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GOLDIE PRODGER IS CONSIDERING A REST?

Hamilton Writer Claims "Old Sorrel Top" Will Retire Soon.

Hamilton Spectator: When the Hamilton team plays the last game of the season at Montreal on Wednesday night of next week, it will probably mark the end of the hockey career of one of the most popular players that ever figured in the National Hockey league.

Goldie Prodgers, who has been one of the mainstays of the Hamilton team ever since this city was represented in professional hockey, and who is one of the veterans of the league, will likely remain in London, his home city, next winter. He has been offered the management of the new arena there at a salary much greater than he would receive for playing hockey, and while he has not given a definite answer, it is likely that he will accept. The London people feel that Prodgers could not only act as manager, but would be a valuable man to coach the amateur teams there.

"Old sorrel top" is one of the most popular players that ever wore a Hamilton uniform. He always gives his best and no matter whether the team is out in front or far behind, he generally manages to star and has played as consistently as any man in the league. He broke into professional company in the old trolley league and soon after went to Canada. He also played with St. Pats for a season and was with Quebec when the franchise was purchased by Hamilton.

While Prodgers is old in hockey, he is by no means the oldest man in the league, for he broke into professional company when he was but sixteen years of age. It may be of interest to Hamilton fans and followers of the game in general to know that his name is George. It is so long since any person called him by that name that he has almost forgotten what it sounds like. If Prodgers accepts the appointment, it looks as though he will, his retirement from the N.H.L. will be

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generally regretted, as he is popular with fans in every city in their circuit.

TRAINED FROM CRADLE TO CAPTURE A TITLE

So Says "Pa" Stribling Of The Son He is Managing.

The Buffalo Express: William L. (Young) Stribling of Macon, Ga., is scarcely two months more than nineteen years old to-day. William L. (Young) Stribling of Macon, Ga., has been in training to win a world's boxing championship for just that length of time.

Sounds rather like a paradox, doesn't it? But there's no catch in it. We have both the introductory statements on the authority of William L. Stribling, Sr., father of the young man, and certainly he should know whereof he speaks.

It makes quite a story, twenty years ago William L. Stribling, Sr., who was just plain William L. Stribling at that time, was boxing as an amateur. And he was pretty good, too. He was an amateur, but he had every intention of turning professional and going after a championship.

Then, as so often happens in the case of a youth of seventeen years, it happened. Young Mr. Stribling fell in love. And, before long, was married. And, likewise, realized that he would have to get down to business to support a wife. So, reluctantly, he gave up his dream of annexing the world's boxing title and he and his wife went into vaudeville, doing an acrobatic and equilibrist act. But the young husband vowed that some day there would be a new ring champion in the Stribling family.

On December 26th, 1904, the stork paid a visit to the Striblings. And no sooner did the words "It's a boy" reach the ears of the husband and father than he remarked, softly, to himself: "A boy, and some day a champion."

When the Striblings went back on the vaudeville wheel little William L. Stribling, Jr., went along. By the time the little chap was six months old he was well advanced in the lines of training laid out for him by his dad. We go so far as to say that the youngster went on the road daily or put on the gloves for a sparring session. But he was in training.

"When the boy was six months old," Pa Stribling tells, "he could balance himself on one leg. His footwork was fine and his judgment of distance was great, particularly when it came to landing on his dad's ear or nose. Yes, sir, I had that boy in training to be a boxer—and a champion—from the day he came to us."

"I could go on telling you about the boy for hours, but I won't," went on Pa Stribling. "I could tell you how we brought him up so carefully that he never has had a real illness. He is sort of a vegetarian. Some folks think a vegetarian can't be very strong. That's all wrong. The bull and the elephant are vegetarians. Are they weaklings?"

"Any way, we brought the boy along and as soon as he was old enough to know what it was all about I put the gloves on with him and taught him all I knew about boxing. And say how he did warm up to it. Finally, on January 17th, 1921, not long after his sixteenth birthday, he had his first bout. He was a 117-pounder then. He won that scrap and it wasn't long before he was recognized as the bantamweight champion of the South."

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RUTH HAS STILL CHANCE IN BOX

Pitching Might Prolong His Career As a Baseball Player.

New York, Feb. 27.—Reports current some time back and confirmed recently by the officials of the St. Louis Browns that George Sisler would try his hand at pitching next season if he can't see well enough to return to first base, bring up the question: "Why couldn't Babe Ruth do the same thing when he can no longer qualify as an active regular?" Like Sisler, who first attracted the attention of major league scouts when he was pitching for the University of Michigan nine, Ruth started out as a pitcher.

It was Sisler's talent at hitting that made him too valuable to sit on the bench three days after pitching one game, and it was the same power with the stick that caused Ed Barrow to turn Ruth into an outfielder. Sisler and Ruth have baseball talent that are strikingly in common. Sisler is a great first baseman and Ruth is a good one; Ruth is a great outfielder and Sisler is a good one, both can hit and both can pitch.

Ruth was the best southpaw in the American league when he was working as a pitcher with the Boston Red Sox, and the Yankee players say that the Babe needs only serious work and a little practice to become a fine pitcher again. Ruth's legs will go back on him before his batting eye begins to get out of focus.

Sisler's vision went faulty when his other physical faculties had hardly more than reached their full development. The Babe has a powerful pair of shoulders and a great arm and they should retain their strength even after his legs, disqualify him for work in the field. If Babe Adams can get along so well as a pitcher at an age which is decidedly advanced for a major leaguer, there should be no reason why Babe Ruth could not do the same thing even though he has not kept up on his pitching.

Ruth is 30 years old now. The experts give him no more than three more seasons to star, as he has been starting, and they think then that he will start to slip. Before the Sisler case, however, no one seemed to have given a serious thought to the possibility that Ruth might go back to pitching and prolong perhaps three or four seasons a career that had reached its natural end.

There have been many cases where a pitcher reached the end of his string and then continued as a player. Joe Wood did it with the Cleveland Indians, and Rebel Russell did it with the Pittsburgh Pirates. But there can be recalled no outstanding instances where a player reached the end of the road and then turned pitcher.

SHOCKER MAY BE IN BOSTON NEXT YEAR

Despite the fact that Urban Shocker has reached the end of his string and then continued as a player.

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

This evening the only hockey event locally, so far as we know, will be confined to practice hours. The Arena is thrown open to a new kind of mixup known as a moccasin dance and a large crowd is expected. It only takes two to make a team at that game, but there will be many teams on the ice.

Circle-Six have another day or so yet in which to rest up for their battle with the Peterboro juniors here on Friday night. In the Belleville Series the Kingston team played first game away and took a long time to wind up the round. Here's hoping they do things up quickly in the coming battles.

Can't study in the fall, Gotta play football; Can't study in the winter, Gotta play basketball; Can't study in the spring, Gotta play baseball; Can't study in the summer, Gotta girl.

—The Athlete's Lament.

We've seen a young bird trying to pretend he could fly; we've seen old birds trying to pretend they are young; but one of the funniest things we've run across lately was a young lady in ski-ing costume, knickers and all, trying to kid us that she had worn such an outfit before. Finally she borrowed an overcoat.

Just when "Young" Stribling is commencing to make a favorable impression on boxing press agents "Jimmy" Slattery of Buffalo outpoints him—and now attention will centre on the boy from Bisontown once again. He is worth watching, at that.

See you all at the big game on Friday evening—Peterboro vs. Circle-Six.

er, star pitcher of the St. Louis Browns, has signed his contract, there is a feeling that he will not be with his team this year.

Withdrawal of the suit on the part of Shocker was made possible by the intervention of Bobby Quinn, who formerly handled the affairs of the St. Louis club, but who is now president of the Boston Red Sox.

President Quinn, of the Boston Red Sox came on to Chicago for a conference with Shocker and President Johnson. It took only a short time to settle the matter, Shocker withdrawing his petition to Landis and signing a St. Louis contract.

It is questionable, however, if the ill-feeling between Shocker and the management of the Browns has been erased. If not, he wouldn't be a very valuable man for the club.

Local fans fear that Quinn, in signing Shocker, was feathering his own nest and that the sale of Shocker to Boston is a possibility of the immediate future.

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NEWS OF NORTH BROOK. Roads in Good Condition—Mrs. Thompson Visiting in Kingston. Northbrooke, Feb. 26.—Visiting and visitors have been numerous during the stormy period, making many forget the weather. William