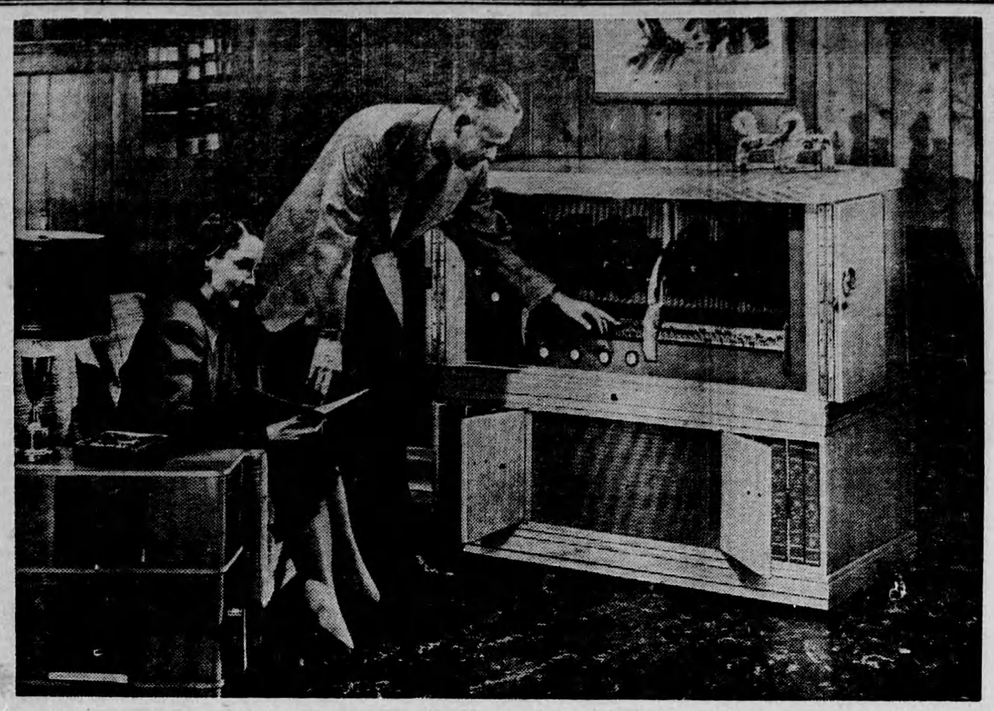

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Sports – And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

Professional hockey players, and the newspaper writers whose task it is to report every move of these heroes on behalf of a palpitating public, frequently have a lot of idle time to kill between games and practise sessions. This is especially the case when a team is in some strange city for several days on account of a Stanley Cup series or some such.

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Some of them put in most of this spare time engaged in card games of a fairly mild innocuous variety. Others will wander out to see the sights of the town—although this particular pastime is said not to be nearly as popular as formerly, now that a player's moral and social behavior is of almost as great interest to his employers as his scoring ability. But the chief means of time-assassination is just to sit around and talk about—of all things!—hockey.

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During such gab-fests somebody is almost bound to start picking All-time All-star teams; and some weird and wonderful combinations of past and present hockey standouts are evolved. One of those we best recall was put together by a sports writer who shall remain nameless, but whose most strenuous feat of personal athletic endeavor was chalking a pool-cue.

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On this occasion everybody present was asked to jot down on a piece of paper the names of his mythical All-Star team — the idea being, if we remember aright, that the one judged to have made the best selection was to have the privilege of buying the next round. Of soda-pop, naturally. And when it came time to read them off it was discovered that this chap had written down the following — Howie Morenz; "Dutch" Nighbor; Fred Taylor; Eddie Shore; Lionel Conacher — just the five names.

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"Hey there," somebody yelled, "you've forgotten to pick out any goaltender." "Brother" was the unruffled reply, "with a bunch like that I'd do the goaltending myself — and what's more I wouldn't even bother to put on pads!

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If the Hamilton Tigers should drop out of the Big Four—as seems to be their present intention—a whole lot of old-time color will be missing from that football loop, and their action will be regretted, especially by those who remember them in the days of their greatness. Some of our earliest sports memories recall Autumn jaunts to the Ambitious City, and the roars of a football-crazy crowd yelling for the Tigers to "Eat 'Em Raw."

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But we suppose it's just another case of "When little boys play with big boys it's seldom the big fellows who get hurt." Upper-bracket football is strictly a dollar-and cents proposition nowadays—although this is hotly denied by some of those behind it—and Hamilton just cannot hope to rake in sufficient money to put Tigers on a par with Argonauts and Alouettes in the search for talent.

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Ottawa is in a slightly different position—as it is rumored that down there in the shade of Parliament Hill there are always nice positions—" hours 12 to 1 with 60 minutes off for lunch"—for a hard-hitting middle-wing or fleet-footed halfback, and that these help to make up for comparatively small box-office receipts.

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But of such matters we cannot speak with any authority. All we know for certain is that we shall be sincerely sorry to see the Hamilton Tigers pass out of the League. Nor do we mind predicting that there will come a day when the other t will regret that they weren't just a trifle more generous in helping ease their financial load by cutting them in just a trifle deeper on away-from home gates.

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The conditioning of athletes is a business for experts nowadays, as everybody knows. Meeting our old friend Bill Kelly—now an official on Ontario race tracks—the other day brought back memories of the only time we were ever attempted in an amateur way, to assist in such doings.

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After several years absence from the saddle, Kelly had been asked to ride in a certain Steeplechase; and wishing to sweat off some of the accumulated suet he invited us to spend the night at his house, then come out with him for an early morning run. "We'll get up at four in the morning, run about five miles, then come back and have breakfast."

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After what seemed like about 30 minutes in the hay the alarm went off; and with many groans and much mutual sympathy we donned sweaters and shorts and emerged into the cold grey dawn. Our path led up along toward Riverdale Park; and as we passed the fire hall the clock bonged the half-hour. Looking up we saw that it was half-past three! Somebody—we each blamed the other—had set the clock for an hour early.

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Nothing daunted we plodded on, down the steep hill leading into The Park which—as some of you will no doubt recall—houses Toronto's Zoo. After a few moments the path started to lead upward, and breath seemed harder to get. Cage after cage of animals we passed, but in nary a one of them could we notice a single sign of life.

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Suddenly Kelley pulled to a halt, a very serious expression on his face. "Over there," he said, pointing, "are the zebras. Over there a cageful of monkeys. In that cage, the lions. In that one, Heaven knows what. All dumb animals — yet all with sense enough to be sleeping their heads off, while we're out here running ourselves to death. Doesn't seem sensible, does it?"

"It certainly doesn't," we panted in reply. "Let's go home and get back to bed." And since then all our participation in athletic conditioning has been strictly from the sidelines — and after the sun was well up in the skies too.

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