

# News and Views in the Sport World from Far and Near

## First Place March of Toronto Maple Leafs Halted Last Night By Canadiens in Hectic Battle

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.—The Canadiens halted Toronto's attempt to get closer to first place in the Canadian section of the National Hockey League by defeating the Maple Leafs two to one in a hectic struggle last night. Tempers flared throughout the puck battle but no serious outbreaks occurred.

At Ottawa, the New York Americans climbed to within one point of the third-place Montreal Maroons by defeating the Senators four to two. Ottawa secured an early lead of two goals but the Americans finished strong.

The Maroons lost a three to nil decision to the Rangers at New York while, in the American division, Boston Bruins trounced Detroit Falcons, seven to two.

### HELENE MADISON SETS SWIMMING RECORDS

SEATTLE, Feb. 4.—Helene Madison, Seattle's girl swimming star, smashed the world's records for the 440-yard and 400-metre swim sprints at the Washington Athletic Club last night. Her time for the two distances was five minutes, 31 seconds.



Walter Laufer, all-round amateur swimming champion, holder of three world's records, finds hunting decided help in keeping fit. He is seen here at Antioch, Ill., after a fine day with the bunnies.

## SLUGGERS HAMPERED

New Style of Ball in National League Expected to Cut Hitting Performances

NEW YORK, February 4.—Heavy slugging performances in the National League will be cut down this season by the decision of the league management that a thicker covered ball is to be used. This will give the hurlers a better grip and allow them to put more stuff on the ball.

The American League will make a similar change, it is expected.

## Spring Training Games Arranged

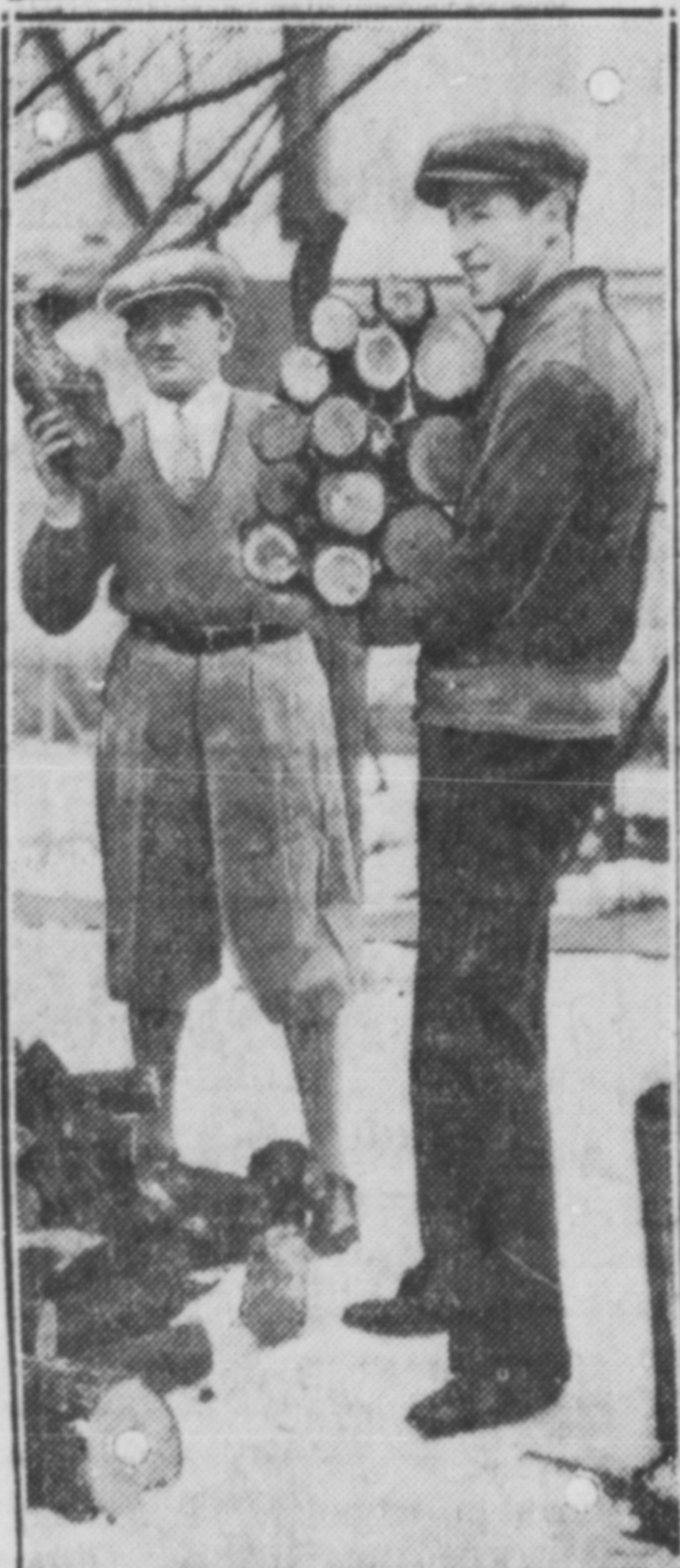
Plenty of Activity for Big League Clubs is Panned Ere Season Opens

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—National and American League baseball clubs will play seventy games among themselves during the course of spring training this year and 134 matches with lesser clubs.

## LADIES' GOLF IS STARTED

Miss Julia Walters Low Scorer Among Fourteen Fair Contestants Last Evening

The ladies' golf tournament was started at the Sunken Gardens last night and will be held each Tuesday evening for the next fifteen weeks, grand prizes to be awarded in the competition. Fourteen ladies played last evening and Miss Julia Walters had low score—47 and 41 for the 18 holes.



Len Harvey, British middleweight champion, loaded down with firewood at Orangeburg, N.Y., as fighter trains for his first bout in America, meeting Vincent Dundee

## GROTTO LEADS IN BILLIARDS

Won Only Two Games Played Last Night in Fixture With Canadian Legion

Only two of the five games in last night's Billiard League fixture between the Canadian Legion and Grotto were played, the tobacconists winning both as a result of which they have a lead of 500 to 362. The scores of the games played were as follows:

Marcus Andrews (Canadian Legion) 148, Don Brown (Grotto) 250, Frank Ieman 214, George Howe 250.

Games remaining to be played are: A. Murray (Legion) vs. George Waugh (Grotto), G. P. Tinker vs. James Andrews, Charlie Baptie vs. M. M. McLachlan.

## BIG SPEED IS CLAIMED

Capt. Malcolm Campbell Says That His Car Went 260 Miles an Hour—Clocked 194

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 4.—In an exhibition run yesterday, Capt. Malcolm Campbell clocked at 194 miles per hour but he claimed that, just before entering the course he had attained a speed of 260 miles per hour. At that point, he said, the car slipped out of gear and he was forced to coast over the measured mile in neutral.

Capt. Campbell plans to make an official attempt today to break the existing record of 231 miles per hour which was established by the late Sir Henry Segrave on Daytona Beach course.

High wind today prevented Capt. Campbell from attempting to lower the world's automobile speed record.

## BABE RUTH IN FLORIDA

Left New York For Spring Training Camp With Retinue of Relatives

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Babe Ruth left yesterday for Miami, Florida, to go into spring training with the New York Yankees. The King of Swat was accompanied by Mrs. Ruth, their daughter, Julia, and Mrs. Ruth's sister.

## CAR SHOPS LEADING IN C. N. R. CRIB

Canadian National Recreation Association Cribbage League results last night were as follows: Drydock Machinists, 14; Roundhouse, 13; Locomotive Shops, 12; Freight Sheds, 15; Drydock Steelworkers, 12; Car Shops, 15; Station, 12; General Office, 15.

League Table	Won	Lost	Pts.
Car Shops	48	33	49
Drydock Steelworkers	44	37	44
Drydock Machinists	44	37	44
Roundhouse	43	38	43
Station	38	43	38
Locomotive Shops	37	44	31
General Office	36	45	39
Freight Sheds	33	48	33

## Old Country Soccer

Scottish Cup—Second Round Boness 4, Alloa 2. Dundee United 2, Celtic 3. Kings Park 1, St. Bernard's 1. Cowdenbeath 1, St. Johnstone 1. Hibernians 5, Hamilton Academicals 2.

English League—First Division Sunderland 3, Blackburn Rovers 2. Bolton Wanderers 1, Chelsea 1. English League—Second Division Bradford City 2, Cardiff City 1.

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Big League Season Will Open This Year on April 14 and Close on September 27

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The National and American Leagues will start the season on April 14 and close on September 27 which is the earliest date for winding up the year's activities since 1908. This will allow for an early start of the World Series.

The Big League schedule for 1931 issued today, shows that, in the American League, Detroit will open the season at St. Louis, Chicago at Cleveland, Philadelphia at Washington and Boston at New York.

In the National League, Brooklyn will be at Boston for the first game, New York at Philadelphia, St. Louis at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at Chicago.

The season's schedule was approved by the moguls of the two leagues meeting here yesterday.

## NEEL IS IN LIMELIGHT

Former Local Boxer Making Great Showing in South

Frankie Neel, formerly of this city, is getting into the forefront of featherweight honor contenders on the Pacific Coast and is winning a lot of publicity in the sporting pages of southern newspapers.

Neel's stock went up a lot a few days ago as a result of his victory by decision at Port Angeles over Ray Woods, flashy Seattle featherweight, in a special event on a Charlie Risko-Don Fraser heavyweight card.

Neel has now been offered a main event with Joe Calder, leading featherweight of Seattle, and a semi-windup event on a Young Firpo-Joe Lohman fight in Victoria.

Billy Davies, father of the famous Jumbo Davies, is looking after Frankie's southern campaign through the Empress Social Club of Prince Rupert.

## SPORT CHAT

Accompanied by an entourage of 10 men headed by Dr. W. A. Crawford, trainer, Sun Beau, crack racer, has arrived at the Agua Caliente track, in Mexico, to go into training for the \$100,000 Agua Caliente handicap of March 22. Victory in the race would make Sun Beau champion money winner of the world's racers with a total of about \$365,000 to his credit.

The football associations of England, Scotland and Wales and the Football League have unanimously decided to accept the solution of the management committee of the Football League on the international question. By it all international matches other than those of England and Scotland must be played before December 14. Irish, Welsh and Scottish professionals, members of English league clubs, will now be allowed to play for their respective countries. This season this was not allowed through the ruling of the English league, and international matches became a farce.

## Mrs. Renahan to Go to Ireland

Wife of Missing Aviator Plans on Going to Old Country to Live

Mrs. Robin Renahan, who returned to Vancouver last week after spending two weeks here and at Ketchikan in connection with the search for her aviator-husband, who has been missing since October 28 last, will remain in Vancouver for the next few months in the hope that the body of her husband may be found. She will then proceed with her three children to Ireland to take up future residence.

Mrs. Renahan visited Victoria at the first of this week to receive Pilot Ansel Eckmann's account of his unsuccessful aerial search for her husband.

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## HUNDREDS ARE DEAD

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three buildings remaining standing. It was a good sized town.

Panic conditions continue. Terrified people huddle on the beaches of Hawkes Bay. In some cases, food has been brought to them by boats. Roads and bridges were torn up by the terrific temblors yesterday.

700 May Be Dead

AUCKLAND, Feb. 4.—Reports reaching here today estimated that, by the time the final count is made, it may be found that there was a death toll of seven hundred in Napier alone as a result of the earthquake and tidal wave yesterday.

Vessels lying in the harbor at Napier were hurled hither and thither as the surface of the water became convulsed as shock followed shock. When the first huge wave receded, boats were left high and dry on the shore. When the wave came back, they were refloated.

Other reports reaching here stated that the Napier harbor had been seriously disturbed by the

earthquake and tidal wave, shore line was practically obliterated and where formerly there many feet of water at high tide there is now dry land.

Tonight's Estimate

WELLINGTON, Feb. 4.—An estimate of three hundred dead in Hawkes Bay area, where Hastings and a score of other villages were devastated by earthquake, was made in Napier tonight. The casualty roll grew today and some feared that number of dead might pass thousand mark.

Scenes of desolation were seen on every hand today, practically all buildings in Hastings and Hastings either razed or uninhabitable. Every bank in Napier collapsed while two newspaper offices with modern equipment were totally destroyed.

When the roof of the technical school collapsed, a number of students and teachers were killed. Jellicoe ward of the Napier Hospital and nurses' home were wrecked and number of nurses who had come off night duty being rescued. The nurses showed great heroism rescuing patients from the burning building.



Tense moment in annual push-ball battle between freshmen and sophomores of University of California at Los Angeles. Sophs won.



Like Mr. Hohenzollern of Doorn, Young (heavyweight) Stribling has passion for woodchopping—especially when preparing to make a serious assault upon world heavyweight championship.