

North Sydney Victorias In First Place In League

Sport Briefs

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Pete Mraz, middleweight fighter from Truman, Ark., today was signed by promoter Jack Egan to meet Dick Turpin of England in a 10-round bout here Nov. 15.

Turpin wanted the fight at London's Harringway Arena, to be for eight rounds. Egan held out for 10. A flip of a coin decided the issue.

LONDON, Oct. 21 (CP)—Sidney Smith of Doncaster, Yorkshire, today led George Chener of Toronto 8-4 at the end of the first day's play in their 37-frame heat of the £1,500 (44,650) News of the World handicap snooker tournament.

Chener, Canadian snooker champion, dropped his first heat in the round-robin tournament to Peter Mans, South African tiltist. Mans won the match 2-1.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—Middleweight champion Jake Lamotta of New York today agreed to defend his title against Marcel Cerdan in Madison Square Garden Dec. 2.

Lamotta, who won the 160-pound crown from the Frenchman in Detroit last June 16, and Cerdan, who had been scheduled to meet in a return clash last Sept. 28, but Lamotta injured his right shoulder in training and the fight was postponed.

LONDON, Oct. 24 (CP)—Lt. Arthur King of Toronto will return home without defending his British Empire lightweight boxing title in Britain, promoter Jack Solomon announced today.

The British Boxing Board of Control has ruled that a series of elimination contests must be fought by King's various challengers before an opponent can be named to take on the champion.

North American boxing commitments prevent King from waiting in Britain while an opponent is decided upon.

Acadia Wins N.S. Rugby Ch'hip

WOLFVILLE, N.S., Oct. 24 (CP)—With Neil A. Gordon, captain of Glace Bay, N.S., providing six points on three penalty goals Acadia University clipped St. Francis Xavier University 9-2 here Saturday to dethrone the Xaverians as Nova Scotia senior intercollegiate English rugby kings.

Xavier won the two-game total-point series 16-7 as they won the opener at Antigonish 7-5 two weeks ago. Now they stand by to meet the champion of the three-team New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island League for the Maritime title, won last year by St. F.X.

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Looking over the general hockey picture in the Maritimes to date, it appears that of the two main senior circuits of Maritime "Big Four" and Cape Breton Hockey Leagues, the latter seems to be the one most destined to come up with a really closely contested schedule this season, if figures up to and including the week-end games are to be used as a means of measuring the merit of the two leagues.

Including last Saturday night's encounters, the standings as of that date leave little to choose from between the three league entries of Sydney Millionaires (Maritime champions for the past two years), North Sydney Victorias and the Glace Bay Miners, with the exception of the two former teams who hold the slight edge of a win each to their credit as compared with two losses for the latter, one to each squad, with all other games resulting in tie games.

With the teams having played four games each up to last Saturday night, a total of six games in all, there have only been two decisive wins, the others being four tie encounters, Millionaires and Victorias having each downed the Miners once.

The results to that time give both Sydney and North Sydney identical summaries in the standing of four games played, one win, no losses and three tie games for five points in a league leadership tie, while Glace Bay lags slightly behind with four played, no wins, two losses and two ties for two points. A win for the Miners will put them right up in the running with the two leaders, which makes it a pretty even series for anybody's money.

There is little doubt that the calibre of hockey being played in the respective leagues is about on a par, although the Cape Breton League has proved to be slightly on the stronger side in view of the fact that their league winners have overshadowed the Big Four champs for two consecutive seasons in winning the Maritime title. The Big Four standing is nevertheless a little more spread out as compared with the Cape Bretoners.

For instance, the Big Four has a definite cellar team in the league to date in the form of the Amherst Ramblers, who in five starts have yet to win or tie a game. They trail the league leaders, Halifax St. Mary's, by eight points as of last Saturday night, and have suffered some bad drubbings in the process.

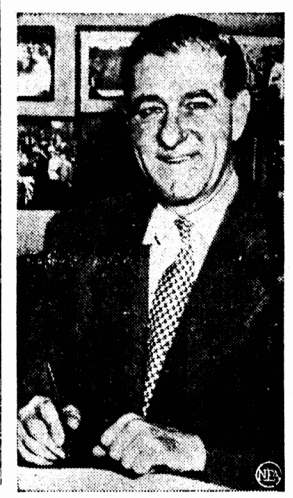
Halifax has also shown a slight edge over the other two leading entries, Saint John Beavers and Moncton Hawks, as far as actual games won, although the games have been close affairs in almost every case, with Moncton, their nearest competitors, holding the league leadership on two occasions, but Halifax has been the top team the rest of the time as far as the standing is concerned.

However, there are only views as the situations stand at the moment, and anything can happen in the long schedule ahead, with even last night's results, which weren't in at time of writing, possibly making considerable change in the standings set forth above.

With local sporting activity at probably its lowest ebb at the moment, with the exception of the occasional rugby clash, there is one feature slated for the immediate future, which local fans will not doubt be turning out in large numbers to see tomorrow night at the Armouries.

It is the three-bout boxing card being promoted by Gus Longphie, in connection with the Trade and Industries Fair under the

Beavers Gain Revenge For Two Defeats In 7-3 Victory Over Halifax



BUCKY'S BACK Stanley "Bucky" Harris smiles broadly as he signs a three-year contract in Washington to manage the Washington Senators baseball team. It will be the third time as the Senators' manager for Bucky, whose most recent job was with San Diego in the Pacific Coast League.

Released Sydney Hockey Players Find New Berths

SYDNEY, N.S., Oct. 24 (CP)—Three of four players released Saturday by Sydney Millionaires of the Cape Breton Senior Hockey League will find new berths in the Maritime Senior Hockey League, it was learned tonight.

Defenceman Doug Fritz of Lis-towel, Ont., will join Saint John Beavers and right winger Brian Robinson of Timmins, Ont., and rearguard Lou Mathieu of Kirkland Lake, Ont., will head for Moncton Hawks.

The fourth player released, Lou Medynski of Stonewall, Man., played tonight with North Sydney Victorias of the C.B.S.H.L.

HAMILTON, Ont., Oct. 24 (CP)—Scorer Jim Gough made it official today. Montreal Alouettes beat Hamilton Wildcats 23-6 in their Big Four football game Saturday, not 22-6 as most newspapermen reported it.

Gough's official summary of the game showed that the McConnoe of the Alouettes converted all three touchdowns scored by Virgil Wagner. Canadian Press and most other accounts of the game had McConnoe missing one of his three convert attempts.

Members of the Charlottetown Y's Men's Club which will be held there for the next three nights, commencing tonight.

The bouts will be the main attraction on Wednesday night's program, with middleweights Louis Lafferty (158) and Johnny Russell, (152) meeting in the three-round main event, supported by two good preliminary three-round events when "Stoney" Adams (118) of Alberton will tangle with George Berrigan (120) of Charlottetown in a bantamweight clash, while Marg MacLeod (60) and Carl Brown (65) both of the City and two really game scrappers in the paperweight division, swap punches in the third bout on the card.

All three bouts are expected to come up with plenty of action, and with Gus Longphie himself acting as the third man in the ring, with Tom White and Gus Ellsworth as the official judges, it should be a big time for the sporting fans tomorrow night.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

The following is the first list of the members of the "200 Club" of the Summerside Commercial Bowling League: President, Alie Harris; Curran & Briggs, 226; Vice-President, Earl Smith, City Slickers, 233; Sec'y-treasurer, Stanley Gallant, West Enders, 220; Frank Savidant, McQuarries, 219; Joseph Gallant, Doggers, 218; Windy Claw, West Enders, 215; Pinky Peters, West Enders, 210; Marvin Wiley, City Slickers, 204; Harrison Ferguson, City Slickers, 203; Victor Dods, R.C.A.F., 203; Tanton McNeill, West Enders, 202; Henry Gallant, City Slickers, 201; Leo Shields, City Slickers, 200; Anthony Perry, Knights of Columbus, 200.

The City Slickers have a one-point lead in the team race honors. It's a long way to the end of the trail, however, and such teams as Curran & Briggs, West Enders, R.C.A.F., MacQuarries and Doughboys will provide the Slickers with plenty of argument before the trophies are distributed next spring.

Dillon McNally, former juvenile hockey star of Summerside, (can't you still see him making those meteoric dashes up the ice the year Charlie Hogar's juveniles won the Maritime championship?) is visiting his parents here but will soon go to Oakville, Ontario, where he intends playing hockey again this year. Dillon looks very fit and doubtless one of these years we'll be hearing of his promotion to hockey's Big Time.

There is talk of the formation of an Island Hockey League this year, consisting of the Charlottetown Victorias, and Abegweits and the Summerside A.A. and R.C.A.F. We don't know very much about the Vics, Abegweits or Piers but we do think the Triple-A's may have considerable trouble getting a team together. We've lost a few hockey players since last year, some by retirement and others by departure.

Frankie Oatway and Freddie Foy have gone from our midst; Vince Grant, Andy Steele, Ernest Pringle have signified their intention of joining the has-beens on the side-lines. Charlie Deighan will not be around and may not play any more hockey.

This leaves the following possibilities, and further than "possibilities" we can't go, because there is nothing sure about what the majority of the following will do when time for playing natural-ice hockey rolls around: Bob Schurman, (we've heard he may don the big pads again), Carl Woodside, "Mooney" Gallant, Syl Bernard, Benny Grady, Joe Bernard, Laysh Schurman, Joe Schurman, and maybe one or two others. There would have to be quite a few additions to this squad, granting that they would all be here and willing to play. There is one possibility that some hockey players have come to Summerside during the off-season but we haven't heard of any. The picture is not too bright, is it?

Britain's Blitz Ruins Are Haven For Many Cats

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuters)—Britain's Football Association, most powerful governing body in the game, today urged that "football pools"—organized betting on the results of soccer games—should be taken "completely out of the hands of private promoters."

This recommendation, if taken up, would affect about 10,000,000 persons—about one-third of the adult population of Great Britain—who, according to one estimate, hazard an average of three shillings each on the outcome of soccer games weekly.

The Football Association made its recommendation to the Royal Commission which is investigating lotteries, betting and gaming in Britain.

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In one year (1946) the manufacture of wood products from Canadian forests increased their value from more than \$418,000,000 to about \$1,076,000,000.

Amateur Tennis Star Makes Pro Debut Today

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—Francis Gomez, the young California-born Mexican who skyrocketed to fame on the amateur tennis courts of the world, begins cashing in tomorrow night when he makes his professional debut against Jack Kramer, currently rated as the game's best.

His match, carded for three out of five sets, is to feature the opening program of a professional tour that will carry them to at least 90 cities.

It will be played on a green canvas court stretched tightly across the floor of Madison Square Garden, where Kramer also started earning an annual income in six digit figures less than two years ago.

Frank Parker, who comes from Los Angeles as do both Kramer and Gonzales, also makes his bow into the money game on the same program. He is to play Pacho Segura, the little two-listed Ecuadorian, in the first match, scheduled for two out of three sets.

Last event of the evening will be a doubles match with Kramer and Parker teaming up against Gonzales and Segura.

The promoter of the tour, is Bobby Riggs, who ruled the pro ranks in his unit Kramer and Bobby so many times he chased Riggs right into the front office.

With ticket prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$8, a crowd of some 16,000 is expected to watch the match. His contract calls for a guarantee of \$60,000 for the first year, or option of 30 per cent of the gate receipts.

Ranked no higher than 17th in the United States in 1947 when Kramer ruled the amateur roost, Gonzales jumped to the No. 1 spot, the national sports organization, henceforth would be required to take wrestling lessons.

POCAHONTON, Idaho, Oct. 24 (AP)—Walter Vela, baseball umpire in the Pioneer League the last two seasons, has been sold to the Class-C Western League.

P. Ballwell, president of the Class-C Pioneer circuit, announced the sale today.

wrathful he wrecked the cage in which he had been confined. "I'd as soon handle a panther," said a former soldier who took part in the capture. "They're so smart it's quite a triumph to get one," said another experienced cat-catcher. "They seem to know when you're after them even before you do yourself."

Experts go after them with strong cages, stout gloves and leather things on the ends of long poles. But even they are wary and often find themselves outwitted by their quarry.

One team called into clean up a colony of cats in the ancient walls of the Tower in London got only two in several nights' hunting. One captured Tom was so

Memorial Cup Team Mourns Death Of Coach

Sport Snapshots

By David Hall

Canadian Press Staff Writer MONTREAL, Oct. 24 (CP)—Art Ross, elected last week to the Hockey Hall of Fame, still holds the distinction of the highest paid player in hockey.

Years ago Ross, now vice-president and general manager of Boston Bruins, received \$1,000 for two games to play with Cobalt against their hated rivals, Halleybury.

This distinction of Ross is recalled by Emer (Montreal Herald) Lachine, Quebec, official. Lachine, a person who says the two newly-rich Northern Ontario towns in those days were "so hockey-mad they essayed roles in the major league."

But, says Ferry, it is not because of this financial accomplishment that Ross deserves the honor of a place in the Hall of Fame. "It is because of his own playing feats, which were remarkable, and even more so for the fashion in which he pioneered the first invasion of hockey in the United States."

Boston entered the National League in 1924 and that entry, says Ferry, "sparked the invasion which resulted ultimately in the National League being lifted from a leaky-roof circuit, literally speaking, to the status of a professional international sports body in America."

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OTTAWA, Oct. 24 (CP)—Members of last year's Montreal Royal Juniors today attended the funeral services here for Taggart (Tag) Millar, who coached them to the Canadian junior hockey championship and their first Memorial Cup last season.

The 36-year-old, centre-ice straddled in a Montreal hospital last Friday after an illness of several months, blamed on last season's long championship grind. A kidney ailment produced a general breakdown in his health.

Rev. J. Logan Venca, minister of St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, and Rev. John Paterson of St. Andrew's United Church, Lachine, Que., officiated. Burial was in Pinecrest Cemetery.

Millar, a native of Ottawa, began his colorful hockey career with the Ottawa Primrose Juniors and went to Memorial Cup heights with them in 1931.

Millar joined the Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior Hockey League in 1935 and the following year played with Lachine Rapides.

He then signed a contract with Montreal Royals where he played until four years ago. Last year he was assigned to coach the Junior Royals and led the hard-working team to the first cup ever won by a Montreal junior team.

TEST PLANE

The lettering "K" before the license number of an airplane denotes that it is licensed for experimental purposes.

Mayhem or Worse

Hockey was introduced to Cincinnati this month and mayhem nonchalantly inflicted by all players on all other players, an in-credulous wife asked, "How can they get away with that?"

In a loud voice her hubby analyzed the action. "They can do any damned thing out there but take off their skates and spit one another's throats."

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