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SPORTING NEWS

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Robinson Suspended 30 Days, Fined \$500

(By Sid Feder)
NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Welterweight champion Ray Robinson's suspension for 30 days and a \$500 fine was announced today by the State Athletic Commission, and the titleholder was suspended for 30 days and fined \$500 for failure to report to the commission.

The commission ruled that Robinson's failure to tell the commission about the incident, which occurred last August while he was training for his Sept. 6 title bout with Marty Servo, then champion, constituted "conduct detrimental to the best interests of boxing," and prevented any police action against the would-be briber.

The penalty, however, was considerably milder than the commission meted out just a week ago to middleweight title contender Rocky Graziano. Rocky failed to report a \$100,000 bribe bid to "go into the tank" in a fight, and his license was revoked.

In Robinson's case, the Harlem Sugar Man was approached by an unidentified man at his Greenwood Lake, N.Y., training camp last August. The stranger suggested that Ray be unable to make the 14-pound welterweight maximum for the Servo go. The fight never came off, because Servo retired from boxing with an injured nose.

Robinson won the title by outpointing Tommy Bell of Youngstown, Ohio.



PLAYS FOR CANADIENS OF THE N. H. L.

Ken Modell who has been having a very good year with the Montreal Canadiens of the National Hockey League.

Juveniles To S' side

Charlottetown Juvenile All Stars will leave Jimmie's Taxi this evening at 6:30 p.m. for Summerside where they play Juvenile Kinsmen in an exhibition game. The following players will make the trip: E. Ward, T. Clarke, P. Rossier, W. Brown, M. McGregor, D. Larrier, J. Ross, M. MacKenzie, W. Gregory, Shepherd.

Challenge Accepted

We, the Bedouk All Stars, hereby accept the challenge of the Charlottetown Hearbreakers for a hockey game at Bedouk rink, Wednesday, Feb. 19.

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Bill Cowley Eclipses Scoring Records Of Other Maritimers

MONCTON, Feb. 17 (CP)—Bill Cowley's record-eclipsing prowess, eclipsed efforts of other former Maritime puckchangers during the week as he passed Syd Doring's lifetime scoring mark of 372 points and set a National Hockey League record that won't be equalled for a long time.

Bill, a native of Bristol, Que., and an old Halifax Wolves series, chalked a goal and an assist against New York Rangers last Wednesday night, bringing his lifetime total — including playoffs — to 301 goals, 373 assists, for 674 points. On Saturday he added another goal as he sought to widen the gap in his last season of big-time play.

In the American Hockey League, Maritime stars among the leaders had an unproductive week. Jackie Hamilton of Pittsburgh set a single assist, but that was good enough to hold seventh place. Murdo McKay of Buffalo, 10th last week, was held pointless and dropped to 12th in the standings.

Wally Wilson, out of action a month with a broken foot bone, notched a pair of goals in his first comeback effort.

Hamilton collected three penalties, including a 10-minute misconduct, and boosted his misbehavior total to 40 minutes, tied with Rolfe McLennahan of Cleveland.

How They Stand—

N.H.L.	P	G	A	P
Resay, Canadiens	48	19	18	37
Cowley, Boston	38	8	13	21
Allen, Canadiens	39	7	12	19
A.H.L.				
Hamilton, Pittsburgh	82	21	35	56
McKay, Buffalo	47	29	23	52
Walton, Cleveland	39	19	25	44
Waltton, Cleveland	49	18	21	39
Stenlaw, Phila.	32	9	26	34
Melenahan, Cleveland	51	5	17	22
Rosalgul, Providence	46	9	12	17
White, New Haven	24	6	5	11
Roach, Providence	30	3	5	8



IN THE CORNER

Prince of Wales Welshmen make their final bid tonight in the City Hockey League to gain a playoff berth. The City Collegians meet the St. Dunstan's team, regarded by many the strongest team in the loop.

The game is important to the Saints as a win would plant them safely at the top of the heap, breaking a tie with the Legionaires. A tie game would mean the City Collegians would be the first to be eliminated.

Both the Saints and Welshmen were not idle, however, during the local hockey lull. The Welshmen kept tuned-up by defeating the Summerside Legionaires 12-2, while the Saints earned a 7-7 draw with Mount Allison in the first game of their home and home total goal series for the N. B. P. E. I. intercollegiate title.

Horsemen from Halifax and Dartmouth, arriving for the annual ice racing meet Wednesday and Thursday, will be receiving a warm welcome from the followers of the racing game here who are legion.

Members of the Victoria Driving Club who have just recently returned from Nova Scotia where they enjoyed unbounded hospitality will be hosts to the visiting sportsmen.

The championships will be run-off over harbor ice and the possibilities are that the course will be in excellent condition in some fast times recorded in the various events.

Whatever happened to those "crash-helmets" which were worn by hockey players for a few seasons? asks Jim Coleman of Toronto Globe and Mail. The only helmet on view in the National Hockey League these days is that worn by Johnny Crawford, the veteran defenseman of the Boston Bruins. It is probable that Crawford doesn't wear the helmet for protection—it merely happens that he is a bit sensitive about the helmet which has his noggin in as bald as a cue-ball.

Seriously, though, that serious injury which would not be wearing a helmet.

It was a similar injury which ended the playing career of Lach's coach, Dick Irvin. You will recall that Irvin was playing for Chicago in a game against Montreal Maroons and was tossed by the ebullient defenseman, Red Dutton. Irvin landed on his crumpled, which was fractured, and that blow finished him.

Then there was the near-tragic Ace Bailey-Eddie Shore incident. Bailey was close to death after Shore's bodycheck had clunked his skull on the ice. It was there that the hockey players throughout the league adopted the helmets. Apparently they found them too cumbersome and they have been lulled into a sense of security by the comparative infrequency of serious head injuries.

Lionel Hitchman turned up the other night in Montreal, saw his first game in three or four years and opined that "it was pretty fast." The old Ottawa ace's Boston defence star favors elimination of the centre red line. He is in favor of letting them pass up to the opposing blue line just as was tried recently in the Ranger-Senator exhibition.

Hitchman thought the game had changed a lot, "but talking of the old days, they would have quite a time getting out from behind that blue line with Nighbor up

Durocher Considers This Year's Dodgers Tops

BROOKLYN, Feb. 17 (AP)—Leo (The Lip) Durocher, back in the groove and rarin' to go, today called the current edition of Brooklyn Dodgers the best he has ever had since he took over the helm of the club nine years ago.

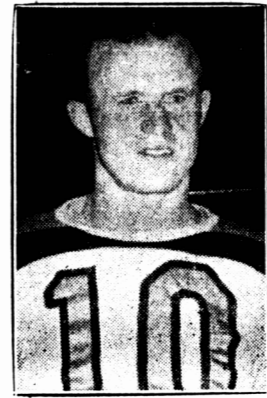
As voluble as ever, the loquacious Durocher was willing to discuss anything. Anything that is, except his recent marriage to movie actress Laraine Day. He also was reluctant to talk about Jackie Robinson, the star Negro infielder of Montreal Royals, a Dodger farm.

Durocher discussed his team at great length, however. He was sure the Dodgers would be much stronger than they were a year ago.

"We have to be better with our youngsters having gained a full year of experience," Leo said. "And with such fine looking prospects as outfielders Marvin Roockley and Boris Woyt, infielders Roy Ruchner and Gene Mauch, and pitchers John Van Cuyk and Wayne Johnson coming up, we should be right up there."

"Then there is Arky Vaughan. I'm tickled to death to see Vaughan back. If he hasn't lost too much of that speed of his, he'll help a lot at third base. I'm not at all worried about his hitting."

Vaughan, now 35, quit the Dodgers at the end of the 1943 season and has been on the voluntary retired list since. He batted .305 in 149 games in '43.



SETS ALL-TIME N.H.L. MARKS

Bill Cowley of the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League who set a record when he scored one goal and assisted in another when Boston beat New York Rangers 10-1, Cowley in being these points brought his total to \$30 for league play and \$74 for league and playoffs combined. The previous records were set by Syd Howe who retired from Detroit Red Wings with \$28 and \$73 points.

Beavers Defeat Truro To Finish In Second Place

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 17 (CP)—Saint John Beavers defeated Truro Bearcats 4-2 tonight in a battle to decide second place in the Maritime Big Four Hockey League. The league playoffs between the two teams will open at Saint John Wednesday.

Summary
First Period
1—Truro, McIntyre (Grabowski) 3:17.
2—St. John, Colwell (Whalen, Nicolio) 12:51.
3—St. John, Federonick (Kyle) 16:06.
4—St. John, Lynch (Federonick) 18:00.
Penalties: None
No scoring.
Penalties: McKelvey, Medynski.
5—Truro, Kearns (McDonald, McEachern) 35.
6—St. John, Estabrooks 6:00.
Penalty: Price.

Semi-Finals In Big Four League Open On Wednesday

HALIFAX, Feb. 17—Semi-finals in the Maritime Big Four Hockey League begin Wednesday with Halifax Crescents playing Hawks in Moncton and Truro Bearcats meeting Beavers in Saint John in opening games of best-of-five series.

Location of the Saint John-Truro contests was determined tonight when Beavers defeated Bearcats 4-2 in Moncton in a post-schedule game to decide second position in the league standing. Previously they were tied with 44 points.

The schedule:
Feb. 19—Halifax at Moncton.
Truro at Saint John.
20—Halifax at Moncton.
Truro at Saint John.
21—Moncton at Halifax.
Saint John at Truro.
22—Moncton at Halifax (if necessary).
Saint John at Truro (if necessary).
23—Halifax at Moncton (if necessary).
Truro at Saint John (if necessary).

Finals:
Best-of-five series beginning March 1 between winners in semi-final round on home ice of team standing higher at the end of play. Other games: March 3, same ice; March 5, alternate team at home; March 6 (if necessary) same ice. If a fifth game is necessary, it will be played March 8 on the same ice as the first two.

Kirkland Lake Rink To Be At Big 'Spiel

(By The Canadian Press)
KIRKLAND LAKE, Ont., Feb. 17—A battering knockout game from start to finish today won 35-year-old Don Best's rink the right to take his Kirkland Lake curling club to the Macdonald's Brier Canadian championships at Saint John, N.B., as the representatives for Northern Ontario.

Best won the right by skipping his rink to a smashing 16-10 victory over Hughie Munro of Copples Cliff after taking a 10-8 victory in this morning's game of the best-of-three series. Other members of the winning team were vice-skip Tommy Marsden, second Len Williamson and lead Harry McNabb.

Donates Trophy For Outstanding Canadian Junior

(By The Canadian Press)
MONCTON, Feb. 17—Viscount Alexander has set up a target for young Canadian athletes—a trophy bearing his name to be awarded annually to the Dominion's most outstanding junior who combines ability on the playing field with courage, clean play and sportsmanship.

Li-Col. George C. Machum of Montreal, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, announced today that the Governor-General has advised the Union of his intention to present an award to the outstanding junior amateur athlete of the year to be known as the "Viscount Alexander Trophy."

It will be a perpetual award, the winner to receive an individual replica and to have his name engraved on the trophy. The first award will be made late in 1947.

"To determine the winners annually, the A.A.U. of C. will call on its branches for nominations and will invite all affiliated sports organizations to do likewise," Col. Machum said.

"From these nominees, the winner will be chosen at the annual meeting of the A.A.U. of C. on the basis of performance in competition during the year, coupled with courage, clean play and true sportsmanship."

REMEMBER WHEN

Sandy Herd, one of Britain's greatest golfers, died of pneumonia three years ago today at the age of 70. A one-time baker's boy, Herd made a hole-in-one 19 times during his career. A contemporary of Harry Vardon and James Braid, he won the British open in 1902.

Hitchman is all through with hockey, but not a few big league teams would trade players in lots to have Hitch in his prime. When it came to defence men with the accent on defence Hitch had few peers.

The San Francisco Seals banged away at a plate glass backstop sample with everything but the Stadium cornerstone and came up breathlessly the other day with the report that the new-fangled gadget works.

Intended to replace the chicken wire screens that have strained vision in baseball parks since Abner Doubleday's time, the glass successfully fended off a crowd of baseball fans with bats and even the thud of a six-pound iron ball in an hour-long test recently. Not a scratch marred its surface.

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Physical Program Is Starting To Bear Fruit

(This is one in a series of weekly sports roundups contributed by sports editors in Maritime centres) Written for the Canadian Press by Pat Fowler, sports writer, The Charlottetown Guardian.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 18 (CP)—When Col. W. W. (Bill) Reid was named Director of Physical Fitness for Prince Edward Island a couple of years ago he immediately started organization of the younger set. It was a big task attempting to contact the many centres scattered throughout the Province but this year his efforts are beginning to bear fruit.

Outside of the success attending the established senior league, the most noteworthy fact concerning this season's Island hockey program is the attention being paid to bantams, midgets and juvenile hockey players and their minor leagues. In every town and village that boasts a rink the kids are raising a din as they hang away at each other in their respective leagues.

Interscholastic hockey, for instance, was all but forgotten for years. Now Souris, Montague, Georgetown, Summerside and Charlottetown are approaching playoffs after a top-notch season. Out of the five will come a Provincial interscholastic titlist. At the same time pee-wee bantams, midgets and juvenile squads travel almost weekly from the Island capital to outlying centres for exhibition contests.

With the organization of minor leagues men interested in hockey here hope to get back into the Maritime senior league before long with home-grown talent. They hope that junior talent in time will be able to feed senior teams and keep them functioning efficiently from year to year.

In the City senior league itself the last game of the schedule will be played tonight when Prince of Wales Welshmen, defending champions, meet Saint Dunstan's. The Welshmen can force a playoff with Navy for third place but it's highly improbable they'll do that. They have played only one draw all season.

Basketball is getting back to the middle of the field and is enjoying some of the popularity it had here 15 years ago. Four teams, St. Dunstan's, Prince of Wales, Navy and Army comprise this year's league with Navy and Saints generally regarded as favorites.

Bob Flanagan Wins From Ray McIntyre In Fifth

(By The Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Feb. 17—Bob Flanagan, fast-rising London, Ont., light heavyweight, tonight scored a technical knockout over Ray McIntyre of Saint John, N.B., after two minutes of the fifth round in an eight-round semi-final to the Jusef Barnato-Arthur King main bout at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

Flanagan, weighing 162½, to McIntyre's 165, battered the Maritime fighter repeatedly to the floor in the fourth round before completing his downfall in the fifth.

The sensational young London light heavyweight knocked the former Canadian middleweight titleholder down six times in the first round for four counts of eight and one of nine. In the third stanza McIntyre was floored for a three count.

In the fourth McIntyre was saved by the bell after hitting the canvas three times.

Glace Bay Leads Cape Breton League

GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 17 (CP)—Glace Bay Miners moved to within one game of the Cape Breton senior hockey championship tonight by edging New Waterford Bruins 2-1 in the fifth game of the regular season.

Glacé now leads 3-2 in games played.

Goals by Dave Hines and George McGregor in the first period paved the way for Miners' triumph.

New Glasgow Bombers Defeat Pictou 5-3

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Feb. 17 (CP)—The New Glasgow Bombers defeated Pictou Sunbeams 5-3 here tonight in the first of a three-game series for the right to meet Antigonish Bulldogs for the A-P-C senior hockey league title.

The Antigonish squad capped top place in the regular league schedule. The next game of the New Glasgow-Pictou series will be played in Pictou Feb. 18.

The game was played on a slush and water-covered rink which kept play at a slow pace throughout.

Bowling

CHTOWN ALLEYS
City League

Bombers:—
J. Donald 251 195 168
E. Larier 190 256 263
I. McCormick 151 176 228
V. Power 216 169 246
J. Rankin 241 189 197
Total—3147.

Tigers:—
A. Doran 241 250 271
B. McCallum 183 193 153
H. Poulton 248 222 183
S. Peterson 203 186 171
F. Doucette 214 236 227
Total—3181.

Alerts:—
B. Poole 130 152 202
F. Doucette 228 242 213
A. Doucette 220 213 142
E. Tierney 164 159 151
J. McInnis 180 169 80
Total—2658.

West Enders:—
S. Ryan 232 183 196
I. McKinnon 118 191 173
E. Stanley 180 183 222
V. Martin 180 263 172
J. Kays 196 221 244
Total—3056.

High single V. Martin 263.
High three F. Doucette 683.
Points: West Enders 3 1-21 Alerts 1 1-2.

Babe Ruth Goes Home From Hospital

(By The Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 14—The kids waited for hours Saturday.

On the sidewalk outside the hospital about 100 of them were scattered about in little groups, some talking in whispers, occasionally casting furtive glances at the big front door.

They were waiting for a big man, with a broad flat nose, an infectious grin and thin little ankles that never seemed just suited to his big body.

Then they spotted him. The door swung open. The big man came out, helped by a nurse and a friend.

"Hey, Babe!" the shout went up. "Hey, Babe!"

It was like the old cry at the Yankee Stadium. It was like the cry that went up when he called his home run shot in the World Series.

"Aita boy, Babe! We knew you'd make it!"

Babe Ruth, wearing his familiar camel's hair coat and cap, smiled wanly. He paused momentarily, waved his arm in the famous manner—and there were tears in his eyes as he halted to accept the acclaim. A quick brush of the hand wiped the tears away and the Babe smiled again.

The Bambino was going home, home from the hospital for the first time since Nov. 26, home to look at the river from my apartment window."

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