

Sporting News

HOLLINGER GETS FIRST BLOOD IN HOCKEY SERIES

The first league game of the Tisdale Amateur Hockey League was played in the Timmins rink on Saturday evening last, between the Dome Mines team of South Porcupine and the Hollinger Mines team of Timmins.

The night was certainly an ideal one for the lovers of this winter sport to take the opportunity of seeing the first game of the season, and the supporters of the Dome team, which was as usual a crowd by no means small, began to arrive shortly after seven o'clock, and not another horse and cutter could be obtained in that end of the camp or possibly there would have been more.

This match was the first to be played according to the six men a side rule in the North country, and it did not by any means please the fans in general, but we think that when the supporters become better acquainted with this style and method, along with a few changes that should be made in order to keep the winter pastime cleaner, it will eventually be-

come more popular than it is at present.

As usual the game did not commence on schedule time as the Dome team had not arrived. It is very hard for any hockey club to drive from Southend after supper and be here ready to play at 8 o'clock.

Hollinger team were the first to present themselves on the ice with some fifteen players ready for the battle, and were followed shortly afterwards by the Dome, who also had about as many players in uniform.

Referee N. Throop then took charge of the "battle royal" and although he did as well as one man really could do, there was certainly a lot of room for improvement. It is well to remind the league officers that everything depends on the officials appointed, as to what success and support the winter pastime will have.

Right off the reel the game started with a rush and before anybody knew that the game had commenced the Dome had scored by a nice combination of Keeley and Docker. Hardly had the puck been faced when the Dome again found the Hollinger nets for a second tally and it looked as if the Dome would win with ease as they had it all over their opponents at this stage of the game. But Hollinger at last woke up and broke through with their first tally; Loughrin being responsible on a pass from

Irving, only to be repeated a few moments later by Lafaniere, which made the score tie and the substitutes were rushed to the rescue of both teams, and at this point the Dome seemed to be losing their staying power (owing to a lack of condition and practice) and Loughrin and Lafaniere again found the twine for a tally apiece. At this part of the game a free fight was indulged in by Loughrin and Killans and after the two players had been banished and the smoke cleared away, the game settled down again and there was no further scoring for this period.

Dome 2
Hollinger 4

The second period started with a rush the same as the first, Keeley showing better form than ever for the Dome and also Lafaniere for Hollinger, and these two players (with the exception of Wylie) seemed to be the only ones that had any condition, and both goal tenders were called upon for many saves, although Cattley was more than equal to the occasions, but was again beaten by a close-in shot by Lafaniere. The Dome came back strong and also notched another one to their count which was credited to Docker, who was playing a good steady game, considering this was really his first appearance in senior company.

From this time on the match seemed to develop into more end to end rushes by each team and it was ding-dong, slap-bang, from one end of the rink to the other, resulting in another tally for the Hollinger, and then the bell rang for the close of the second period.

Dome 3
Hollinger 6

In the last period the players all began to lag, more or less, and especially the Dome (as said before through lack of practice) and again, owing to their inability to stop Lafaniere, who seemed to score at will, notching two more goals in quick succession and making his fifth goal of the game by his good stick handling and lone rushes. Play was very strenuous from this stage of the game, on until the finish, although the Hollinger scored the ninth and last goal of the evening, for which Wylie and Irving were responsible.

Dome 3
Hollinger 9

The line-up was as follows:
Hollinger Position Dome
Grace Goal Cattley
Wylie L. Defence Sullivan
Loughrin R. Defence Keeley
Lafaniere Centre Killans
Smiley L. Wing McDonald
Irving R. Wing Docker
Substitutes, Dome—Strickland, Everard, Quinn, Desormeau, Briden, Ratz, Bertrum.

Substitutes, Hollinger—Timmins, MacWalsh, S. McCoy, Horne.
Referee—N. Throop.

Timekeepers and Penalty-keepers—Ross, Evans, Auer and Wilson.
Goal Umpires—Dr. Miller and Geo. Preston.

Goals scored, Hollinger—Lafaniere 5, Loughrin 2, Irving 1, Smiley 1.

Goals scored, Dome—Keeley 1, Sullivan 1, Docker 1.

Attendance about 500.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Hollinger won by a score of nine to three.

Bill Wylie, as usual, will start carrying a piece of court plaster on his face from now until the season ends.

Although the Dome lost they are yet to be heard from before the season ends.

On the defence they have Sullivan and Keeley, ably supported by Cattley in goal, and just as soon as they get rounded into shape they will be pretty hard to beat.

"Bubbles" Killans scored the first goal in practice. Ratz had the misfortune while leaving the ice during the practice, to be mistaken for the goal and the shot did not miss him by any means.

There was certainly a lot of comment on the rulings of the game.

One spectator wanted to know where the penalty came in when a player was ruled off, only to be replaced by a substitute.

We think this is one ruling that the officials in charge should amend and do away with a lot of the rough work which is sure to take place while this rule is in force.

Keeley scored the first goal for the Dome and also of the season on a nice pass from Docker.

The first fight of the season went to the "white hopes" Loughrin and Killans.

"C.P.R." Joe made his appearance in the second period. He looked as though he were on board ship with roller skates.

Several wanted to know how Joe came to get in the fray, as he was sitting on the side lines taking in the game a few minutes before.

Lafaniere was certainly there with the goal-getting—scoring five of the nine tallies for his team.

The way the Dome started out it

looked like an easy win for them, as they scored two goals in about the same number of minutes.

All the Dome wants now is a little hard practice as this was only their second appearance on ice this season. With Wilfred Brown on the centre position for the next contest it certainly should be a great improvement.

On a pretty rush by Loughrin and Irving, Loughrin notched the first goal for Hollinger.

We would suggest that in future the league officers appoint two officials to handle all games as it is impossible for one to do it satisfactorily.

FROM THE SIDE LINES.

The Dome-Hollinger hockey game was something new for the sport fans. Not only was it the first game of the season, but was the first played in the camp under six-man rules. The rules adopted by the Tisdale Amateur Hockey League for 1916 have been severely criticized by many of the hockey players and also hockey enthusiasts as being entirely unsuitable for amateur hockey.

We will admit that one or two instances in Saturday night's game were strong arguments against the six-man hockey rule, with regard to penalties and substituting, however, we must remember that this was the first game of the season, and the managers of the teams (especially the Dome, who have only had one practice), were not in a position to know their most effective line-ups. This defect can also be almost entirely remedied by better arrangements in the penalty box, and, no doubt, the next game will be a considerable improvement in this respect.

There seems to be no conceivable reason why hockey in this camp cannot be governed by up-to-date rules as is done in city amateur hockey leagues.

In the early part of the game the Dome boys looked like winners, securing the first two goals in almost as many minutes, but after the first few minutes their play became disorganized, showing a lack of practice, and permitting Hollinger to stack up a healthy lead, which was maintained to the end of the game.

On the Dome defence, Keeley played a good game but in one or two instances allowed goals by not using his body freely. Sullivan lacked his old time form, but watch "Eat-'em-Alive" Sully before the season is over. Strickland showed up well, and should make good with practice. McDonald as usual worked hard all the way through, and his efforts should have greatly increased the Dome score had the centre been on the job. Barney Quinn lacked effectiveness, except with the end of his stick, which he applied too freely to his opponents' ribs.

Lafaniere was the star on the Hollinger line-up and many times carried the puck right past the defence, and but for Cattley would have made the score double what it was.

Hollinger defence was strong and effective all the time. Jules Timmins greatly surprised the fans by his clever checking, and although he checked hard, his work was clean all through.

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