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BY THE PRESENT VANGUARD SAYS THE NEW YORK TIMES

The Brooklyn Team Is Not Representative of the Best in This Old Hall League.

New York Times:—It is impossible for any of those—and they are legion—who have kept even one corner of either eye on the doings of baseball through the season just closed to believe that the Brooklyn team, which faced the Red Sox in the world's series, was representative in any respect whatever of the best that exists in the National League.

The scores of the games read not so badly in chill printer's ink, and four defeats in five starts is a record not necessarily laden with dishonor. It is necessary to have watched these farce-comedy contests in order to appreciate to the full how sad was the showing of the misnamed Superbas and how utterly overmastered they were by the aggregation of Lannin and Carrigan. Once in the series—in the fourteen-inning 2-to-1 game—the team from Brooklyn rose to perhaps its greatest possible heights. It showed symptoms of team work, tokens of aggressive power, a modicum of individual skill, and a respectable degree of force on defence behind a pitcher who bids fair to loom large later on. The Red Sox, for their part, descended to meet them, becoming for that day—and for the next day in Brooklyn—merely a fair team and not a great one. The Superbas extricated themselves from many an oozy bog that day, and finally sank in one of them in the fourteenth. Their opponents meanwhile leaped from firm ground to firm ground, seldom finding it necessary to ward off real danger.

The third game was a dreary exhibition of poor baseball on both sides, with Boston falling off worse than Brooklyn, not so much in the technique of the game as in spirit. It was in this game, more than in any other spot in the series, save in the final inning of the first game, that the Red Sox drew a clear line of demarcation between themselves and the wonderful machines once boasted by Philadelphia and Chicago. If the Red Sox had been able to put in the field their one-time line-up with Speaker and Barry included, the Robins would have been as a field mouse in the claws of a jaguar. But the world's champion as now constituted, do not rate with the greatest teams of baseball history.

A hair placed in the scale would have outweighed the spirit that Robinson's men were able to muster for the two concluding encounters. And a mechanical toy would have surpassed them in skill. A team with mouth yawning for its medicine it was, and one that it was little pleasure for the winners to beat.

Now, just how a team capable, even under strain or during relapse, of producing such a parody of championship baseball could have won the title in the National League, passes comprehension. Grant much to the leadership of Robinson and much to the favors of fortune. Then one must go further—much further—and concede that the elder organization is thoroughly disgraced by its present vanguard.

Philadelphia writers, who firmly believed that the Phillies would have won out in the National League if the Giants had played ball in that late series against Brooklyn, are handing the Superbas the merry ha over their sad showing in the world's series. Some have been unkind enough to refer to the Dodgers as "cheese champions."

Hugh Billings, well known as an equestrian and hunt rider, a son of H. B. Billings, has joined the Royal Flying Corps. He will qualify in England. Hugh was a familiar figure at the Ottawa Horse Show and the meets of the Ottawa Hunt Club.

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GIRLS WILL NEVER EQUAL MALE NATATOR

Miss Olga Dorfner Says Her Sex Lacks Strength and Endurance

Will women ever be able to swim as fast as men, or travel as far or endure as much in the water? This is a question that has excited the discussion of swimmers for a long time. The fact that in the main the records made by women have been lowered more frequently and consistently in recent years has led many to suppose that women swimmers might soon be on an equality with men in this respect.

"There is no doubt in my mind," says Miss Olga Dorfner, America's greatest woman swimmer, "that women as a class can adapt themselves to water better than men. They are more buoyant, hence find it easier to move. But the fact remains, that men swimmers, with their tremendous strength and endurance, have the advantage in both speed and endurance swimming."

"I do not share the view that women will ever surpass the records set by men, though in the middle distances I think the records will more nearly approximate. It is so in other sports. Proficient as the women are in many lines—in tennis, golf, track athletics, field hockey and other sports—we know that their best performances and best records fall short of those established by the leading men players."

KENNEDY SENDS OUT CONTRACTS

Canadians Will Lose Three Players Who Have Donned Khaki.

Canadiens, the present holders of the world's hockey championship title, will suffer more than any other club in the National Hockey Association as a result of the admission of the 228th-Battalion Club to the circuit and the adopting of a rule which gives the soldiers "first call on all players that have donned khaki, as they lose three of their leading players in Lieuts. Howard McNamara, Goldie Progers and young Arthur. The Wanderers will be minus the services of Donald Smith, who has joined the khaki-clad clan, and Gordie Roberts, who has journeyed out west. However, although it is very early to size up the hockey situation, the local clubs should be well represented on the ice when the season finally rolls around.

Manager George Kennedy of the Flying Frenchmen has a string attached to a couple of youngsters in Debiens, of Chicoutimi, and S. Marchildon, of Sturgeon Falls; while he is out on the hunt for more new material, and claims to have two players in view. President Sam Litchienheim is also on the lookout for a couple of youngsters. The Wanderers will have a strong line-up in the game. They will have their same old defence, while only Roberts and Donald Smith will be missing from the forward line.

Contracts have been mailed to the following players by Manager Kennedy of the Canadiens: George Venable, "Digger" Pitrie, "Newsy" Lalonde, Louis Berlanquette, Ernie Dubois, Nick Bawlf, Bert Corbeau, Jack Laviolette, Peter Payan, Jack Fournier, "Skinner" Poulin, J. Matte, Maltais, Debiens and Marchildon.

Nick Bawlf, although he played under other colors last season, is still the property of the Canadiens, while Peter Payan, who created quite a sensation by his playing a few years back, is also owned by the Canadian club. With the above list of players it is likely that Vesina, Corbeau, Debiens and Laviolette will form the world's champions' defence this winter.

WAR GIVES STIMULOUS

To Athletic Sports In Russia, Says Cleveland Man.

Frank Canton of Cleveland, who for the past 25 years has been a resident of Russia, tells of the great stimulus which the war has given to all kinds of sport, including the various branches of horse racing. "Mr. Canton has spent his life breeding thoroughbred horses, and in the recent Russian Derby, held at Moscow, which is a trotting event, his American-bred stallion Harry McKarron won the Czar's sweepstakes, the time being 2:10 1-5 for the mile and a third track. On the day of the Derby the gate receipts amounted to 1,125,000 roubles (approximately \$700,000), showing that Russia is not entirely impoverished by the war."

"PETE" FERGUSON PLAYS LAST GAME

Old Rough Rider Scrimmager Succumbs in English Hospital.

The many friends of Peter Ferguson, well known scrimmager of the old Ottawa Rough Riders and prominent in Ottawa soccer circles, will be pained to learn of his death in an English hospital. Ferguson enlisted as farrier sergeant with the ammunition column a year ago and has been in active service since then. He was also a veteran of the South African war.

"Pete" Ferguson was a big, good natured Highlander, who liked all outdoor games, and when he came to Ottawa immediately took up Rugby football. He played with Rough Riders in 1904, and was with the team every year till 1911. He figured in two championship finals, viz., 1905, Rough Riders vs. Toronto Varsity, and in 1909, when the same teams played off.

In 1907, the first year of the Big Four, Ferguson played quarter against Hamilton Tigers at Varsity Oval, and introduced a new wrinkle by making little short kicks over the scrimmage and depending on his own bulk to climb through and catch them. He worked the ball the whole length of the field on this play.

Ferguson was president of the Ottawa City Soccer League and a well known association football referee. The big fellow had a world of good traits and played the game fair and square always.

NEW HOCKEY SERIES FOR UNITED STATES

Schedule Begins Dec. 15th—To Promote Collegiate and Amateur Competition.

A revival of winter sports is planned by the American National Hockey League, whose programme for a series of inter-city hockey games was made known by Dr. P. M. Selvas, of Pittsburg, president. St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Brooklyn, New York and two teams in Chicago comprise the circuit.

It is planned to open the schedule for the national championship with professional teams December 15, and at the same time to undertake to promote the development of collegiate and amateur competition.

TORONTO MUST WAIT

Until After the War For Major League Baseball.

No big league ball for Toronto until after the war is the conclusion of Lawrence Solman and J. J. McCaffery after studying the ball situation down around New York. "Some of the international League owners wanted to suspend during the war," remarked McCaffery yesterday, "but the talk was only informal. I don't think that there will be any suspension, but I see but little chance of major league ball here until the big scrap across the sea is settled. We had a conference with President Dan Johnson of the American League, and discussed the pros and cons."

American League's Good Season.

Prosperity marked the American League season just closed, according to B. B. Johnson, president of the organization. "Once one club in the league lost money," he said, "and some teams practically made up what money they lost through the invasion of the Federal League. Philadelphia is the only club that lost money." Mr. Johnson said he did not have the final figures at hand, but was of the opinion that the Chicago Americans stood at the head of the list in total attendance.

207th Loses Manson.

The 207th Battalion football team will be without the services of "Sammy" Manson in the return game against Queen's here next Saturday. Major Manson must return to his battalion, the 173rd Highlanders, and consequently will not be available. His kicking toe will be missed next Saturday. Lieut. Kirby will be called upon to fill Manson's shoes.

Shag Has New One.

Shag Shaughnessy follows American football very closely. Yesterday he came across a play sprung by Rutgers College, which was termed a "multiple kick." Shag never heard of it before, but after considerable and play it on his ukelele, then spring it on the 207th of Ottawa.

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