

## Judges Rules I.B.C. Guilty Of Monopolizing Ch'ship Bouts

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
 NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday the International Boxing Club was guilty of monopolizing professional championship bouts and that it shut out competitors in an unreasonable restraint of trade.

James D. Norris, president of the I.B.C., expressed disappointment over the decision and said he hoped it would not interfere with the I.B.C.'s present schedule, which includes a middleweight title fight between champion Gene Fullmer and Sugar Ray Robinson in Chicago May 1.

The decision by Judge Sylvester J. Ryan was the second in two weeks hitting at the anti-trust aspects of a major sport.

On Feb. 25 the Supreme Court ruled that professional football is subject to federal anti-trust laws. At that time both the majority and the dissenters questioned whether organized baseball should not be put in the same class.

**BASEBALL EXEMPT**  
 Twice in the past—in 1922 and 1953—the nation's high court has held that baseball was a personal effort and not a trust within the

meaning of the law.

Judge Ryan said the government may file proposed decrees in the boxing case within 30 days after which hearings will be held to determine a final court order.

How the government might try to curtail the I.B.C. to bring it within anti-trust laws is purely speculative.

Measures might be taken to force the I.B.C. to relinquish some of the big arenas it now controls, to break the organization's exclusive contract arrangement with fighters and to give up one of the two major television contracts it now holds for boxing shows.

At the same time it will be possible for the I.B.C. to make an appeal first to the Court of Appeals and then to the Supreme Court, Norris, in his statement, hinted this might be done.

The verdict was the result of a nine-day trial before Judge Ryan last spring at which the government argued that the I.B.C. - controlled key arenas and television rights, schemed to tie up championship fights through exclusive contracts and loaned money to boxers without interest to keep them in the I.B.C.'s debt.

## SPORTS TRAIL

### Catcher Turned Umpire Can Still Call Them Firmly

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
 NEW YORK (AP) — Caught short: An army mechanical brain has figured out the batting averages of some of the leading major leaguers for 1957, conceding the championship to Mickey Mantle in the American League and Richie Ashburn in the National with .342 and .288 respectively.

Yogi Berra should feel quite discouraged. He's going to hit only .297. It is recalled that another machine tried to pick the order of finish in the leagues last year, and wound up naming Detroit Tigers as champions. It got the Dodgers right, but a lot of human brain did that.

Speaking of Yogi, notice that Casey Stengel paid him quite a compliment after using him as a plate umpire the other day. "He has all the earmarks of a coming successful umpire, including conversational ability," Casey remarked.

He can repeat the latter part if the statement, Yogi is the champion barber of them all behind the plate. And he should be able to call balls and strikes. He's been doing that for umpires for years. Incidentally, wonder why more

catchers don't turn to umpiring when their playing days are over. They all think they can call the now operating.

Ran into the big wheel of little wheels recently. He's Joseph E. Shelvelson, executive vice-president of the Roller Skating Foundation.

Shelvelson said there are 4,900 commercial rinks now operating, and the number is increasing by the hundreds yearly. He estimates the number of skaters at 17,000,000, and lists about 3,000 schools below college level as having skating programs. He estimates public expenditure for skates at between \$28,000,000 and \$30,000,000 a year.

Ed Carter, tournament bureau manager of the PGA, sees a possibility that Doug Ford may start a trend among tournament golfers, most of whom are notoriously slow players.

"Ford is the leading money winner on the tour so far this year," he points out, "and he's the fastest player. He'd run away from Gene Sarazen, who is something of a racehorse himself. It shows the exasperating deliberation of the players isn't necessary for success and they might begin to speed up their games."

## SPORT FROM BRITAIN

### Ted Williams Shift Doomed In First-Class Cricket

BY ED SIMON  
 Canadian Press Staff Writer  
 LONDON (CP)—The Ted Williams shift appears doomed in first-class cricket.

The strategy of packing the field to restrict a batter's hitting potential is fraught with uncertainty in baseball, where neither the hitter nor the pitcher normally can control his efforts with enough consistency to make it profitable.

But in cricket the placing of the fielders is a fairly exact science. A reasonably good bowler can deliver a ball which the batsman, like baseball's pull-hitter, must hit to his "strong" side if he hits it at all. Under the existing rules, as many as eight men may block the ball's path to the boundary. And the cricketer can't lay down a bunt to keep the fielders honest.

The result has been a tendency toward low-scoring games and a consequent falling off at the gate. Like their counterparts in baseball, hockey and Canadian and American football, cricket officials have concluded that the fans want to see a high-scoring game and are trying to accommodate them.

the Football Association Cup, among the county clubs. The tournament, consisting of two-day matches limited to 54 overs in each innings, would start on an experimental basis in 1959.

Despite the alleged reluctance of cricket devotees to tamper with the hallowed traditions of the game, criticism of the proposals centres almost entirely on their possible ineffectiveness. Almost everyone except the bowlers seems to agree that there is too much defensive cricket.

While many of the critics find fault with the recommendations on technical grounds, there was one paragraph in the committee's report that met with unanimous agreement. It recognized that the best of rule changes could be defeated by new defensive tactics "unless county committees, through their captains, insist on the purpose of the experiment being pursued in the right spirit."

Stuart Surridge, captain of Surrey's five-time county champions, made it even plainer. In a letter to the Sunday Times, he said "there is very little wrong with county cricket that a captain cannot attend to."

## WOULD SPREAD FIELD

A proposed limit of five fielders on the batsman's leg side is one of a number of rule changes proposed by a committee of the Marylebone Cricket Club to enliven the game. Old-time cricketers, fans and even editorial writers have been stirred to comment on the proposals.

Another proposal aimed at speeding up the game, restrict the length of the first innings to 35 overs for each side in the three-day county matches. A third limits the maximum distance of the boundaries to 75 yards. Still another increases the authority of the umpires to prevent stalling tactics.

The committee also proposes a knockout competition, similar to

### Olympic Athlete Connolly Ordered Out Of Country

PRAGUE (AP) — Czechoslovakia's Communist rulers have dealt romance a setback.

They ordered Harold Connolly, American Olympic hammer throw champion, to leave the country today without permission to marry and take with him his fiancée, Olga Fikotova, Czechoslovakia's Olympic discus champion.

Harold, who came here last week with high hopes of carrying Olga off as his bride, announced that he must take this morning's plane back to Vienna.

"We are heartbroken at being separated and our kiss at the airport may be our last," he said. "But I am going to Vienna to try to get another visa to enter Czechoslovakia and if I get it I will return here in hopes the Czech government will change its mind and give us a wedding licence. What else can we do?"

Czech law requires state permission for a citizen to marry a foreigner. Such permission is hard enough to get under any circumstances, but triply so when the groom is an American and when marriage means losing the country's only Olympic medal winner.

The Czech government has not definitely rejected the petitions. It just hasn't answered, despite a personal plea made by Olga to President Antonin Zapotocky in an audience Wednesday. All this week the couple have been racing from one government office to the other without success.

### Tebbetts Looks Lovingly At 3rd

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Birdie Tebbetts, manager of the Cincinnati ball club, likes what he is watching these days around third base—the only position outside of the pitchers where he is not set for the 1956 season.

Like Grammas, who wound up as third last year, has been pounding the ball hard. There never has been any question about his fielding ability. Don Hoak, obtained during the winter from the Chicago Cubs, and rookie Hal Beahm, also have shown well both in hitting and fielding.

Birdie said he is not misled by spring training brilliance, but he believes that out of the three men, he will come out all right. There always is Rocky Bridges. The utility veteran, to fall back

## Requests Pouring In Already For Grey Cup Ducats

MONTREAL (CP) — So far as the Montreal Alouettes office is concerned, the 1957 Grey Cup headchases have already started and petite Nicole Paquette is swamped with requests for tickets.

Miss Paquette, office secretary, said Thursday the requests currently are pouring in at the rate of 100 to 125 a day—and the big game in Toronto Varsity Stadium nearly nine months away.

"That isn't all. Requests from football fans for season tickets for Alouette home games next season are piling up at the rate of 150 to 200 a day. Nearly one-quarter of this number never had

season tickets before.

Comparatively few among the veteran and prospective season ticket holders pass up the opportunity to clamor for Grey Cup tickets at the same time.

It all started, said Miss Paquette when about 3,000 forms for renewal of season tickets were mailed last weekend. Those wanting to renew their contracts have until May 15.

### George Sisler Shows Improvement

PITTSBURGH (AP) — George Sisler, baseball's hall of fame first baseman, continues to show improvement in hospital, a Pittsburgh Pirates' spokesman said Thursday.

Sisler, only recently named as special field assistant to manager Bobby Bragan, underwent an emergency abdominal operation Feb. 16.

## Hungarian Stars On Way To U.S.

VIENNA (AP)—Two Hungarian aquatic stars, man and wife, who together won three gold and two silver Olympic medals, were in Vienna Thursday on their way to the United States.

Dezsoe Gyarmati, fullback and captain of Hungary's Olympic champion water polo team, and his wife, Eva Szekeley, who won the gold championship medal in the 200-meter breast stroke at Helsinki in 1952 and the silver medal at Melbourne last year, left Hungary two weeks ago.

Gyarmati, 29, a handsome six-footer, won his first gold medal in London, 1948, and a silver medal in water polo.

The couple returned to Budapest from Melbourne because they had their two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Andrea, and Gyarmati's

## Rafere To Join Mount A. Dept.

SACKVILLE, N. B. (CP)—Angus MacFarlane of Montreal, referee-in-chief of the Montreal basketball league, will join the Mount Allison University department of physical education this fall as football and basketball coach, it was announced Saturday.

### Campbell Equals Indoor Record

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Olympic decathlon champion Milt Campbell equalled the world indoor record of 6.1 seconds in the 50-yard high hurdle trials at the Milwaukee Journal games Saturday night and then eased up a bit to win the finals in 6.2.

mother there. Now all are in Vienna.

## Grapefruit And Cactus Leagues Opened Saturday

NEW YORK (CP)—All 16 major league teams inaugurated the grapefruit and cactus circuit exhibition baseball season Saturday with a generous sprinkling of ambitious rookie talent in all lineups.

As usual the hitters dominated the pitching in the training camp battles, although Hank Aguirre, Cal McLish and Stan Prula each tossed shutout ball as Cleveland Indians under their new manager Kerby Farrell—blasted New York Giants 2-0. The Giants got six hits in the game, at Tucson, Ariz.

The world champion New York Yankees shoved across three runs in the seventh inning to tie the score against St. Louis Cardinals

at St. Petersburg, Fla., but singles by Tom Alston and Don Blasingame and Eddie Kasko's sacrifice brought in the winning run for St. Louis in the last half of the ninth.

Mickey Mantle, the Yankees star outfielder, entered the game in the seventh as a pinch-hitter and drew a walk.

In other games, with the home run prominent at Orlando and Clearwater, Fla., Washington Senators defeated Kansas City Athletics 8-7; Pittsburgh Pirates downed Philadelphia Phillies by the same score; Cincinnati Redlegs blasted Chicago White Sox 5-4; Detroit Tigers romped over Boston Red Sox 10-1; and Baltimore Orioles edged Chicago Cubs 7-6.

Rookie Dick Gray broke up a tight night game with a ninth-inning homer off Humberto Robinson to give Brooklyn Dodgers a 3-2 victory over Milwaukee Braves.

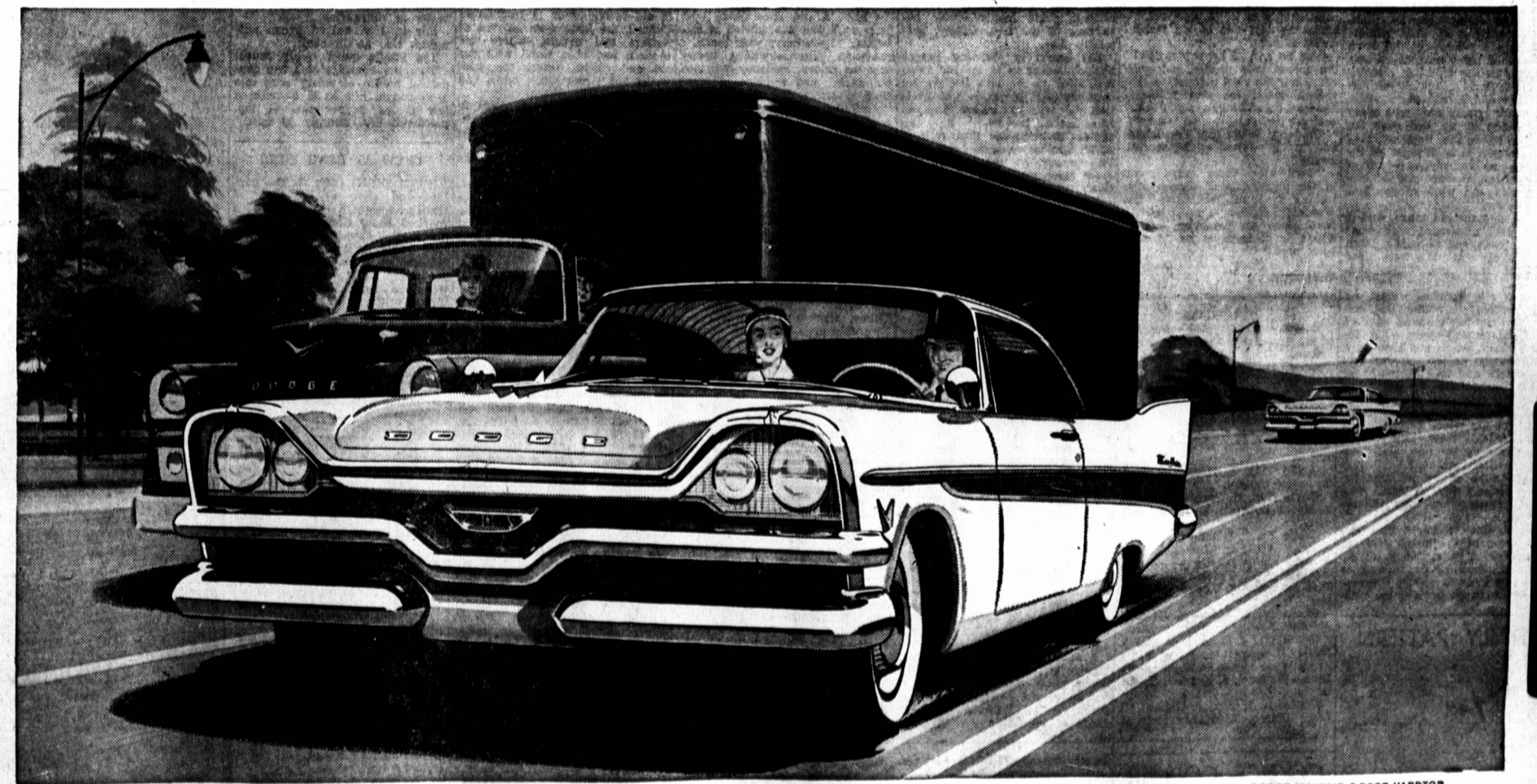
## Remember When

Syl Apps, then star centre of the Toronto Maple Leafs, won the Lady Byng trophy for the NHL's most gentlemanly player 15 years ago today. Frequently among the league's top 10 scorers in his playing career, Apps that season scored 18 goals and 23 assists for 41 points—and did not incur one penalty.

## FLAG ISSUE VOTED

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP)—The House of Representatives has approved a bill to end the flying of the Union Jack beside the South African flag on public buildings. The measure now goes to the Senate.

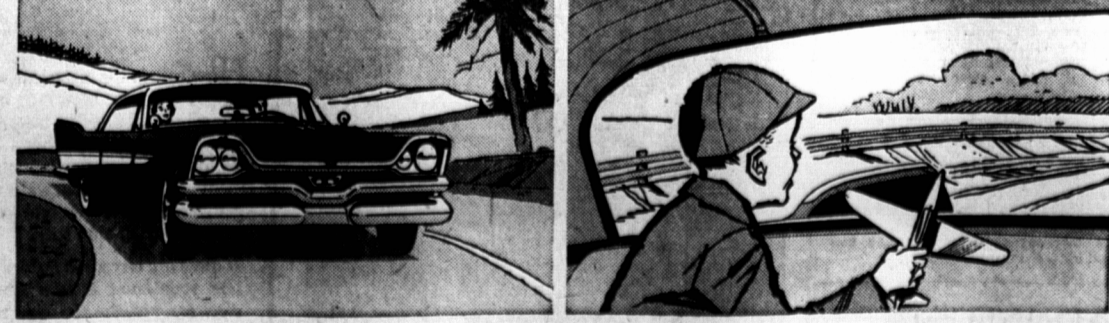
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