TIGERS ON COLD, COLD DOPE FIGURE TO BEAT 'HOT' CUBS

Also the Cards If the Champions Get Into Big Series

HAVE THE PITCHERS

By PAT ROBINSON

New York, Sept. 21.—If the world series were to start to-day most bookmakers probably would quote the Tigers at 6 to 5 against the Cubs and at least 8 to 5 against the Cardinals.

Should the Cubs knock off the Cardinals in the final series of the season, they probably would go into the classic at no worse than even money and might even be a slight favorite.

The Cubs have been riding high, wide and handsome. A veritable team of destiny. They've been getting the breaks. Lady Luck has been with them but it must be admitted they have given Lady Luck some help. In a word, they're a hot team.

Such a team was the Braves of 1914 which started in last place in midseason, slammed their way through to a pennant behind the masterly pitching of Rudolph, Tyler and James, and then astounded the baseball world by taking four straight from Connie Mack's supposedly invincible Athletics.

That showed what a hot team, geared to a frenzy and carried along by their own terrific momentum, could do against a normally superior combination.

Nothing Would Surprise

Will history repeat? In asking the question, I don't want to intimate that there is any such difference between Tigers and Cubs or Cardinals as existed between the Athletics and Braves of 1914. I merely wish to stress the point that anything can happen and often does in a world series.

In other words, I would not die of shock, for instance, if the Cubs were to take four straight from the Tigers but I certainly should be surprised. In doping a world series, we must go by form rather than hunches and on that basis we must string along with the Tigers.

Ball players agree pitching is 80 per cent. of the game. In a short series it's about 95 per cent. One great pitcher is sometimes enough to win a world series singlehanded as Christy Mathewson did when he shut out the Athletics three times in one fall classic.

Should the Cardinals stagger into the pennant, they will carry into the big series a tired, worn and jaded pitching staff. They will not be half as strong in the box as they were last year when they had their hands full beating a Tiger team inferior to this year's array.

Over-worked Dizzy

Rested, ready and rarin' to go, Dizzy Dean is more than a match for any team. But a tired and jaded Dizzy is just another lad with a glove. Even his rubber arm can stand just so much wear and tear and it is worthy of note he and brother Paul have been in 17 of the last 20 Cardinal games.

The Cardinals would have to depend on them for Bill Hallahan, a marvellous money pitcher when right, has been away off form, and Collins, Walker, Haines and Heusser don't figure to cause the Tigers any loss of sleep worrying about them.

Should the Cubs win the pennant, they will be in great shape for the Tigers. Their pitchers have had plenty of work but none of them has been overworked. They will be at their peak and ready to give their best. The question is, will that best be good enough?

The Cubs probably will rely on Warneke, Lee, Root and French with Carleton and Henshaw in reserve. Warneke was in one losing world series. He is a cagy, spot pitcher with plenty of stuff and the knowledge of what to do with it.

Some Question Mark

He'll be no pushover. Lee is new to world series play but he is fast and if not too nervous should give a fine account of himself. The left-handed French is a question mark. He may be very good or he may be terrible. Larry has lots of stuff but he is one of those hard luck hombres who are all too often on the short end of 1 to 0 and 2 to 1 games.

Root should do all right if he can overcome the mental handicap of two previous series. It was he who was pitching when the Athletics suddenly launched that 10-run attack in the inning in which Hack Wilson lost the ball in the sun.

And if memory serves, it was Charley who was the victim the time Babe Ruth called his shot and hit the next pitch into the bleachers. The memory of those events will be with him when he takes the mound and while it may do him no harm it certainly won't do him any good.

Carleton and Henshaw could handle a game capably on their own account but I believe they will see only relief duty. At that, I have an idea the left-handed Henshaw will be tougher for the Tigers than any other pitcher on the Cub staff.

Tough Combination

Against these the Tigers will shoot Rowe, Bridges, Crowder and Auker, all of whom went through the mill last fall. All but the veteran Crowder appeared to have the jitters then but they'll be calm, cool and collected this time.

At that, they turned in better performances than they were credited with at the time. Rowe gave the hard-hitting Cards only seven hits in losing a 12-inning game and Bridges a like number in winning one. It's true Auker was slaughtered in the final game but before that he turned in a winner against the Cards.

Bridges' great curve ball—than which there is none better—should make the Cubs' right hand hitters moan in nine languages, and Auker's sinker should be more than a little annoying. Crowder may be the softest touch for the Cubs. The old boy is not as fast as he used to be but, he's, smart and not likely to give them any fat ones to hit.

Rowe won't have Edna on his mind this time and if he has one of his real good days, he'll be tougher than a Bowery steak.

We can discount the supposed handicap imposed on the Tigers by the Cubs' clam-baked infield or the wind blowing into right field off the lake. We can also forget the short left field in Detroit. The fields will be the same for both teams and if a skinned diamond or a little wind is going to bother a major league player he should be doing his chores somewhere in the sticks.

The Cubs may be hotter than a can dancer's shimmy but I think the Tigers have what it takes to cool them off.

Hollywood, Calif. — Pablo Dano, Philippine Islands, outpointed Pello Echeverria, 121, Cuba (10).

ONTARIO UNION PREXY DEBATES IMPORT QUESTION

Mr. Lou Marsh,
Sports Editor, Toronto Star
Dear Lou:

In last Saturday's Star, I noticed in your column that a high official of the Interprovincial Rugby Union is much annoyed because exception has been taken to the importation of United States rugby players into Canada. In his indignation he gets somewhat sarcastic and suggests that "The Holier than thou institution, the O.R.F.U.," including myself and others, should clean our own house rather than attempt to check up on this all too prevalent growing evil.

To ease his conscience, he strives to make a case against the O.R.F.U. He mentions three O.R.F.U. players as imports, apparently overlooking the fact that two of them, Parsaca and Mulloy, before being allowed to play with Sarnia three years ago, they, with members of their executive, were ordered to appear before a full meeting of the O.R.F.U. executive. A wide-open meeting, the press and A.A.U. of C. being fully represented.

A very rigid inquiry was made and as a result it was clearly shown that these men were not brought into Canada for football purposes and were in regular employment and still are.

You will remember commending the O.R.F.U. executive in the efforts they had made, and the justice of their findings in the matter.

The third name, Mr. Beach, before being given his certificate, our inquiry showed that he had been moved from Montreal to Sarnia, that he had not played there, and so far as we could gather, had not been in Montreal for football purposes. It is inconceivable that a player of his ability would have been passed up without some effort by Montreal officials to secure his services. So much for "Mr. High Official."

Now may I ask has any attempt been made by any other union to check up on these imports? I do know that not all senior clubs in the Interprovincial are in favor of this import business, but seemingly are afraid to tackle the evil. They have a remedy, viz: to see that their residence rule, June 1, is lived up.

Also see that Article XII, Clause B, is strictly enforced.

Note how this particular Clause B reads:

A sworn declaration by the applicant stating that he is an amateur according to the strict interpretation of that definition.

I have no fault to find with a player who is here legitimately (such as I understand are two new men on the Argonaut team), but that is somewhat different to the two men who came in at the beginning of the football season and left immediately after it was over.

May I ask all interested in our great Canadian fall pastime to help in doing away with hypocrisy, build up the game from within rather than from without, and sincerely hope "Higher Up" will give his assistance in this direction rather than dealing out nasty insinuations.

Yours truly,
JOHN DE GRUCHY.

Note—How about Mike Clawson of Kansas University, a buddy of Ormond Beach? He joined Sarnia this fall. Was he just found lying around loose or is he a direct import?—L.M.

ELORA ROCKS BOW TO SCARBORO GRADS

Grads Now Favored to Reach O.A.L.A. Finals

Elora, Sept. 21. — Playing smart lacrosse, Scarboro Grads downed the Elora Rocks by an 11 to 9 count here last night in the first game of the O.A.L.A. intermediate semi-finals. The homesters finished the game in great style, but could not overcome the early lead chalked up by the flashy visitors.

It was a good, clean, well-played contest and the crowd of 600 was kept on its toes throughout. The return fixture will be played in Scarboro and the Grads are now favored to capture the series and enter the final round.

ACMES MEET KING EAST FOR WITHROW TITLE

All roads in the east end lead to Withrow Park this afternoon, where Acmes meet King East for the ninth time in the league finals for the Doctor Stewart trophy. The game will break the deadlock and all the proceeds of the collection go to Lou Hernsorn, Acme's second sacker, who is in the Toronto General hospital with a punctured kidney.

STAR SPORT RAYS

(Continued from previous page)

and started swinging at another majestic forest giant. Before knocking off for a light breakfast (kosher) shortly after day broke, Max had practically denuded a sizeable forest.

"'Tis nothing," he said, handing the axe over to Ancil, "to what I'll do to that black ball once they roll him to me at the stadium."

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Kidding strictly to the other side, it is difficult to see from this corner how Max can lose the fight to Louis.

With astonishing unanimity, astonishing because it is highly unusual, sports experts who have gazed at Baer in training seize their noses firmly and rush away to beat words into their typewriters indicating that Max looks terrible and that he'll be a lushy push-over for Louis.

Only One Ray of Hope

Louis, they find, possesses everything. Baer has less of what it takes, they hold, than one of the bleeding stumps from which he has just hewed himself another oak on sturdy feet clad in silken bedroom slippers.

This flood of expert opinion in favor of the young negro is most distressing. It may prove a handicap too severe for Joe to overcome on Tuesday or any other night.

Possibly you remember how Baer betrayed the expert trust placed in him the night he went in against Jim Braddock. There is only one ray of hope left for the Louis troops. Maybe Joe's personal tutor, Professor Cowans, doesn't let him see anything the experts write.

Thus Joe may still feel that he must throw at least one punch before Baer will permit himself to be counted out!

BATTLING ROYALS STAGE COMEBACK

Even Up Series With Chiefs Behind Appleton's Pitching

FINISH AT MONTREAL

Riding a surge that pulled them from the dark depths up to an even footing with their opposition, Montreal's rampaging Royals planned to gamble with Leon Chagnon against Syracuse Chiefs in the fifth game of their International League play-off series to-day at Syracuse.

The Chiefs, still stinging from the 8-1 lacing the Canucks handed them yesterday behind Pete Appleton's great mound performance, were expected to send Hy Vandenburg to the hill. They hoped he could duplicate his feat of the second game when he helped the New Yorkers to a 10-5 victory.

"Apples" Too Good

The Chiefs were not the lordly crew they were when Hy completed that game, giving two wins in two starts. For the victory of the Royals, as Appleton scattered seven blows through as many innings Friday, made it two straight for the Montrealers. The team that can win to-day will need but one more triumph either Saturday or Sunday at Montreal to take the Governors' cup and $5,000 of the $7,500 purse.

Heavy batwork, coupled with Appleton's fine pitching, evened the series. The Royals drove Flint Rhem to the showers early. Four successive singles when one was out in the first inning gave the Canadian champions of the league two runs and what proved in the end margin enough to win.

Soundly Laced

Bobby Coombs, Joe Mulligan and old Reg Grabowski were other Syracuse throwers who had balls come whistling back around their ears off Montreal bats. In all, the Royals were good for 14 hits.

Equally impressive afield, the winners pulled three double plays in the infield to help make the Syracuse day miserable. The Chiefs escaped the indignity of a shutout by pushing over a run in the second on a walk, a single and an infield out.

Hal King sent up two singles and a triple, enough for four runs. Bissonette and Dugas poled out three hits apiece.

RING RECORDS OF TUESDAY NIGHT'S SCRAP PRINCIPALS

Records of the two principals in Tuesday night's heavyweight fight at New York:

BAER'S RECORD

Knockouts

1929—Chief Caribou, 2; Tillie Taverna, 1; Sailor Leeds, 1; Al Ledford, 2 (twice); Frank Rudjenski, 3; George Carroll, 1; Chief Caribou, 1; Alec Rowe, 1; Tillie Taverna, 2; Chet Shandell, 2; Tony Fuenta, 1.

1930—Tiny Abbott, 6; Jack Stewart, 2; Tom Toner, 6; Jack Linkkorn, 1; Buck Weaver, 1; Ernie Owens, 5; K. O. Christner, 2; Frankie Campbell, 5.

1931—Tom Heeney, 3; Ernie Owen, 2; Jack Van Noy, 8; Jose Santa, 10; Les Kennedy, 3.

1932—Walter Cobb, 3; Paul Swiderski, 7; Tuffy Griffith, 7.

1933—Max Schmeling, 8.

1934—King Levinsky, 2; Primo Carnera, 11.

Won Decision

1929—Benny Hill, 4 (twice); Natty Brown, 6.

1930—Ernie Owens, 10.

1931—Johnny Risko, 10; Arthur DeKuh, 10.

1932—King Levinsky, 10; Tom Heeney, 10; King Levinsky, 20; Ernie Schaaf, 10.

Lost Decision

1929—Jack McCarthy, 3 (foul).

1930—Tiny Abbott, 3; Les Kennedy, 10; Ernie Schaaf, 10.

1931—Tommy Loughran, 10; Johnny Risko, 10; Paulino Uzcudun, 20.

1935—James J. Braddock, 15 (lost title).

No Decision

1934—Johnny Miller, 4.

Recapitulation

Matches, 50; won by knockout, 31; won decision, 10; lost decision, 8; no decision, 1.

LOUIS' RECORD

Knockouts

1934—Jack Kracken, 1; Willie Davis, 3; Larry Udell, 2; Buck Everett, 2; Otto Borchuk, 4; Art Sykes, 8; Jack O'Dowd, 2; Stanley Poreda, 1; Charley Massera, 3; Lee Ramage, 8.

1935—Hans Birkie, 10; Lee Ramage, 2; Donald Barry, 3; Roy Lazer, 3; Biff Benton, 2; Roscoe Toles, 6; Willie Davis, 2; Gene Stanton, 3; Primo Carnera, 6; King Levinsky, 1.

Won Decision

1934 — Jack Franz, 6; Atolph Wiater, 10.

1935—Patsy Perroni, 10; Natie Brown, 10.

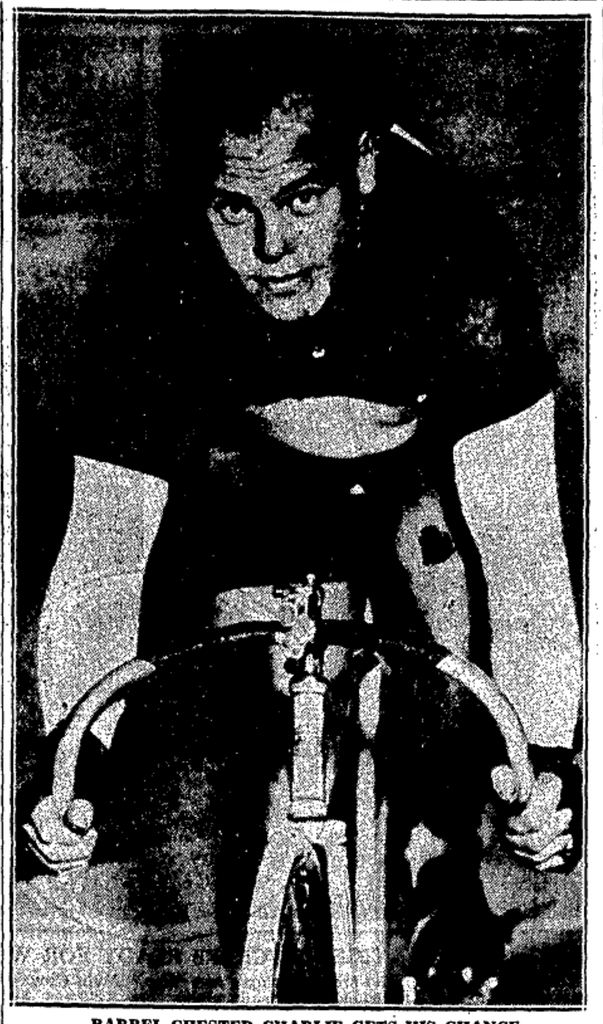
Recapitulation

Matches 24; won by knockout, 20; won by decision, 4.

(Amateur record—54 matches; won by knockout, 43; won by decision, 7; lost decision, 4).

QUEEN CITY REGATTA

The Queen City Yacht club will hold an open regatta next Saturday afternoon over a course in the bay. The open races are for veteran yachts, "C" class, sloop rig dinghies, cat rig dinghies and snipe class. The warning gun will be at three o'clock.



BARREL-CHESTED CHARLIE GETS HIS CHANCE

When the Montreal team of Gadou and Borris were unable to keep their Toronto engagement, a space was left for Charlie Winter, above, the New York star, and the husky fellow who went through the guard railing in Montreal last spring, was more than willing to get into action.

When the Sepia Slasher Fought for Wrist Watch

Joe Louis Also Got His Expenses and a Little on the Side for Beating Earl Conway in a Toronto Ring Some Two Years Ago

By LOU MARSH

Few local boxing fans have any very clear recollection of the time Joe Louis, "Brown Bomber," "Sepia Slasher," "Buddha-Faced Killer," now the blazing comet on the fistic skies, appeared here.

The colored boy who has Maxie Baer in the jitters was brought here by Frank Tenute of the Elmgrove A.C. and fought on his card at the old Arena Oct. 30, 1933, under the name of Joe Lewis . . . probably a mistake on a telephone hook-up when the match was in the making. Louis came here as one of a four-man boxing team from Detroit. He was the Detroit Golden Gloves champion.

Louis' opponent was Earl Conway of Niagara Falls, N.Y., the metropolitan district heavyweight champion. Conway, at a previous show, had beaten Bill Maich of Brantford, the Canadian heavyweight champion. He gave Maich an unmerciful beating.

But he got his from Louis. Louis started slowly but in the third round of a five-round bout he commenced to click and Conway buried his beak in the resin. When the bell rang to end the fourth round Conway was out. The bell saved him. He survived the fifth round but only his courage and stamina and the shortness of the round kept him from the fistic funeral.

Do you want to know how much Louis got for his bout here?

Well, he got $20 transportation expenses and a wrist watch as a prize. His handler, a chap named Stewart, got $10.

And they tell me Stewart clipped a three-spot off that ten.

Later on, at St. Louis in the U.S. national championships, Conway beat Louis on a close decision.

Tenute wanted them to fight the rubber off here, but Conway demanded $75.

But $50 was tops . . . so they didn't fight!

How the Battling Bomber And Maxie Baer Compare

Baer		Louis
26	Age	21
210	Weight	198
6 ft. 2½ in.	Height	6 ft. 1½ in.
81½ inches	Reach	76 inches
17 inches	Neck	16¼ inches
14¾ inches	Biceps	13 inches
14 inches	Forearm	12½ inches
8 inches	Wrist	7¾ inches
44 inches	Chest (normal)	41 inches
47 inches	Chest (expanded)	43 inches
33 inches	Waist	34 inches
18 inches	Thigh	20 inches
13 inches	Calf	15 inches
8½ inches	Ankle	10 inches

(Weights unofficial.)

ONTARIO BEING ASKED TO NAME GOLF TEAM

To Play in Lesley Cup Match at Montreal

Montreal, Sept. 21.—Ontario has been asked to make a Lesley cup team this season and may participate for the first time in several years in the annual friendly golf match in which New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Quebec golf associations are represented, it was learned here to-day.

The match will be held next week at Oyster Harbor, Mass. Quebec's team will likely consist of H. B. Jaques, J. Watson Yuile, Gordon Taylor and William D. Taylor, all of Montreal, and Frank Corrigan of Ottawa.

T.R.U. SCHEDULES

At a meeting of the Toronto Rugby Union last night the draw for the intermediate and junior sections was made and the schedule is as follows:

Intermediate Section
First Series

Oct. 2—Soldiers' Field, 6.30 and 8 p.m.—Westsides v. Eastsides, Forest Hill v. North Toronto; Invictus, bye.

Oct. 5—Park to be announced—North Toronto v. Invictus, Eastsides v. Forest Hill; Westside, bye.

Oct. 8—Soldiers' Field—Invictus v. Westsides, Eastsides v. North Toronto; Forest Hill, bye.

Oct. 11—North Toronto v. Westsides, Invictus v. Forest Hill; Eastsides, bye.

Oct. 14—Soldiers' Field—Westsides v. Forest Hill, Eastsides v. Invictus; North Toronto, bye.

The junior schedule commences on Oct. 5, with Belmonts playing Balmy Beach and Westsides meeting Eastsides, Parkdale Grads having the bye. The park will be announced.

There are still vacancies in the midget and juvenile series. Clubs interested are asked to get in touch with Dave Sobel, 29 Manning Ave., Elgin 6598.

Clubs are reminded that entry fees and certificates must be posted with the secretary, Charles Goodfellow, 127 Beaconsfield Ave., Lloydbrook 6811, before the opening game.

SENSATIONAL TAMBLYNS OPPOSE CANADA D'S

A standout senior softball contest is scheduled for to-night at Conboy Park when Tamblyns of the T.I.A. circuit meet Canada D's of the Dovercourt league in an important T.A.S.A. city championship fixture. Tamblyns, who scored a sensational victory over Harry Sniderman's Walkers, are very much in the race and should prove a real stumbling block to the dairymen who have yet to meet with a reverse. Gerry Burke, the druggists' brilliant young hurler, or "Wild" Bill Downs will oppose Cam Ecclestone or Art Rogers on the mound, starting at 6 o'clock.

Boston.—Al McCoy, 170, Boston, outpointed Lou Brouillard, 162, Worcester, Mass. (10).

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VAUGHAN IN SLUMP BUT STILL LEADER

Buccaneer Not Likely, However, to Establish New Mark in N.L.

LEE AND AUKER

New York, Sept. 21. — Arky Vaughan, Pittsburg shortstop, apparently has the National League batting championship about clinched but his hopes of becoming the first .400 hitter since 1930 are rapidly dwindling, according to averages through Thursday's games.

Vaughan leads the National league with an average of .387, having dropped 11 points in a week. Joe Medwick, St. Louis Cardinals' outfielder, lost nine points but continues to hold second place with .357.

Joe Vosmik, Cleveland outfielder, tops the American League with .348, a gain of one point over last week, but is being pushed by Jimmy Foxx, Philadelphia Athletics' first baseman, who added 12 points to bring his average to .346.

Bill Lee, Chicago Cubs, replaced Dizzy Dean as the National League's leading pitcher by winning two games to bring his record to 19 games won and 6 lost. Dean lost three games and won one to make his record 27 won and 11 lost. Auker won one and lost one to make his record 17 won and 6 lost for the best American League pitching mark.

The ten leading hitters in each league follow:

National League

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Vaughan, Pirates..	133	483	105	187	.387
Medwick, Cards....	144	593	125	212	.357
Hartnett, Cubs ..	112	399	67	140	.351
Lombardi, Reds ..	116	319	33	109	.342
Terry, Giants	143	594	91	202	.340
Demaree, Cubs ..	100	358	60	119	.332
Leiber, Giants ...	141	562	104	186	.331
Herman, Cubs	147	636	109	210	.330
Moore, Phillies ..	142	555	80	183	.330
Ott, Giants	143	562	104	184	.327

American League

Vosmik, Indians..	143	589	85	205	.348
Foxx, Athletics ..	138	500	114	173	.346
Myer, Senators ..	142	583	105	199	.341
Greenberg, Tigers.	143	587	115	198	.337
Cramer, Athletics.	139	607	95	203	.334
Gehringer, Tigers.	141	574	118	190	.331
Gehrig, Yankees...	141	508	118	168	.331
Travis, Senators..	128	493	79	159	.323
Solters, Browns ..	141	593	92	191	.322
Johnson, Red Sox.	138	531	67	171	.322
Cochrane, Tigers..	116	398	93	128	.322

The five leading pitchers in each league follow:

National League

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Lee, Cubs	38	19	6	.760
J. Dean, Cardinals	48	27	11	.711
Castleman, Giants	26	14	6	.700
Henshaw, Cubs	29	11	5	.688
Schumacher, Giants	33	19	9	.679

American League

Auker, Tigers	33	17	6	.739
Andrews, Browns	48	13	5	.722
Bridges, Tigers	34	20	9	.690
Allen, Yankees	23	13	6	.684
Lyons, White Sox	22	15	7	.682

'TWAS A SWEET WIN FOR THE REAL M'COY

Al Took an Awful Bruising But Whipped Lou Brouillard

Boston, Sept. 21. — Al McCoy chuckled through bruised lips today over the sweetest victory of his sensational ring career—a decisive 10-round decision over the man who fired him as a sparmate two years ago, Lou Brouillard.

The two French-Canadians clashed in Boston Garden last night and settled in as bruising a fray as the Hubtown has seen in many years the differences that made them arch-enemies. McCoy won off by himself, using his greater speed and reach to hand Brouillard the worst trimming of his long career. But he didn't once make the squat French bulldog give ground.

At the wild finish Brouillard was groggy, reeling under a two-fisted barrage. The barrel-chested gamester from St. Francois, Que., had been taking many trip-hammer blows for the sake of landing one crusher.

The bell also found McCoy's face masked in his own blood.

Cut Over Left Eye

The crafty young fellow who was born Florian Le Brasseur in Beauce county, Que., 21 years ago, was cut deeply over the left eye in the next to last round.

McCoy boxed expertly and ripped straight-arm punches from either side that would have stiffened most boxers. Yet Brouillard seemed to ignore the blasting, as he did the advantage McCoy held in height, years and weight, as well as reach and speed. The former ruler of the welters and middleweight kept chugging in like a steel-clad automaton, taking smashes on the head and body but always landing short, heavy blows in his own cause.

At 170, McCoy, now of Boston, enjoyed an eight-pound pull in the weights. Brouillard also has left Quebec, being a successful lunch-wagon operator in Worcester, Mass., now as well as one of the present ring's best known figures.

Gate Grosses $15,985

The show was the first Boston boxing promotion in more than three months, and its starved public rallied in such force that new 1935 attendance and gate records were established. The official figures with 11,657 attendance and a gross of $15,985.

The semi-final, scheduled for eight rounds, marked the end of the spectacular winning streak of Clayton Settino, 179, of Boston. He won his last 16 starts, most of them by knockouts, but he was pounded out by Tiger Warrington, 171, of Halifax, in the second round.

Settino dropped the negro for a nine-count in the opening frame with a furious two-fisted barrage and drove him to his knees in the second, but the Bostonian became careless and was wide open when Warrington pulled himself upright and lashed out with a left that landed flush on his opponent's jaw. As Settino reeled the Tiger finished him off in deliberate fashion.

WRESTLING LAST NIGHT

Newark, N.J. — Ayub Mohammed Gamma, 215, Afghanistan, defeated Andy Meixner, 200, Colorado, one fall.

North Bergen, N.J.—Jim Browning, 245, Verona, Mo., defeated Bull Martin, 235, Trenton, N.J., one fall.

FOUL RULE SETS NEW HIGH FOR OFFICIAL ASININITY

Talk of the Finger and the Fix Revived on Broadway

BETTING VERY LIGHT

By DAVIS J. WALSH

New York, Sept. 21.—Over and above the unlovely symphony of a great city lifting itself to the tempo of its greatest prize fight ran the thread of an obligato this morning—a thin, penetrating, small, but not still, voice which said that there might be a repetition of the Dempsey-Sharkey fair-or-foul situation when Max Baer and Joe Louis meet before 90,000 people on Tuesday night.

Baer, it was said, wants to play rough. It also was pointed out that anything is possible here owing to the eccentricities of the local low-punch rule, drafted by a committee of comic strip artists following a bad night at Sweeney's.

The rule distinctly states that a man, when hit low, wins the round on a foul, provided the indignity is so trivial that he is able to arise and proceed with the combat.

If, on the other hand, the foul is so flagrant as to permanently disable the victim, he is not fouled at all, but, instead, may consider himself knocked out.

On thinking that one over I'm inclined to change my mind. It wasn't comic strip artists; it must have been the cuckoos at Matteawan that drafted that one.

Sudden Switch to Baer

Anyhow, the alarmists, always in circulation before a big fight muttering bitterly about "bags" and the "works," are operating again.

They were operating, as a matter of fact, two days ago, at which time I paid them no especial heed. I am paying them not too much now, but apparently others are. There was a surprising amount of Baer sentiment on the street to-day—surprising in view of the gentleman's extraordinary behavior when last he performed in public, at which time he spent 15 rounds simpering brutally at James J. Braddock.

The story even seemed to obtain some credence down at Pompton Lakes where there have been legends about "private workouts" in which Trainer Jack Blackburn is understood to have passed on some quiet tips on the business of being unrefined and not too genteel.

Blackburn doubtless knows something of what can be done, for he is a carry-over from an age where the brass knuckle was considered de rigueur and the average man was so tough that he brushed his teeth with a nail file.

Otherwise, all is tranquil, except that many hotels were selling themselves out and the fight was rapidly doing so. It had more than $800,000 in the till when they closed the windows last night and, with a fair shake in the weather over the week-end. It can't miss a million.

There Is No Betting

The promoters, indeed, feel reasonably certain that they'll play to a capacity of 91,650 at the Yankee stadium with a record non-championship gate of $1,200,000.

The Baer sentiment, incidentally, has not been monetary. Sam Boston and some of the other books claim that they are holding large commissions but, so far, they haven't done business for the change out of a quarter.

They are "laying" 8 to 5 or "taking" 2 to 1, meaning that if you want Baer, they'll give you 8 to 5, but if you want Louis, they'll give the one and you'll give the two.

Louis will go for his final airing at Pompton Lakes to-day, Baer probably the same at Speculator. Both will come into town before noon on the day of the fight for the weighing in where, incidentally, the Louis people claim they will take steps to prevent the alleged administration of strychnine to Baer between rounds. It is was strychnine the last time, maybe they ought to try arsenic.

They're calling Cal Chapman another "Willie Keeler" in Cincinnati and giving him credit for the Reds belated spurt. In six games the ex-Leaf had 14 hits in 30 times up and did no harm to the club in the field.

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Chappie also made a hit with the fans and his new pals with his speed and already has a following because of his ability to bunt and hit 'em where they ain't.

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In a foot race held as part of the celebration on Dressen Day, Lee Gamble and Chapman ran one-two and the finish was so close that half of the Cincinnati players believe that the former Toronto shortstopper was the winner.

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Gamble is the outfielder who was with the Leafs at Tampa and who was left off at Wilmington where he batted .350, on the way north.

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Hilcher's pitching is also the subject of praise and it is apparent that he will be given a more extensive trial next spring than he received this year.

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Luke Hamlin, who was the Gene Schott of the Leafs in 1933, has been released outright by Detroit to Milwaukee.

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Another nail—the 17th—will be hammered into Manager Charley Grimm's shoe to-day if the Chicago Cubs defeat the Pittsburg Pirates.

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Whenever the Cubs start a winning streak, Grimm celebrates each victory by adding a nail to the heel of his shoe. He's counting on Roy Henshaw to give him an opportunity to add to the rapidly-growing cluster.

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Henshaw, a spot pitcher—one who can halt certain teams—already has beaten Pittsburg six times this season. If he wins the Cubs need only another victory to-morrow to go into their "showdown" series against the St. Louis Cardinals next Wednesday with an unbroken string of 18 triumphs. The Cubs are idle Monday and Tuesday.

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The Cubs, on paper, seem like the best bet to finish first. The Cards, definitely are on the defensive. If the Cubs win their next two against Pittsburg, the Cards will have to take all five games preceding the Chicago series. Figuring on that basis, the Cards still would have to capture three of five from the Cubs to tie and four of five to win.

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Bill Terry, New York Giant manager, whose team was knocked out of the running this week by losing four straight to Chicago, says: "They do everything right."

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Mickey Cochrane, Detroit pilot, thinks Chicago will win and oppose his Tigers in the world series. "The Cubs are red hot and I think they have the flag won," Mickey claims. The Cards are tiring and overworking the Dean brothers."

BILL DURNAN BLANKS LUCKLESS TORONTO D

Big Hurler Fans 14 as Danforths Win

After six scoreless frames, Bill Durnan's Danforths broke out in the seventh for a two-run tally against Toronto D's last night in the championship series of the Dentonia Senior Softball League, to win the game by a 2-0 score to keep right on the heels of Acadians, who have two victories in the round-robin series, while Durnan's mates stand at two wins and one loss.

Jimmy Hepburn was given the assignment for the D's in an effort to get them into the win column and he kept even with his brilliant opponent until the seventh frame. The D's lost a real chance in the sixth when they left two stranded as Durnan forced Hepburn into an easy infield out.

In turning in this second successive shutout against the Dairymen, Durnan whiffed fourteen and passed one batter, his first in sixteen innings. He allowed four safeties, two of them going to Pat Patterson, who starred in the field as well.

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