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Baseball News

NAPANEE, Ont., Feb. 22 (CP)—Keith Weese, 19, who racked up 20 wins in pitching Shallow Lake Rangers to the Ontario Junior B baseball title last season, has signed a professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinals organization, it was reported yesterday.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 22 (AP)—New York Yankees announced here yesterday that pitcher Ed Lopat has signed his 1951 contract. It was reported unofficially that Lopat, who had an 18-8 record last season, would get around \$20,000.

PILGRIMS' HOPE
Jedda on the Arabian coast of the Red Sea is the principal port for pilgrims making the trip to Mecca.

Sport Echoes From Prince County

Have you filled an engagement with Kid Flu? We have, and can't hope to take a decision from him but there is a way to fight the blower. If he comes at you swathing with both hands, cover up (with bedclothes) and don't try to "ade punches with him. The only way to fight this bruiser is from a horizontal position. Don't try to be a Jake LaMotta, or you'll end up by feeling worse than he did in the thirteenth. Oh, you can jab him off balance now and then with a couple of aspirins, but if he knocks you down, don't get up, not even at the count of five, until you're certain he's left the ring. Remember, he's got an imposing number of knockouts to his credit.

In Island hockey, play-off time is here. From now on the "also rans" will begin hanging up their skates and telling their friends how it would never have happened if so and so had been in such a place at such a time; or if the referee, dod rot it, hadn't given that penalty for ab-so-lute-ly nothing at all.

Albany and Freetown are completing their play-offs this week, and the Summerside Crystals and R.C.A.F. Meteors are engaged in a semi-final to determine a contestant for Borden in the East Prince finals which are expected to be a best-of-five affair. A winner in the Alberton-O'Leary series will soon be declared and then west and south Prince will have to clash, the eventual top dog to exchange salutations with the winner of the East Prince League.

Since writing the above, the first "also ran" has appeared. The R.C.A.F. Meteors who bowed to the Summerside Crystals in two straight games. This 1951 airforce team may have been a shade stronger than last year's outfit, but there is plenty of room for argument. In Mulvihill, they had a boy who could capture an all-star place in an East Prince team, if such an all-star team were being picked. Red is a fine performer. Easily the fastest skater in the league, he was dogged relentlessly by his checks and his linemates weren't quite good enough to capitalize on this situation. He went in strictly for hockey and never became involved in any ice squabbles. The fans like to see the odd fisticuffs, but they also appreciate the fine, clean play of a big, husky chap like Red.

The Bernard-Trainer-MacKay line was the chief factor which upset the airforce apple cart. They were a bit too smooth for anything the Meteors could stack against them. The line is not, however, three times as good as any individual in it. There is a persistent element of "hogishness" in this threesome which detracts from their effectiveness. If we had put an X down every time a forward line failed to come up with a pass when it was obviously the right thing to do, this line would, like Abou Ben Adhem, lead all the rest. The pivot man quite often falls down here. Could this be corrected, we believe the line, which has more natural ability than any other line in the E. P. League, would come up with enough counters to put the Ferrytowners on the "also ran" list.

Jackie Bowes of St. John is now performing in the New York Giants' training camp. Report has it that Bowes struck out eight out of ten batters opposing him. Well, he's a slick performer, we'll admit that, but he wasn't quite good enough for the Curran and Briggs Juniors on that memorable day last fall when the Summerside aggregation, behind the brilliant hurling of Alan Stewart, beat Jackie 5 to 2 and won the Maritime Junior championship.

HISTORIC PAPER

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Israeli press celebrated its 40th year of publication here with a 40-page issue, printed in English and Yiddish.

Detroit Team "Better Coached"

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP)—Detroit Red Wings are the least-penalized team in the National Hockey League "because they're better coached," owner Jim Norris said tonight.

Manager Conny Smythe of the Toronto Maple Leafs charged earlier that Norris "crying" was the reason the Red Wings had been penalized only 443 minutes this season. Toronto leads in penalties with 695 minutes, he said.

"He's just going off half-cocked," Norris said. "All the Leafs do is clutch and hang on. They ought to be penalized."

Tired Feet

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N. Y. Grand Jury Begins Probe Of Hoop Scandal

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (AP)—A New York grand jury yesterday plunged into the greatest scandal in American intercollegiate sports history, the multiple fix case that has rocked big-time basketball.

The jury has to scan the evidence and decide what indictments are in order, if any.

In the opening session, the jury heard only one witness. He was acting Capt. William J. Gafenecker, in charge of the detective squad in the district attorney's office.

Afterwards, District Attorney Frank Hogan said the grand jury got only preliminary groundwork in the case. He said it may be a week or 10 days before indictments are returned.

Hogan also revealed the possibility of a general conspiracy indictment, blanketing the entire fix case, as well as individual counts charging the giving and taking of bribes.

Hogan told reporters he has no information that other schools are involved in basketball fixing.

The Brooklyn Eagle said in a story that three unnamed players from another New York school fear they will be called on the carpet. The eight stars thus far involved played for Long Island University, City College of New York and New York University.

There were other rumors that the scandal might be festering below the surface from coast to coast.

In Peoria, Ill., a former University of San Francisco player, Frank Kuzara, said he and a teammate, Don Lofgran, were offered \$1,200 to hold down the points in a game last season with the University of Southern California.

Kuzara said both he and Lofgran shrugged off the bribe offer from an unidentified man and went ahead to help their team whip U. S. C. Both boys since have left San Francisco.

The New York grand jury went into session armed with business records and books of Salvatore P. Sollazzo, the alleged brains behind the latest explosive fix case.

Sollazzo is accused of getting to Ed Gard, Long Island's basketball captain last season, and paying him to hold down the points in three games.

Gard, in turn, is alleged to have drawn into the fix three of the top stars of L. I. U.'s present team.

Fight Promoter Denies "Fixing"

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 22 (AP)—James Manley, fight referee and promoter, denied today that he was guilty of any wrongdoing in connection with the boxing match he is accused of "fixing."

Manley was the first witness for the defence after the state rested its case late in the third day of the trial. Manley and Frank Casone, whom police have tagged a professional gambler, are charged with bribery in a bout at the Fairgrounds Nov. 21.

Outside of the boxers' pay, Manley said, there were no other provisions for "compensation or reward."

Three fighters have testified that they were bribed and that the "knockout" punches were rehearsed in a hotel room rented by Casone with the defendants present.

The match involved in the trial was between heavyweights Buddy Scott of Dallas and Oscar Buchanan of Memphis. Scott, the favorite, lost by a third-round knockout. Manley was the referee.

The fourth boxer brought into the scandal was army rookie Johnny Burke, who testified for the State Tuesday and was cross-examined today. Burke said he "took a dive" as did Scott.

Tale Of Woe

NOTTINGHAM, England, Feb. 22 (CP)—If you think you're unlucky, listen to Lucien de Pontino's tale of woe.

Twice in two years he clicked on the correct answers in a soccer pool. The first time he thought he'd won \$27,000 (\$81,000), but was told his letter had not been delivered.

His next effort should have given him \$17,000 but the solution arrived two days late.

Leroy Smith, Adolph Bigos and Sherman White.

The four players were said by Hogan to have admitted fixing seven games in return for \$18,500 in bribes.

In addition, Gard is accused of acting as go-between for Sollazzo in bribing Ed Warner, Ed Roman and Al Roth, star of C.C.N.Y.'s national championship cage quintet, and Harvey (Connie) Schaff, a leading scorer with N. Y. U.

The eight players have admitted taking \$25,000 in bribes, Hogan said.

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O'leary Defeats Alberton 7-3 In Series Opener

The O'Leary Maroons won the first game of the West Prince intermediate hockey semi-finals on Wednesday, defeating the Alberton Regals 7-3 in the O'Leary ring before a packed house. Although the ice was heavy, it was a very fast game with plenty of action from start to finish.

Although the game was a bit rough at times, it was very well handled by the referees. At the end of the first period it was 4-2 for O'Leary. The Maroons picked up two goals in the second to Alberton's one. In the final period the only goal was scored by O'Leary.

The final game in the West Prince League will be in the Alberton rink on Friday and the Regals start the game with a four-goal lead to overcome. This will be the game to see as both teams are going all out to win the series.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21 (CP)—The volume of farm loans in Newfoundland is not sufficient to warrant establishment of a Canadian Farm Loan Board branch in the new Province, the Government said in a written reply. All Newfoundland applications are handled by the head office of the Board at Ottawa.

Sport Briefs

TORONTO, Feb. 22 (CP)—Armand Savoie Montreal lightweight, signed yesterday for a 10-round bout here with Solly Cantor of Toronto Feb. 27. Savoie replaces Allan McPater, Toronto fighter who has influenza.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 22 (AP)—Jack Dempsey was released from Johns Hopkins Hospital Tuesday after "responding very well" to treatment and removal of an abscess. The former world champion heavyweight boxer was operated on Feb. 14.

Heaviest Fire Loss In N.S. In 32 Years

HALIFAX, Feb. 22 (CP)—Fire which destroyed the nearby Mount Saint Vincent College three weeks ago caused the heaviest loss in Nova Scotia in 32 years, Fire Marshal S. S. Wright said yesterday.

He estimated the loss of the building alone at \$1,500,000 and said the contents would amount to about \$2,000,000 more.

Cause of the blaze, he said, had not been definitely determined but could have been a hot steam pipe supplying radiators in the carpenter shop.

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