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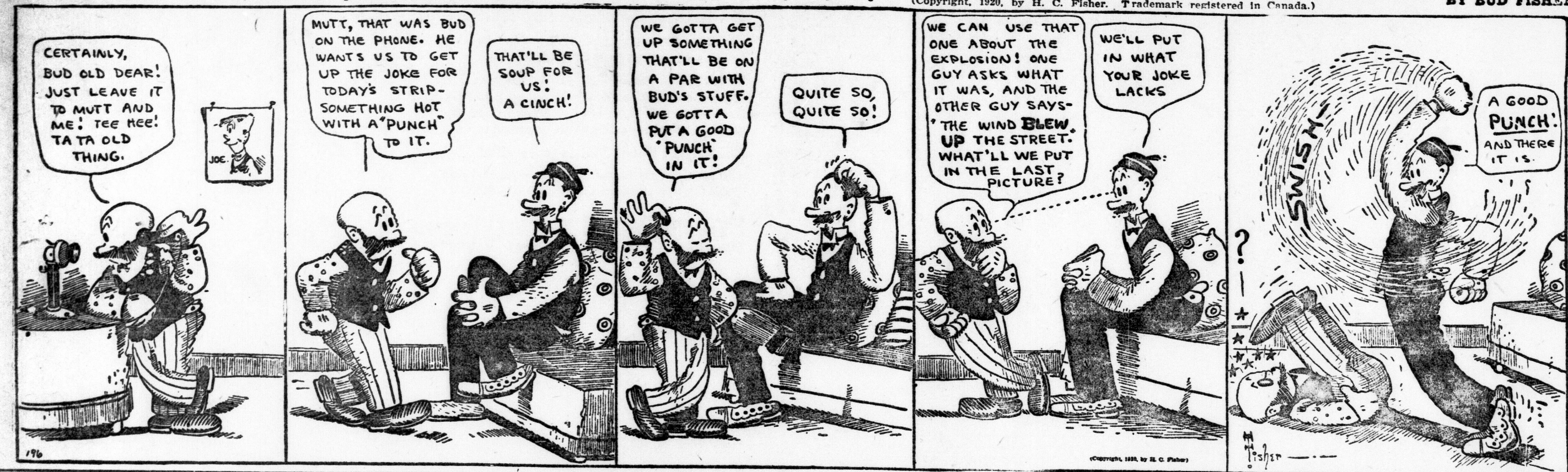
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BY BUD FISHER



## Lacrosse Shows Healthy Signs of Reviving Again

The lacrosse revival, which, while not exactly sweeping the country, is at least making itself distinctly felt throughout the province of Ontario this spring, has focused local attention on the game to the extent that a meeting of lacrosse enthusiasts will be called for some evening next week in all probability to discuss the prospects of the national pastime in London.

London, while never famous in lacrosse since the earliest of the early days, and when it reached near fame years ago by going into the ranks of the O. A. L. A., still has a few earnest fans whose one desire is to prevent a game possessing so much of the best of athletics from being out of fashion and becoming to a point where future generations won't know whether it was a game or a novel. In 1911, with other Canadian cities, London was included in the school lacrosse plan, which was originated mainly as a means of fostering the game among the school boys, and the local league sprang to existence with eight teams, the members of which had never seen the game played and knew practically nothing about it. It caught on splendidly at the time, and competition was at its keenest nature, despite the fact that the schedule going through in winter lacrosse weather. The war used the cessation of the league's activities, but it is hoped that from the beginning of five years ago some of the spirit of the pastime may be revived again at next week's meeting and result in the game being played in the city.

It is considered that probably the best way to promote the game here would be with two teams. Later on, if a material found about the city was efficient, entry into the O. A. L. A. ranks could again be made.

Two places where the game seems to be on the way to making a comeback are St. Mary's. The former town decided to enter the O. A. L. A. in this season, and St. Mary's will probably be heard from in this connection. In other parts of the province the old lacrosse strongholds are coming into line, thus giving the game of the best season's start it has in years.

The apathy with which Canadians upon their own national pastime is at last beginning to understand in view of the fact

that in England the pastime has caught on noticeably faster than most games introduced into that country, and much more strongly. It takes up a good share of the athletic program at both Oxford and Cambridge, and in the other universities of the old land, and its popularity in girls' colleges is an amazing tribute to the game. In France, too, wherever the Canadians were out on rest, it shares a place with soccer in popularity. Baseball for once, because of lack of shell-hole-less diamonds, was shaded good and plenty. It shared finally in 1918, at the Canadian Corps sports, at Tanques, the biggest and most pretentious athletic effort staged by any unit of the allied army during the war, an equal place with baseball in the games and sports put on. Doubtless lacrosse achieved its own undying in the past in adoption from the Indians. Successive whites thought the game should be given its true Indian flavor by making it a conglomeration of a scalp-dance and running the hated round until it has a reputation as the "bad game" of all pastimes. However, the pastime has come so perilously near being a washout that it ought to be pretty well cleansed of that wild and woolly, almost aboriginal atmosphere, which in the old days, and the days not so old, surrounded it.

### ORGANIZE SOCCER CLUB AT BRUSSELS FOR SEASON

BRUSSELS, April 2.—The Football Club has reorganized for the 1920 season, with the following officers: President, D. N. White; secretary, W. H. Bell; treasurer, Robert Ferguson; captain, Walter S. Scott; manager, James Anderson. They will enter the intermediate series.

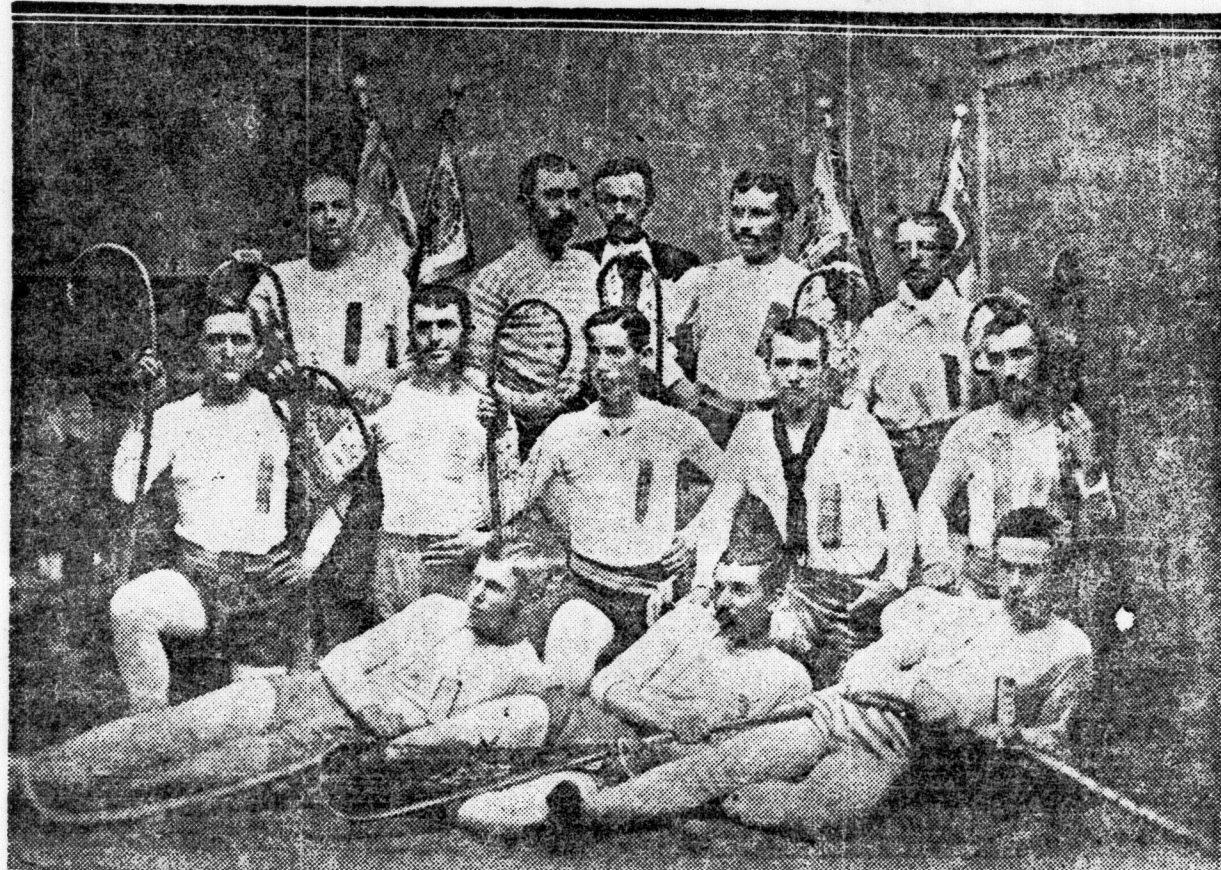
### WILDE-ZULU KID BOUT TO BE FILMED FOR FANS

WINDSOR, April 2.—Wildie fight at Windsor to be filmed for benefit of Ontario fans.

### IN THE SOUTHLAND

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 2.—Score: Fort Worth (T.L.) 1, R.I.E. 1. P. H. Appleton and Moore, Cooper, Ponder and Clarke.

## LACROSSE OF HALF A CENTURY AGO



From left to right—W. Nichols, goal; A. Campbell, R. E. det.; McNeary, junior; R. Stitt, L. E. det.; J. Harris, R. F. attack; F. Riddell, L. F. attack; (W. M. D. Williams, Capt., centre); H. Moore, point.

The above picture, taken nearly half a century ago, is perhaps one of the oldest pictures of London's first lacrosse players. And they don't look so different from modern day—Hawaiian troupe, except that they threw a few spears. This team had a first home game, as long as some of the hirsute adornments to be noted in the picture. A victory over the famous Indians, the Coughlinawaga Reserve, they called up for themselves—some stunt in these days, and against

that team. The reserve still sends forth a team, and until a few years ago they kept up the standard of the reservation for lacrosse. Several members of the above team are still living. W. Nichols, the goalie, is still residing in the city and has been a frequent visitor to London. W. M. D. Williams (Capt.-Col. De La Ray Williams), was one of the best exponents of lacrosse in this part of the country, and when Riel started in

out West to stage his little do, he was appointed to command the 7th Regiment Fusiliers. He left the city later, taking up a government post in the western provinces. Most of the members of the team, have, however, passed away, or have scattered to various parts of the Dominion. Not much more than fifty years before this picture was taken, the game was given its niche in history when a band of Indians, under rule of playing lacrosse, attempted to reach the gates of Fort Detroit, but were detected—hence the origin of the word "bliver."

## W. F. A. Affiliates With Ontario O. F. A.

WOODSTOCK, April 2.—The annual meeting of the Western Football Association was held in this city today. There was a total of 25 official delegates from Western Ontario present, and many spectators and interested followers of the game. The annual election of officers, resulted as follows: President, H. W. Brown, Kitchener; vice-president, J. J. Gunn, Woodstock; second vice-president, N. D. Fiebig, Stratford; post president, D. E. E. Elliott, Galt; secretary-treasurer, C. O. Tatham, Woodstock; executive, D. Campbell, Prescott; E. A. Red, Woodstock; B. Clark, Stratford; Mr. Langham, Brantford, and Mr. Gundy, St. Thomas. The annual standing and registration committee was composed of D. A. McLachlan, Stratford; B. Brantford, Lindsay, and Frank Campbell, Owen Sound. N. R. Fiebig and T. G. Elliott were made the audit committee.

The reports of the president and secretary showed that the past season had been an excellent one in the history of the association. All indications at the meeting pointed to the coming year as being a better one.

May Change Date. Considerable business was done. A motion was passed empowering the executive to act as a recognized referee board. The date of the annual meeting was changed so that when the date falls on a date not later than April 10, the president may name another date. It was also decided that goal posts must be used by senior teams by next year.

though they will play O. F. A. rules they will be registered as W. F. A. players, and will use the same forms as formerly. The senior entries will be required to be made on the recognized federation forms.

Referees for the O. F. A. are required to pass a test by an examining board, after which they will be available to referee any of the O. F. A. matches. The senior players in the O. F. A. are to be allowed to transfer once, from one team to another, upon the furnishing of satisfactory justification.

Fees Raised. The O. F. A. fee for affiliation has been increased to \$25 for the association. Senior teams desiring to play O. F. A. and D. F. A. must first affiliate with the W. F. A., paying a fee of \$5, and then pay a further fee of affiliation of \$15. Senior registration fee is to be 30 cents, and that for all other competitions 25 cents. Senior clubs desiring to affiliate must do so before May 15.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended by the association to the Woodstock Council for their kindness in allowing the association to use the chambers for their meetings. Appreciation was also expressed for the work done by Past President Forsyth, who retires from the presidency after a long period of service. Mr. Forsyth is one of the pioneers of football in Ontario, and it was he who made the first victorious tour of Great Britain and Europe with the champion W. F. A. team in 1888.

## CANADIAN RIFLE LEAGUE HOLDS ITS FIRST SHOOT

OTTAWA, April 2.—The leading teams in the first two matches held by the Canadian Rifle League, among rifle association, follow:

Miniature rifle, military—Royal Military College, first team, 1,935; 103rd Regiment, 1,925; Royal Military College, second team, 1,883.

Miniature rifle, civilian—St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, first team, 1,865. Gallery practice, military, Ross rifle—100th Regiment, 1,857.

In same class with Lee-Enfield—R. M. C., first team, 1,865.

Revolver contest—Montreal A. A. A. revolver club, first team, 801.

Cadet's competition—Virden Collegiate Institute first team, average per cadet, 81.6.

Miniature rifles, section A: Central High School, Calgary, first team, average per cadet, 88.

Miniature rifles, section B: Hillhurst Public School, Calgary, first team, 91.2.

## NEWARK OFFERS CARPENTIER \$50,000 FOR EIGHT ROUNDS

NEWARK, April 2.—Officials of the Newark Sportsman's Club announced today they had offered a purse of \$50,000 to George Carpentier, the French pugilist, to meet Charley Weinstock of this city in an eight-round no-decision bout here.

TORONTO SCOTTISH WIN. TORONTO, April 2.—Toronto Scottish defeated Hamilton by 4 to 2 in the Briden Cup soccer game here today. The game was a third round tie carried over from last season because of unfavorable weather. It was witnessed by about 2,000 soccer fans.

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## Carpentier Believes in Marriage For Fighters

BY GEORGES CARPENTIER.

For me, who have been only a few weeks married, to answer the question, "Does marriage mar boxers?" may appear presumptuous to some.

But although I have only recently left the ranks of the bachelors, yet you must admit that I have had the courage of my convictions and practice what I preach, as you say in English.

My reply to the above question, which has so often been asked, is in the negative, always supposing that the boxer is fortunate enough to select the right partner—a woman shrewd, intelligent, and big-minded; one who can see and knows that a man who fights is a fighter, and is not necessarily vicious, but one who regards his fighting as his business. Such a wife and I know several—is a treasure.

Marriage is just as much for the man as it is for the woman. It is a mutual regard, the average fighter of fighting man, I have often suspected, regards the wife as a doubtful blessing, often as an "interfering marm," and not infrequently they have cause to do so. But a boxer's wife can be a real helpmate to her husband, when she is not squeamish, when the possibility of a fight is in the air, or when she is not afraid of a husband's enlarged ear, or some ugly facial disfigurement does not send her all of a shudder.

Married Boxers Feel Responsible. I have always felt that a wife (the right sort, mind—not a woman who is attracted by a boxer because of his popularity, because he is an athlete) can be; and in fact is the surest source of inspiration. She is worth fighting for; she makes a man feel responsible.

To fight for oneself, to have only oneself to think and trouble about, is selfishness. Now a wife (the right sort) must make the professional fighter feel that he is of the common and the natural world; that there is no difference between his position and that of his next-door neighbor, who may chance to be a stockbroker or merchant, or tailor, or doctor.

With a wife a boxer is not made to feel, as he does feel when he is single, that he is detached from everyday life. People have often come to me and hinted at matrimony when I have done with the ring, and I have invariably said: "Why should I wait until I retire from fighting before I wed? Because my business—my profession, I prefer to call it—is fighting, am I to be rated as a man abnormal and unfitted for marriage? What is the difference between an active pugilist and one who has retired? Not only boxers, but athletes generally, would, to my thinking, be better off if, having the good fortune to discover their affinity, they married."

To several of my opponents' wives I have been introduced, and I have seen how they have defeated more husbands than husbands have defeated me, their own men folk have, without exception, received me with courtesy and kindness.

Tamed a Terrible Fighter. Do you remember Billy Papke, the Illinois Thunderbolt, they called him? Well, you will recollect that I lost to

him after one of the fiercest battles of my career, and I think you will agree with me that he was not a bad fighter. He loved a rough tumble; he made you think that he was out for murder, and in the ring he was terrible. But outside of it and with his wife by his side, he was a model of docility. She, by tact, by patience, by a ready understanding of him, put the curb upon his animal spirits, and when they were in Paris they made me feel that it was the best thing Billy Papke ever did when he married.

"Fancy marrying a fighter!" I have often heard people declare. "It's too awful!"

Some folk believe—at least I have often thought so—that a professional boxer is always after knocking people about; they could not imagine him being fitted for domestic life.

Let me tell one or two little stories. When Joe Jeannette fought, and was declared to be one of the best men, he was surrounded and cheered. Many beautiful, young women swarmed to the corner, where he sat; he was their hero. Now Joe—one of the best men in the ring has never known—instead of suffering to be petted and fussed over, he grabbed his coat and turned around to Dan McKetrick, his manager (now, I am told, an old magnate, bulging with money), drawled:

"Say, I had better be going. The missus is waiting for me home."

And Jeannette made for his lodgings some little distance from Luna Park, where the fight had taken place. The boulevardiers he had no desire for. He was then that I decided that marriage could never mar boxers—rather did it make them.

When I was a boy a much-scarred scrapper came from London to meet one of my countrymen. A rough sort of fellow he was; about the last man in the world to trouble about anything you would have thought. I went into his dressing-room after the fight, and I congratulated him on winning. This is what he said:

"That's all right, me lad! It's nice to win, especially when you are an old 'un; but it's nicer to be the best you are taking home a lump of money to the old girl and kiddies. It's a long time since I had a job, and things is not too good at the docks. When you've got seven little 'uns you've got to make some money. Won't the old girl be pleased?"

Here you have a man I shall always regard as the best type of pugilist. Marriage had softened and taken away whatever was the fiercest in him; it made him into a real man.

How a Wife Helps. Wives, especially the wives of American pugilists, are often not the greatest possible assistance to their husbands when in training. They take a real and deep interest in their work. One I knew, a shrewd little woman, who had more to do with making matches than the husband himself, was secretary, manager, trainer-in-chief and everything else rolled into one.

When you are preparing for a fight, nothing, to my mind, could be more ter-

rible, more heart-breaking in its monotony than for a fighter to be cut off, as it were, from the world in which a non-fighting man lives. The ideal training camp is one that has humanity in it, and what greater humanity can there be than that which springs from domesticity?

I am sure that there is no reason why a professional boxer should not be all the better for being comfortably married.

A wife, if she is the right sort, weaves a fence around him so that he is not pestered and troubled by the woman who cannot distinguish between the gladiator and the mere man. For, believe me, the fighter is but a mere man. (Copyright, 1920, by the Bell Syndicate.)

### Hamilton and Toronto Drivers Are in Detroit-Pontiac Race

DETROIT, April 2.—Three Toronto men and two from Hamilton are entered in the Auto City marathon to be run of the tomorrow afternoon over a 25-mile course extending from Pontiac to Detroit.

Under the colors of the Gladstone A. C. James A. Dellow, Charlie White and Harry White are here ready for the long run.

Tom Ellis and Charley Morton of the Hamilton Y. are the Canadian entrants. The starting gun will be fired in Pontiac at noon, and the finish will be at the Grand Circuit. There are some two hours later. There are 42 starters.

### Art Spencer in Matched Bicycle Race With Kramer

NEW YORK, April 2.—Arthur Spencer, the Canadian cyclist, will ride a two-mile match race for the best two out of three heats against Frank L. Kramer, at the Velodrome, Newark, N. J., Sunday afternoon.

### WEAVER REPORTS

HOUSTON, Texas, April 2.—George "Buck" Weaver, star third baseman of the Chicago American League club, joined the team here yesterday and participated in the work.

Manager Gleason of the Chicago team, said Weaver would play out his contract. Weaver left the club at Waco, Texas, recently, asserting that he was not satisfied with his salary.

### The Mighty Ruth Leans On For First Homer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 2.—Babe Ruth laid on one of Al Mamaux's specialty curves today in the game between the Yankees and Dodgers, and sent it over the fence for his first home run of the season. It is estimated the ball travelled 500 yards, passing 75 feet over the fence, which is ten feet high. The American Leaguers won, 6 to 2.

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