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Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

We never expected to live to see the day! A new manager was recently hired by The Toronto Maple Leafs baseball team—and on his first meeting with the assembled respresentatives of the Press almost knocked them off their seats by coming out with the breath-taking statement, "I'm not promising anything for next season." This, coming from any sports manager, would be surprising enough. But from a Toronto baseball leader, it is equivalent to either Vishinsky or Gromyko saying "Yes" three times in a row.

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For years past Toronto baseball fans have been living on promises. Real gluttons for punishment, they have supported—not lavishly, but a lot better than they deserved—teams that were seldom anything except painful to watch. Then the usual routine was something like this—First, fire the old manager; —Second, hire a new one; and Third,—have the latter make the breath - taking announcement that we were going to have a scrappy, fighting team to root for—next year.

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Then, next year—the same old thing. Big crowds to greet the new outfit—loud ballyhoo — and then, after a couple of weeks or months, the realization that while the faces might be new, the quality, or lack of it, was about the same as ever. Now arrives a new manager, Ed Sawyer, who comes out flatfooted and says "I'm not promising anything." Even if it gets him blackballed by the Managers' guild, his words deserve to be put in Neons over the entrance to the Ball Park. Even if he doesn't happen to get anywhere with the team—which is a pretty hard thing to do with the peculiar Toronto setup—he's going on the sound horse-racing precept that, if you go to the races flat broke, the worst you can get is an even break.

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One of the profoundest sayings regarding present-day life was made by a man not ordinarily looked upon as a deep-thinker or philosopher. It was Jimmy Durante's "Everybody wants to get into the act"—and it pretty well sums up a publicity-conscious generation that regards "getting your picture in the paper" as the height of felicity. Examples of this widespread love for "mugging" in front of a camera are so numerous that we will mention only one. It was a picture taken at the scene of a particularly brutal recent murder—and of eight fairly prominent people facing the camera, only two, or at the outside three, had any reason for being there outside of morbid curiosity or a desire to "get into the act."

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When one team clearly outclasses another, should it go "all-out" and run up as big a score as possible, or should it take things fairly easy, and keep the scoring down to reasonable proportions? That is a question which faces managers and coaches occasionally, and there doesn't seem to be any really satisfactory answer—outside of "It all depends."

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Football is perhaps the worst of all sports in this regard; for while a 40 too beating in football is actually not much more one-sided than 7-0 baseball or hockey, it looks that way. And we thought that the University of Toronto Blues were to be criticized when, during a pre-season trip to the west, they ran up terrific scores on teams that were helpless against their greater power and experience.

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But when we said something of the sort, at the time, it was a U. of T. undergraduate who gave us a clue to the reason. "Those guys know that when the real shooting starts, Western University Mustangs will wipe the earth with them—so they're getting revenge for those coming shellackings by taking it out on those poor teams out in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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Maybe he was right, at that; for it is a long time since we have seen any outfit dominate the opposition as those Mustangs seemed to do the past couple of seasons or so—and still longer since we have known teams to go on the field apparently satisfied that they were beaten before the opening whistle as the young gentlemen representing Varsity, Queens and old McGill. The "old College spirit"—like a lot of other spirits —seems to be suffering from a bit too much dilution.

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Talk to school teachers anywhere, and they'll tell you that their task has become harder of recent years because of the lessened control they have over their pupils. They always put the blame for it, too, on the parents — the trustees — on anybody and everybody but themselves. And who are we to argue with a school teacher?

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Then, just when we had about come to the conclusion that a school teacher's lot is not a happy one, the lady school teachers of a certain city elect a "Glamor Queen" from among their midst and, not to be outdone, the male educationists of the same place promptly choose a masculine counterpart. And instead of being properly ashamed the new "Glamor Boy" defended the whole silly business, saying that it might bring before the public the fact that "the men teachers are of a calibre unexcelled in Canada." How such goings-on affect you, we have no way of telling; but personally it produces a not-too-faint sickish feeling.

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Six months or so ago we warned our readers that phony Irish Sweep tickets were becoming more and more common. Now the authorities, bound to stamp out this "evil" have gone about it in a way that will only make things all the easier for the peddlers of the counterfeits. For now you have no check at all on the genuineness of the ticket you purchase — for merly, if you got a receipt, you knew at least the money had got to Ireland.

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Seems to us that these lotteries are another of the several things—like handbook making—about which we might very well take a more realistic view. So long as lotteries are run, so long as there is betting on horse races, people are going to buy tickets and back the horse of their choice. Why all the profits should go to our most undesirable e ments is just another of those matters we never do hope to understand.

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