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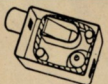
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Dear Fans:

This is the time of the year when football experts and sports fans everywhere are busily reviewing the grid season just past and choosing the year's gridiron greats. Throughout the land the debate is long and loud as to what star triple-threat backs and bruising linemen belong on that greatest of all mythical teams, the All-American football team of 1949. Everywhere you go, everywhere where sports fans congregate, you will hear the merits discussed of such headline stars as Doak Walker, Leon Hart, Al Wistert, Charlie Justice, Leo Nomellini, Bill Fischer and all the other football titans who made the past season such a memorable one. Football today has so many greats that on none of the many All-American teams selected is the line-up exactly the same.

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But wait...that's not all! BABE RUTH SPORTS COMICS also stands alone in the field because it's no grandstand player. It gives you readers the opportunity to choose the kind of stories and articles you want. You're the quarterback. You call the signals. You tell us what stories you want to read, what inside tips you want passed along to you. It is from the thousands of letters that you sports fans send to us that we know what to do.

And, besides that, BABE RUTH SPORTS COMICS is helping you sports fans to become the great All-Americans of tomorrow. This we know from what you young athletes tell us in your letters. So keep on writing to us this way telling us what you want issue after issue. That how we're sure that BABE RUTH SPORTS COMICS will remain on your All-Time All-American.

The Editors

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IT'S A HIT !!

Fans, here are just a few of the things our readers have been saying about BABE RUTH SPORTS COMICS.

- Best sports comics magazine I ever read... it's tops. J.B., Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Since I began reading Babe Ruth Sports Comics I've become a better athlete than ever. L.M., Reading, Pennsylvania
- It has all sports right in their proper season... that's what I like about Babe Ruth Sports. F.A., Santa Monica, Calif.
- Babe Ruth Sports Comics is just what we've always missed. N.C., Portland, Maine
- What I like is that every story and every athlete in Babe Ruth Sports Comics is true. T.W., Toledo, Ohio
- Keep your magazine just the way it is...it's perfect this way. C.S., Lakeland, Florida
- (Thanks, but we're always trying to make Babe Ruth Sports Comics even more enjoyable to you. Editors)

SPORT SHORTS

HIT THE DECK... The retirement of Joe Louis as world heavyweight champion brings to mind many stories concerning the Brown Bomber.

Louis was a proud champion. So fierce was his pride that he refused to stay down for a count of nine on the few occasions that opponents were able to knock him off his feet. He didn't like to be seen on the canvas. Even though Manager Jack Blackburn used to put it to him this way:

"Now you see here," Blackburn would say. "When you is knocked down, you take that nine count, man. Cause you never can't get back up so fast that them people out there in the bleachers can't see that you was down there."

ROOM SERVICE... Many a basketball fan, after taking a long, neck-craning squint at the tall goons who lope around the courts these days, wonders how these altitudinous players are able to sleep while the team is travelling. Even Pullman berths aren't noted for their size.

But there's a hotel in New York located near Madison Square Garden which does its best to see that these basketball giants are comfortable at least while they're in the big town. This hotel, soliciting the trade of visiting court squads, advertises "Specially Made Beds For Tall Players."

BOO!...Because of the ever increasing discipline problem with basketball crowds who more and more often are getting completely out of hand in their criticism of officiating, two plans were put forward about a year ago to cope with the situation. One of these plans was made effective, the other you can think of what you will.

The plan made effective was the creation of the Collegiate Basketball Officials Association, with arbiter Sam Schoenfeld as president. This body has a five-point program which, the officials hope, will correct the current unrest and establish better relations between referees and fans.

The other plan was put forward by the commissioner of the Skyline Six Athletic Conference in the West. Commissioner Romney suggested that in order to eliminate personalities the officials should go on the court wearing masks.

STRANGE AMBITION... What do you think would be the greatest ambition of a big league hockey goalie? Wouldn't you think it would be to win the coveted Vezina Trophy and the \$1000 that goes with it for being the goalie who gave up the least number of goals during the season? Well, Chuck Rayner of the New York Rangers has an ambition that couldn't be further away.

Chuck wants to score a goal!

That's right! To score a goal! Ever hear of such a thing before? A goalie scoring a goal!

But that's Rayner's greatest wish for his ice hockey career. Chuck definitely believes that there is an occasion when a goalie can become a wanderer and stray from his nets. He intends to try it some time too. "Some night when the other team takes its goalie out in the last minute and sends six forwards down on me, I'm going to steal that puck and score on them instead," he asserts. And he means it, too. Some night, hockey fans in one of the big arenas are going to get an extra special thrill as a well-upholstered, heavily cushioned net-minder lumbers down the ice into strange and

foreign territory never known to him before.

A REASONABLE RULING... United States Golf Association officials spent an anxious ten minutes last summer trying to decide what to do about a missing putter.

Mrs. William Hockenjos, playing in the United States Women's Golf Championship at Merion, Pa., reached the tenth green before discovering that she had misplaced her putter during a rainstorm that had held up play a short while before.

What to do?

Officials went into a huddle. After prolonged discussion they announced that Mrs. Hockenjos could send for a new club. The ruling:

"Mrs. Hockenjos' putter was unfit for play."

According to U.S.G.A. rules, a player is not allowed to replace clubs in the middle of a match unless they are unfit for play.

NEW INTERPRETATION... Not only is Adolph Rupp known for the terrific basketball teams he coaches at the University of Kentucky, but he is equally renowned as one of the wittiest mentors in the court game.

Once Rupp was scrimmaging the reserves against the first string. Gathering the second-stringers together, he advised them thusly: "Beat them to the charge. Hit hard. Throw your weight around under the boards. Remember, The Bible says, 'It is better to give than to receive.'"

"But, Coach," queried one of his players, "I always thought the Bible said to 'Love thine enemies.'"

"Sure it does," Rupp retorted. "But that's the old version. The rules committee changed all that."

George MIKAN

KING OF THE CAGERS

THEY SAID HE WAS TOO BIG AND CLUMGY TO PLAY BIG TIME BASKETBALL... BUT HERE'S HOW GIANT GEORGE MIKAN CONFOUNDED THE EXPERTS AND BECAME THE BABE RUTH OF THE HOOPSTERS.



WOW! ANOTHER BASKET FOR MIKAN. HE'S SCORED AS MUCH AS THE ENTIRE OPPOSING TEAM SO FAR!

YEAH! AND LOOKA HOW EASY HE DOES IT!

BUT BASKETBALL WASN'T ALWAYS SO EASY FOR GEORGE MIKAN AS YOU SHALL SEE.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, GEORGE MIKAN NEVER PLAYED HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL. HE WAS PREPARING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AT QUIGLEY SEMINARY IN CHICAGO.

SAY, COACH, WHO'S THAT BIG KID OVER THERE? WHY ISN'T HE IN UNIFORM?

I COULD SURE USE HIM. BUT HE LIVES IN JOLIET... SO MILES FROM HERE. SPENDS ALL HIS TIME TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.



BUT GEORGE PLAYED ON THE JOLIET CYO TEAM... AND ALMOST ENDED HIS CAREER RIGHT THEN.



LOOK OUT, GEORGE!

OWWWW!

HOW BAD IS HE HURT, DOCTOR?

IT'S A PRETTY BAD BREAK, MRS. MIKAN. GEORGE, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL NEVER PLAY BASKETBALL AGAIN!



THAT'S HOW LITTLE HE KNEW GEORGE MIKAN. AT 17 GEORGE WAS SUPPORTING 6 FT 8 INCHES AND 240 POUNDS ON TWO GOOD LEGS AGAIN... AND PLAYING BASKETBALL...

FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL, GEORGE TURNED TO NOTRE DAME FOR A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP. BUT COACH KOEGAN WAS UNIMRESSED.

THE KID'S BIG ENOUGH, BUT HE'S TOO CLUMSY! NO COORDINATION. I'M SORRY WE CAN'T USE HIM.



SO IN 1942, GEORGE ENROLLED AT DE PAUL UNIVERSITY IN CHICAGO. EVEN THERE HIS TALENTS WEREN'T FULLY APPRECIATED... AT FIRST!

LOOKA THE BIG GOON. ONLY REASON HE LOOKS GOOD IS THAT ALL THE GOOD PLAYERS ARE IN THE SERVICE!

AW, GIVE 'M TIME, WILL YA. HE'LL BE GREAT SOME-DAY, I BETCHA!



EVEN GEORGE'S TEAMMATES USED TO KID THE POPULAR OVER-SIZED FRESHMAN CENTER... LIKE THIS DITTY THEY USED TO SING...

MIKAN'S GIRL IS 10 FEET TALL... MIKAN'S GIRL IS 10 FEET TALL... SHE SLEEPS IN THE KITCHEN... WITH HER FEET IN THE HALL



THIS DIDN'T BOTHER GOOD-NATURED GEORGE. BESIDES GROWING A FEW MORE INCHES HE REALLY BEGAN TO GROW IN STATURE AS A PLAYER, AND AS HE IMPROVED, DE PAUL BECAME ONE OF THE NATION'S GREAT BASKETBALL POWERS.



MIKAN SET MANY OTHER RECORDS AND WON NATIONAL HONORS...



WHEN GEORGE TURNED PRO, HE JOINED THE CHICAGO BEARS OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE. THEY PLAYED WITH ST. PAUL IN THE PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE.

SOME LEAGUE! MORE PLAYERS THAN SPECTATORS. YEAH! IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE THE WHOLE OUTFIT FOLDS UP!



A FEW DAYS LATER...

WELL, THAT'S THE END OF THE PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE. BUT THE MINNEAPOLIS LAKERS IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE WANT TO SIGN US.

SOME OUTFIT THAT IS. THEY WON 4 GAMES AND LOST 40. WHEN THEY WERE THE DETROIT FRANCHISE LAST SEASON, WELL, WE CAN'T DO ANY WORSE. LET'S SIGN.



WITH SUCH NEW STARS AS MIKAN, JIM POLLARD OF STANFORD, JACK DWAN OF LOYOLA AND HERMAN SHAFER OF INDIANA, THE NEW LAKERS WERE A CINDERELLA TEAM.

WOW! LOOK AT THAT OUTFIT ROLL, RUNNING AWAY FROM THE REST OF THE LEAGUE.

JUST WATCH MIKAN. YOU CAN'T STOP THAT GUY!



THE LAKERS WON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND MIKAN RE-WROTE THE LEAGUE RECORD BOOK...

- ☆ MOST POINTS-SINGLE GAME MIKAN... 42
- ☆ MOST FIELD GOALS-SINGLE GAME MIKAN... 17
- ☆ MOST POINTS-SEASON MIKAN... 1,195
- ☆ MOST FIELD GOALS-SEASON MIKAN... 406
- ☆ MOST FREE THROWS-SEASON MIKAN... 303
- ☆ HIGHEST SCORING AVERAGE MIKAN... 21.3
- ☆ MOST VALUABLE PLAYER 1947-48 MIKAN



IN 1948-49, THE RIVAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA ENTICED THE LAKERS AND THREE OTHER NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS TO JUMP TO THEIR ORGANIZATION. THE NATIONAL LEAGUE DIDN'T LIKE LOSING MIKAN.

WE'LL GIVE YOU \$25,000 TO STAY IN OUR LEAGUE.

THE B.A.A. IS OFFERING YOU ONLY \$15,000. HOW CAN YOU MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE?

SORRY, I'M STAYING IN THE B.A.A. I CAN DO BETTER THERE IN THE LONG RUN.



LED BY GIANT GEORGE, THE LAKERS BEGAN TO BURN UP THE B.A.A.



THERE'S NO DEFENSE AGAINST HIM. NO WONDER THEY CALL HIM THE BABE RUTH OF BASKETBALL.

AS USUAL, MIKAN STARTED A HEAVY ASSAULT ON THE RECORD BOOKS. HE REACHED HIS PEAK ON JANUARY 30, WHICH WAS "GEORGE MIKAN" NIGHT IN MINNEAPOLIS.

WOW! WHAT A NIGHT! 48 POINTS! A NEW LEAGUE RECORD!

AND AFTER DISLOCATING A FINGER ON HIS SHOOTING HAND IN HIS LAST QUARTER. WHAT A MAN!



ALTHOUGH JOE FULKS OF THE PHILADELPHIA WARRIORS LATER BROKE GEORGE'S SINGLE GAME RECORD THE TWO FOUGHT A FURIOUS RACE FOR THE LEAGUE SCORING CROWN.

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I'M TELLIN' YA, HE ALMOST LEADS THE LEAGUE IN ASSISTS TOO. IF HE SHOT AS OFTEN AS FULKS HE'D BE WAY AHEAD OF HIM IN SCORING.



THE END OF THE SEASON SAW THE LAKERS CHAMPS OF THE WESTERN DIVISION... AND MIKAN'S USUAL RE-WRITE OF THE RECORD BOOK.

NICE GOIN', GEORGE. YOU'VE GOT TWO NEW RECORDS, 1,698 POINTS FOR THE SEASON AND 28.3 GAME AVERAGE.

HOPE I CAN DO AS WELL IN THE PLAY-OFFS.



GEORGE DID EVEN BETTER IN 10 PLAY-OFF GAMES. HE SCORED 303 POINTS, LEADING THE LAKERS TO FINAL VICTORY OVER THE WASHINGTON CAPITALS. BUT THAT WASN'T THE WHOLE STORY...

CAN YOU IMAGINE! PLAYING THE LAST THREE GAMES

WITH A BROKEN WRIST IN A CAST!

AND SCORING 26 POINTS IN THE FINAL! HE'S MADE OF IRON!



TODAY, ONLY 25 YEARS OLD, GEORGE MIKAN CAN STILL LOOK FORWARD TO MANY YEARS AS BASKETBALL'S GREATEST STAR. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS FEATS ON THE COURT AND HIS UNEQUALED DRAWING POWER AT THE GATE, HE IS THE HIGHEST PAID PLAYER OF THEM ALL, MAKING \$20,000 A SEASON. YOU'LL HEAR LOTS MORE OF GEORGE MIKAN, KING OF THE CAGERS.



THE END

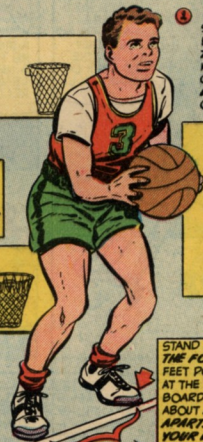
IMPROVE YOUR FOUL-SHOOTING ACCURACY



GET THE **PROPER GRIP** ON THE BALL. HOLD IT FIRMLY WITH THE **FINGER TIPS**. DO NOT LET THE **HEEL** OF THE HANDS TOUCH THE BALL AND MAKE SURE THE **FINGERS ARE DRY**.

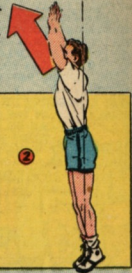


BEFORE YOU SHOOT, TAKE A **CAREFUL DEAD** ON THE BASKET WITH THE BALL AT **EYE LEVEL**. MEASURE THE DISTANCE CAREFULLY.



STAND **TOEING THE FOUL LINE**, FEET POINTING AT THE **BACKBOARD** AND ABOUT A **FOOT APART**. **KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BASKET AT ALL TIMES**.

1. WHEN YOU BEGIN YOUR SHOT, **STOOP UNTIL THE BALL ALMOST TOUCHES THE FLOOR**. AS THE **KNEES BEND** THE WEIGHT COMES FORWARD, **EVENLY BALANCED ON YOUR TOES**.



2. **STRAIGHTEN UP FORWARD OF THE PERPENDICULAR**. PUT YOUR **ARMS, SHOULDERS AND LEGS** BEHIND THE THROW, ALL IN ONE **EASY FLUID MOVEMENT**, FOLLOW THROUGH TO A **COMPLETE POSITION** AS SHOWN IN **FIGURE 2** WITH THE **ARMS HIGH ABOVE YOUR HEAD**.

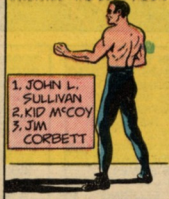
BABE RUTH SPORTS QUIZ

1. WHAT IS A PERIOD IN POLO CALLED ?..



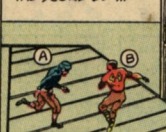
1. INNING
2. CHUKKER
3. FRAME

2. WHAT FIGHTER INVENTED THE LEFT HOOK



1. JOHN L. SULLIVAN
2. KID MCCOY
3. JIM CORBETT

3. WITH NO SCORE, IF 'A' TACKLES 'B' WHAT WILL THE SCORE BE ?..



1. 6-0 FAVOR OF B'S TEAM
2. 2-0 FAVOR OF A'S TEAM
3. 6-0 FAVOR OF A'S TEAM

4. WHAT IS THE MOST POPULAR SPECTATOR SPORT IN THE WORLD ?..



1. HOCKEY
2. FOOTBALL
3. SOCCER

5. WHO WERE KNOWN AS MR. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE



1. BLANCHARD AND DAVIS
2. ALBERT AND STANDLEE
3. LAYDEN AND CROWLEY

6. WHAT MAJOR LEAGUE TEAM WAS ONCE KNOWN AS THE ROBINS



1. BROOKLYN
2. CHICAGO
3. DETROIT

7. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS GOLF CLUB ?..



1. BRASSIE
2. SPOON
3. NIBLICK

ANSWERS

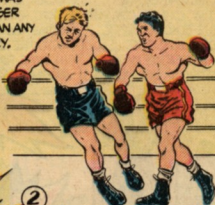
1. CHUKKER
2. JAMES J. CORBETT
3. 2-0 FAVOR OF A'S TEAM... SAFETY...
4. SOCCER
5. GLENN DAVIS AND 'DOC' BLANCHARD
6. BROOKLYN
7. NIBLICK

ROCKY GRAZIANO'S COMEBACK!

1

THE ROCK WAS BORN AND RAISED ON NEW YORK'S TEEMING, POVERTY-RIDDEN LOWER EAST SIDE. THE PRODUCT OF A VICIOUS SOCIETY, WHOSE ONLY CODE OF SURVIVAL WAS STRENGTH AND BRUTALITY. HE GOT OFF IN LIFE ON THE WRONG FOOT, FOUGHT HIS WAY TO THE TOP, MADE A COUPLE OF MIS-TAKES, CRASHED TO THE BOTTOM AND IS NOW ON HIS WAY BACK...ON THE RIGHT FOOT...SEEKING TO REDEEM HIMSELF TO ALL!

ROCKY'S REAL NAME IS THOMAS BARBELLA, THE SAVAGE SLUGGER HAS MORE CROWD APPEAL THAN ANY FIGHTER SINCE JACK DEMPSEY.



2

THINK OF ROCKY GRAZIANO AND YOU THINK OF TONY ZALE...AND THEIR HAIR-RAISING, BRUTAL BATTLES FOR THE MIDDLEWEIGHT CROWN. IN THEIR FIRST MEETING IN '46, ZALE, BEATEN TO A BLOODY PULP, CAME BACK MIRACULOUSLY TO POUND THE ROCK INTO SUBMISSION. NEXT YEAR IT WAS THE ROCK WHO RALLIED FROM A TERRIBLE SLAUGHTER TO KNOCK OUT ZALE AND TAKE THE TITLE. THE SHEER VICIOUSNESS OF THOSE TWO FIGHTS WILL GO DOWN FOREVER IN RING HISTORY. IN '48 THEY MET ONCE MORE AND TONY RECOVERED HIS CROWN BY A THIRD ROUND K.O. OF THE EAST SIDE BOY!



3

ALTHOUGH ROCKY WON THE '47 ZALE MATCH, HE WASN'T RECOGNIZED AS CHAMPION BY THE NEW YORK BOXING COMMISSION BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN SUSPENDED BY THEM FOR FAILING TO REPORT AN ATTEMPTED BRIBE TO THROW A FIGHT WITH COWBOY RUBEN SHANK.

4

AFTER HIS NEW YORK SUSPENSION, THE CONFUSED, BEWILDERED ROCKY RAN OUT OF A FIGHT SCHEDULED IN CALIFORNIA AGAINST FORMER CHAMP FREDDIE APOSTOLI. FOR THIS MIS-TAKE THE NATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION SUSPENDED HIM IN ALL 47 OTHER STATES.

5

FINALLY REINSTATED IN N.Y. AFTER ALMOST THREE YEARS, BOXING'S BAD BOY WAS MATCHED WITH NEW JERSEY'S CHARLIE FUSARI, ONE OF THE GAMEST AND CLEVEREST WELTERWEIGHTS IN THE RING TODAY.

7

BUT IN THE TENTH, THE SAVAGE ROCKY, ALWAYS THE AGGRESSOR, KNOWING HIS BACK WAS AGAINST THE WALL, KNOWING HE WAS LICKED ON POINTS, TORE OUT OF HIS CORNER AND CAUGHT FUSARI IN A CORNER, TRAPPED AGAINST THE ROPES, HE TOOK AN UNMERCIFUL BEATING UNTIL REFEREE RUBY GOLDSTEIN STOPPED IT BY AWARDED A T.K.O. TO THE ROCK.

6

ALTHOUGH GRAZIANO WAS FAVORED TO WIN, IT WAS SOON OBVIOUS THAT FUSARI WAS THE BETTER BOXER. FOR NINE ROUNDS HE TIED UP GRAZIANO AND HE MADE HIM LOOK BAD. HE TOOK THE BEST ROCKY HAD AND GAVE IT BACK!

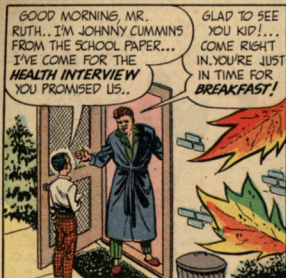


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SO ROCKY IS ON HIS WAY BACK. WHETHER HE'LL ONCE AGAIN WEAR THE MIDDLE-WEIGHT CROWN IS A MATTER OF CONJECTURE. ONE THING IS SURE...HE'LL BE IN THERE PUNCHING AND DETERMINED. A BAD BOY TURNED GOOD!...

POWELL

JOHNNY'S DAY WITH THE BABE!



HIS FRIENDS LAUGHED AND CALLED HIM "SISSY," THE PRO SAID HE WAS TOO FAT TO SKATE... BUT HERE'S HOW THE ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY SCHOOL-BOY DEFIED THEM ALL AND BECAME THE WORLD'S GREATEST FIGURE SKATING MARVEL!

DICK BUTTON

SLICK STAR OF THE
SILVER SKATES



IT IS STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN 1948. IN A JAM-PACKED ICE ARENA AN AMERICAN BOY OF ONLY 17, RICHARD BUTTON, IS GOING THROUGH HIS FIGURE SKATING PACES. THE SHARP-EYED, CRITICAL EUROPEAN CROWD IS SILENT, THIS IS A BIG EVENT... THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP... THE GREAT WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES!



WHAT WAS DICK BUTTON THINKING OF AT THAT MOMENT? PERHAPS IT WAS THAT DAY WAY BACK IN 1941 WHEN HE WATCHED SOME YOUNG KIDS SKATING.



GEE, LOOK AT THOSE KIDS WHIRL AROUND. I WISH I COULD DO THAT. IT DOESN'T LOOK SO HARD.

NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED... SO...



HA, HA, HA! LOOKA TUBBY TRYIN' TO FIG-URE SKATE!

BETTER GET UP QUICK. YOU CRACKED THE ICE!

WHAT D'YA CALL THAT? THE FLAT BOTTOM FIGURE?

BUT LITTLE RICHARD WASN'T DAUNTED. HE'D LEARN YET. BUT HE'D NEED A BETTER PAIR OF SKATES AND CHRISTMAS WAS COMING SOON...

SAY, MOM, WOULD YOU MIND IF I TOLD YOU WHAT I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

OF COURSE NOT, RICHARD. WHAT DO YOU WANT.

A NEW PAIR OF ICE SKATES, PLEASE.

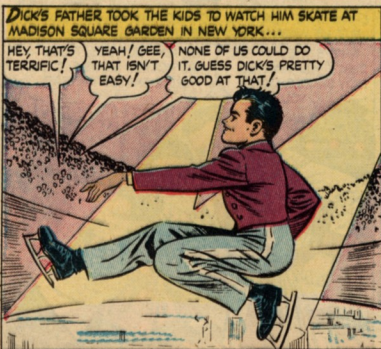


CHRISTMAS MORNING, RICHARD HAD HIS NEW SKATES... BUT HE WASN'T HAPPY ABOUT THEM...

WHAT'S THE MATTER DICK? YOU WANTED NEW SKATES, DIDN'T YOU?

YES, POP. BUT GEE, THESE ARE HOCKEY SKATES. I WANT FIGURE SKATES INSTEAD.

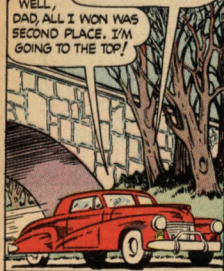




DICK'S FATHER WAS VERY PLEASED WITH HIS BOY'S SHOWING...

WELL, DICK, I'M PROUD OF YOU, YOU DID VERY WELL!

WELL, DAD, ALL I WON WAS SECOND PLACE. I'M GOING TO THE TOP!



HE WASN'T FOOLING. IN 1944 HE WON THE EASTERN STATES JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE U.S. NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE NEXT YEAR HE WAS EASTERN STATES SENIOR CHAMP AND SKATED OFF WITH THE NATIONAL SENIOR CROWN.



THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAJOR CROWN FOR DICK TO WIN. IN 1946 HE TUNED UP BY WINNING THE EASTERN SENIOR TITLE AGAIN.. THEN HE TOOK THE BIG ONE!

DICK BUTTON, IT GIVES ME THE GREATEST PLEASURE TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS TROPHY AS U.S. MEN'S FIGURE SKATING CHAMPION!



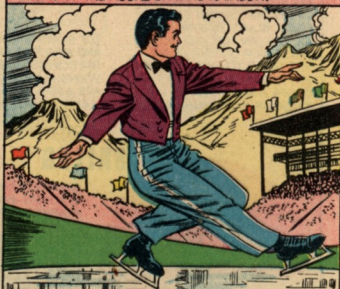
FROM A CLUMSY FUMBLING BEGINNER TO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN FIVE YEARS. WHAT A RECORD BUT DICK WENT ON TO CAPTURE THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP, TOO. THE ONLY SKATER EVER TO BE CHAMP OF BOTH COUNTRIES AT ONE TIME!

WELL, RICHARD, NOW THAT YOU'VE WON EVERYTHING IN SIGHT I HOPE YOU'LL RETIRE.

NO, MOTHER, THERE'S STILL ONE MORE I WANT. THE WORLD AND OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP!



THUS, AT STOCKHOLM IN THE WINTER OF 1948, DICK BUTTON SKATED FOR THE LAST REMAINING PRIZE AT THE END OF THE FIGURE SKATING RAINBOW.

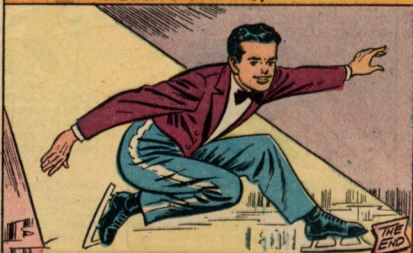


MONSIEUR BUTTON, NEVAIR IN ZE HISTORY OF ZE FIGURE SKATING HAVE WE SEEN ZE PERFECTION ON ZE ICE SUCH AS YOURS. EET EEZ WEEZ ZE GREATEST OF PLEAZAIR ZAT WE AWARD YOU ZE TROPHY AS ZE SUPER CHAMPION OF ZE WORLD AND OF ZE GREAT OLYMPIC GAMES!

THANK YOU, MERCI BEAUCOUP, MONSIEUR.



CHAMPION OF THE WORLD AGAIN AFTER COMPETING IN PARIS IN 1949, DICK BUTTON TODAY STANDS AS ONE OF THE WORLDS GREATEST ALL-TIME FIGURE SKATING STARS. NOW A FRESHMAN AT HARVARD, DICK HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO TURN PROFESSIONAL. WHATEVER HIS DECISION, HE WILL ALWAYS BE KNOWN AS THE GREATEST OF CHAMPIONS!



THE END

ENJOY WINTER SPORTS



ICE SKATING

USE THE **PROPER EQUIPMENT**. IF YOU PLAY **HOCKEY** WEAR THE **SHORT TUBULAR SKATE**, WHICH IS **STRONG AND LIGHT** AND MADE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PURPOSE. DO NOT USE **LONG, RACING TUBES** AS YOU CAN CAUSE GREAT INJURY BY **SPIKING**. OR YOU CAN TRIP AND BREAK ANKLE, ARM OR LEG. DON'T USE TUBES TO TRY **FIGURE PATTERNS**, THE SHARP EDGES CAN CATCH AND CAUSE AN **INJURIOUS FALL**.



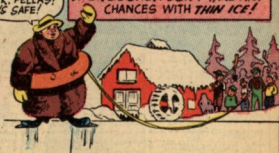
DRESS WARM AND DO NOT REMAIN IN **WET CLOTHES** FOR ANY GREAT LENGTH OF TIME...

IF YOU'VE **PERSPIRED** WHILE GOING THROUGH YOUR PACES, GO INDOORS **IMMEDIATELY**.

MAKE SURE YOUR **ICE SURFACE** IS **THICK** ENOUGH. **TEST IT THOROUGHLY**. DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH **THIN ICE**!

ICE SKATING IS A **POPULAR** AND **HEALTHY** SPORT, PARTICIPATED IN BY OLD AND YOUNG ALIKE... FOLLOWING ARE A FEW TIPS ON **ICE SAFETY**. FOLLOW 'EM... AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL SPORT MORE..

O.K. FELLAS!
IT'S SAFE!



SKIING



GET PROPER INSTRUCTION. DON'T BECOME **OVERCONFIDENT** AFTER A FEW SUCCESSFUL RUNS AND TRY TO PULL SOME **SPECTACULAR MANEUVER**. YOU MAY WIND UP WITH A BROKEN NECK. WORK UP **GRADUALLY** TO THE STEEPER AND MORE DIFFICULT SLOPES.

SKIING IN THE UNITED STATES IS REACHING **EVER-INCREASING POPULARITY** AND IS ONE OF THE **HEALTHIEST** SPORTS KNOWN. THE THRILL OF GLIDING DOWN A PICTURESQUE SLOPE OF SNOW IS ONE OF THE GREATEST IMAGINABLE. HOWEVER, CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE EXERCISED TO KEEP THE BODY INTACT.



SKIING IN **SNOWSTORMS** OR **BLIZZARDS** CAN ALSO BE HAZARDOUS BECAUSE OF POOR VISIBILITY. **HIDDEN ROCKS** CAN CAUSE SEVERE INJURIES.

KNOW YOUR RUNS. DON'T SKI IN OUT-OF-THE-WAY PLACES ALONE. ACCIDENTS IN **ISOLATED PLACES** MAKES HELP THAT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

UNLESS YOU'RE AN EXPERT, **SKIING AT NIGHT** ON **UNFAMILIAR RUNS** CAN BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. IF YOU HIT A TREE AT FORTY MILES AN HOUR YOU MAY NOT LIVE TO TELL ABOUT IT!

SKI SIZES VARY ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL. TO MEASURE CORRECTLY, STRETCH YOUR ARM ABOVE YOUR HEAD.. THE DISTANCE FROM TOE TO FINGER TIP SHOULD BE THE LENGTH OF THE SKI!

BARBARA ANN SCOTT

QUEEN OF THE ICE!



THIS IS THE STORY OF BARBARA ANN SCOTT, THE LOVELY CANADIAN MISS WHO IS THE WORLD'S FIGURE SKATING CHAMPION. A SYMPHONY OF GRACEFUL MOTION ON THE ICE, SHE IS A PICTURE OF LOVELY COMPOSURE OFF IT.

SHE PRACTICED DILIGENTLY, AND BY THE TIME SHE WAS ELEVEN HAD CAPTURED HER FIRST AWARD. BARBARA ANN WAS THE YOUNGEST CANADIAN GIRL EVER TO COMPLETE THE DIFFICULT BASIC SCHOOL FIGURE TEST.



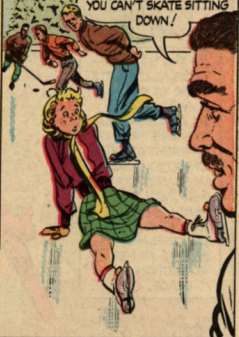
BARBARA ANN'S MOST INSPIRING INFLUENCE WAS HER FATHER, CLYDE. INVALIDED FOR LIFE BY INJURIES INCURRED DURING WORLD WAR I, HE WAS DETERMINED HIS DAUGHTER WOULD SOMEDAY BE A LEADING SPORTS FIGURE...

FOLLOW THROUGH, TINKER! PERFECT!



THE LOVE OF ATHLETICS BECAME SO INSTILLED IN BARBARA ANN THAT SHE TRIED ALMOST EVERY SPORT KNOWN. BUT BEST OF ALL SHE LIKED CANADA'S FAVORITE... SKATING... WHICH SHE HAD TO LEARN FROM THE BOTTOM UP...

WELL? GET UP, TINKER! YOU CAN'T SKATE SITTING DOWN!



SOON AFTER, SHE MET THE FAMOUS SONJA HENIE, WHO WAS THEN AT HER PEAK. IMPRESSED BY LITTLE BARBARA ANN'S PROWESS, MISS HENIE TOOK TIME OUT TO COACH HER ON SOME OF FIGURE SKATING'S FINER POINTS...

REMEMBER THE HANDS, BARBARA! THEY'RE SO VERY IMPORTANT. ALWAYS HAVE THEM POSED CORRECTLY! GRACEFULLY!



INSPIRED BY MISS HENIE, BARBARA WORKED TIRELESSLY TO IMPROVE. SHE BECAME SO PROFICIENT THAT, IN 1939, SHE WON THE CANADIAN JUNIOR FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP.



THEN IN 1941 BARBARA LOST HER BELOVED FATHER, HEARTBROKEN OVER HIS DEATH, SHE DECIDED TO GIVE UP COMPETITIVE SKATING...

...IT'S NOT MUCH FUN SKATING WITHOUT DADDY... I'M GOING TO QUIT!

BARBARA, IT WAS YOUR FATHER'S DREAM THAT SOMEDAY YOU'D BE NATIONAL CHAMPION! FOR HIS SAKE YOU SHOULD KEEP TRYING!



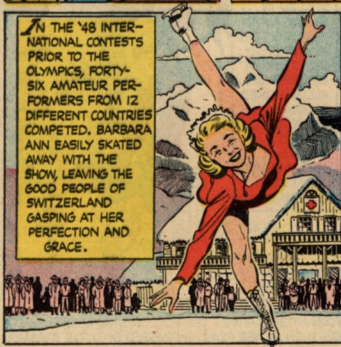
SO BARBARA ANN DID CARRY ON... AND TWO YEARS LATER...

YOU WERE SPLENDID, MISS SCOTT, AND IT IS WITH THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT YOU WITH THIS TROPHY, EMBLEMATIC OF THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA!

THANK YOU, SIR, THANK YOU SO MUCH!



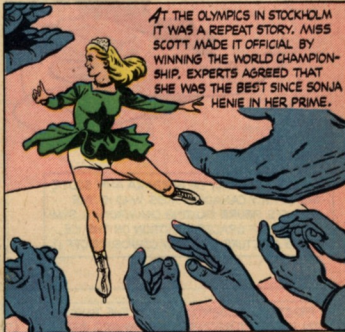
IN THE '48 INTERNATIONAL CONTESTS PRIOR TO THE OLYMPICS, FORTY-SIX AMATEUR PERFORMERS FROM 12 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES COMPETED. BARBARA ANN EASILY SKATED AWAY WITH THE SHOW, LEAVING THE GOOD PEOPLE OF SWITZERLAND GASPING AT HER PERFECTION AND GRACE.



WITH NO MORE SKATING WORLDS TO CONQUER, BARBARA ANN HAS TURNED PROFESSIONAL. SHE HAS FORMED HER OWN ICE SHOW AND IS PLANNING A U.S. TOUR. HOLLYWOOD HAS ALSO BID FOR HER CHARMS AND SHE HAS RECENTLY SIGNED A MOVIE CONTRACT.



AT THE OLYMPICS IN STOCKHOLM IT WAS A REPEAT STORY. MISS SCOTT MADE IT OFFICIAL BY WINNING THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP. EXPERTS AGREED THAT SHE WAS THE BEST SINCE SONJA HENIE IN HER PRIME.



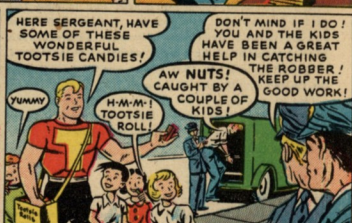
BUT SHE TAKES THE CHEERS AND ADULATION IN STRIDE... SHE REMAINS A SWEET, UNSPOILED YOUNG LADY, CONTENT WITH THE ORDINARY THINGS OF LIFE. AT HOME SHE DOES HER OWN HOUSEWORK. FOR RELAXATION SHE DRIVES THE CAR GRATEFUL OTTAWA CITIZENS GAVE HER... AND WHICH A.A.U. OFFICIALS MADE HER GIVE BACK UNTIL SHE TURNED PRO. BARBARA ALSO HOLDS A PILOT'S LICENSE AND FLIES AT THE LOCAL AIRPORT. THIS, THEN, IS THE NEW QUEEN OF THE ICE... BARBARA ANN SCOTT...



Captain Tootsie

FOILS ROBBERY

by BILL SCHREIBER



whirl of SPORTS

WHO WILL BE
THIS SEASON'S

TOP HOCKEY STARS?

SCORING CONTROVERSY ... Every so often, a disagreement will arise in baseball press boxes as to whether to score a hit or an error on a certain play. These differences of opinion usually revolve about questions of judgment alone. But last season Red Sox slugger Ted Williams was the center of debate on the philosophy of scoring a hit or an error.

Every time Williams came to bat against the Yankees he found the famous "shit" in operation, with the second baseman playing in short right field. Williams hit through the hole between first and second several times, and thrice Jerry Coleman, Yankee second sacker, bobbled the ball. An error? Not! The Boston scorers credited Ted with a hit each time. This started the debate.

Their reasoning was that Coleman was playing in a position where a hit would normally be credited, and if he kicked the ball around Ted should be given a hit anyway. They pointed out the many times that Ted had been thrown out from the same spot. Other scribes argued that an error should be charged regardless of where the fielder was playing, inasmuch as the rules plainly state that all players, except the pitcher and catcher, may be placed anywhere on the field in fair territory.

So it looks as though the scoring rules will come up for discussion and decision during the major league meetings this winter.

NOW WE'VE HEARD EVERYTHING ... The major sport most seriously affected by television has been track and field. An incident that occurred during last winter's season is an example.

A member of a well-known athletic club in New York walked into the office of the director just before that club was sponsoring a major meet in Madison Square Garden. "I want programs of the meet in advance," he announced.

"Sorry," he was told. "The printer won't deliver them to the Garden until the day of the meet."

"But I'm not going to the Garden," explained the member. "I'm having a house party to see the meet over television. We want the programs to follow the events."

Can you beat that one?

THE UNINVITED ... The Elks Club in San Jose, California, decided to give a big dinner to the San Jose State and Santa Clara University football teams last season. The plans were completed and the Elks—100 of them—were about to sit down to tackle the first course of the banquet when someone asked where the honored guests were.

Sure enough, the seats of the football squads were empty. It developed that nobody had remembered to invite them.

MISDIRECTED ... A golfer out on the Maplewood Golf Course in Seattle last September stood on the thirteenth tee and hit a neat No. 5 iron shot. The ball sailed through the air in a pretty loop and rolled into the cup for a hole in one.

But nobody congratulated the amazed golfer. His fellow players were doubled up in laughter. The hole he had made with an ace was on the eighteenth green way off to the side.



MAX BENTLEY

NOW PLAYING WITH THE CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS THIS COMPACT SPEED DEMON WAS FOR MANY YEARS THE SCORING ACE OF THE TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS. SCORING KING IN 1945, 46, 47 AND WITH OVER 200 GOALS DURING HIS CAREER, BENTLEY IS A CONSTANT WORRY TO OPPOSING GOALIES WHETHER IN ON TOP OF THEM OR OUT ON THE BLUE LINE, AND HE'S STILL GOING STRONG.



BUDDY O'CONNOR

ACE CENTER OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS; LOST THE 1947-48 SCORING CROWN ON THE LAST DAY OF ELMER LACH; HOWEVER, HE DID WIN THE MATT TROPHY AS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AS WELL AS THE LADY BYING TROPHY FOR SPORTSMANSHIP.



JIMMY GONACHER

CHICAGO'S "LITTLE LADDER" WAS RUNNER-UP FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR IN '46 WHILE WITH DETROIT. JIMMY IS CONSIDERED THE BEST WING-MAN TODAY. SCOTTISH BORN, 155 LBS. AND RED HAired, HE MAY BE SMALL, BUT RIVAL TEAMS, LOOK OUT!!



ELMER LACH

BRILLIANT CENTER OF THE GREAT PUNCH LINE OF THE MONTREAL CANADIENS, LACH IS INDEED A STAR PUCC-CHASER. MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN 1944-45; HIGHEST SCORER IN 1944-45 AND 1947-48 AND HOLDER OF THE RECORD FOR A SEASON'S ASSISTANTS WITH 54 IN 1944-45; ELMER IS NOT ONLY A HOCKEY GREAT IN HIS OWN RIGHT, BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE WAY HE TEAMS UP WITH HIS TWO GREAT WINGMEN, MAURICE "THE ROCKET" RICHARD AND TOE BLAKE.



FRANKIE BRIMSEK

FOR YEARS BRIMSEK WAS CONSIDERED THE TOUGHEST GOALIE IN THE LEAGUE... HIS LIGHTNING QUICK REFLEXES COUPLED WITH UNCANNY ABILITY TO KNOW JUST WHERE A SHOT IS TO GO MAKE HIM ONE OF THE HARDEST GOALIES TO BEAT. A BOSTON BRUM MAINSTAY FOR YEARS, FRANK WAS JUST TRADED TO THE CHICAGO BLACK HAWKS SO HE COULD PLAY NEARER TO HIS HOME.

TED LINDSAY

A SIX-YEAR VETERAN OF THE BIG TIME, AT 24 THE DETROIT RED WING STAR IS CONSIDERED THE BEST LEFT WING IN THE GAME TODAY IN 1947-48 HE SCORED A TOP 33 GOALS AND FOR TWO YEARS HE HELD AN ALL STAR RATING. A GEM ON DEFENSE, TED IS ONE OF HOCKEY'S ROUGHEST, TOUGHEST VILLAINS, CHALLENGING MAURICE "THE ROCKET" RICHARD AS BAD MAN OF THE LEAGUE.

Clubhouse Closeups

FOLLOW THE LEADER ... Now that the basketball season is with us again, we're reminded of some of the funny incidents that occurred during past seasons of America's largest gate-drawing spectator sport.

A few years back, Frank Keane, retired Rhode Island State coach who developed the original "Rehoboth basketball" fast break, old school, no defense style of play, was instructing his freshman squad in one of the finer points of the game. One player with a big mouth and little respect for his elders continually interrupted the coach to offer his way of doing things. Keane finally lost his patience and cut loose on the fresh kid.

"Look, son," he said, "You go on down to the infirmary and tell the psychiatrist to give you a mental test. If he finds out you're sane, have him write me a note and bring it back to me."

The freshman slunk away and the coach continued with his instruction. Some time later the reprimanded player returned. He strode up to Keane, thrust a piece of paper under the coach's nose, and jeered:

"Okay, my guy. I've got mine. Now let's see you get one."

QUESTION OF EYESIGHT ... Several years ago in a game involving Valparaiso College, the Valparaiso team regarded the decisions of the referee as a great deal of skepticism. One of the players finally had his say.

During a play under the opponents' backboard, this lad was bumped pretty hard and fell to the floor. He began to crawl around on his hands and knees, instead of getting to his feet. The referee blew his whistle and came to the player's side.

"You hurt," he asked. "No," replied the boy. "I'm just looking for my glass eyes which came out."

"I'll help you," offered the official.

"Don't bother," returned the offended player. "With the kind of blindness you've shown here tonight it won't do you a bit of good at all."

MISTAKEN IDENTITY ... Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champ and still the idol of millions, was eating dinner in a restaurant one night when a waitress came up to him and said:

"Mr. Dempsey, there are two children at another table who are thrilled to talk at seeing you. They want your autograph, but they're too scared to come over. May I bring them over here?"

"Sure," said the Monassa Moulter happily. So a pink-checked little girl and a shiny-faced little boy came over to the table and Jack began to autograph the menu.

"You know who this is, don't you?" asked the waitress.

"Sure," cried the small fry. "Jack Benny."

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MAURICE ^{THE ROCKET} RICHARD

HOCKEY'S BATTLING TERROR



EVERY POINT HE SCORES IS MATCHED BY A TRIP TO THE PENALTY BOX, BUT THE MONTREAL CANADIENS' HIGH-SCORING, FREE-SWINGING WINGMAN BEARS A \$100,000 PRICE TAG.

MAURICE RICHARD GOT HIS START IN HOCKEY BECAUSE IN THE WINTER OF 1936 THE MONTREAL CANADIENS WERE KIND TO AN UNKNOWN KIDS' TEAM...

MR. MANAGER, MY NAME IS JACQUES FONTAINE. MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE A HOCKEY TEAM BUT WE NEED EQUIPMENT. WE ALL ROOT FOR THE CANADIENS AND WE HOPE YOU CAN HELP US.

WHY, SURE, SON. ALWAYS GLAD TO HELP OUR MONTREAL BOYS BECOME HOCKEY PLAYERS. WE'LL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED.



THANK YOU, MR. GORMAN. MERCI BEAUCOUP. SOME DAY I SHALL SEND YOU A HOCKEY PLAYER FOR YOUR TEAM --- A GREAT HOCKEY PLAYER!

FIVE YEARS WENT BY. THEN, ONE DAY...

MR. GORMAN, I'M MAURICE RICHARD. JACQUES FONTAINE SENT ME. DO YOU REMEMBER? YOU GAVE HIM SOME EQUIPMENT FOR OUR TEAM A LONG TIME AGO!

OH, YEAH, SURE, KID. YOU'RE THE

HOCKEY PLAYER HE SAID HE'D SEND ME. WELL, NO HARM IN GIVING YOU A TRY-OUT. GO DOWN TO THE DRESSING ROOM FOR A UNIFORM!



SO MAURICE RICHARD WENT ON THE ICE TO SHOW WHAT HE COULD DO.

WELL, THE KID'S PRETTY GREEN, BUT HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT THE MAKINGS. WE'LL SEND HIM OUT FOR EXPERIENCE.



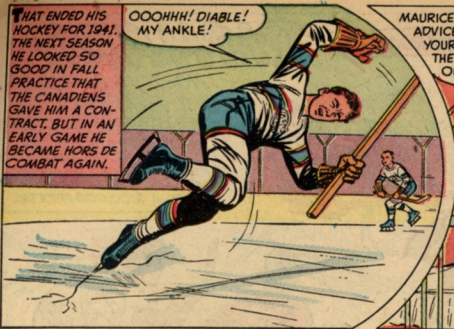
SENT DOWN TO THE QUEBEC SENIOR AMATEUR LEAGUE FOR SEASONING, MAURICE'S CAREER ALMOST ENDED IN HIS FIRST GAME.

OWW! MON DIEU!!



THAT ENDED HIS HOCKEY FOR 1941. THE NEXT SEASON HE LOOKED SO GOOD IN FALL PRACTICE THAT THE CANADIENS GAVE HIM A CONTRACT. BUT IN AN EARLY GAME HE BECAME HORS DE COMBAT AGAIN.

OOOHHH! DIABLE! MY ANKLE!



MAURICE, YOU WANT MY ADVICE? QUIT THIS GAME. YOUR BONES WON'T TAKE THE BEATING THEY DISH OUT IN BIG LEAGUE HOCKEY-

NO, MR. GORMAN, I CAN TAKE IT. LET ME PLAY. ONE MORE CHANCE, S'IL VOUS PLAÎT!



SO, IN 1943 MAURICE RICHARD TRIED AGAIN. TEAMED UP WITH ELMER LACH AND TOE BLAKE, THE FAMOUS PUNCH LINE, ONE OF THE MOST DEVASTATING SCORING COMBINATIONS IN HOCKEY HISTORY, WAS BORN.



WOW! WHAT A TEAM! 38 WINS, 7 TIES AND ONLY 5 DEFEATS IN A 50 GAME SCHEDULE!

AND A NEW ALL-TIME RECORD OF 234 GOALS!



THE PUNCH LINE BEGAN TO BURN UP THE LEAGUE. NOBODY COULD STOP THEM AS THEY WENT ON TO TAKE THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THE STANLEY CUP.

IF MONTREAL WAS HOT IN '43-'44, THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY SIZZLING THE NEXT SEASON AND RICHARD WAS THE MOST TORRID OF ALL.

OH, BROTHER! LOOKA THAT RICHARD GO. WHAT SPEED-LIKE A ROCKET!



THE CANADIENS WON THE SECOND STRAIGHT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP--AND SET RECORDS GALORE WHILE DOING IT.

ATTABOY, ELMER. THAT GIVES YOU 54 ASSISTS--A NEW RECORD!

AND ONE FOR YOU TOO--WITH 50 GOALS IN ONE SEASON!



THAT '44-'45 SEASON THE PUNCH LINE AS A UNIT SCORED 220 POINTS ON 105 GOALS AND 115 ASSISTS. WHEN THE ALL STAR TEAM WAS SELECTED, WHO DO YOU THINK MADE UP THE ENTIRE FORWARD LINE?



AND LACH WAS SELECTED AS THE LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER.

MEANWHILE, "THE ROCKET" WAS ALSO BUILDING A REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE RINK'S MOST TERRIBLE TEMPERED, FREE-SWINGING RUFFIANS...



...AS HE SPENT OVER 100 MINUTES EACH SEASON IN THE PENALTY BOX...

BUT "THE ROCKET" DIDN'T ALWAYS COOL OFF IN THE COOLER... AND THE SPECTATORS LOVED IT!



NOT HEADED THROUGH HE IS, RICHARD LED THE PUNCH LINE AND THE CANADIENS TO THEIR 3RD AND 4TH STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN '45-'46 AND '46-'47 AND ANOTHER STANLEY CUP IN '46- WHILE DOING ALL THIS HE CONTINUED TO SET RECORDS.



IN 1947 "THE ROCKET," IN RECOGNITION OF HIS BRILLIANT RECORD, AND DESPITE HIS LONG STRING OF PENALTIES, RECEIVED HOCKEY'S MOST COWETED AWARD.

MAURICE RICHARD, FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING RECORD AND CONTRIBUTION TO HOCKEY WE AWARD YOU THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHY.



IN 1947-48 RICHARD WAS SIDELINED PART OF THE TIME BY INJURIES BUT IT DIDN'T SLOW HIM DOWN MUCH-

HE MAY BE HURT, BUT HE'S STILL TERRIFIC!

YOU AIN'T KIDDIN'! JUST THINK, HIS 28 GOALS ARE STILL THIRD HIGHEST IN THE LEAGUE.



EVEN A LESS THAN TOP-NOTCH RICHARD MADE THE ALL-STAR TEAM FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR. HE HAD A PRICE TAG TOO!

HOW ABOUT SELLING ONE OF YOUR WINGS? I'LL GIVE YOU \$100,000 FOR RICHARD!

WHAT!! \$100,000 FOR A HOCKEY PLAYER! THAT'S FANTASTIC! BUT WE STILL WON'T SELL.



OFF THE ICE "THE ROCKET" IS A MUCH DIFFERENT PERSONALITY THAN ON IT. A FAMILY MAN, HE IS QUIET AND DISLIKES TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF. HE HAS TWO CHILDREN, HUGUETTE 6 AND MAURICE JR., 4...

RICHARD IS A GOOD BALL PLAYER TOO. HE HAS PLAYED THIRD BASE FOR THE DRUMMONVILLE, QUEBEC TEAM, A VERY FINE BALL CLUB.

THIS IS A LOT EASIER THAN HOCKEY, BUT NOT ENOUGH ACTION!



"THE ROCKET" MADE THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM LAST SEASON FOR THE FIFTH YEAR IN A ROW! AT 28 HE'S STILL IN HIS PRIME, THE FAST SKATING, HARD SHOOTING, FREE SWINGING TERROR OF THE RINKS, MAURICE RICHARD OF THE CANADIENS!

HELPFUL HOCKEY HINTS

1 **HI THERE, HOCKEY FANS! WANT SOME TIPS?** FIRST OF ALL REMEMBER THAT **HOCKEY**, LIKE ANY OTHER SPORT, DEPENDS ON **TEAMWORK**. DON'T HOG THE PUCK OR TRY TO BE A PRIMA DONNA/A **SOLO DASH** IS **THRILLING**, BUT RARELY SCORES GOALS. **PLAY AS A UNIT!**

2 LIKE ALL THINGS, IF YOU WANT TO DO A GOOD JOB, YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE **PROPER TOOLS**, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS YOUR **STICK**. PICK A **GOOD ONE!** THEY'RE MADE IN A **VARIETY OF ANGLES...** FROM NUMBER **1 TO 10...** IF YOU CARRY THE PUCK FAR IN FRONT OF YOU, USE **ANGLE**, OR **LIE**, #1. IF YOU HUG IT CLOSE, **LIE** #10... AND SO FORTH...

3 **AIM FOR A SPOT ABOUT HERE.**

4 **ALWAYS ALLOW FOR PLENTY OF 'LEAD' WHEN PASSING. OTHERWISE YOUR RECEIVER MAY HAVE TO SLOW UP OR MAY MISS IT ALTOGETHER.**

5 **BEFORE PASSING ALWAYS LOOK UP TO SEE IF YOUR RECEIVER IS IN THE CLEAR. DON'T TELEGRAPH YOUR INTENTIONS.** LIKE IN BASEBALL, WRIST ACTION IS IMPORTANT. USE YOUR WRISTS IN FLINGING THE PUCK TO YOUR TEAMMATE.

7 **DON'T SKIMP ON YOUR SKATES.** BE SURE YOUR SHOES ARE OF **GOOD QUALITY** AND ARE SO MADE AS TO GIVE YOU **MAXIMUM FOOT AND ANKLE SUPPORT.**

6 **WHEN SHOOTING FOR A GOAL, TRY TO MANEUVER TO A SPOT FIFTEEN FEET IN FRONT OF THE NETS AND DIRECTLY IN FRONT. AIM FOR THE CORNER FURTHEST FROM THE GOALIE AND DON'T LIFT THE PUCK MORE THAN FIFTEEN INCHES. MOST GOALIES CONCEDE A SHOT AT THAT HEIGHT IS THE HARDEST TO STOP.**

CAL GARDNER, STAR PLAYER OF THE NEW YORK RANGERS SAYS:

ONE IMPORTANT THING TO LEARN PROPERLY IS HOW TO **FEINT WITH YOUR HEAD AND STICK**. FEINTING CAN COVER UP YOUR **TRUE INTENTIONS** AND GET YOUR OPPONENT OFF **BALANCE**, LEAVING YOU A CLEAR FIELD.

7 **TRY TO KEEP THE PUCK HUGGING THE ICE ON A PASS. A HOPPING OR ROLLING PUCK IS HARD TO HANDLE AND THE SPLIT SECOND LOSS IN GAINING CONTROL OF IT MAY COST YOUR TEAM A GOAL.**

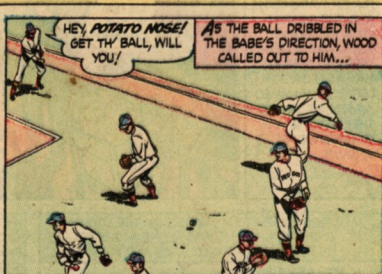
8 **IF YOU PLAY GOAL, ENDEAVOR TO STAY ON YOUR FEET. A SLIDE FOR A SAVE MAY BE **SPECTACULAR** BUT YOU'RE HELPLESS ON A REBOUND. USE THE SLIDE ONLY AS A **LAST DESPERATE MEASURE.****

THE LIFE OF BABE RUTH

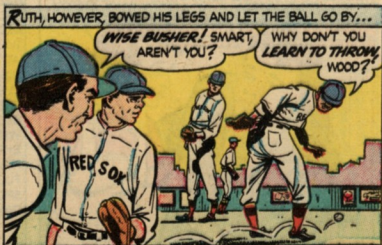
CHAPTER SIX BABE'S FIRST WORLD SERIES!



IN THE LAST INSTALLMENT WE RELATED HOW THE **BOSTON RED SOX** HAD CLINCHED THE 1915 **AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT**. BEFORE WE GO ON TO THE **WORLD SERIES**, THOUGH, LET'S CLEAR UP THE CELEBRATED "FEUD" BETWEEN THE BABE AND TRIS SPEAKER. **JOE WOOD** AND **SPEAKER** WERE GREAT FRIENDS. THEY STUCK PRETTY CLOSE TOGETHER. ONE DAY DURING WARM-UP PRACTICE, A BALL THROWN BY WOOD GOT LOOSE AND ROLLED TOWARDS BABE... *POPE & ELLER*



AS THE BALL DRIBBLED IN THE BABE'S DIRECTION, WOOD CALLED OUT TO HIM...



RUTH, HOWEVER, BOWED HIS LEGS AND LET THE BALL GO BY...

WISE BUSHER! SMART, AREN'T YOU?

WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO THROW, WOOD?

THE INCIDENT STARTED OUT AS A GAG, BUT TEMPERS BEGAN TO FLARE AND THE NAME CALLING GOT VICIOUS...

YOU BLANKETY BLANK BUSHER! I OUGHTA POKE YOU IN THE NOSE!

YOU AND WHO ELSE, BIG SHOT?

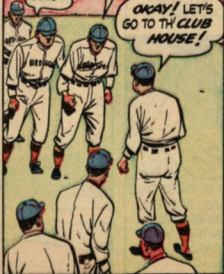


SPEAKER ADDED HIS TWO BITS, THEN, AND THE PLAYERS, REALLY ANGRY NOW, ADVANCED TOWARD EACH OTHER.

POP THE BIG BLOW-HARD, JOE!

SURE, IF HE'S GOT TH' GUTS TO FIGHT!

OKAY! LET'S GO TO TH' CLUB HOUSE!



BUT MANAGER BILL CARRIGAN STEPPED IN AND BROKE IT UP...

CUT IT OUT! STOP IT! IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT, SAVE IT FOR THE TIGERS! NOW GET BACK TO YOUR WORK!



THOUGH SOME PEOPLE TRIED TO PLAY IT UP BIG, THAT'S REALLY ALL THERE WAS TO IT! TRUE, THERE WAS A LITTLE HARD FEELING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BUT IT ALL BLEW OVER AND AFTER THAT, SPEAKER, WOOD AND RUTH BECAME GOOD FRIENDS!

ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT EVENT IN THE BABE'S LIFE OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER THE START OF THE 1915 SEASON, AS IT IS TODAY, ONE OF THE FAVORITE OFF-THE-FIELD PAST-TIMES OF A BALL PLAYER WAS **EATING**, AND THE BOSTON CLUB, INCLUDING RUTH, WAS NO EXCEPTION. THERE WAS A SPECIAL COFFEE SHOP NAMED **LANDERS** WHERE THEY USED TO CONGREGATE AFTER A GAME...



LANDERS HAD SEVERAL VERY PRETTY WAITRESSES THE PRETTIEST OF ALL WAS **HELEN WOODRING**, A GIRL FROM NOVA SCOTIA...



BABE WAS COMPLETELY SMITTEN BY THE LOVELY GIRL. ONE DAY WHEN HE WAS ALONE IN THE COFFEE SHOP HE SCREWED UP HIS COURAGE AND BLURTED...

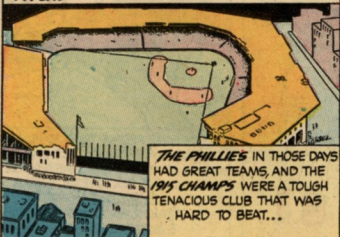
H..HOW ABOUT YOU AND ME GETTING **MARRIED**? HON?



BUT SHE EVENTUALLY SAID 'YES,' SO IN A SIMPLE CEREMONY A SHORT TIME LATER, **HELEN WOODRING** BECAME THE **FIRST MRS. RUTH**. BABE WAS ONLY **TWENTY** AT THE TIME AND A HIGH FLYER. HOWEVER, HE TRIED TO SETTLE DOWN AND BECOME A WORTH-WHILE HUSBAND. HE EVEN BOUGHT A HOME IN BOSTON, FULLY EXPECTING TO SPEND HIS PLAYING DAYS THERE.



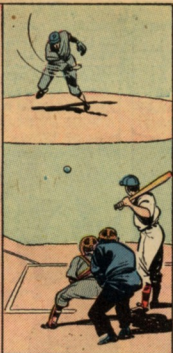
THEN, AS WE'VE ALREADY RELATED, THE **RED SOX** WON THE **PENNANT**. THEY PREPARED TO MEET THE **PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES** IN THE WORLD SERIES. **FENWAY PARK**, WHERE THE SERIES WAS TO OPEN, WAS ALL DECKED OUT IN ITS FESTIVE BUNTING AND THE EXCITEMENT OF THE FANS BEGAN TO REACH **FEVER PITCH**.



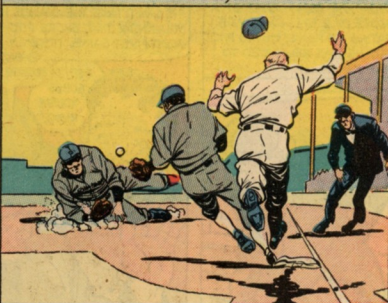
THEIR PITCHING ACE WAS THE GREAT **GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER**, WHO WON **31 GAMES** THAT YEAR, **12 OF THEM SHUTOUTS**, AND WHO HAD AN EARNED RUN AVERAGE OF ONLY **1.22!**



THE SERIES OPENED IN A JAMMED AND SCREAMING PARK. ALEXANDER STARTED AGAINST THE SOX' ERNIE SHORE, AND IT WAS OL' ALEX'S DAY. THE RED HOT HURLER COOLED OFF THE RED SOX BATTERS, BUT GOOD, IN THE NINTH INNING THE PHILS LED 3 TO 1... MANAGER CARRIGAN SENT OLAF HENRIKSEN UP TO PINCH HIT FOR CADY. ALEXANDER LOOKED, WOUND UP, AND LET SAIL....



HENRIKSEN SWUNG AND DRIBBLED A BALL TOWARDS LUDERUS AT FIRST BASE...WHO PROMPTLY BEGAN KICKING IT AROUND. BEFORE HE COULD FIND THE HANDLE, OLAF WAS SAFELY ON...



THEN CARRIGAN CALLED ON THE BABE TO PINCH HIT.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE, BABE! THIS ALEXANDER IS **NO TOUGHER** FOR YOU THAN ANYBODY ELSE. PICK OUT A GOOD BALL AND **HIT IT!**

CHECK!



HERE WAS THE BABE'S OPPORTUNITY! HE WAS OFFICIALLY IN A **WORLD SERIES**. OL' ALEX SPAT SOME TOBACCO JUICE, FLICKED AT HIS CAP AND FLUNG IN HIS HIGH HARD ONE... BABE SWUNG AND **CONNECTED SOLIDLY**, SENDING A HOT SHOT AT LUDERUS ANCHORED AT FIRST BASE...



IT LOOKED LIKE A **SURE HIT**, BUT LUDERUS MADE A DIVING, LEAPING STAB AT THE BALL AND MANAGED TO **KNOCK IT DOWN...**



QUICKLY RECOVERING, HE GRABBED THE BALL AND DOVE FOR THE BAG ALL IN ONE MOTION...AND HE BEAT THE BABE THERE BY **AN EYELASH!**



SO THE PHILLIES WRAPPED UP THAT ONE, 3 TO 1, THEN THE RED SOX RALLIED AND **WON THE NEXT TWO** BY A SCORE OF 2 TO 1. BABE WAS EATING HIS HEART OUT TO PITCH BUT HE WAS RELEGATED TO THE BENCH...



BEFORE THE FOURTH GAME, HE GRABBED CARRIGAN AND PLEADED WITH HIM TO BE ALLOWED TO PITCH!

I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE, BABE... YOU KNOW THAT SHORE PITCHED A GOOD FIRST GAME..IT'S ONLY FAIR TO GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE!

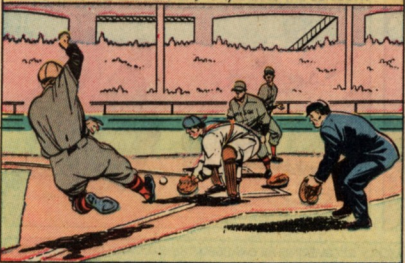


AND AGAIN THE SOX WON 2 TO 1... BABE WAS NEARLY FRANTIC. THE FIFTH COULD BE THE **LAST GAME** AND HE WANTED HIS CHANCE...

I KNOW, I KNOW, BABE, YOU HAVE THE **BEST RECORD IN THE LEAGUE** FOR A LEFT-HANDER, BUT FOSTER PITCHED A THREE-HITTER AND I THINK HE SHOULD GO TODAY...



FOSTER TURNED THE TRICK, IT WAS A HARD FOUGHT MATCH. A BATTLE OF TWO SUPERLATIVE TEAMS... AND WHEN THE LAST OUT WAS MADE THE BOSTON RED SOX WERE THE **WORLD CHAMPS...** THEY'D WON THE LAST GAME 5 TO 4, ENDING THE SERIES...



THE SOX WERE OVERJOYED AND THE CELEBRATION IN THE CLUB HOUSE WAS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD.. BUT OFF IN THE CORNER GEORGE HERMAN RUTH SULKED...



WHY'N'T YOU GIVE ME A CHANCE? WASN'T I **GOOD ENOUGH?** GEE WHIZ! I...

BABE! BABE! RELAX! GOOD ENOUGH?...MAN! IF WE'D LOST TO-DAY, YOU WERE GOING TO PITCH TO-MORROW AS MY **ACE!** WITHOUT YOU WE'D NEVER HAVE WON THE PENNANT IN THE FIRST PLACE! **CHEER UP, BOY!** NEXT YEAR'S ANOTHER YEAR AND BESIDES, THINK OF THE MONEY WE WON! WHY, IT WAS MORE'N YOUR **YEAR'S SALARY!**



YEH! YEH, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! **WAIT'LL NEXT YEAR!** WE'LL FRACTURE 'EM AGAIN! **YAHOO!!**



THE NEXT SEASON WAS A BIG ONE FOR THE BABE, AND IN THE NEXT INSTALLMENT YOU'LL LEARN HOW HIS GREAT PITCHING LED THE RED SOX TO ANOTHER AMERICAN LEAGUE FLAG!

Sportopics

BY TOM DOEREL

Johnny "The Big Cat"

MIZE

NOW OF THE YANKEES, BEFORE BEING TRADED *THE* NEW YORK GIANTS HOME RUN CHAMP WAS LEADER OF ALL ACTIVE NATIONAL LEAGUERS' IN HOME RUN TOTALS—AND, GENERALLY, LED ALL FIRST SACKERS IN FIELDING AVERAGES.

MIZE'S BASES-LOADED PINCH SINGLE IN THE 9th INNING OF THE 3rd GAME WAS THE TURNING POINT OF THE 1949 WORLD SERIES.

FIELDING AVERAGES ARE THE HOOEY!

BUT HE LEADS THE LOOP—THAT PROVES SOMETHIN'—NO?

MIZE'S MONIKER—'BIG CAT'—PUZZLES! JOHN IS LEAD-FOOTED.

BUT— BABE RUTH HAS SAID THAT MIZE'S LEG LETHARGY IS THE SECRET OF JOHNNY'S BASEBALL SUCCESS!

A LITTLE HIGH-PLenty TIME FOR A GEORGIA BOY!

"HE RARELY HITS AT A BAD ONE..."

KEEP THE PITCHER ON THE HOOK—NOT ME!

...HIS WALK TO THE PLATE IS ONE OF STUDIED EASE"

NOW, KID, AS I STARTED TO TELL YA LAST NIGHT...

MIZE IS NOT THE FLASHY, HEROIC TYPE OF FIRST BASEMAN WHO TAKES RISKS!

HEY, WATZA MATTER, PAL?

NOW, LET'S SEE—THAT'S OUTTA MY BAILIWICK

"HIS COMPLETE INDIFFERENCE AT BAT IS ALSO PLOTTED!"

"AND—WHEN MIZE SWINGS, HIS DELIBERATE, SHARP CUT SHOWS HIM FULLY RELAXED—AND READY!"

FORE!

RENE HERRERIAS

HOT-SHOT KID FROM FRISCO

THEY LAUGHED WHEN THE SHRIMP STEPPED OUT OF THE COURT BUT THE SLICK LITTLE SPEEDSTER FROM THE GOLDEN GATE MADE 'EM TAKE NOTICE!



IN THE FALL OF 1946, A SKINNY FRESHMAN ANSWERED COACH PETE NEWELL'S CALL FOR SAN FRANCISCO U. BASKETBALL PLAYERS...

PIPE THE PEE-
WEE! HAW, HAW!

NO, SIR. I NEVER
PLAYED BASKET-
BALL IN HIGH
SCHOOL...

WELL, YOU'D
BETTER
TRY FOR
THE J.V.
FIRST!



HEY, PETE! WHO'S
THE BABY-FACE?
WHAT'S HE DOING
ON THE J.V.S?

NAME'S HERRERIAS.
NEVER PLAYED BEFORE,
BUT MARK IT DOWN
FOR FUTURE HEADLINES.



SUDDENLY...

HE GOT AN ELBOW
IN THE EYE...
HURRY UP, DOC,
LOOKS LIKE
STITCHES
FROM
HERE!

WHAT HAPPENED?



STITCHES IT WAS, BUT HERRERIAS
WAS BACK THE NEXT DAY... AND
GOT IT IN THE OTHER EYE!

RENE, THAT'S TWICE
IN TWO GAMES, BASKET-
BALL'S TOO ROUGH A
GAME FOR
A LITTLE
BOY LIKE
YOU!

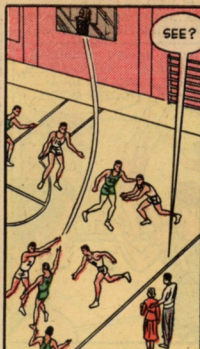
I'LL BE OK,
MOM... JUST
GOTTA
LEARN TO
STAY OUTA
THEIR WAY.



I LIKE YOUR FIGHT, KID.
DON'T LET ALL THAT
TALK ABOUT YOUR
SIZE GET YOU DOWN!
AS OF NOW, YOU'RE A
REGULAR ON THE VAR-
SITY!

THANKS,
COACH,
I'LL SHOW
THOSE
BIG GUYS
A FEW
TRICKS!





AFTER THE SEASON, THERE WAS CAUSE FOR REJOICING, HOWEVER.



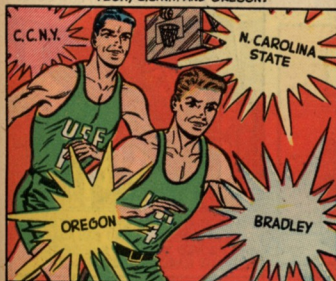
IN 1947-48, THINGS GOT A LITTLE BETTER! NEWELL'S SOPHOMORE'S WON 13, LOST 11. AGAIN THEY BEAT UTAH 38-37.



THAT PREDICTION SEEMED TO SPARK THE DONS... IN 1948-49, THEY STARTED OUT WINNING 17 OF THE FIRST 19 GAMES



WITH HERRERIAS GETTING 'EM UP, AND BIG DON LOFGREN DUNKING 'EM IN, SAN FRANCISCO WON 21, LOST 5 LAST SEASON! AMONG OTHERS, THEY KNOCKED OFF NORTH CAROLINA STATE, BRADLEY TECH, C.C.N.Y. AND OREGON.



IN NEW YORK, NOBODY GAVE THE DONS A CHANCE...THEY WERE GEEDED 12TH AMONG 12 TEAMS.

KENTUCKY, ST. LOUIS, BOWLING GREEN, UTAH...BOY! IS THIS TOURNAMENT LOADED!



SAN FRANCISCO PLAYED AS IF THEY DIDN'T READ THE PAPERS...HERRERIAS, LOFORAN AND CO. DUMPED MANHATTAN FIRST...68-43...

WOW! THAT FRISCO TEAM PLAYS BALL! WHO'S THE LITTLE GUY?

NAME'S HERRERIAS. HE'S GOT 10 POINTS, AND SET UP A DOZEN MORE!



TELL US ABOUT HERRERIAS, COACH!

THINK YOU'LL BEAT UTAH NEXT, PETE?

HERRERIAS. HE'S JUST THE BEST PLAYER FOR HIS SIZE IN THE LAND, AND WE'LL BEAT UTAH JUST AS WE'VE DONE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.



AND THEY DID! THE DONS UPSET THEM AGAIN...64-63.

NEWELL MUST HAVE A JINX ON UTAH. THREE UPSETS IN THREE YEARS!

YEAH! AND BY A TOTAL DIFFERENCE OF ONLY 4 POINTS. GIVE THAT HERRERIAS CREDIT!



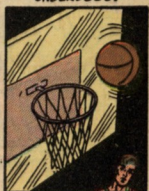
FAVORED BOWLING GREEN TUMBLED NEXT...49-39...THE DONS WERE IN THE FINALS, AFTER THREE STUNNING UPSETS!

NICE GOING, DON...14 POINTS!

DON'T FORGET, YOU HELD THEIR STAR TO ONLY 3!



IN THE TOURNAMENT OF UPSETS, WHICH SAW GREAT TEAMS LIKE KENTUCKY AND ST. LOUIS SPILLED EARLY, TWO OUTSIDERS CLASHED IN THE FINALS...SAN FRANCISCO AND LOYOLA OF CHICAGO, AGAIN THE DONS WERE UNDERDOGS!



ATTA BABY, RENE! KEEP 'EM BACK ON THEIR HEELS! YOU AGAIN?



IT WAS A THRILLER ALL THE WAY, BUT WHEN ROSS GUDICE DROPPED IN A FOUL SHOT WITH 43 SECONDS TO PLAY, SAN FRANCISCO BECAME THE CHAMPIONS!



I'LL BET YOU'LL KNOW WHO WE ARE NEXT TIME!

WITH LOFGREN VOTED THE OUTSTANDING PLAYER IN THE TOURNAMENT, AND HERRERIAS VOTED MOST POPULAR, HOW COULD WE FORGET YOU?



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GEE, XMAS ABOUT HERE
AND I CAN'T AFFORD
EXPENSIVE PRESENTS
FOR MOM AND GWEN

CHEER UP, PAL...I
KNOW JUST THE GIFTS
FOR THEM...AND AT
VERY LITTLE COST, TOO!

IT'S A SWELL COMB AND
BRUSH SET. LOOKS LIKE
A MILLION...COSTS ONLY
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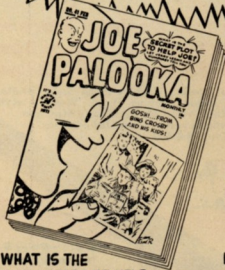
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