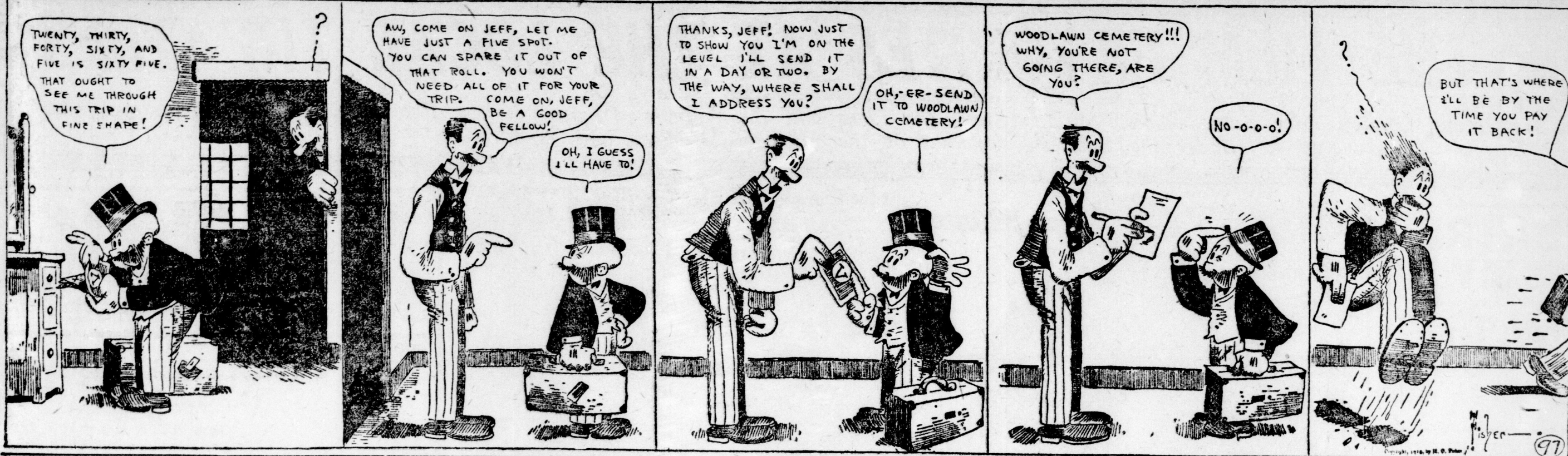


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(BY "BUD" FISHER)



game would be this plan. If the players were pooled and then drawn by lot it would mean the lifting of one city with a tail-end prospect under the old regime to the possible distinction of a pennant contender. It would make all things even and null the advantage that wealthy clubs have at this time. The idea which the writer has in mind is this:

First the appointment of an appraising commission to be made up of magistrates, baseball leaders and probably a few of the best known sport writers. The duty of this group would be to set a fair price on every major league ball-player. For instance, when the appraising of the Detroit team was made it could be allowed probably \$75,000 for Ty Cobb, \$25,000 for Bobby Veach, and \$50,000.

When the appraisal of the Detroit team is completed it might mean that Detroit had turned into the pool \$400,000 worth of baseball talent. All the players on the other clubs could be similarly appraised, and the total value of the players of each club could be credited to that club.

In the end, the total value of all the players could be divided by sixteen. The result would mean the value in money of each club would have to contribute. For instance, if this ratio were \$25,000, it would mean that the Tiger club would be permitted to an equal chance in the drawing of the men and would be allotted \$25,000 in cash for its excess contribution in baseball stars. If, on the other hand, the club assessment was \$50,000 and the Tigers turned in only \$400,000 worth of players, the Tiger owners would have to contribute \$100,000 in cash to the general pool. The sum so contributed by the various clubs whose value in players was less than their share in the pool, would be distributed to the clubs who were turning in more value than they would get out of the pool.

In the drawing group the pitchers into seven squads. Five squads could be made up solely of right handers; the other two of left handers. Men like Alexander, Johnson, Cicotte, Shore, Bagby, etc., could be put into the first class of right handers. There could be sixteen pitchers in each of the classes. Then could come the drawing.

Each club would be allowed only one man from each class—that is, one of the Alexander-Johnson group, one of the next best group and one of the next best, and so on down the line. Also, each could be allowed two left handed pitchers, one left hander and an ordinary left hander.

The drawing for the catchers and other players could be conducted in the same way.

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ST. THOMAS GRANITES WIN FRIENDLY GAME FROM THE THISTLES

Six Rinks of Visitors Had a Majority of Eight Shots.

Six rinks of St. Thomas Granites won a friendly game at the Thistle Club last night by a majority of eight shots, winning three games of the six by bigger scores, which more than offset their losses.

J. Emslie, son of R. D. Emslie, led for Skip McCole of St. Thomas in the game against President R. W. Youngs of the Thistles. This game was a 2-1 victory for the Granites.

George Gibson, vice-skip with A. M. Heaman, again won their game from Bob Emslie, duplicating their tankard primary of last Tuesday.

W. K. Cameron won his game from C. R. Buett, while Alf. Talbot, who has returned to the game of curling, defeated Charles McCorkell by 14 to 8.

Anderson, while Fred Sutherland beat Grant Backus.

The Granites will have a big entry in next week's bonspiel here.

Scores:	Thistles:
B. Bouchner	F. G. Browne
A. Saunders	C. E. German
Major Stanbury	H. J. McCulloch
C. A. McCorkell	Alf. Talbot
Don Fraser	R. D. McDonald
R. Coffey	A. M. Trick
W. H. Stapleton	Geo. Gibson
N. D. McLaughlin	F. Sase
J. Emslie	O. C. Barrie
W. K. Cameron	E. J. Morren
A. B. Balkwell	C. K. Buett
W. J. Lashbrook	G. W. Starbuck
J. R. Smith	W. J. Lashbrook
R. M. Anderson	A. J. McGuffin
E. Emslie	E. McVee
W. A. Hutchinson	J. Taylor
J. McCole	E. J. Smallman
J. McAlpin	W. Youngs
W. H. Houston	W. Turnbull
H. T. Gough	Major Complin
P. Sutherland	G. H. Backus
Total	79
Total	67

Ty Cobb Placed In Class One By Exemption Board

Famous Ball Player Ready To Go Whenever Called.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 18.—Mr. Tyrus Raymond Cobb, a star outfielder of the Detroit team of the American League, has been placed in Class One by the exemption board here, where he is registered. Mr. Cobb declared he is willing to serve wherever called.

WITH THE BOWLERS

AT ST. THOMAS.

London Nationals:	St. Thomas Cubs:
D. Catalano	195 130 198 478
M. Sansone	133 146 176 455
G. Karys	179 163 192 534
T. Mascari	166 149 188 493
T. Crawford	164 153 162 480
Totals	828 786 920 2534

AT LONDON.

London Beavers:	St. Thomas Strands:
P. Jones	130 200 156 486
W. Hunter	151 192 183 526
P. Mascari	179 168 178 525
E. Heard	164 157 181 492
M. Smith	181 163 181 525
Totals	825 872 832 2533

Standing:	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Nationals	17	13	457
Cubs	17	12	457
Strands	16	14	453
Beavers	10	20	333

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE TRIMS WOODSTOCK IN SPEEDY CONTEST

Good Work of Barkey Kept Score Away Down.

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 18.—In an Oxford County intercollegiate hockey league game, Woodstock College defeated the senior Woodstock team here tonight by the score of 2 to 1. The college boys scored a goal in each of the first two periods, while Tillsburg got their lone tally in the third session. The game was a fair exhibition, but combination was lacking on both sides. The College had the better of the game from start to finish, and only the clever goal-tending of Barkey for Tillsburg kept the score down. H. Pugsley was the best man on the ice. He skated fast, handles a stick well and packs a wicked shot. Knox and Dunlop held the visiting forwards well in hand.

For Tillsburg, Capt. MacQueen showed up well, as did Pollard and Malone. The line-up was:

Goal	Tillsburg
Defence	Barkey, Dunlop
Centre	MacQueen
Wings	Pugsley, Knox
Referee	James Gunn

LONDON JUNIORS HAD BEST OF INGERSOLL

Teams Were Evenly Matched and Aggressive, But Lack Combination—Goal Keepers Were Kept Busy and Each Did Good Work.

London Juniors handed Ingersoll a defeat last night in a grinding contest staged at the Jubilee Rink by scoring two goals to one, for a total of 8 to 4.

It was a decidedly interesting game to watch, despite the fact that the hockey was not of the A1 brand. Both teams offered individual opposition, combination showing up but momentarily, and but short ones at that. While there are junior teams that do play brilliant team hockey, they are the exception rather than the rule. The budding hockeyists are no exception. But this absence of real team play with the juniors is usually replaced by something that is lacking with the more experienced contestants. It is that get-there-at-all costs, that keep-trying-every-minute idea, and this admirable spirit was not lacking in last night's battle.

The teams were evenly matched as to play. The locals had it in weight. Speed was about evenly divided. London had the edge in some departments on stick work.

The game was clean for a junior battle. Impulsive youths are hard to control, but while they were by no means gentle with one another, the teams were not rowdy and played well up together.

McKee and Burgess, the two goal-keepers, were kept fairly busy, and it is a question as to whom the honors for the evening should go. Lightfoot, Gilles and Logan divided the honors for the London team play. Cline was well up. He played his position well. Logan is a clean player and a nice stick handler for a youth. Gilles is heavy and knows how to use his body. He checked well. Lightfoot is on the verge of becoming a star. His one trouble seems to be to keep in his position.

Good Defence.

The visitors' defence is a fairly good one for a couple of light lads. They checked excellently. Morelle, a mere lad on their left wing, appeared to be decidedly green. He seemed to be lost at times, and was thus responsible for numerous off-sides. When he dug in, however, he showed good mettle. The others shaped up well.

The score at the end of the first period found the honors divided 2-2. The visitors were the first to draw blood. Pettie finding the London net first on a minute's play. Thirteen minutes later Cline netted London's first on a puck-off after one of Morelle's off-sides. He came back half a minute later with another. Morelle redeemed himself on a long shot from left in another half minute, and tied it up.

Scored Three.

London got three in the second period and the visitors none.

Logan made a nice rush with Gilles, and netted the first in two minutes' play. Lammond and Cline had a couple of easy shots for what looked like two more. Both were wide. Richardson and Carroll banged the London net, but Burgess was also there. Light-

the honor going to Lightfoot.

The Teams:	Ingersoll:
Burgess	Goal
Gilles	Defence
Logan	Centre
Cline	Wing
Norman	Wing
Lightfoot	Wing
Subs—Lammond, Lammond, Ingersoll, Payne, Referee, Munroe.	

Harriston Curlers Are In the Finals; Others Defaulting

Walkerton and Lucknow Fail to Show Up for Series.

HARRISTON, Jan. 18.—The District 12 tankard game, which was to have been played off here on Tuesday and was postponed until today on account of the snow blockade, was won by default by the Harriston club, as none of the competing teams showed up to battle for the trophy.

It was fully expected that Lucknow and Walkerton teams would be here, and there was much disappointment when they did not materialize, as the ice was in first-class shape, and the event was anxiously looked for. This will untile the Harriston club to play in the finals at Toronto about the end of February.

WRITER WANTS POOL OF ALL BIG LEAGUE PLAYERS YEARLY

Excellent Suggestion Is Made by Baseball Authority.

(By Frank G. Menke.)

The idea of pooling baseball talent every year or two has been generally pool-pooled by the dear old magnates. But, an analysis of the benefits to be derived from this system makes it appear that the scheme is not such a bad one after all.

One of the evils of major league baseball for many years has been the fact that the wealthy clubs have been able to purchase stars from the weaker outfits. This has brought about joke baseball in the depleted cities. Philadelphia for instance. If the pooling scheme were put into force and players drawn by lot, it would automatically end the practice.

It seems to the writer that one of the saving features for the national

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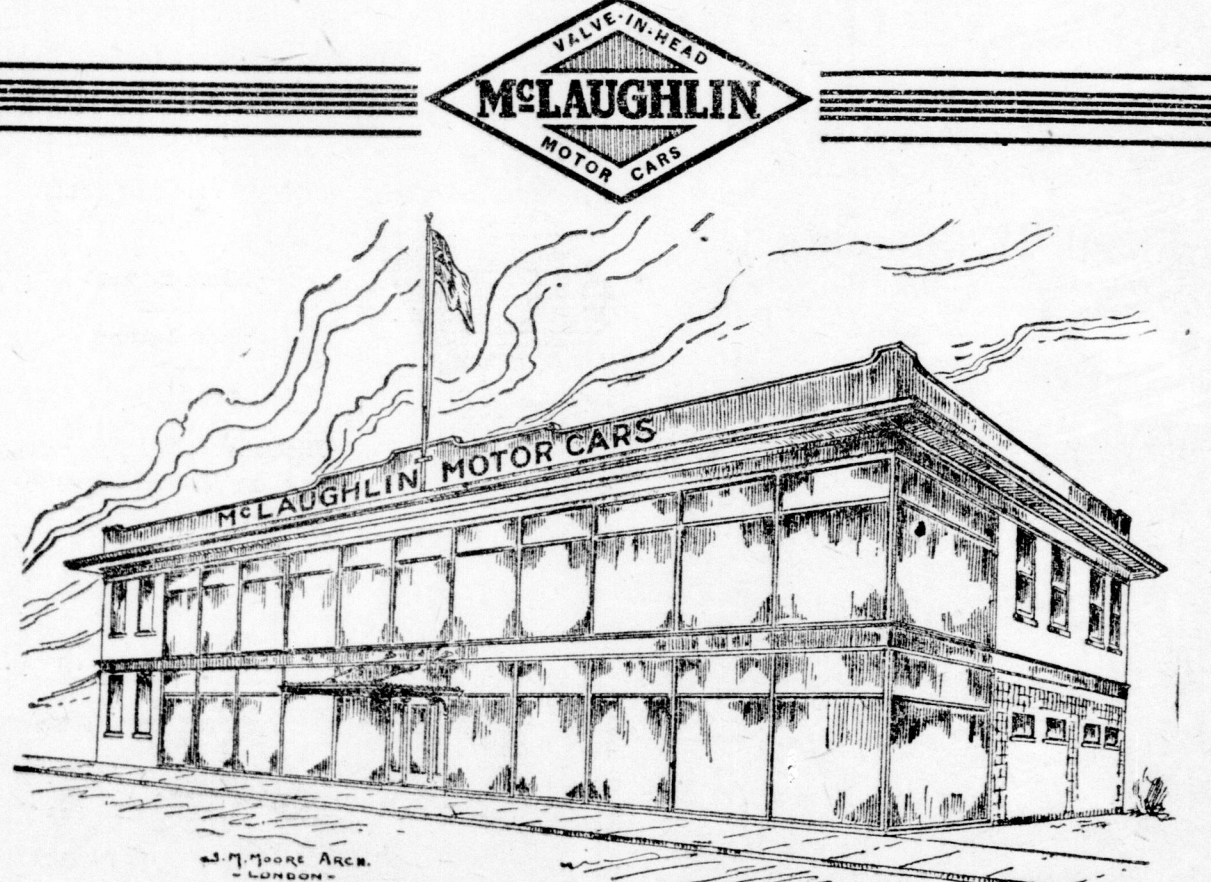
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