

SPORTING NEWS

Starry Right-Hander Of Cards, Mort Cooper Sold To Boston Braves



May 24th, a day in most of past years which was usually crammed full of sporting activities, passed rather slowly with very little of anything doing on the local sports front with exception of the usual large number of anglers who went to their favorite haunts in hopes of catching the always elusive big one.

But one thing was noted in the city yesterday which was the start of the local tennis season, and a good number of members of the Charlottetown Club had their first crack at the ball in impromptu matches.

This year marks one of the latest starts in recent seasons but it has been through no fault of the energetic officers and executive that are heading the club's activities. Good weather has held up work necessary to put the courts in playing condition and the racing schedule has been held up by "chasing at the bit."

But the grounds committee, headed by Mac MacKinnon and ably assisted by Ned Wran, president, and others, took advantage of the few fine days that have been enjoying of late, and yesterday the courts were in surprisingly good shape, so good in fact that many of those taking part expressed real surprise.

Now with the first real start made the Club is looking forward to a banner season. Membership enrollment to date has been rather slow but from now on it is expected to gain plenty of momentum. Practically every season since the opening of the courts, but once the membership committee are kept busy enrolling the members.

Tomorrow afternoon it is the club's plan to hold the first Saturday afternoon tea. This has always been one of the popular parts of the program and the tea was founded and members and intending members are asked to make note of this.

Held up by necessary repairs to the courts it is expected that the official opening of the Brighton Horseshoe Club will take place on Monday night next when it is expected a big crowd of onlookers will participate in the programme that is being prepared.

As in tennis, this club is also having its latest start since being formed but a few years ago. Rain has held up the alterations which are being done upon at the annual meeting but now everything is in readiness. New pits have been built, new platforms put in and the lighting system which proved so popular last year, improved so that it looks as if the club will set for their greatest season with a record number of members expected to take part.

It has been said, and not without considerable truth, that the British are people who are people. Max Schmeling seems to have found that out because a recent picture shows him in a military uniform for two Tommies after he was released from custody in Hamburg.

Sport fans are sport fans the world over, and the soldiers remembered that Schmeling had once been a world champion—but forgot momentarily no doubt that he won his title not through an accident of his own, but because a quick-witted Hebrew, the late Joe Jacobs, screamed him to a championship.

Even in Germany, the Teuton seems to remember some of the effective means of publicity, which he might be restored to which, perhaps allowed to get out of money. He may even have been money cashed in the United States.

Schmeling was a Nazi of the Nazis. Though his eyes beamed all the benefits of democracy, he wasn't impressed. He rode to fame and no doubt considerable fortune because of the shrewd handling of Joe Jacobs. He fired him twice when he found it expedient. He gloried in the fact that when he came home, he was a paratrooper. The leopard can't change his spots, at least not at type.

Any hope of an early heavyweight championship fight with Joe Louis sending his title was cooled off recently by the war department.

There is no likelihood of Louis or Billy Conn, widely recognized as Louis' foremost challenger, or any other specialist being discharged soon by the army.

A war department officer said there are no plans for letting any specialists out of service unless they qualify for release under the army's point system.

ST. LOUIS, May 24—(AP)—Sam Breaden, owner of St. Louis Cardinals, disposed of the Morton Cooper salary controversy today by selling the big ace right hand pitcher to Boston Braves for an unannounced amount of cash and another right hand starting hurler, Charles (Red) Barrett.

Cooper will join the Braves in Pittsburgh Friday and Barrett will come to the Cardinals as soon as he can arrange his affairs at Boston.

Announcement of the transaction came shortly after Breaden, Manager Billy Southworth of the Cardinals, and his attorney, Lee Havenner, were scheduled to hold a conference in an attempt to iron out differences the pitcher has had with the management since before the season opened.

President Louis R. Ferrin of Boston Braves and General Manager John J. Quinn appeared unexpectedly from the conference room and announced to reporters that the deal had been made. Their presence in St. Louis was unknown to the reporters until they merged with the announcement.

Express Pleasure Both expressed pleasure with the transaction. "I think he's the best pitcher in the league and naturally any club is glad to get the best," Quinn asserted, adding that Cooper has signed a one-year contract with the Braves. He declined to discuss the contract terms, however.

Cooper—the yesterday declared that he did not want to be traded, said simply: "I've been sold. Everybody's happy."

The suspension and \$500 fine which Southworth slapped on Cooper after his latest walkout was "disposed of very agreeably," Havenner announced, but without saying how.

The contract difficulties with the Cardinals began shortly before the season opened, when Marty Marion, shortstop, and the 1944 most valuable player obtained an increase to \$13,000 for the season, subject to wage stabilization approval.

Talked Over Contracts After awarding that contract, Breaden said he called to Morton Cooper, and his brother and battery partner Walker Cooper, for a renegotiation of their contracts. He explained that he had promised the brothers no player on the club would receive more pay than they this year.

But Walker Cooper said the new offer was rejecting the understanding that it was the ceiling salary for the club under wage stabilization regulations, and that if Breaden could go beyond that figure to \$13,500, he also could "take it."

Four straight singles before he was relieved by Mack Stewart in the big Phil inning.

At Cincinnati, pinch-hitter Danny Gardella's home run with Ruddy Kerr on base in the eighth inning enabled the New York Giants to grab their second straight win over Cincinnati by a 4-6 margin.

Bill Voiselle, who had won eight in a row but never had topped the Reds, failed again when he was knocked out of the box in the second frame. Ace Adams, the second of three relief hurlers, received credit for the victory over the veteran Hod Lisenbee.

At Pittsburgh, Johnny Barrett's 11th inning snapper snapped the tension in a wild scoring duel between Pittsburgh and Boston as 2,156 fans saw the Pirates nose out the Braves 10-9.

The Braves nearly had the game in the bag in the 10th when Tom Holmes doubled bringing a run in. In their half of the inning the Pirates, with two men on base, put in pinch hitter Lee Evers, who duplicated the feat to tie up the game 9-9.

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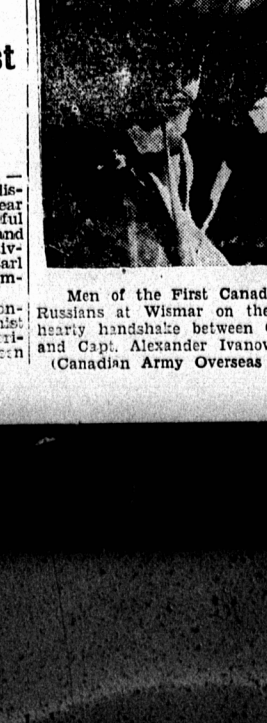
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Men of the First Canadian Paratroop Battalion link up with the Russians at Wismar on the Baltic. Typical of the occasion is this hearty handshake between Gnr. W. A. MacKenzie of Sydney, N. S., and Capt. Alexander Ivanovich Mirov of Arslod, Central Russia. (Canadian Army Overseas Photo).

MAY 30-31 JUNE 1-2 SPRING CARNIVAL ATTRACTIONS VARIETY JOE of New York and Montreal One Man Vaudeville Army Games Gen. Electric Refrig. Victory Bonds War Certificates CANDY WHEEL Remodelled Clothing Refreshments GRUEN WATCH Two Shows Nightly FUN FOR ALL NAVY & LEGION AUXILIARIES

Standing In British House Of Commons LONDON, May 24—(CP Cable)—Present standing of the House of Commons: of Conservative and Unionists—358. Labor—165. Independent—25. Liberal—23. Liberal National—19. Socialist—7. National—5. Independent Labor Party—3. Commonwealth—3. Communist—1. Scottish Nationalist—1. Vacant—5. Total—615.

Security Conference Progresses Slowly SAN FRANCISCO, May 24—United Nations security conference committees drafted slowly today toward final drafting of an international peace charter, but with dimming hopes that the object of a June 2 windup could be reached.

Repatriation Of 2,500,000 Planned PARIS, May 24—(AP)—The Western Allies have agreed with Soviet military authorities on the greatest mass repatriation program in history, involving the movement of 2,500,000 persons, Supreme Headquarters announced tonight.

AT LONG LAST CONSTANCE BENNETT SEEKS DIVORCE LOS ANGELES, May 24—(AP)—Screen actress Constance Bennett today sued her fourth husband, actor Gilbert Roland, for divorce on grounds of extreme mental cruelty.

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