

# Will Dean Equal Great Mathewson is the Query

### Matty Was Super-Pitcher Over Ten-Year Stretch—Dizzy Still Comparative Novice—Christy Less Colourful—Had Blinding Speed, Bewildering Curves.

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Washington, May 2.—This writer has been asked how he compares Jerome "Dizzy" Dean with Christy Mathewson, the usual choice of most baseball veterans as the all-time greatest pitchers of the game.

It is very difficult to make this comparison now. The question should be asked about seven years hence, Dizzy Dean has been in the big league three years. Mathewson—"Mathewson the Mighty"—was a tremendous pitcher over a stretch of at least ten years, through all of which he was the spearhead of the big town assault against some of the roughest, toughest baseball competition in history. He was in the National League a total of 17 years.

He was a "money pitcher" whose like has never been seen since, a "money pitcher" being a pitcher who can pitch in the crucial spots. Another thing that makes a comparison between Dean and Mathewson difficult is that the baseball conditions under which Mathewson—called "Big Six"—worked were different than they are today—far different.

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day, all right, because he had blinding speed and amazing curves, and he would have got by on sheer "stuff."

But as he worked in his heyday, when he was the monarch of the mound, he would have had a tough time surviving present conditions. He let the batters hit the ball, paying no attention to the hits registered against him, and "bearing down" only when it became absolutely necessary. He gave his support plenty of work. He had such astounding control that he rarely hit a batsman with a pitched ball, and they were not afraid to stand up there and swing against him. Nowadays when almost every other swing may mean a home run, that style would have been no good. A pitcher to-day has to keep "bearing down," has to be warier of letting the batter hit than in Mathewson's time, and possibly Matty would not have lasted as long as he did.

**Base-Runners Good**  
However, in Mathewson's day, they had great base runners, and more science in the game, and a pitcher had to know more about pitching than just turning on his "stuff," so perhaps the different conditions even up.

Mathewson was a Bucknell collegian, and a man of some culture. He was more intelligent than Dean. He had none of Dean's amazing picturesqueness and colour, none of his braggadocio, none of his love for the mob. Mathewson was a shy, retiring chap, who would have shuddered at saying, or doing, the things that the redoubtable Dean delights in.

Crowds rather annoyed Mathewson. He was cold, and distant. To know him was to marvel that he was the baseball idol of the New York crowds. It was his great ability out there on the mound that won him their admiration, not his personality. His "colour" was his work. He was a superb artist dealing with opposing batsmen.

He was a big, loose-jointed knock-kneed blond fellow with a shambling gait. In the flower of his pitching career he had such endurance that it seemed incredible that he could die of tuberculosis.

**Press Boosted Him**  
Much of his fame was due, of course,

## Cricketers to Have First Meet Sunday

Timmins Club to Re-organize for 1935 Season. Expect to Get Away to Good Start.

There will not likely be any cricket played in Timmins until about the first week in June. A. H. Partridge, secretary of the Timmins Cricket Club, told The Advance this week. But those who are interested in the game or in lawn bowling, to the extent of joining the local club are asked to attend a meeting in the St. John Ambulance Corps hall on Birch street, Sunday at 10.30 a.m. just north of the skating rink. An official notice from the club appears in another part of this issue of The Advance.

There should be two cricket teams in the district again this year, the secretary thinks. McIntyre will be organizing a team soon and a schedule can be drawn up.

## First Woman to Get Trainers License



First of her sex to receive a race-horse trainer's license from the staid New York Jockey club, Miss Mary Hirsch, 22-year-old daughter of the famous trainer, Max Hirsch is pictured in the saddle at a New York track. An old tradition is broken as Miss Hirsch is permitted to train, saddle and race horses on the New York tracks.

to the fact that he was the star of the big town giants in the days when the fiery McGaw bestrode the baseball land, a sort of hammered down, pudgy colossus.

Another pitcher back down the years gifted with almost super-human ability, had the misfortune to perform his most astounding feats beyond the glare of the limelight, and you never heard as much of him as you did of Mathewson in those days, though in sheer pitching power he was undoubtedly Mathewson's superior.

That was Walter Johnson, "The Jayhawker Cyclone."

There were more newspapers in New York in Mathewson's time than there are to-day, and they gave more attention to baseball.

Never less than ten writers and often more, were with McGaw's club sounding the to-morrows on Mathewson. Small wonder that the world heard of him.

But he could pitch! Wait until Dizzy Dean has won 30 or more games for three consecutive seasons; wait until he has struck out 2,399 batsmen, and then come around and ask how he compares with Mathewson.

It is a curious feature of Mathewson's record that he was only twice pitching champion of his league, and they were among his most ordinary pitching years. He divided the honour with Camnitz of Pittsburgh in 1909 with 25 won and 6 lost, and stood alone in 1910 with 27 won and 9 lost.

He must have been taking it easy those years.

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## SPORT ORE

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### New Sport—Trapping Ducks

Catching wild ducks in a muskrat trap is hardly in the line of sport, yet there was a case of that kind near Timmins not so long ago. Phil Boudreau, the new game warden, has been on the lookout for people who insist on shooting ducks out of season. Last week he thought he had one offender but there was no bullet wound on the bird the man was carrying. There were, however, marks on the legs of the duck that proved conclusively that it had been caught in a trap. The same man had some muskrat hides which later brought him to police court. It's not such an unusual thing for ducks to get mixed up in traps, says Phil, and what can be done about it if they do? Certainly the trapper couldn't hold it. Another thing the game warden has his eye on the lookout for is the gill net. It's in altogether too common use in this part of the North and he intends to pick up everyone he can who is found using such an illegal apparatus. The fishing season is actually open now and the government's idea is to keep as many fish in the lakes and rivers for sportsmen as possible.

### Sport Disappears Momentarily

John X. Frost certainly clamped the lid on local sport this week. Just as the lacrosse lads were getting all excited about the prospects of a three team league in both junior and juvenile series, along come one of those nice spring snow storms that make even the schoolboys (and girls) stop playing marbles. The ball park immediately became great white desert where a dozen pick-up softball teams getting limbered up. Monday night there was supposed to be a lacrosse practice but it could just as easily have been hockey. But the boys will go going just as soon as the summer gets back again.

### Iroquois Falls the Hinge

Peculiar how one team can make so much difference to a league. In this particular country it's Iroquois Falls and the Temiskaming Baseball League. If the paper town joins the big league, well then probably Dome and Hollinger will too. But if the Falls decides to go intermediate and play with the local town league, then Dome and Hollinger will probably fall in line there. It seems pretty definite now that South Porcupine is going to have a better ball park this year. Rumours have been drifting around about it for a long time but they were just as ethereal as the McIntyre's new rink proposition. But a little more flavour of probability was added to them this week and no matter which league the Dome decides to enter, it is more than likely that some money will be spent on a decent diamond.

### Hockey Player to Sudbury

From Fort Erie it's announced that Jimmy McLean, a fast wing man on the F.E. juniors for the past couple of seasons, is now in Sudbury where he will "take a position". He is still of junior age. Looks as if the Nickel Belt isn't going to let that Memorial Cup slip away from them without a struggle, even if they haven't got Max Silverman and some of the boys who helped win the silverware from the West this year.

### MONEY GRANT TO WOLVERINES FROM NOVA SCOTIA GOVT.

The lawmakers of Nova Scotia's Legislature dropped politics for a while Friday to acclaim the Halifax Wolverines and give the Canadian amateur hockey champions a financial boost on their way to an Olympic title. Party lines were sent flying as legislators on both sides for the House agreed to a money grant for the Wolves. It will be around \$1,000—the exact amount was not decided. But whatever it is, it is likely to pass unanimously. Premier Angus L. MacDonald and Opposition Leader Gordon S. Harrington were among the strongest supporters.

## Hornsby at the Helm of St. Louis Browns

### "Rajah" Leads Club in Masterful Fashion, and he has Hopes for Them, Too.

(From B.N.)

In many ways the St. Louis Browns are an amazing ball club. On paper last year, the team, with only two men who hit 300, and with rookies and peculiar fielders at important spots, rated cellar selection. But it hauled itself into sixth place and came within a couple of whiskers of beating out the Athletics for fifth.

It is hard to predict better things for the Browns over this season. The pitching staff is only fair. The same can be said for defence. The one bright thing about the team—and this helps to explain how sixth place was attained last year—is the smart way it plays ball under Rogers Hornsby.

### Hornsby Wise

There is no room to doubt Hornsby's sound baseball knowledge. He can teach a club not only to grab every break but to make a few for itself as it goes along. Also to hustle. Much has been written about his brusqueness, and of how it galled the men under him. As a player he used to have the reputation of trouble-maker.

But the fact is that last year the Browns hustled for him. It required inspiration to keep a ball club like the Browns out of the cellar. The Rajah, a fighter through and through, can be given credit for that spirit.

The Browns were able to win from only three teams last year more games than they lost, taking 14 games each from White Sox and Senators, and 12 of their 22 games with the Athletics. This year Hornsby said his club will knock off at least two more teams, Boston and Detroit. It that does happen, the Browns can't help landing in the first division.

But the chance appears remote, both from training camp activity, and even now that the campaign is on. Hadley has gone from the pitching staff which now is composed of Newsom, Blea-holder Knott, Coffman, Andrews, Welland (from Cleveland) Fay Thomas (from the Pacific Coast League) and whatever he can get from the rookies none of whom appears ready to win.

Hemsley is a good catcher, when he's not slugging sailors, and the infield, while it lacks punch, is a good fielding outfit, with Burns at first, Melillo at second, Strange or Burnett at short, and Clift at third.

West, in centre field, is the punch of the team, though he was aided by the 300 hitting of Hemsley last year. Ray Pepper is in left and Beau Bell from the Texas league, is starting in right. Debs Garmes, Heinie Mueller and Larry Bettencourt are outfield reserves and Al Bejma an infield possibility.

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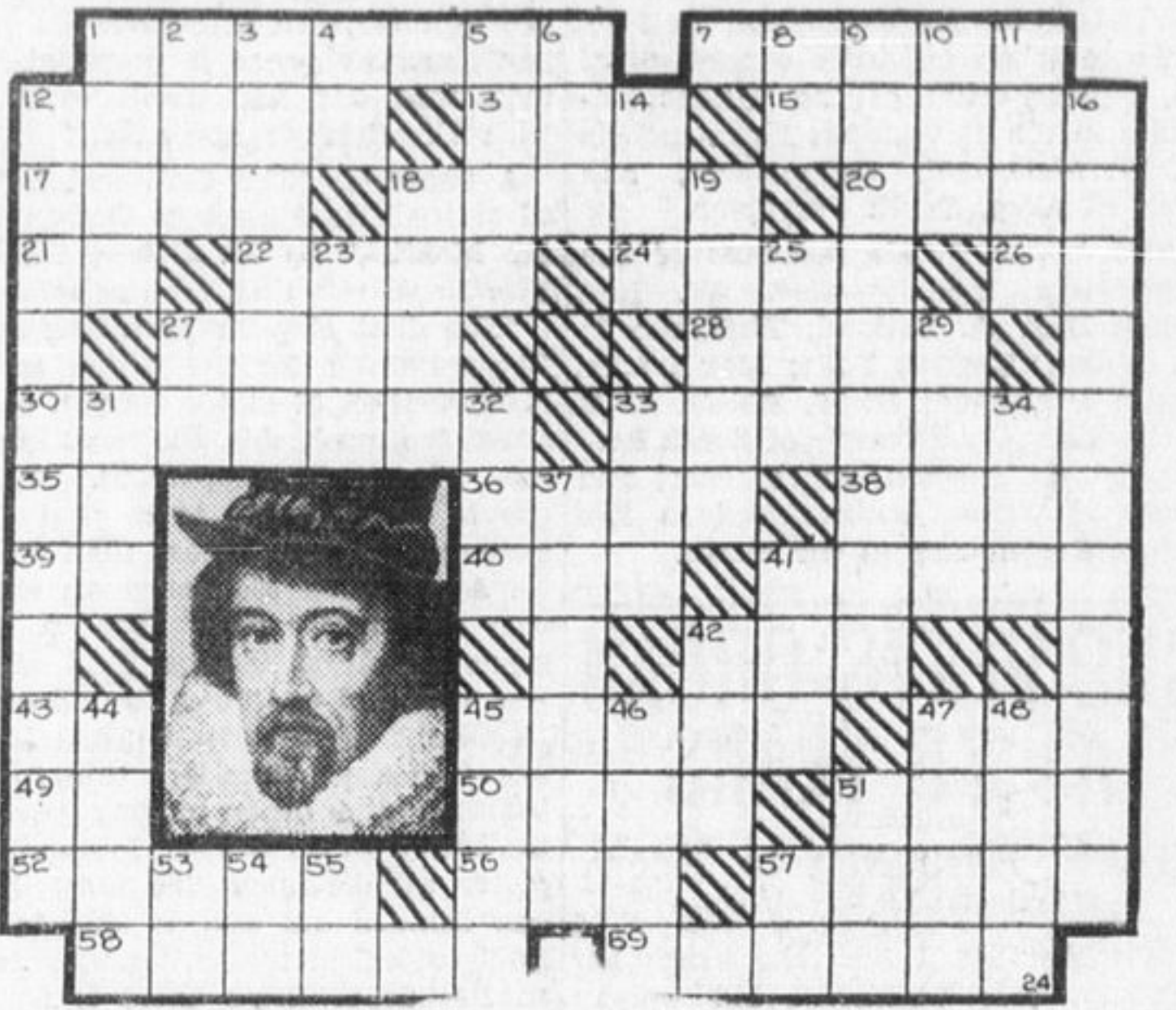
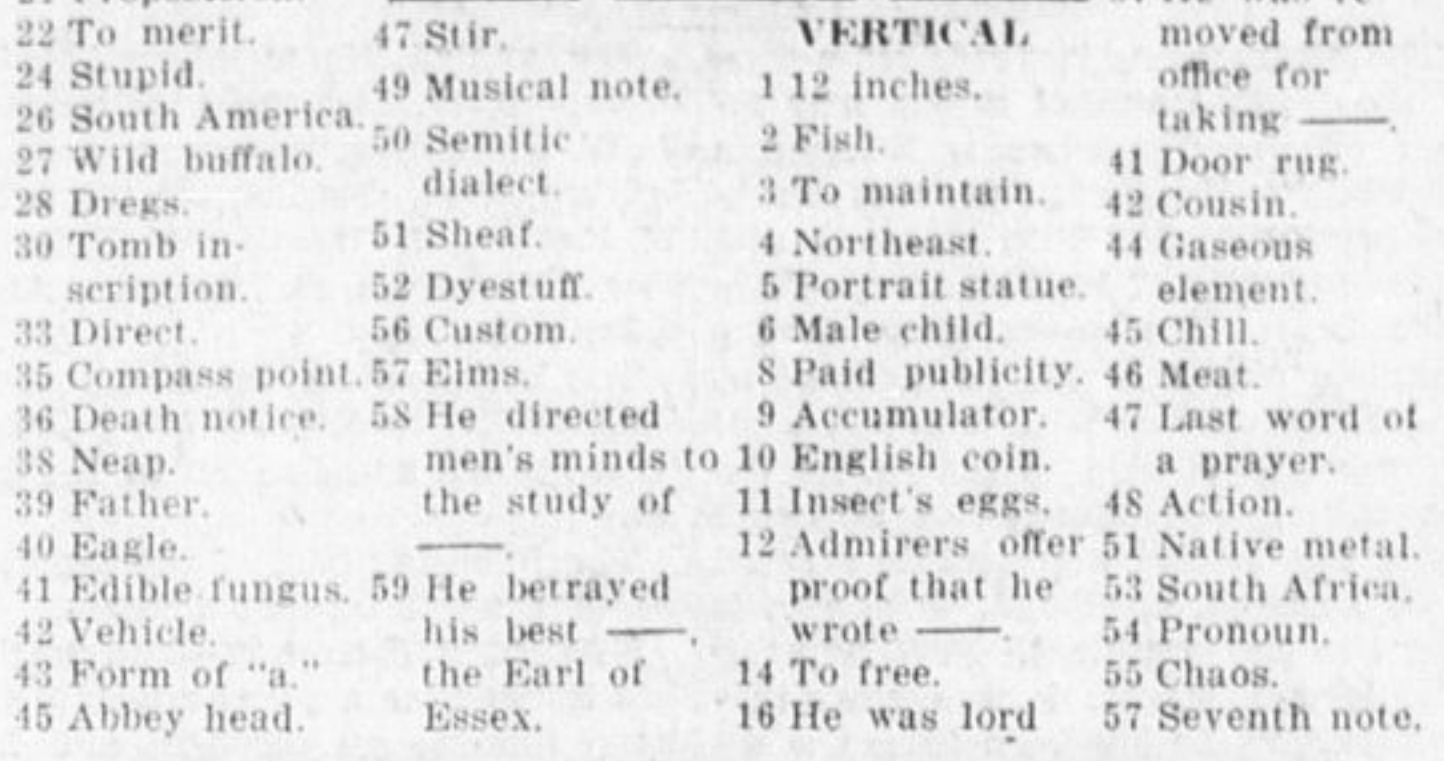
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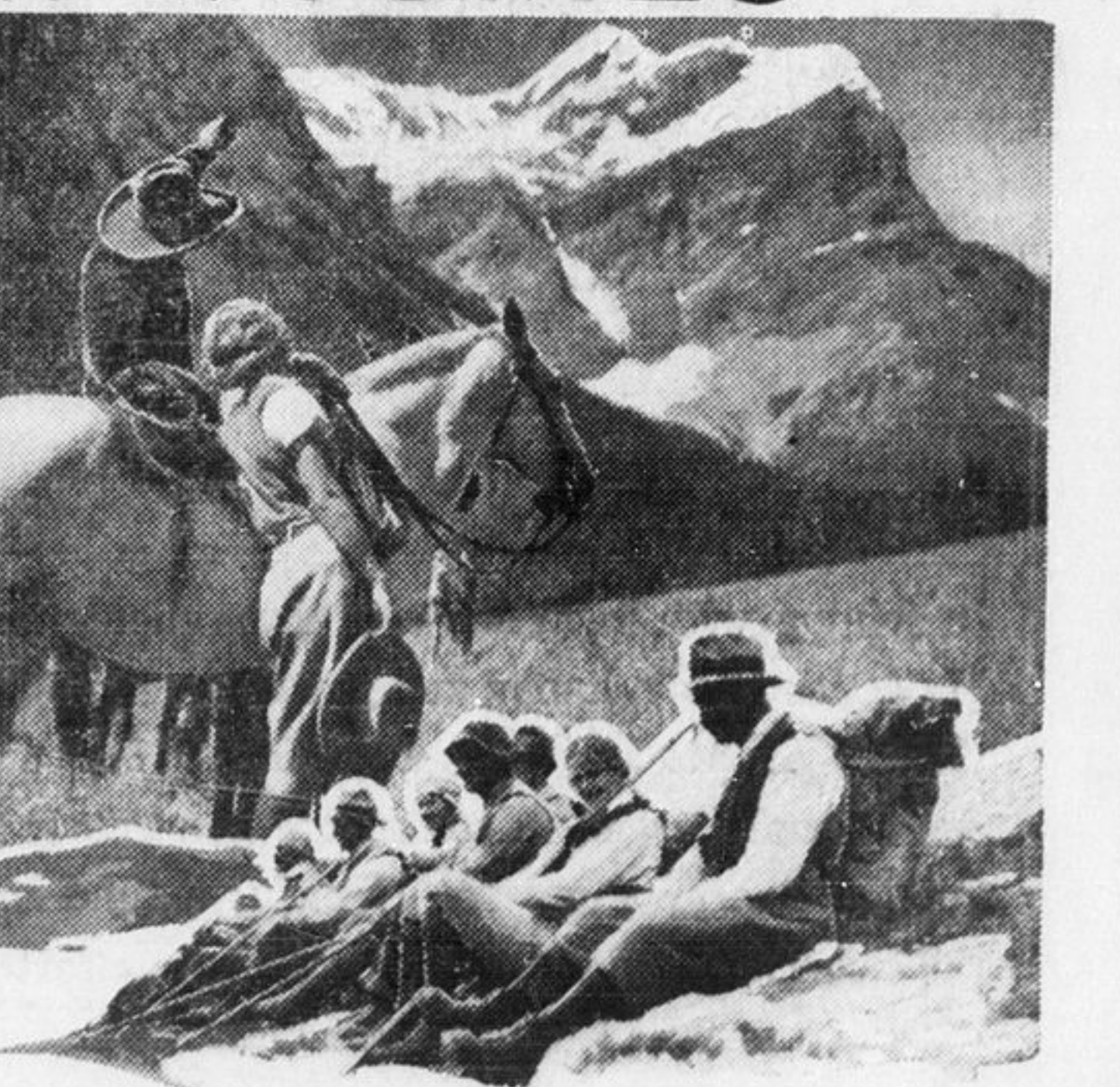
## No Date Set Yet for Kirkland Cage Game

Players Hard at Work Earning Places on All-Star Porcupine Team.

The coming basketball with Kirkland Lake is still in the "coming" stage. No definite date has been set yet as no reply has been received from a letter written to the Teck town. The boys are hard at work in the Schumacher gymnasium every once in a while and every player that is chosen to represent the Porcupine combine is going to have to earn that place with a lot of hard work. When the game does come off, it should be well worth seeing, for two entirely different styles of play are expected to be in evidence.

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It is planned to motor from Banff Springs Hotel to the game warden's cabin on Healy Creek on August 2, hiking to the Canadian Pacific cabin, the Sunshine Camp, the first day. In the second day Simpson Pass will be crossed and the second camp made at one of the Egypt Lakes, near Mummy and Scarab Lake. The third night will be spent at Shadow Lake and the final Pow-wow will be at Castle Mountain Camp on the Banff-Windermere Road, after which busses will be available for those who wish to go to Banff. The whole distance will be about 38 miles.

The official five-day trip of the Trail Riders is from July 26 to 30 and this year takes in the Red Deer River, former famous hunting ground but now included in the Banff National Park, which limits all hunting to cameras. The trout fishing is excellent and ample time will be set aside for fishermen, while the others in the party will take pleasant side trips. The party will motor about 11 miles from Banff to the crossing of the Cascade where horses will be waiting. The first camp, used for two nights, will be somewhere near Windy Camp. They then ride over Snow Creek Pass to Scotch Cabin on the Red Deer and turn west to the second camp. The trail will follow the Red Deer to its source, and turn south to Baker Lake and Ptarmigan Lake to a camp in the Ptarmigan Valley. The fifth day's ride is to the Sun Dance Lodge near Lake Louise Station, for the Pow-wow.

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