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Schmelling Wins Technical K. O.

German Heavyweight Forces Johney Risko to Quit in 9th Round—Victor One Step Nearer Title Bout With Dempsey.

(Canadian Press) In the ninth round. Schmelling's sensational win over Risko brings him a step nearer to a title bout with Jack Dempsey, who has drawn a bye and who is at present complacently awaiting the ultimate winner of Colonel Hammond's elimination tourney.

OUR CHANGING SPORTS PAGE

(Condensed from Scribner's Magazine.) BY W. O. MCGEEHAN In something less than a quarter-century the sports department of a modern newspaper has developed from a column of type to four or five pages daily, with a special section on Sundays. There certainly has been a change in the national attitude toward sport. The charge has been made that the interest in sport has been stimulated artificially by the newspapers. But I hold the newspapers entirely guiltless. They get no revenue from sports, for this branch of news brings little or no advertising. In expanding the sport pages, the newspapers have merely responded to readers' demands. Six years ago the New York dailies limited sports to two pages. At that time I was sports editor of the Herald. One day there were two crucial baseball series, a championship prize-fight, some important golf and tennis, a big day at the race-track and other events. "Two pages isn't enough," I told the managing editor; and he decided to make it three. So the Herald led in this innovation—the same Herald which, under the elder Bennett, chronicled the opening of a race-meet this: "There will be horse-racing at Sheepshead Bay today, and the same crowds of black-legs and gamblers that frequent such places may be expected out in full force."

I can remember when a man addicted to the strange game of golf would slink behind a tree when the derisive passersby would pass in bugles. Today there are three million golfers in the United States. Gentlemen with large investments in baseball-parks show considerable alarm and indignation at the encroachments of the game. A thought that will increase their alarm is that close to half a million boys who might otherwise have been playing baseball—and to be a baseball fan one must have played the game some what—are caddying, which probably means a decrease in baseball fans and an increase in golfers in the next generation. As yet, however, there has been no decrease in baseball crowds, and the increasing number of golfers may only indicate an increasing interest in sports all along the line.

Intercollegiate football is younger than baseball, and the "college-boy" athlete was looked upon with utter contempt by the rugged followers of baseball when the game started as an impromptu contest between Princeton and Rutgers. The football-player with his "chrystanthemum" haircut was an object of derision till it finally dawned upon the sport-follower that football was far from a gentle sport. Then he began to regard the college boys as queer persons indulging in disorganized assault and mayhem. The change in view-point has been swift. Intercollegiate football in a season of ten games now draws more spectators than the national pastime in its season. Last year the Army-Navy game drew the second largest number of paid admissions for any sporting event. It is my firm conviction that if the enclosure had been big enough, a crowd twice or three times as large could have been drawn. The Yale Bowl, the most commodious football field in the country, barely can accommodate a fifth of those who would like to see a Yale-Harvard game. Not long ago prize-fights had to be held in comparative secret. Now 170,000 men and women spend over \$3,000,000 to see one championship struggle. The interest has always been there, but it has taken the advent of Mr. Tex Rickard (now deceased) to remove the inhibitions they are good.

TO FIGHT OR NOT TO FIGHT



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BY QUIN HALL Whenever a few boxing fans gather and start talking fight the question of whether a champion should be a fighting champion or just a champion is usually dragged out for discussion. Like every question of importance there are two sides to the argument, but most of the boys who plank down their money to see the pugilists peit each other like to see a champion who is willing to take chances with his title. To hear them talk they haven't much use for the fellow who grabs a tin hat and then goes into a huddle with himself and refuses to come out into the open to meet competition, worthy or otherwise. And that's what a lot of modern champions seem to enjoy doing. In fact, according to the remarks of a lot of fight promoters, it's next to impossible to get some of the champions to take their title into a ring with them. They'll sign up for non-titular, overweight struggles or wrestling matches, but they want no part of a bout which involves the old title. Tod Morgan, the present boss of the junior lightweights—the trick division which is under the lightweight poundage—is a chap who doesn't seem to be afraid of mixing in titular battles. Tod has met most of the

Percy Williams Does Not Expect to Win U.S. Races

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Percy Williams, Canada's two-time Olympic sprinter, today advised the athletic world not to take his American indoor track invasion too seriously. The Canadian who came here to run in tomorrow's Boston A. A. games, pointed out that he never tried that distance before and has much to learn about indoor running. He intimated he had no great hopes of beating the impressive field that has entered the sprint race and did not expect to have any better success in the other American meets he has entered.

Intermediate Hockey Schedule

Don't you know there are microbes all around us? asked the scientific alarmist. I don't care answered the man who disliked noise, so long as they don't drivel at five o'clock in the morning. Farmer—How's your rheumatism this morning Lucindy? His Wife—It doesn't bother me at all this morning. Farmer that's to bad. We need rain terribly for the crops.

PHIL SCOTT EUROPEAN CHAMPION

Won From German Heavy In London on Foul in 5th.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Phil Scott, English heavyweight, won from Tom Sandwina of Germany, on a foul in the fifth round of their fight at Albert Hall last night for the heavy-weight championship of Europe. In addition to the regular purses, the bidders had put up sidestakes amounting to £3,500. The fight had aroused tremendous interest and Albert Hall was filled to capacity when the men entered the ring. Scott had an advantage both in weight and in reach and made good use of both all the way through. In the fifth frame, where the battle came to a sudden end, Sandwina tried unsuccessfully to get his favorite right hand punch across at the start. The Britisher made him miss and came back with a couple of lefts to the head, followed by a beautifully timed right that forced Sandwina to back pedal to avoid further punishment. Coming out of a clinch, Scott again scored with both hands to the head and body and the German let loose a very low blow that brought Scott to his knees in agony. The referee immediately stopped the fight and awarded the decision to Scott.

ICE RACES TODAY

The first ice races of the season will be inaugurated this afternoon at 2:30 when three classes will be called. Last night's touch of frost will no doubt stiffen the course up somewhat and make the racing even faster than anticipated.

Could Open Up Hockey Play

"BAZ" writing in the Ottawa Journal says:—"While rules are not entirely to blame for low scoring in the pro leagues the fact remains that the code tempts players to play close attention to defensive hockey. In brief, most managers instruct their players to make at most two-man rushes when both teams are at full strength and a one-man attack when short-handed. Stalling has been stopped to a certain extent by a rule adopted this season, but while players must advance the puck toward their opponents' net they have evaded the spirit of this by giving the slowest skating exhibitions in history and by back-peddaling when about to be checked. The men directly in charge of the teams are responsible for the system used. There can be no denying this state of affairs. Paid employees, the players do as they are told, and if instructed to open up the play they would be forced to do so. The onus would then not be on their shoulders in case of defeat. So it might be a good idea for the league to call the managers into session and assure them that unless they take a chance hockey may pass as lacrosse did and as hockey is passing along in the City of Ottawa at the present time. The Ottawa public is not interested any more. They have seen real hockey in that section of the land, where goal-scoring was once the predominant factor in the life and popularity of the sport. It was the irony of fate that Ottawa, under the leadership of Art Ross, now of the Boston Bruins, introduced six-man, safety-first defensive hockey tactics, and Ottawa, having been the first city to be burdened with this kind of hockey, has also been the first to see the error of its ways.

Won Snowshoe Race

(Canadian Press) LEWISTON, Me., Feb. 1.—Eugene Clouette, Montreal, today won the international snowshoe race from Montreal. He arrived here at 2:32 p. m., covering the 12th and final lap of 22 miles from South Paris in four hours and seven minutes. He is 48 years old and father of eight children. Seventeen men started from the Canadian city on Jan. 21 for the 282 mile trek.

MACS, 7; MAPLES 6

A fast game of hockey was played last night at the Convent Rink between the Mac's and Maples, the former winning by a score of 7 to 6. Lineup: Macs: Goal: Maples: R. McInnis ... T. Campbell Defence: P. Gallant ... R. Bradley T. McTague ... G. Murnaghan Forwards: G. Connors ... E. Morrison E. Toombs ... F. Pineau E. Larter ... I. Hornby Children of Australia are taking a fancy to German toys for the first time since the World war.

NEW BATHING SUIT

A clever new bathing suit has shorts of heavy silk in an unusual shade of yellow green. The top is composed of sections of deep blue, lighter blue and yellow-green silk.

UNUSUAL CANDLESTICKS

Candlesticks, which rightfully belong upon the dining-table flanked with flowers, are of dull green bronze, in the shape of graceful nude figures.

Maritime Hockey League Fixtures

Wolverines Lost to Bearcats—Kentville Trims Halifax Socials—Other Games.

(Canadian Press) from Sydney 3-1 in an A.P.-C.B. hockey match here tonight. HALIFAX, Feb. 1.—The Truro Bearcats defeated the Halifax Wolverines 6 to 4 in an Eastern Hockey League match here tonight. SYDNEY, Feb. 1.—Stellarton won fixture tonight.

Paving The Way

BY W. H. GOCHER Kalamazoo follows the next week. It has renewed its \$25,000 paving fixture, it being given for the 2.12 class this year, as well as the \$10,000 trophy which has appeared on its program for a number of years. The other members of the Grand Circuit are Grand Rapids, Detroit, Cleveland, which will give a second meeting, Hartford, Goshen, Syracuse, Indianapolis, Aurora, Cincinnati and Lexington. There is an open week between Lexington and Cincinnati. It is just possible that it will be taken by Nashville as in 1928 the Tennessee State Fair was held at that point the week prior to the Lexington meeting. In New England the Northern Vermont Fair Circuit has announced a series of six meetings between August 6 and September 6. Its members are located at Morrisville, Middlebury, Sheldon Junction, Barton and St. Johnsbury in Vermont, and Lancaster in New Hampshire. The horses which follow the circuit can also move on from there into the Green Mountain Circuit which will include Rutland, Essex Junction, Hudson Falls and Malone. White River Junction has dropped out. Its grounds have been taken for a flying field. New England also presents another series of fairs. It will start at Hartford Labor Day week and continue at Rockville, Springfield, Worcester, Rochester, Brockton, Danbury and Stafford Springs, where a meeting is always held the second week in October. The Maine and New Brunswick Circuit will hold its annual meeting at Woodstock on February 14. On that date it will select the dates for its summer series of race meetings which will be held at Houlton and Presque Isle in Maine and at Woodstock, Fredericton, Moncton and St. Stephen in New Brunswick. These will be followed by fairs at all of the points named except Moncton, while Halifax, Nova Scotia and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, will be added to the schedule.

WILL HE COME THROUGH?



Percy Williams, Canadian Olympic star and World's champion who competes in Boston A. A. games today. This Vancouver youth who has just turned twenty-one summers startled the athletic world and made Canada proud to call him her own by his prowess and ability as a runner. He may well be called the "Fastest Human".