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GREAT LAKES YACHT RACING JEOPARDIZED

Number of Crack Class R Boats Ineligible for Competition.

Rochester, Aug. 23.—Abolition of this year's Richardson Cup races for the championship of the Great Lakes, and the possibility of a death-blow to the entire yachting sport on the Great Lakes, was threatened by the information that a number of the crack Class R boats now in commission on the lakes had been discovered ineligible for competition under the rules of the Lake Yacht Racing Association.

Included among the craft which are declared obsolete, in addition to the Kathes II, formerly the Dandelion, and the Valerie of Watertown, N.Y., are the Nomiji of Rochester, the Lightning of Detroit, and the Spry of Buffalo, in addition to a number of others.

Canadian Golfers Will Invade United States

New York, Aug. 24.—Five Canadian and two English players will invade the United States in an attempt to win the U.S. Amateur Golf Crown at present worn by Bobby Jones, of Atlanta, Ga. The championship will be held at the Baltusrol Club, Short Hills, N.J., commencing on Sept. 18th, with 152 players entered.

C. Ross Somerville, of London, Ont., Canadian amateur champion, is among the entrants. Don Carick, of Toronto, and Charles B. Grier, of Montreal, both former Canadian title holders, are also entered. J. B. Micklethwait and Norman M. Scott, of Royal, Montreal, are the other members of the Canadian quintette.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY SQUAD OUT EARLY

Football Players Will Report There on September 13th.

London, Ont., Aug. 24.—The University of Western Ontario rugby squad will report for pre-season training on Monday, September 13, Jack G. Lang, new director of physical education at the university, announced today. Lang is anxious that the intermediate intercollegiate rugby recruits report a week ahead of the school opening, so that the rugby coach may have his squad well advanced when the season opens.

The rugby coach for 1926 has not yet been named, but it is possible that Clarence Fickley, who has coached Western for the past two years, will be back again. Officials of the university have written Fickley to ascertain if he will be available this year.

The new director of physical education has commenced his duties at Western, spending considerable time organizing for the coming sports programme. Lang comes from Springfield, Mass., where he has been engaged in college work. He is a native of St. Thomas, and had a most successful career in physical education work in the United States.

You're the 1926 equivalent of a back number if you can't remember whether Mary Pickford played in "Annie Rooney" or "The Old Oaken Bucket."

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LISTEN TO CONNIE.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—Sunday baseball is a good thing, in the opinion of Connie Mack, the Athletics' manager. The crowd dresses better and does not reprove the players. He gave his views to a judge when his club was seeking an injunction against interference with Sunday games.

Billy Evans Says

Slumps in Baseball. Slumps in baseball, batting in particular, either by the individual or team, are simply a part of the game. There is really no way to satisfactorily explain them.

Recently in discussing the secrets of his great success as a batsman, Ty Cobb remarked to me: "No matter how badly things are breaking for me at the bat, I make it a point to stick to my original style and I make a special effort to keep from pressing.

"When base hits are hard to get it is customary for most batters to press. In other words, they either swing harder or commit some other fault that tends to handicap rather than help them.

"The greatest danger when in a batting slump is to swing blindly and try to get more power than usual, in the hope that the ball will go safe.

"To prevent such a happening I shorten my grip on the bat and spread the hands a trifle farther than usual. This keeps the batter from swinging wildly, since he is choked up on the bat which must necessarily shorten his swing."

When in a slump he is inclined to swing all the harder. A mistake, of course.

For that reason the hard hitting batsman is almost certain to remain in a batting slump longer than a player who chops at the ball, just meeting it, rather than the athlete who tries to knock each and every pitch out of the ball park.

The slugger seldom bunts and as a rule doesn't wait out the pitcher to any great extent.

These are two mediums that can be employed to great advantage in breaking a batting slump. They are weapons for the average batsman but are not part of the slugger's methods.

In any sport, when things are breaking badly, the most difficult thing in all the world is to keep from pressing. Baseball is no exception to the rule.

Case of Simmons. The comment of Cobb on batting was most interesting. It was easy for me to see the logic of his statement.

One of the disappointments of the year at the bat has been Al Simmons of the Athletics. The outstanding figure among the recruits last season, his batting average has shrunk considerably.

I looked for Simmons to battle the leading hitters of the American League for the batting championship this year, after being a runner-up last season.

While Simmons has an unorthodox style at the plate, he gets much power back of his wing and is one of the really great hitters, regardless of the 1926 averages.

Cross Him Up. In a recent series in St. Louis, in which Simmons failed to get the ball safe more than a couple of times, he remarked to me: "Everything I seem to do this year is wrong. Last year everything I attempted seemed to break in my favor.

"This year if I decide to swing at the first one it is invariably a bad ball. If I decide to 'take' it, the ball is usually right over the heart of the plate.

"I am constantly crossed up." Instead of picking my ball, as I do when I am hitting them on the nose, I'm swinging wildly.

Simmons realizes he is pressing but his batting style is such that it is most difficult to overcome the fault.

BASEBALL SCORES

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THE REFEREE Where was the western open golf championship held in 1922, and who was the winner?—D. F. G.

May Join Loop. St. John, N.B., Aug. 23.—St. John may have a team in the professional hockey league which includes Boston, Springfield, Providence and Quebec.

The United States once issued a gold coin with a face value of \$50.

CORBETT IN SLASH OVER THE BIG BOUT

Stated That He Has First Claim to Use of the Stadium.

Philadelphia, Aug. 24.—Developments in connection with threatened legal proceedings that have arisen following Tex Richards' decision to move the Dempsey-Tunney bout to the Sesqui-centennial Stadium on Sept. 23 are looked for Tuesday, when James J. Corbett, former world's heavyweight champion, is expected to arrive.

Corbett has been injected into the situation through his counsel, McDevitt, who claims that Corbett has first claim to use of the stadium for a title battle. McDevitt said he would advise his client to seek an injunction restraining Richard from staging the contest.

"We were first in the field," McDevitt said. "Col. David Collier, (former) General-Director of the Centennial, and Dempsey agreed to a title bout under Corbett's protection."

Football Gossip

The Hamilton Herald says: "Half-backs, snaps and outside wings, twenty in number, were outfitted and put through the paces at the H. A. A. field on Monday, and the first-footed back has been

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in one week an entire squad will be out. Coach Manson stated that Ken Walker, Bert Gibb, Bill Robinson and another smart back would join the squad. Just when "Pep" Leadley will turn out is unknown, but Manson is authorized for the statement that the former Queen's star will be in uniform before the first game is played.

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