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Prize Sports Flop Credited To Red Sox

(A.P. by Guardian's Special Wire) NEW YORK, Dec. 21—For finishing sixth in the American League pennant race after being among the red-hot choices to win the Boston Red Sox gained the dubious distinction of performing the biggest "flop" of the year.

Thirty-one of 83 experts, almost all of them stout supporters of the Red Sox when the major league ball season started in April, awarded the booby prize of 1936 to the Bostonians in the sixth annual Associated Press sports poll.

Joe Cronin and his men carried off the "honour" by a margin of more than 2 to 1 over their nearest rival, Joe Louis, whose 12th-round knockout by Max Baer was rated disappointment No. two.

All told baseball landed four places in the "fast 10." Next to the Red Sox, Chicago Cubs were rated the biggest disappointment, while the form reversals of St. Louis Cardinals' pitching staff and Detroit Tigers also were cited.

Ohio State's loss of three major games was voted the biggest football flop.

Topics No. one tragedy was the elimination of the American Davis Cuppers on home grounds by Australia; Lawson Little's failure to qualify for the U.S. open, or giving up his amateur status was the biggest blow to golf followers; and the one disappointment of the 11th Olympiad was the failure of the American Olympic committee to reinstate Eleanor Holm Jarrett, the backstroke swimming queen.

Edwards Voted Canada's Greatest Athlete For 1936; Frank Amyot Runner-up

Canadian Press Staff Writer By ELMER DULMAGE TORONTO, Dec. 21—(CP)—Canada's greatest athlete in 1936 and a magnificent all-time figure of the track was Dr. Phil Edwards of Montreal. His selection by sports writers in the annual Canadian Press poll, announced tonight, supported the view of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada which last month awarded Edwards the Norton Crow Memorial Trophy.

Running well ahead of Frank Amyot of Ottawa, the country's only Olympic Champion this year, Edwards was selected for his double point-winning effort at the Berlin Olympic Games. He placed third in the 800-metre final, fifth in the 1,500 metres' scoring in the Olympics for the third straight time.

Three other Olympians were mentioned prominently in the balloting which also recognized the comeback of Vancouver's Jimmy McLarnin, former welterweight boxing champion, Sweeney Schriner's brilliant hockey for New York Americans and the all-round football ability of Hugh Stirling of Sarnia Imperials.

Amyot, blond giant who won the smile-blade paddling event at Berlin, was second. Three points were given for a first-choice vote, two for second choice and one for third choice.

On this basis Edwards had 58 points and Amyot 28. Tied for third with 11 each were Bobby Rankine of Preston, Ont., distance runner, and Sylvanus Apps of Paris Ont., pole vault and hockey star.

Winner of the poll last year, Rankine failed completely in the 5,000 and 10,000 metre races at the Olympics but he came home to demonstrate he still is the best distance runner in North America.

Apps tied for sixth in the Olympic vault, clearing 13 feet 1-2 inches, and signed a professional hockey contract with Toronto Maple Leafs on his return from Germany. In the National League he immediately made good at centre between Charlie Conacher and Harvey Jackson.

McLarnin's point-total was 10, Schriner's seven, Stirling's six. Eighth place in the voting went to Johnny Loring of Windsor, Ont., only other Canadian besides Edwards to win points in two Olympic events. Loring was second in the 400-metre hurdles and sixth in the 400-metre dash.

Edwards and Amyot also ran one-two in the poll to determine which athlete turned in the best individual performance of the year. No other achievement was supported in anything like the same measure as those of the middle-distance star and the paddler.

Keating Leads Maritimers In Scoring

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) Providence Reds high scoring line of former Maritimers, Jackie Keating, "Doggie" Kuhn and Sammy McManus, was held in check last week and of the three, Keating alone showed a gain in International-American Hockey League scoring statistics.

The former Saint John Beaver fired two goals and had an assist, bringing his total points for the season to 20, four more than Kuhn and nine more than McManus.

Kuhn, who used to star with Truro Bearcats, still is on top of the goal scorers however, with nine to his credit, two more than Keating and McManus, one time Moncton Hawk.

Walter "Nig" Brenneman of Cleveland pulled into a tie for third place with McManus. The former Charlottetown, sharpshooter had two assists.

Ron Hudson of Pittsburgh was the only other Maritimer to register a gain. The erstwhile Halifax Wolverine had a goal and an assist, and moved to within two points of Brenneman and McManus.

International-American League	Points
Jackie Keating, Prov.	20
Gordon (Doggie) Kuhn, Providence	16
Sammy McManus, Prov.	14
Nig Brenneman, Cleveland	11
Ron Hudson, Pittsburgh	9
Bert Connolly, Phila.	5
"Knucker" Irvine, New Haven	3

Aurie Holds Lead Over Amerk Star

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, Dec. 21—Larry Aurie of Detroit picked up a brace of goals and an assist during the week and stayed at the top of the National Hockey League scoring list, tonight's official statistics showed.

The Detroit's 10 goals and seven assists left him a single point in front of Sweeney Schriner New York American whom Aurie topped from first the previous week. Sweeney gained a point on Dec. 20 during the week.

Third place, at 14 points, was split four ways between aging Johnny Gagnon of Montreal Canadiens, Herb Lewis and Marly Barry of Detroit and Lynn Patrick of New York Rangers.

Aurie and Gagnon were the league's leading goal-getters with 20 apiece while Barry and Art Chapman of the Amerks led in assists with 11.

Penalty "honors" went this week to Eddie Goodfellow of Detroit, whose 31 minutes forced former captain Earl Seibert of Chicago to make way at the head of the list in the penalty box.

Mary Sport Notables Have Deserted Amateur Status For Uncertain Pro Future

BY PAUL MICKELSON Associated Press Sports Writer NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—Like a left bridle blushing at the slight, amateur sports suffered an embarrassing year in 1936 but the most pathetic figures were those who deserted in their mad scramble to swap glory for gold.

A bare few may reap a harvest; the vast majority will reap nothing but haunting memories of yesterday's glories and headlines.

It's the old, sad story of sport. Yet it goes on and on, 1936 setting a new high for desertion of amateur ranks by its brightest stars.

Fred Perry abdicated his world tennis throne to turn pro.

The United States Olympic track team lost Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalfe and Jack Torrance to professionalism, while the American swimming team lost Dorothy Foynton Hill, Dick Degener and Lenore Kight Wingard.

Lawson Little, greatest amateur golfer since Bobby Jones, turned pro in 1936 as did Zell Eaton, another front rank amateur linksman.

Women's amateur figure skating lost its one and only Sonja Henie. Perry and Miss Henie stand to clean up tidy fortunes with their professional ventures, playing before large paying crowds and doing features or bits in the movies. Owens has started well but it is doubtful whether Jesse can make as much as a pro as he would have by settling down to some business and reaping a rich harvest on his athletic reputation.

Little's path as a professional has been anything but smooth. Except for winning \$1,000 for his victory in the Canadian open, his play in the pro ranks has been unimpressive.

Metcalfe will do all right as he's coaching. The Olympic swimmers

Roy Oliver Is Seriously Burned

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Dec. 21—Roy Oliver, long distance runner, who represented Canada in the 1934 British Empire Games, was burned severely today when oil in a barrel he was attempting to throw out suddenly burst into flames. He was working above ground at the Greenwood coal mine near here when the accident occurred.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 21—Hearly "Hunk" Anderson head football coach at North Carolina State College for three seasons, said today he had been notified his services would be needed no longer.

Asked about two coaching offers he said he had in November, Anderson replied: "I haven't been thinking with them at all. I don't know whether they are still open or not."

Wiseman Tops Maritimers In N.H.L. Scoring Records

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, Dec. 21—New York Americans may have lost their last five games but that has not stopped Eddie Wiseman, former Newca, N. B., boy from keeping on top of former Maritime hockeyists in the National Hockey League scoring race, statistics showed today.

Wiseman picked up one goal and three assists; in Amerks disastrous week and his 12 point total left him one point ahead of Boson Bill Cowley who used to centre Halifax Wolverines front line.

Right on Cowley's heels is Ray Getliffe, a team-mate and former Saint John Beaver, who has nine points, while another point back is Joffre Deslites, another former Beaver, who has played an important part in Canadiens rise to the top of the Canadian section of the league.

Gordon Drillon, brought up to big-time hockey to aid the ailing Toronto Maple Leafs, has proved one of their most consistent scorers, and although he has played fewer games than the other Maritimers, the former Moncton junior has seven points, just one less than Deslites.

C.N.R. Diners Complete W'h Christmas Fare

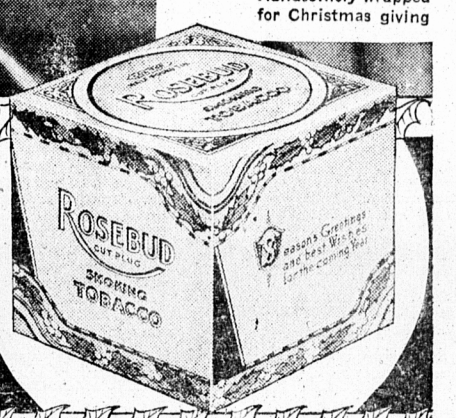
MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 22—When Canadians and others go travelling this season of the year they have their share of all the good things to eat pertaining to the festive season while enroute, for turkey and all the trimmings will be the feature of Christmas and New Year's meals of the dining cars of the Canadian National Railways, according to an announcement today by W. W. Swenden, head of the Dining Car Department of the Company.

This Department will serve about eight thousand turkey dinners on trains during the festive season, which is more than the largest hotel in the world will serve in its dining room during the period. Preparation for this sizeable job takes place in a dining car kitchen sixteen feet long and six and two-thirds feet wide where approximately one thousand dishes of all kinds must be washed during the meal period by one man at a sink less than two feet square.

In serving the above number of meals, Mr. Swenden states the travelling public will consume about four thousand, five hundred pounds of fresh turkeys with cranberry sauce, and to dress these turkeys approximately three hundred loaves of stale bread will be used. English plum pudding, with hard or sweet sauce, will of course be very popular dish and a sufficient quantity has been prepared to meet all individual requests. Mince pie, too, will not be forgotten. Two thousand and pounds of this filling will go into pies just like mother used to make. A few passengers who do not care for plum pudding or mince pie, and these will be very much in the minority, will probably order ice cream or Canadian cheese with biscuits to cap the meals. Special Christmas menus, attractively and suitably decorated, will be on all dining car tables during the period from December 23rd to January 1st and in addition to a la carte specials, table d'hote luncheons and dinners will be featured at reasonable prices.

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Schmeling Tops Joe Louis in Boxing Ratings; Five Canadians Ranked High

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—(CP)—The National Boxing Association, in its ratings for the last quarter of 1936, ranked Max Schmeling behind heavyweight champion Joe Louis, Braddock and in front of James J. Braddock and in front of Joe Louis, the sensational negro.

Five Canadians were given high ranking in their respective divisions but Canadian circles were surprised to find Jimmy McLarnin, former king of the welterweights, placed as only third challenger to Champ on Barney Ross. Ahead of the Vancouver Irishman was Cefarino Garcia, Manila, and Jack Carrol of Australia.

Al McCoy of Montreal and Boston, was listed ninth among heavyweights; Frankie Martin, Canadian Bantamweight title holder, was third among the division dominated by Sixto Escobar; Syd Parker Canada, was placed third among flyweights and Lou Brouillard, the French-Canadian now of Worcester, Mass., was given the fourth spot among middleweight contenders.

The Commission said it would approve any match between the champion of a division and the 10 ranking fighters.

The heavyweight rankings: Champion, James J. Braddock, Union City, N. J.; 1, Max Schmeling, Germany; 2, Joe Louis, Detroit; 3, Jack Trammell, Youngstown, O.; 4, Al Ettore, Philadelphia; 5, Leroy Haynes, Philadelphia; 6, Bob Pastor, New York; 7, Arford Godoy, Chile; 8, Sonny Walker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 9, Al McCoy, Boston-Montreal; 10, Tony Galento.

Dragged River For Dummy Man Painted Funnel Fools Big Bird

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Dec. 21—New Glasgow police and residents alike were the victims of this latest fad in practical jokes.

It all started early in the evening when Clifford Cameron of nearby Stellarton saw a form sway on the rail of East River Bridge and plunge downward out of sight. A scream and a splash followed.

Police were called, a crowd collected and for two hours the river was probed and the body searched for the body—but the body could not be found.

Then a policeman on the bank looked up in the dim light and saw the form hanging from the bottom of the bridge. Verdict of suicide by drowning changed quickly to suicide by hanging.

"It's best to ignore what was said when the 'body' was hauled back over the rail of the bridge. The head was a large can, the torso, a wooden frame covered by an old coat; the legs, a pair of trousers.

"High above she flew. Now she was on our port side, now on the starboard. She must have caught sight of our funnel markings just then, for down she swooped in a power-dive and made straight for the sheaf of wheat. In the sun's glare, that sheaf must have had the appearance of a golden wheat in the breeze.

"The ship's cook contributed the climax with well-rehearsed emphasis. "Boy," he ejaculated, "dat bird done banged himself against the funnel with mighty force. He fell close to the galley. My, my, dat was too bad!"

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Perry Names Von Cramm His Successor

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Fred Perry nominates Baron Gottfried Von Cramm of Germany as his successor to the world amateur tennis throne.

The black-haired Brion, who will make his debut as a professional against Ellsworth Vines, Jan. 6 in Madison Square Garden, rated the Teuton one notch higher than California's red head Don Budge. Perry beat Von Cramm in the 1935-36 finals of the All-England head championship. He conquered Budge in the All-England semi-final and the American final this year.

After Budge Perry rates Adrian Quill of Australia; no. 4, H. W. "Bunny" Austin, England; No. 5, Jack Crawford, Australia; and then Wilmer Allison, Austin, Tex.; Bryan M. Grant, Jr., Atlanta; Heiner Henkel, Germany; Vivian McGrath, Australia, and Frank Arker, Spring Lake, N. J.

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