

# THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

## "BETTER SHAPE THAN EVER TO HIT HOME RUNS"—BABE RUTH

### Bambino Says He Will Not Get Bonus for Each Home Run—Yanks Stronger Than Ever With Five Good Pitchers.

By Babe Ruth  
(World's Champion Home-Run Hitter, Made 60 Last Season.)

New Orleans, March 20.—Ever since the announcement at Hot Springs that I had negotiated a new contract with the Yankees, my mail has been flooded with requests, some of them amounting to demands, that I divulge all the details of my new financial arrangement with the New York Club.

In justice to my employers, I must withhold this information for the present, but, in justice to myself, I must deny that any part of my salary is contingent of the number of home runs I make.

In the stipulations stated out of Hot Springs it was stated that I would receive a bonus of \$500 for every home run I made during the five-year term of my new contract. At the time this looked like good publicity, and I did not go out of my way to deny it.

Sooner at Any Fairtime.

Later, I came to realize that there might be a kick-back to it, that some of the fans might be led to believe in the event that I had another good year that I had a working agreement with some of the opposing pitchers. Nothing has been or could be further from the truth, but some people are naturally suspicious. They go through life hoping for the worst, and would be happy to spread ugly rumors regarding the legitimacy of my new record that I might make.

There is one chap in Galveston, Tex. for instance, from whom I recently received one of those poison-pen letters, apparently inspired by the report that I was to receive a bonus on home runs. The only way to convince this "bird" that the pitcher and I weren't in cahoots would be for me to go through the entire season without uncooking a single homer, and then he'd begin to wonder how I made fifty-nine of them last season and fifty-four the year before.

As a matter of fact, I was handicapped both years by the refusal of good pitchers to give me even a fair chance to hit. Many of them went to extremes in their efforts to keep me from making homers, and I remember

one instance where the star pitcher of one of the eastern clubs purposely gave me four bases on balls in a game in which the Yankees were trailing from the start and which they ultimately lost, 9-3.

Fanned Once on "Grove" Ball.

Only once last year did a pitcher purposely "groove" the ball for me. That was in the ninth inning of an exhibition game against Jack Hendricks' club at Indianapolis. Up to this time I hadn't been able to make contact with the pitcher, and rather than disappoint a large crowd which had been pulling for me all afternoon, Hendricks ordered his pitcher to pass Johnny Mitchell with two out in the ninth inning, in order that I might have another chance at the pitcher. I was only fanned once, just the kind of balls I ordinarily murder, and I fanned.

As for my chances to equal or surpass last year's record this season, all that I can say at this time is that I will be ready to begin operations when the time comes. I am in better condition, in the sense that I am closer to my best playing weight, than I was at a corresponding date either last spring or the year before, and should be giving the grand old fashioned Yankees to go eight games to win the world's series. They have strengthened their pitching staff with two new pitchers, and forced the American League pennant, and forced the Giants to go eight games to win the world's series. They have strengthened their pitching staff with two new pitchers, and forced the American League pennant, and forced the Giants to go eight games to win the world's series. They have strengthened their pitching staff with two new pitchers, and forced the American League pennant, and forced the Giants to go eight games to win the world's series.

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## Amateur Senior Baseball League

### Representatives of Local Clubs Met President Covey Who Explained Matters.

The consensus of opinion following last evening's meeting in the Commercial Club of representatives of baseball clubs of the city was, that all things pointed toward an amateur senior baseball league of greater strength and virility than ever before, this coming summer.

A. W. Covey presided at last night's meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Commercial Club A. A. and through the get-together spirit, which was manifested throughout the evening many points concerning which several of the players were in doubt were cleared up to their satisfaction.

Mr. Covey was asked to explain the requirements called for in the affidavit recently issued by the M. P. B. A. A. U. of C., and through his interpretation was able to set the minds of several of those present at rest.

The affidavit proposition has been in the main, the obstacle in the forming of the league for the coming season, but Mr. Covey, through his explanations of last evening, and his willingness to take the matter up with the teams and come to a settlement, has practically induced the teams concerned to line up again for amateur rather than independent baseball this coming summer.

Another meeting, perhaps next Monday, will be called in the near future when an effort will be made to bring matters to some definite conclusion, and a schedule may be drawn up and players assigned to the various clubs.

## Granites Won First Allan Cup Game

### Defeated Regina at Toronto—Has Four Goal Lead for Final Wednesday.

Toronto, March 20.—Granites stood the pace better and won the first game in the Allan Cup series here tonight defeating Regina 3 to 2. The Toronto team, therefore, goes into the final game on Wednesday night with a four goal lead. The game opened with a rush and Granites had scored before the visitors settled down. Both teams played loose hockey in the first period with chances to score about equal. The period closed 3 to 2 for Granites. There was no scoring in the second period, but the hockey was brilliant, the westerners working two-man combinations to get in close but were unable to get counters. The Granites had a considerable margin in the first period and play was around the western goal most of the twenty minutes. The visitors seem much younger than Granites and failed to show the same vim in the closing minutes of the game.

## Canadian Amateur Hockey Association

### The Annual Meeting Was Held Yesterday—Matters of Importance Were Decided on

Toronto, March 20.—At the annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association held here this afternoon, it was decided to accept the Hamilton B. Wills trophy as an international trophy for the championship of America, under certain conditions, one of which is that two of the three trustees should be Canadian citizens, residents of Canada. The trustees already appointed are Wm. S. Haddock, of Pittsburgh, President of the United States Amateur Hockey Association, and W. A. Hewitt, registrar of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. A third trustee is to be appointed and he must be a Canadian, as originally suggested by Mr. Wills. The Allan Cup winners will have the privilege of challenging for the trophy which will be defended by the United States champions. The C. A. H. A. decided to recommend to the International Hockey League that the world's championship be held only in Olympic years, the next competition to be held in 1924 at the Paris Olympiad. The question of enemy countries being admitted to the league was raised and Canada voted in the negative.

The report of the A. A. U. of C. investigation received from the committee of which Dr. Bruce Macdonald was chairman, was adopted. It was decided that for the purpose of maintaining and increasing the interest in amateur hockey the finals for the Allan Cup (senior Canadian championship) and O. H. A. memorial trophy (junior Canadian championship) be played alternately in the east or west and on best available ice, via artificial ice when weather conditions preclude the use of other ice. The president of the C. A. H. A. to make final decision of ice on which finals are to be played.

## Post Office Team Won Second Series

### Sugar Refinery Won First Series, and Roll Off for Championship Should be Interesting.

The Commercial League, the games of which have been rolled on Black's alley, was brought to a close Saturday evening, the Post Office winning the second series. Interest in the game on Saturday was intense as the Post Office to win had to get at least three points and they succeeded in copying all four from their opponents, the Imperial Optical Co. The runners up were the G. E. Barbour team.

The Sugar Refinery quitted the first series and these two teams will roll the best out of three games to decide the championship for the season. The first game will be rolled on Monday evening next and no doubt a large gallery will be on hand to watch it.

Saturday night a double header was played. In the first the Sugar Refinery took four points from the Barbour and Peters team the score being 137 to 124; in the second the Post Office made 123 to 128 for the Imperial Optical Co.

## Eastern Canada Baseball League

### Plans to Have St. John Represented Have Not Materialized, Says Joe Page.

Joe Page says that hopes of having St. John included in the Eastern Canadian Baseball circuit have now faded away, much to his regret. Mr. Page has been working on this project for many weeks, in upper Canada and here he established an organization which involved a great deal of work consulting those interested and perfecting plans. A few weeks ago conditions in this city were apparently favorable for representation in the new league. The matter was taken up with John Russell, but the unfortunate illness made it necessary for him to abandon his interest in the project. Mr. Page took the matter up with St. Peter's in hope of interesting that organization to link up and represent St. John in the new circuit, the game to be played on St. Peter's grounds. This was not found possible to work out and it left only one possibility, the procuring of the East End grounds. But Mr. Page's hopes were again shattered as this failed to materialize. On his arrival here on Saturday Mr. Page announced that St. John would be out of the circuit for this year at least. The other cities in the league are Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke and Three Rivers.

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## Gladys Robinson At Milwaukee

### Set New World's Record in Girls' 220 Yard Dash for Championship.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 20.—Gladys Robinson, Toronto, set a new world's record in the girls' championship 220 yard dash here tonight at the international indoor amateur skating meet, making the fast time of 24.5 seconds.

Robinson, who is 16 years of age, was second; Verma McDevonald, Chicago, third; and Rose Johnson, Chicago, fourth.

Gladys Robinson, Toronto, broke another world's record when she started the girls' mile race in 6:12.25. Rose Johnson, of Chicago, was second and Elsie Mullen, New York, third.

Joe Moore, New York, won the three-quarter mile race in 2:26.14. Gus Fetz, Chicago, was second and Leslie Boyd, New York, third.

Eddie Reed, Chicago, won the 800 yard junior championship race; John Hollander, Milwaukee, second, and E. N. Nord, Milwaukee, third. Time 1:31.25.

Joe Moore, of New York, won the senior championship 220 yard dash; Gus Fetz, of Chicago, was second and John Hoernig of Chicago third. Moore's time was 21 seconds.

## New Yorker Quit In The First Round

### Knockout George Brown Laid Down to Deschamps at Montreal.

Montreal, March 20.—In the feature bout boxing bout at the Monument Nationale here tonight, K. O. George Brown, of New York, quit in the first round of the match with Oscar Deschamps, local lightweight.

In the semifinal match Georges Girardin, local, knocked out Joe Burns, also local, in the 6th round of a scheduled ten round bout. They are featherweights.

## Eddie Collins Joins White Sox

### Chicago, March 20.—Manager Wm. (Kid) Gleason of the Chicago White Sox, was in high spirits today, despite the fact that his team was defeated yesterday by the New York Giants.

The manager feels he has a star performer in the American Association writer and believes his pitching staff will be capable of making things exceedingly interesting for the other members in his league.

Eddie Collins, captain and second baseman, reported at camp and cosued his uniform, but did not take part in the game.

Reports from the Chicago Nationals' training camp at Catalina Island, Cal., said that Manager Killefer gave his players another hard drill on the ball field yesterday, preparatory to their second invasion of the mainland, where they tackle Los Angeles tomorrow. The players have shown vast improvement since their defeats by Portland and Vernon.

RETURNED TO ST. JOHN.  
(Moncton Times)

Albert Payne, of the "Vies" forward line left on the early morning express on his return to his home in St. John, after a very creditable season with the Champions of the Independent League.

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## The Old Country Football Results

London, March 20.—In a third division southern section soccer match played today, Swinton and Gillingham drew nothing to nothing.

London, March 20.—Birkenhead Park defeated Blackheath 18 to 17 in a rugby union match today.

London, March 20.—In a northern union rugby match today, Huddersfield defeated Oldham 14 to 0.

## Recalls His Fine Work For Giants

### Sir Ferdinand Was Wonderful Pitcher in 1916—Hampdens Book College for April 19.

Announcement of the sale of Ferdie Schupp by Brooklyn to Kansas City is recalled by the New York Giants, who were his former club.

He let the Dodgers down with two hits that afternoon and one run. In all six of the games Schupp won he allowed only 17 hits for 24 bases and three runs. Four of his six triumphs were shutouts. He worked on the average of almost every third day, and Schupp was never a lousy fellow. The little southerner had all New York talking about him for a while, with his speed, his fast-breaking curve and the little stream of tobacco juice running down his chin.

Schupp's second win in the long string was on September 13, when he shut out Cincinnati with three singles. That was the first game of a double header. On September 18 he worked the opener of another double bill against Pittsburgh after the Pirates got three hits and no runs off him. Two days later he beat Chicago, and was knocked for six hits and two runs, a pounding for Schupp, though all the hits were singles. On Sept. 25 he blanked St. Louis with two hits, opening another twin bill, and three days after that he beat the Braves by 1 to 0, and the Braves got only a single off his wizardly pitching.

The pitchers he had defeated in those six games included Nap Rucker, Fred Toney, Jimmy Lavender, Lee Meadows and Pat Reagan. The Giants' other winners in the streak were Terrau seven, Benton five, Ferritt four; Salles two, Smith one, Ritter one. His record for the season was only nine wins and three losses, but the next year, 1917, he blossomed out with 21 victories against seven defeats. Little Ferdinand was never quite the same after that. He was traded by the Giants to St. Louis in 1919, when his arm went bad, and never came back, and by the Cards to Brooklyn last season. His first year in the majors, 1916, he allowed but 0.90 earned runs per game, and the year after but 1.95. His strikeout record was phenomenal and his control excellent, for a left-hander especially. Snooks Dowd will watch Schupp this summer.

## Fights At New York

### A KNOCKOUT.

Newark, N. J., March 20.—Louis Firpo, of Argentine, claimant of the heavyweight championship of South America, knocked out Sailor Martinez in the seventh round of their twelve round match here tonight.

who would have seen that opportunity and taken advantage of it. He has some phenomenal records in the southwest.

I have played many games with him and have seen him make as good shots as can be made by any amateur or professional. I believe he held the record for the Pine Valley golf course—Philadelphia—America's most difficult golf course—for many years. One season he won the Lynwood Hall cup at Philadelphia from a field which included Jerome Travis and Max Marston and other high lights of the east.

My acquaintance with Rotan began in 1914, when I played a round of golf with him at Houston. Joe Bole, one of the very best students of golf in this country, remarked to me on this occasion that he thought Rotan was on the way to becoming a great player. Later on, I had occasion to play with George at Mayfield Club, in Cleveland, with Wilbur Brooks, Fred Borton and Joe Bole. He was a rangy Texan, more than six feet in height, and, therefore, gets a big sweep on a long wooden shot. I have always considered him an especially good putter. Time and again I have seen him hole six, eight and ten-foot putts when necessary. His weakest shots, in my opinion, are those full run ones to the green, in which he tries to use too much strength.

As I have pointed out previously in this series, any one of those good players has it within his game to come right up to the top any time. Championships from now on, for a few years, could easily fall to any one of them.

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