue, Mary Schaefer, 2½ years old, died in St. Francis Hospital.

Mary, who was the youngest of three children of James Schaefer, a marble worker, was playing in the kitchen. Her mother found the poisoned bread partly eaten on the floor near the child, and when Mary became ill she was taken to Lebonon Hospital where she was treated and apparently recovered. She again became ill Friday.

Mary was a prize baby in a Health Department contest in 1923 and won a silver medal.

BRINGING UP FATHER

YOU SURE ARE UP EARLY TODAY!

YES AN' I'LL BE HERE ALL DAY. MAGGIE HAS A NEIGHBOR'S KID AT THE HOUSE AN' SHE CRIES ALL DAY- I'N NOT GOIN' HOME UNTIL THE KID'S ASLEEP!

WELL, I GUESS THE CENT' IS OVER NOW AN' THE KID IS ASLEEP!

DARN THAT VASE- I KNEW I'D KNOCK IT OVER SOME DAY.

YOU IDIOT THE CHILD HAS BEEN ASLEEP ALL DAY AND YOU COME HOME AND WAKE HER UP!

RUB IT IN!

COMING "Plastigrams?"

The Sensation of the Age

An educated people is easily governed.

Joy shared is joy doubled.

In every man there is something of all men.

The more one obliterates self, the more one has of the world.

HOW HOCKEY IS VIEWED IN BOSTON

Professional Game Will Receive Great Impetus In The "Land of Bean"—Size Of Ice Surface At The Boston Arena May Be Reduced—Playing Area Is Now 220 By 90 Feet

BOSTON, Nov. 12.—Nine men have been signed for the Boston professional team and lines are out for five more. The task of getting together a representative team has been a difficult one as Director Charles F. Adams expected but by judicious "seedling" of veterans and younger players of great promise with such a leader as Art Ross there is every reason for hoping as well as expecting that Boston will put a combination on the ice capable of holding its own.

Five of the best amateurs in Canada have been signed and as they all have accepted advanced money there is no reason for believing that they will back out.

Ross is a stickler for clean hockey, according to Mr. Adams, and that is one reason why some of the foremost amateurs who are on the dividing line of decision between remaining in the amateur ranks or becoming professionals may be influenced toward professionalism. For that matter, as Mr. Adams puts it, the tendency toward a higher plane of sportsmanship and clean play in professional hockey is becoming very marked and as the game becomes elevated the better classes of amateurs will more and more see in it an honorable and desirable field of livelihood, in a game that they love.

The fact that such great amateur players as Dunc Munro, Cooper and Redding have seen fit to link fortune with the profession will inspire other amateurs to join the ranks.

Boston's team is expected to assemble this week and begin practice for the opening game, December 1 against the new English team of Montreal, of which Munro is one of the members, as is Lowery of last year's New Haven amateur team, so it is understood. Broadbent of last year's Ottawa team is another member—a big, raw-boned player who is a hard man to bump against on the ice. Benedict of last year's Ottawa team will be in goal and a crackerjack he is.

Mr. Adams, one of the Arena directors and the man who is responsible for bringing professional hockey to Boston this coming season, has been in conference with Manager George Brown on the subject of reducing the size of the ice surface at the Arena. He frankly admits that the primary reason for the contemplated reduction of the playing surface is that of increasing the seating capacity, which is needed to meet the heavy expenses of the professional team.

On the other hand, he believes that the playing area can be reduced without in the least hurting the game or developing the tendencies which Coach Foote fears. He believes, and bases his viewpoint on the professional and amateur games he has seen on the smaller surfaces in Canada, that the game is faster on the smaller ice and the playing opportunity increased, which he believes makes far greater interest.

SOME REDUCTION NECESSARY

He is not for any extreme reduction in the Boston Arena playing surface. The playing area is now 220 by 90 feet. His proposal is to have a surface 80 feet wide and not less than 190 feet long and possibly 195 or 200 feet. Under the existing conditions the nets are placed 19 feet out from the boards, so that the distance between the nets is 190 feet. If the playing length were cut to, say, 195 feet, and the nets set out several feet from the boards, the playing distance between the nets would be 181 feet, or only nine feet less than in the past.

The greater space behind the nets is not needed in Director Adams' opinion, and he raises

the strong point that it is in those wide spaces behind the nets often away from the vision of the referees that some of the most flagrant incidents of roughness and deliberate attempts to injure opposing players are made.

The professionals he says are rarely grouped in the spaces back of the nets, because they look upon that as a non-scoring area and to dash there in a body is a waste of time and energy. As a rule one man of the attacking forces goes into that area to try to get the puck and shoot it out to one of his mates, and seldom do more than two men of the defense go there to attend to that one man, because they realize that the danger of a score is from the man out in front waiting for the pass.

Now the amateurs in Mr. Adams' opinion will be watching the professionals closely from the time of their first appearance, eager to pick up points, and they will be quick to perceive the futility of the mad scrambles in back of the nets which has featured many of their games. As for the unnecessary roughness which is feared from the slightly reduced playing area between the nets, he believes that a firm hand on the part of the officials from the start of the season will be a wholesome check upon such tendencies.

As against the greater possibilities of body checking—and legitimate hard checking in the profession in hockey which he does not believe any real enthusiast or red-blooded player would have eliminated—expenditure of energy in the dashes up and down the ice will leave the player in better physical shape to withstand the knocks, as well as be better able to avoid them. It is when a player is "all in"

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CAMERON REJOINS HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Sold To Vancouver Last Spring and Bought Back by Canadian Management—Referees Suggested.

MONTREAL, Nov. 12.—Billy Cameron, who was sold last spring to the Vancouver Hockey Club by Leo Danduraud, managing director of the world's champion Canadiens, has been bought back by the Stanley Cup holders and will report for training at Grimsby at the end of the present week. Cameron is a forward player, with a phenomenal poke check and a deceptive back hand shot. He made a favorable impression in the few moments that he was used in different games last season, but had little chance to show his real worth as Canadians were well fortified with regulars and Danduraud could seldom afford to take chances with more or less untried players.

Sprague and Odie Cleghorn, who have been on an extended motor tour in the United States, are due back in Montreal this morning. Sprague has already returned his signed contract to the Canadian management and will be found on the defence of the champions in the games at the Mount Royal Arena this winter. Odie is the only regular player of last year who has not returned his signed contract, but it

is expected that this detail will be arranged within the next day or two.

Cecil Hart is still working away in an effort to build up the new Montreal club, which will start training the first of next week at the new Forum. The manager of the new local club is still scouring for a couple of forward players and has strings out some of which he hopes will prove successful this week.

Art Ross is busy from this centre filling out his new Boston club roster. The former Wanderer star is having some difficulty with a few of the amateur stars whom he has signed and who are now beginning to show a change of front. However, the Boston manager is not worrying particularly, for he holds the signed contracts of those players and claims that if they do not play for him they will not get into hockey this winter.

The question of referees has been left in the hands of President Frank Calder, of the National Hockey League. Those prominently mentioned for the N.H.L. board for 1925 include the names of such well-known figures in hockey circles as Jimmy Gardner, who is an oldtime hockey authority of this city, but who has been refereeing recently in the Western Canada pro league; Cooper Smeaton, one of the best officials in the game in the east in recent years; Joe Malone, former star player, who will be making his first appearance regularly with the whistle; Bally Bell, a former Canadian player; Mike Rodden and Lou Marsh and Dr. Jerry Laflamme of Toronto, former N. H. L. officials; and Dr. O'Leary of Ottawa; Ernest Garon, Ernie Russell and Russell Bowie, Didier Pitre, Canadian defence star of former years, now living in Michigan, has been named for an honorary position on the board.

from continuous bark skating that the chances of injury are great.

The Montreal rink where the professional championship games were played last winter was only 678 by 76 feet so that the Boston rink if cut down to 195 by 80 would be considerably larger than that one was.

One more point which Mr. Adams brought out in connection with the larger rink surfaces which have been built in this country and which hold true of some of the older rinks in Canada is that they were built in the days of the old seven-man game. Now that six man hockey is universal in the East that extra space, he feels, is not needed.

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