

# PROPOSE N. S. AND N. B. CHAMPIONS FOR BASEBALL SEMI-FINALS

**WINNERS WOULD THEN MEET P.E.I. FOR THE TITLE**

**Watermen Expect Plenty of Opposition at Bathurst Today**

A PROPOSAL to have the winners of the Water Department-Bathurst series for the New Brunswick senior amateur baseball title meet the winners of the Springhill-Westville game on Saturday in the semi-finals for the Maritime Provinces crown will be made to amateur officials handling the playoffs by W. E. Findlay, Montreal, president of the N.B.-N.S. series, who will meet the P.E.I. winners, Charlottetown, for the Maritime title. It is probable that Mr. Findlay's proposal will be O.K.'ed and if it is, it is within the bounds of probability that either Springhill or Westville will play here against the Watermen next week. This, of course, depends on approval of the plan and the winning of the N. B. title by the Watermen, who are playing the first game in Bathurst today.

The season is rapidly advancing to the point where it will be impossible to play ball much longer and an effort should be made to bring the two biggest provinces together. Either Westville or Springhill playing here for the title would prove a big fillip for the amateur game.

**EXPECT OPPOSITION**

That the Watermen expect no easy time at Bathurst was evidenced by the strong line-up they took along last night for the first game which opens at Bathurst this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Saint John daylight time. The easy manner in which Chamoux, the Bathurst speed ball artist, disposed of Chamoux, twice runners-up in the New Brunswick title, has led many around here to think that he will give the locals plenty to think about before the last man is out. But to his department, Manager Snodgrass said he probably would start Hannah in the box this afternoon with Gorman in reserve. He is saving his best young star, Lloyd Sterling, for Saturday's game here. If the local champions win at Bathurst as they expect to do, Saturday's game here will be the deciding one for the 1925 provincial title. Should the Watermen lose at Bathurst and win here on Saturday, a third game probably will be played here on Monday. A great deal, therefore, depends on the outcome of today's game and the locals are anxious to win it and get an edge in the series.

**WEST SIDE MEET IS POSTPONED**

New Date is Oct. 3 Owing to Few Senior Class Entries.

Because of the small number of entries in the senior classes for the school boy athletic meet, which is being arranged by the West Saint John Playgrounds committee for the schools of West Saint John, Beauséjour and Fairville, it has been decided to postpone the meet from the coming Saturday until Oct. 3, by which time it is hoped that greater interest in the meet will have been aroused and sufficient entries will have been secured for the senior classes. P. J. Legge, chairman of the committee, said last night that the entries received for the first and second classes had been very satisfactory but that there were only about three entries for the third class and for the fourth class.

The entries that had been received last night came from the various schools, as follows: Fairville Superior School, 28; New Albert, 10; Beauséjour, 8; St. Patrick, 2; and the West Saint John school. A. V. Wright, secretary of the committee, said he was endeavoring to visit the New Albert, LaTour, Beauséjour and St. Patrick's schools today and get in touch with the boys. C. H. Cochrane is also taking an active interest in getting the boys to enter. The committee has announced that all entries which have been made up to the present time will hold good for the postponed meet and that the time and place for weighing in for other competitors will be announced later.

**RETURN BOUT**

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Contracts for a return fifteen round featherweight championship fight between Babe Herman, former California boxer, and Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Meriden, Conn., title holder, at the Madison Square Garden on December 18, were signed yesterday by Kaplan's management, Herman, whose challenge and forfeit for a second title fight have been accepted by the New York Boxing Commission, is expected to sign within a few days. Kaplan successfully defended his title against Herman at Waterbury, Conn. several weeks ago by obtaining a draw with the challenger, but the verdict failed to meet with approval at the hands of Herman's friends.

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## Along The Sport Trail

By JOHN J. DUNLOP.

WE GAVE prominence yesterday to some opinions on amateur sport as expressed by W. E. Findlay, Montreal, in his presidential address at Toronto last week wherein he deplored supplying needless equipment to amateur athletes and the frequency with which amateur officials ignored the amateur spirit if not the letter of the law. The Montreal man talked considerably in generalities and it is a bit difficult to follow his line of reasoning. In one breath he lamented the lack of the real amateur spirit and in the next inhalation, he pleaded for a lessening of the drastic punishment laws of the amateur body.

If Mr. Findlay means to say that it is not right to supply an athlete with a baseball shirt or a pair of shoes or not to present him with some token of appreciation of his work during the season, his suggestions will find little sympathy among the rank and file of amateur officials. The vast majority of the boys who take part in amateur sport are not the sons of millionaires or others with a bankroll even half as big as that and if the public wants clean, amateur sport it certainly does not expect to get it for nothing. And if the public foots the bills it is not right that those bills should be for the legitimate expenses of the sport. If the money does not go in this direction, where will it go? It may be argued that in the good old days it was not thus. But conditions in the world of sport now and then have changed considerably in the matter of equipment alone. This business of promoting modern sport is anything but an easy financial affair. Ask any organization in the city if we are not correct in this view and it might surprise you to hear of heavy losses sustained.

TWO YEARS AGO at the annual meeting of the C. A. A. U., a resolution was passed fixing the value of any article presented to an amateur athlete at not exceeding \$100. This year, we are informed, a resolution was introduced aimed to cut that figure down to \$35 and among its strongest proponents was Mr. Findlay. It was quickly thrown out. And why? We cannot read the minds of those who opposed it but at least they must have been animated by a broad spirit of tolerance and appreciation for these young men, who spend much of their spare time in providing clean amusement. And the best part of it is that this time is given freely and wholeheartedly simply because they like to do it. And if that is not the real amateur spirit, what is? They don't go into so much for the trophies or prizes but they do because they like the game and the spirit of competition and they expect to be treated fairly.

## RUTH MUST WORK HARD TO REGAIN LOST PLACE

When Jack Dempsey was introduced recently at the dedication of a new boxing club in Los Angeles, he was greeted with hisses and boos. The greeting awakened him to the fact that the public was sour on him and that a king is just as open to the razzerberry as a bum. When Babe Ruth was suspended and fined \$5,000 by the management of the New York Yankees he couldn't find a single sympathizer. Even those of his admirers who still have a word for him have been under similar conditions. Ruth had more of a personal following than the world's heavyweight champion, but he didn't have one left when the long suffering little Huggins booted him off the team and sent him home from St. Louis. Those of his admirers who still have a word for him hope that he will take a lesson from his latest experience in contending authority, but it is unlikely that he will. He has survived experiences in the past and forgot them just as soon as he was out of them.

The fine of \$5,000 and the loss of \$7,000 salary ought to wake up a big fellow, but it is unlikely that he will be awakened until it is too late. He never has realized the value of money. He has been broke before and didn't learn his lesson. He worried very little because he could always draw on his salary in advance, but he is getting to the point now where he can't do that. Many smart baseball men figure that he is through now and it is quite certain that his salary will be cut in two this winter. His \$32,000 a year contract has another year to run, but those baseball contracts are no protection to a player. The Babe was given to understand shortly after he left the hospital in the spring that his superiors felt that he was responsible for his own condition and that his loose way of living had wrecked himself and wrecked the club. He was told that he wasn't even a \$5,000 ball player and if he didn't get hold of himself he would be paid in the future just what he was worth.

He had a temporary spell of serious thinking and told his friends no more that he can ever get himself into the New Brunswick woods and that he would come back next spring in perfect condition. It is doubtful that he can get himself into perfect condition, and it is quite certain that he never will be the hitter that he once was. Players on the team have expressed the opinion that he is batting this season has been the result of eye trouble, and one of them told a friend he would be willing to bet that at all next season. In this crisis the outlook for the Babe is not good. He must have passed at least \$50,000 through his hands in the last five years. The only labor involved in attending to his finances was in finding the time and the place to spend it. It is a good bet now that he hasn't a cent but his A. S. J. R. Purcell and L. Sgt. F. A. Duffy graduated into "A" class, A. S. J. R. Purcell and L. Sgt. F. A. Duffy graduated into "A" class, A. S. J. R. Purcell and L. Sgt. F. A. Duffy graduated into "A" class.

## PORTLAND WANTS IRVINE FOR BOUT

**Local Boxer May be Matched There Against Buddy Clark.**

Joe Irvine, local welterweight boxer, has received an offer to appear at Portland, Maine. The local boy is at present undecided as to whether or not he will accept the proposition, but may go there following his bout at Fort Fairfield, Maine, scheduled for this month. Portland matchmakers are seeking to match Irvine with "Buddy" Clark and other well-known New England welterweights.

The local boxer is in hard training for coming bouts and expects to reach top form within the next two weeks. Joe has grown to be a big card throughout Northern Maine by reason of his decisive defeat of Kid Danboise and his quick knockout over Al Smith of Waltham. He also stopped Eddie Anderson in three rounds at Minto, N. B., during the summer.

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## MGR. CAMPBELL IS GIVEN LAMP BY SAINT JOHNS

**Popular Baseball Leader Given Big Surprise By His Associates**

HAD the executive of the City Senior League, which wound up the 1925 season with a banquet recently, gathered around the board to distribute the trophies for the season in an even-handed manner, the members could hardly have done better than did the cold averages of the year. The Watermen took the Sporting Life trophy through Charlie Gorman as the most valuable player, the St. John the Baptists grabbed the Wignome Cup by "Bunker" Murphy's pitching; Earl Nelson nabbed the Admiral Beatty cup for hitting; and Paul Fraser "stole" his way to the Chrysler cup for the Trojans. But there remained one more team, the Saint Johns, which did not figure in the official list. But Manager "Tommy" Campbell overcame that and had one of the finest trophies of the night, a handsome gold watch, presented to Tim Lenihan, his leading hitter.

**GIVEN LAMP**

The sequel to this sportsmanlike action occurred last evening at Manager Campbell's home in Duke street when every member of the Saint Johns and many of their friends invaded the Campbell home and before the large and happy gathering, Victor Marston presented Mr. and Mrs. Campbell a handsome floor lamp in token of their appreciation of his services during the year. "Tommy" managed to phrase his thanks and the evening then was pleasantly spent in games and dancing. Refreshments later were served by Mrs. Campbell, assisted by Miss Larzer.

## TEAM TO MONCTON

**Local P. F. R. A. Squad to Compete There on Saturday.**

The Military District No. 7 Permanent Force Rifle Association had practically ideal conditions yesterday for the weekly noon shoot. Good visibility and very little wind and as a consequence scoring was of the high order.

Hurst, R.C.N.V. (I.C.), won the "A" class; Q.M.S. J. R. Purcell, R.C.E., the "B" class; and a shoot-off with L. Sgt. F. A. Duffy, R.C.O.C., and A. Sgt. E. W. Stagg, C.M.S.C., the "C" class.

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## TIGERS ARE SOLD

On Saturday next this association will be sending a team of five men to compete against the Moncton Military Rifle Association and other Rifle Associations at Moncton, for the Moncton Challenge Shield. This shield has been won the last two years by the Moncton R. A. and should they win it again this year the Shield will become their property. The competition is expected to be very keen, as at this time of the year most men are at the top of their form for the season.

## WESTERN HOCKEY

CALGARY, Sept. 16.—The affiliation of Portland and the sanction of the transfer of the Regina players and franchise to the Oregon City, was sanctioned at the annual meeting of the Western Professional Hockey magnates here last night. The name of the organization has been changed from the Western Canada Hockey League, to the Western Hockey League.

## BERG TO SOX

READING, Sept. 16.—Moe Berg, shortstop of the Reading International League club, was claimed by the Chicago White Sox yesterday for an option agreement, at a price said to be \$5,000. The sale of the Reading franchise to Charles A. Davis of New York, and which is to be placed in New York, was confirmed by the board of directors yesterday.

## FOLEY MATCHED

VANCOUVER, Sept. 15.—Vic Foley, Canadian bantamweight champion, has been matched to meet Vic King, the Australian champion, in a 15-round bout here September 23. Both the titles will be at stake.

## Triumphant Return of Golf Stars



Throngs of Atlanta sportsmen turn out at the railroad station for uproarious greeting to Atlanta's sons who finished first and second in the National Amateur Golf Tournament. Left is Bobby Jones, who won the title for the second time, and right is Watts Gunn, 20 year old sensation of the tournament.

## C. H. COCHRANE HEADS KEYES IS WINNER

**Border Reinsman Takes 2.20 at Skowhegan, Me., Races.**

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Sept. 15.—Local favorites hardly had a look in with the Maine and New Brunswick circuit speed, which went after the money in the opening day of the Somerset county fair which is a close rival of the Maine "big" fairs.

"Red" Hannin took the Houlton trotter Alfred King today and cleared up the 214 trot, Billy Keyes, of St. Stephen, taking second money. Ralph Burdell drove Far North to a win in the 214 pace, while Keyes landed a tough and exciting race in the 220 class, the judges taking Franz Simmons down from Marvell Todd and putting on Chappelle, now a Bangor trainer. John Willard took the first heat with Alice Forbes, but she didn't show much after that.

## LOSE IN RETURN

**Westfield Ladies Beaten at Fredericton by a Score of 30-8.**

The ladies of the Westfield Golf and Country Club visited Fredericton yesterday to play a return match with the players of the Fredericton Ladies' Golf Club, and the latter came out victors by a score of 30 to 8.

In the first encounter between the two clubs this season the match was on the Westfield course and the Westfield ladies gave their opponents a severe defeat in that match as well, leaving Westfield at about 830 a. m. They were most hospitably entertained in Fredericton, where they were guests at dinner at the Golf Club house and at tea served at "The Palms".

## Jail For Driving Car While Intoxicated

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 16.—Earl Fraser, aged 28, a garage mechanic, was convicted in police court yesterday of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days in the York county jail. His counsel, Fred H. Peters, intimated he would appeal.

## Leading Batsmen

Player and Club	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	P.C.
Hornaby, St. Louis	129	471	131	185	339
Bottomley, St. L.	140	565	86	210	372
Pournier, Bklyn	128	479	82	171	357
Cuyler, Pittsburgh	129	566	135	199	352
Wheat, Brooklyn	134	553	120	195	352

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