

### Rare Ailment Strikes Athlete

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 30—(AP)—Bill Bangert will try to regain the United States shotput title next month although a rare ailment has all but destroyed his vision.

The 200-pound Bangert has been working out twice daily for the Amateur Athletic Union indoor championships in New York Feb. 16. He expressed confidence yesterday he will make a good showing.

Bangert, 28, will be competing against Jim Fuchs, who holds the world championship with a toss of 58 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Two years ago Bangert was stricken with retinal phlebitis—hemorrhaging of veins in the retina. He underwent an operation last October.

"I can't see a thing," he said. "I'll have someone with me in New York to help me. Once I'm assured I'm headed in the right direction, I don't have much trouble with the shotput."

### Walcott-Matthews Bout in Sight

(By Arthur Edson)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—(AP)—A tentative agreement was reached today to match heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott and Harry (Kid) Matthews in a title bout sometime in May. No site was announced for the proposed match.

Details of the proposed agreement were announced at a news conference attended by Harry Hunt, a Los Angeles promoter; Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager; and Jack Hurley, who manages Matthews, a Seattle light heavyweight.

Hunt said he had offered Bocchicchio a guarantee of \$250,000. Bocchicchio said he accepted on the condition that he first must get a release from the International Boxing Club, which has an exclusive contract on Walcott's services.

Bocchicchio said he will fly to Coral Gables, Fla., to meet with Jim Norris, head of the I.B.C. Saturday.

He said that if Norris could meet or better Hunt's offer he would sign with the I.B.C.

In New York, Harry Markson, director of boxing for the I.B.C., said "We are confident Bocchicchio will fulfill his contractual agreement to fight Charles for the heavyweight title for the I. B. C."

Walcott has been given until Feb. 5 by the New York Boxing Commission to sign for a title bout. The commission's choice of an opponent: former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles.

The National Boxing Association also has threatened to count Walcott out if he doesn't fight.

Whether the rural teams have improved, or the Summerside teams have gone back is anybody's guess, but certainly something has happened to bring the boys together. Ten years ago a Summerside first-time would beat an O'Leary or Bedeque or Borden team with a stick in one hand and a half-dozen eggs in the other—without breaking an egg. Now they have to work like the devil to keep on even terms with the outport boys. Isn't it about time we developed a few more Jack Schurmans, Ralph Silphants, Chick Gallants, Ernie MacQuarries or Charlie Cahills?

To be perfectly fair, we think such players as "Mooney" Gallant, Joe Bernard, Garth Gay and Emmett Trainor do have a slight edge on most of the rural forwards, when they get on a large ice sheet with fast ice. It's defences we lack particularly. Much has been said about this in recent years, and our defensive stock was never lower than at present. Mostly inexperience. Some of the boys may develop in time. Leo Shields is the only vet, and Leo does a pretty fair job, considering he is over the hill, and hasn't had much practice this year. The vets take longer to get in playing condition, of course.

The Sum-Hi kids, though beaten again by the Freetown Royals, played the best game of the season in holding the league leaders to a 6-4 count. With Joe Perry in the nets, the boys look a lot better, and they showed plenty of fight against the bigger Freetown lads. "Give us fast ice," says coach Laysh Schurman, "and we'll take these blue-ribbon beauties in the semifinals." Maybe he's right, but it will take a lot of doing.

Darby and Schurman were the slugging lights in attack in this game, with Walker and Harris not far behind. Johnnie Whalen, just out of the bantam class, showed decided improvement.

Bob Hope will enter tourney

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 30—(AP)—Bob Hope, a little annoyed about British comments on his golf game in the British amateur last year, said yesterday he will enter the event again this summer and tossed a challenge in the bargain.

Hope said he and Bing Crosby will take on any two British entertainers at golf for any side bet they want.

And they can have Lloyd's of London on their side," he said.

He and, to a lesser extent, Crosby were targets last week of criticism from some British columnists for their clowning on the golf course.

Ontario Man Heads Harness Racing Group

TORONTO, Jan. 30—(CP)—H. A. Dickenson of Mount Hope, Ont., one of Canada's best-known harness-racing men, was elected president of the Canadian Standard Bred Horse Society at today's annual meeting here. He is the father of Herb Dickenson, rookie hockey player with the New York Rangers.

The society's annual report said the standard bred has entrenched its position as Canada's leading breed of horses. In 1951, there were 789 new standard bred registrations, compared with 579 throughout the year.

Directors elected for the coming year include Hugh Proudfoot, Fort Coulonge, Que.

Box Cars Derailed

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### Sport Echoes From Prince County

We got another look at those surprising O'Leary Maroons, and they looked better than ever. Saturday night their ice surface was rough owing to the mild weather all day, and the skating program always held on Saturday, but in spite of this, the boys showed a lot of clever sticking and passing. Young Rodgerson was suffering from flu, and went on the ice with a temperature, we were told. After seeing him in action, we could believe it. He was the hottest competitor on the ice, all right. If you see this kid buzzing around a net, it's wise to guard him well. He makes few mistakes when the black stick is on his stick.

Hockey Equipment Arrives In Korea

WITH THE CANADIANS IN KOREA, Jan. 30—(CP)—One hundred sets of hockey equipment complete from pads to pucks arrived today at 25th Canadian Brigade headquarters.

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Doubt Status Of Olympic Team's Left Winger

LONDON, Jan. 30—(CP)—J. F. (Bunny) Ahearne, secretary of the British Ice Hockey Association, said today there is doubt about the Olympic status of Dave Engelbert Miller, star left winger of Edmonton Mercurys.

Ahearne said he has warned Canadian authorities that Miller may not be eligible for the Olympic hockey championships at Oslo next month because the forward once played hockey for money.

Miller, an Edmonton garage mechanic, was with Streatham of the semi-pro English National League two seasons ago. He married a girl from Streatham, a district in Southwest London.

Already Considered

EDMONTON, Jan. 30—(CP)—Dropping of star left winger Dave Engelbert Miller from the roster of Edmonton Mercurys in the Olympic hockey championships at Oslo because of doubt about his amateur status has already been considered by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

This was disclosed today by Dr. W. G. Hardy of Edmonton, CAHA executive instrumental in moulding the Edmonton team.

Dr. Hardy said Miller's case had been checked thoroughly. He had been classed as an amateur by the CAHA which "believes he is an amateur in the true sense of the word."

Miller, who played with the Mercurys last season, also is classed as an amateur by the International Ice Hockey Federation, Dr. Hardy said.

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### Boys Club Award



His Excellency, Field Marshal, the Right Honourable the Viscount Alexander of Tunis, K.G., has graciously accepted the first "Golden Keystone Award" of the Boys' Clubs of Canada. The "Golden Keystone Award" was presented in recognition of His Excellency's outstanding service to the Boys' Club Movement for the welfare of Canadian Youth during his stay in Canada.

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Saints Boost Hoop Lead With 69-52 Win Over Air Force

The St. Dunstan's University five moved further ahead of the rest of the pack in the P. E. I. Basketball League when they defeated the Air Force team from Summerside by the score of 69-52 in the S.D.U. Gymnasium last night.

The airmen went down to their first league defeat in one of the roughest games played here this season. Referee Joe Cullen and "Sport" MacDonald called 25 fouls during the rough but otherwise good basketball game.

The Saints obtained their victory margin in the first half, outscoring their opponents by eight-point points 40-22. The second half was also even-tempered with the airmen outscoring the Saints 30-29.

The Saints ace sharpshooter Jack Reardon was high man in the scoring department with 13 points, eleven of them coming in the last half. Pete Dunphy and Dave Kennedy were runners-up for the Saints with ten points each.

Andrews paced the boys in blue with a 13 point performance. Boon and D'Andrea shared second place honors with eight points apiece.

The Saints raced into a ten point lead in the first quarter before the Airmen obtained a point. Joe Mullally paced the Saints early attack with two baskets and a free shot before anyone else even scored.

The Saints were leading 16-12 at the end of the quarter with the airmen making a strong comeback during the last minutes. The second quarter was the Saints best of the game as they outscored their opponents 22-9.

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|           | FG | FS | PF | Pts. |
|-----------|----|----|----|------|
| Reardon   | 7  | 1  | 3  | 15   |
| Dunphy    | 4  | 2  | 3  | 10   |
| Mullally  | 3  | 1  | 0  | 7    |
| Coyle     | 2  | 0  | 3  | 4    |
| MacKinnon | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1    |
| Kennedy   | 5  | 0  | 1  | 10   |
| McIsaac   | 2  | 1  | 0  | 5    |
| MacDonald | 4  | 0  | 0  | 8    |
| Mooney    | 4  | 1  | 1  | 9    |
| Totals    | 31 | 7  | 11 | 69   |

R. C. A. F.

|          | FG | FS | PF | Pts. |
|----------|----|----|----|------|
| Smerdon  | 2  | 0  | 2  | 4    |
| Green    | 3  | 0  | 2  | 6    |
| Andrews  | 6  | 1  | 1  | 13   |
| Carson   | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0    |
| Winchuk  | 1  | 0  | 5  | 2    |
| Burns    | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0    |
| Elson    | 2  | 0  | 0  | 4    |
| Boon     | 4  | 0  | 0  | 8    |
| D'Andrea | 3  | 2  | 0  | 8    |
| Jennings | 3  | 1  | 0  | 7    |
| Totals   | 24 | 4  | 14 | 52   |

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