

# Cobb Says 3rd Loop Races Tough Road

By JOE REICHLER  
NEW YORK (AP)—Ty Cobb, who will be 73 today, made a statement on behalf of his contemporaries, gave his views on such matters as the proposed major league and the 1950 season, and hailed what he called "the comeback of the new base" in baseball.

Cobb's own pet project is to get half of fame recognition for some of the old-time stars. He singled out Eppa Rixey, Sam Rice, Joey Sewell, Edd Roush, Red Faber and Burleigh Grimes as deserving the honor.

"I don't know what the writers are waiting for," said the hall of fame's No. 1 man. "Those fellows certainly belong in the hall of fame."

Although it's 31 years since he last wore spiked shoes, Cobb still retains his tremendous enthusiasm for baseball.

"I see where the boys are stealing bases again," said Cobb, who stole 82 bases, 96 during one season. "That boy Aparicio (Luis Aparicio of the White Sox) is as good a base stealer as we had in my day. It's a treat to watch him. The same goes for Willie Mays (San Francisco)."

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# Britain's Street Bookies Plan To Fight Betting Act

By HAL R. COOPER  
LONDON (AP)—Britain's illegal street corner bookmakers were up in arms Thursday, charging that the government is trying to run them out of business.

They announced formation of the Street Bookmakers' Federation to fight a new government-supported Betting Act being considered in Parliament.

"The big bookmakers will monopolize the betting business if this bill goes through," said Wilfred (Nozzle) Sherman of Cardiff, Wales, Sherman was elected chairman of SBF at a secret meeting of some 200 street bookies from all over England and Wales.

At present, the only legal off course wagering in Britain is on credit, with bets placed by telephone or mail. Settlement must be made by mail. The legal bookmaker never sees his client, and vice versa.

Formation of SBF at first blush sounds like a bunch of burglars organizing to defend their right to steal. But the street corner bookies don't agree.

MICE IN A CORNCRIB  
The police, in some British cities, have been trying to eliminate street bookies for a long time. They have had the same luck as a farmer trying to keep mice out of a corncrib.

Now, however, the corner bookmakers are really in a dither. The bill before Parliament would legalize betting shops. Customers could walk in and wager on a horse, or some sporting event, with the same ease as buying a can of peas or a bottle of beer in a grocery.

That was what gave the street bookies the idea to organize.

"Big bookmakers have huge resources," said Sherman. "The ordinary street bookies will be outbid for the necessary real estate for betting shops. They will be unable to compete and that will be the end of them."

Sherman said the SBF view-point was that the government should legalize street bookies as well as betting shops.

"The small bettor who wants sixpence each way (seven cents to win and show) on a horse will not be welcome in big betting shops. Anyway, he would much rather deal with his street bookmakers, a friend he has usually dealt with for years."

## Royals Play Aces Tonight

The Aces are facing a near "must" at Civic Stadium tonight. A defeat at the hands of the Royals tonight would consolidate their third place in the race, and that would be rather discouraging just now when manager Hogan has taken a page from Punch Imlach's book and predicted that the Aces will be in second place before the old year is out.

The boys will be fighting hard to make their coach's prophecy come true, and will be going all out to avoid defeat. The last two games these teams played ended in 4-all deadlocks. Both will naturally be anxious to take the verdict tonight. It will be the frosting on their Christmas cake, and the team who loses will not go down to defeat without a herculean struggle.

There might even be a bit of fireworks as there is no particular love being squandered between those clubs. The Aces would rather beat the Royals than eat a Christmas turkey.

So fans are advised to attend this one if you are partial to sporting thrills. Game will start at 9.15.

Parkeade Royals invade Summerside's Civic Stadium tonight for an Island Senior Hockey League battle with Charlie Hogan's P.E.I. Aces.

The players will travel by bus which will leave the Sports Arena at 7.15. A limited number of seats are available for persons desiring to make the trip.

## Parry O'Brien Wins Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Parry O'Brien, world record holder and Olympic shot put champion, Thursday was named winner of the first annual Lawrence D. Benedetto memorial award for the outstanding single performance by an American track and field athlete in 1953.

The selection was made by a vote of the national AAU men's track and field committee and announced by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU).

O'Brien, of Los Angeles, was chosen for his record heave of 63 feet, 4 inches last Aug. 1. The California husky drew 152 points in the voting to beat a field of other record-breakers.

High jumper John Thomas of Boston was second (111) followed by pole vaulter Don Bragg (101 1-2) of Philadelphia.

The award was created by the Southern Association of the AAU in memory of Dr. Benedetto, former president of the AAU.

The following is the curling draw for Friday night at the Charlottetown club.

7 P.M.  
Ice 1 Open.  
Ice 2: Dr. Prowse, Bill Burnett, G. Story, Al Rogers vs. Bill MacNeill, H. Dobson, B. MacGregor, F. Bradley.

Ice 3: Points: Geo. Vessey, R. Newson, Dr. Beck, H. Hosford.  
Ice 4: Bankers - R. Boyne, K. MacDonald, Timmison, W. Melish vs. C. Flinn, R. Jones, C. Asprey, A. A. MacLeod (Skip Rotation).

Ice 5: Points - L. Johnston, J. Corrill, G. Bennett, E. MacLeod. 8.30 P.M.  
All ices open.

INGOT PRODUCTION  
OTTAWA (CP)—Steel ingot production for the week ended last Saturday totalled 121,434 tons, down two per cent from the previous week but up 18 per cent on the 102,899 tons turned out in the corresponding week a year earlier.

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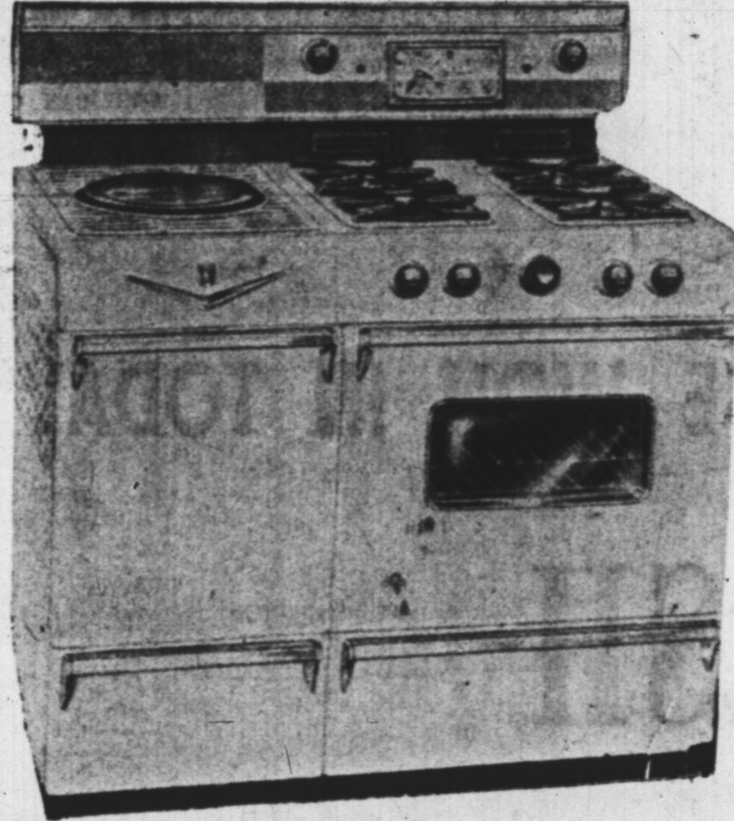
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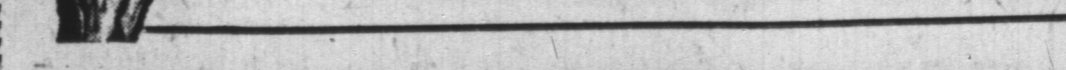
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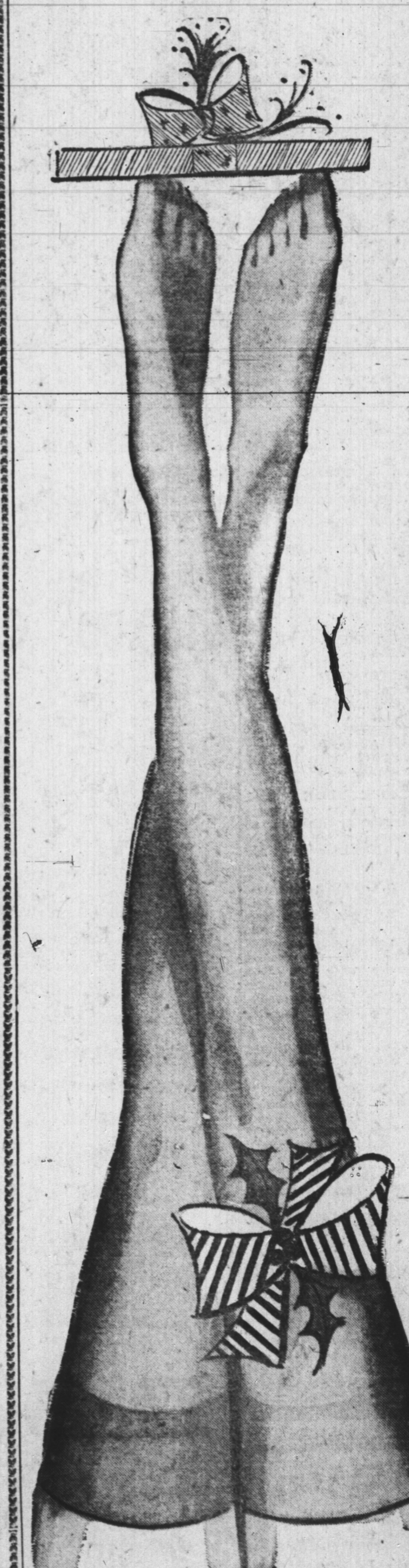
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## SPORT ECHOES

By NORMAN MacDONALD

Who killed Cock Robin? In legal language, who were responsible for forbidding the three defencemen to play with Summerside team? The latter, and we have no reason to doubt it, is that Summer-delegates first made this proposal. Everyone, of course, will understand that the Summerside interests made this move under pressure and as a desperate effort to salvage the Island Hockey League. A can't be held entirely responsible for what he does with a pen in his ribs. We can't merely condone the action, however, unless the Summerside delegates felt sure that Reeves and Arthur would not play with Summerside this winter in any case, and we don't think there is enough evidence to support that belief.

Re-instating Reeves and Wilms now is like locking the stable after the horses are stolen. It doesn't seem likely that there is going to be any tangible result from this lifting of the ban. The sports writer says all we have to do now to get Reeves back is to get permission from the Royals and Penguins. We have to get his release from the Royals, but where do the Penguins come in? If we have to get permission, then the ruling of the executive is not worth a straw in a glass of sour milk. This writer may think that. No matter what rules made by the executive, there always the danger that someone will pick up all their marbles and go home.

We can appreciate the action of the executive, however. By doing what they made done, they washed their hands off this vile ill-smelling mess. They

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They turned his venture into a Roman Holiday as it was. The goose hunters had displayed an ounce of common sense and shot outside the half mile if they could have enjoyed the shooting at its best for years and right at their doorstep that. Geese will run a gauntlet of fire and take their chance they are not molested on their refuge or Sanctuary.

Rabbits are the only game that is legally sold under our provincial Game Act. It is alleged that large numbers of rabbits are being shipped to mainland points and Newfoundland at prices ranging from 50 to 60 cents a pair. Commercialization of the game is something that should be allowed. It wiped out passenger pigeon and our ducks and geese were headed on the same path until strict laws prohibiting their sale were brought into force. There is a movement afoot at the present time to have a daily bag limit set on rabbits of six, with a season limit of fifteen and at the sale of rabbits is prohibited. If a hunter wants to see rabbits for sport only he is free to give them away. No one wants to see rabbit maras where hunters vie with each other to see who can kill the most in a single day's hunting. Maybe the Alberton incident was a blessing in disguise for the little white birds.

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There is a point here that has occurred to us. Lacking the experience and training of a lawyer, we may be wide off the target, but we're going to shoot anyway. The executive has rescinded the banning of Reeves and Williams. This is much like a Supreme Court overruling the decision of a county court. Does it not establish the premise that the ruling was in error in the first place? If that be so, then Reeves' signature was obtained on a royal card through pressure of circumstance exerted by conditions which should not have existed. Ergo, the party of the first part, of wit, Reeves, should be released from his contract with the party of the second part, to wit, Frizzle. We won't charge a fee for this, seeing it is our first attempt—but we are convinced it is morally, if not legally correct, and we wonder what the M.A.H.A. or C.A.H.A. would do with that proposition.

The Aces absorbed their two worst defeats this year when they played the second game of two consecutive night's action. The Royals beat them 6-2 and the Penguins took their measure 5-1. This is likely to happen, especially in the early part of the season when the boys are still not quite in top shape. We examined the schedule rather hurriedly the other day and find that Aces have an even dozen of those double features as compared with seven each for Royals and Penguins which seems about right considering that the Aces play quite a few more games than the other teams. This is not taking anything away from Thorne Doyle who, we understand, gave the best performance of the season in Tuesday night's game.

Tonight the Royals visit us at Civic Stadium and the Aces are rearing to get back on their unbeaten skinn. We feel they'll give the Royals a real hassle this evening, and a thrilling game should result.

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