

Kirkland Lake Millionaires are Winners of Gold Belt

Receives Trophy for Requiring Crown



Maribel Vinson, of Boston who defeated Suzanne Davis to win the U.S. women's figure skating championship at New Haven, Conn., receiving the prize trophy from Dr. A. Diefendorf. Miss Vinson in winning regained the crown she lost last year.

Says Amateurs Owe Debt to Pro. System

President of N.H.L. Sees Standards of Sport Raised Because of the Professional League.

According to a despatch from Montreal last week, Frank Calder, president of the National Hockey League, has been expressing his opinion on the value of professional hockey.

Greater stability of hockey today is the outstanding change that has developed in the organization of the game during the past two decades, is the belief of Frank Calder, who this season completed 20 years as president of the National Hockey League.

The long life of the National Hockey League is in itself a testimony to the efficacy of the modern system, according to Mr. Calder.

"Thirty-five years ago, hockey leagues were organized quickly and as quickly disappeared," he explained. "There were few that existed longer than three or five years. Before professionalism was officially recognized, there was always suspicion attached to the amateur clubs. Doubts about the bona fides of the amateurs were seldom absent, although nobody proved anything or indeed wanted to prove anything. Those who were in a position to know exactly the validity of these doubts were the least inclined to talk on the subject. Professionalism was winked at by some and completely ignored by others. Open and above-board professionalism was adopted after a long period of growth. It occasioned a great deal of controversy which is now pretty much extinguished.

Game Improved

"Right away the beneficial effects of professionalism became evident in the organization of the clubs. Since the clubs were paying the players, they were able to exercise control over them. Players appeared when they were expected. As things had been before that, a club was never sure whether its best players would turn up to take part in games for which they were scheduled, or whether they might turn out for some other club. Club directors saw to it that players whom they were paying turned out when required.

In spite of this, there was a great deal of public indifference, coupled with criticism, which had to be lived down. Professional hockey was looked upon as something discreditable, alike to the players and those who were connected with it. It was looked upon as falling very far short of the amateur idea and ideal. We have managed to live all that down, along with the accusation that money being the main consideration, games were arranged so as to bring in the greatest amount of it. We still hear today echoes of the charge that professional hockey is a money racket. It is true that it takes a great deal of money to keep it going; otherwise it would not go at all. Games are now played at places much farther apart; costly arenas are needed in which to hold them; all of which involves heavy expenditures which have to be met out of the proceeds."

"Professional hockey has passed through two stages. From 1912 until 1924, the struggle was hard and going was difficult. Competition from amateur clubs was keen, the public on the whole was apathetic and the lingering suspicions that had greeted the adoption of the professionalism were not effectively dissipated until the end of that period. All these factors have become negligible now. From 1924, the game took on a new lease of life when the United States clubs entered the National Hockey League. Hockey in the United States, of course, was nothing new. It had been played in that country nearly as long as in Canada. There were hockey clubs in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh as far back as 1900. The game had declined a bit in the United States, but there was a sort of revival when Boston, New York, Pittsburgh and Chicago joined the league. Soon afterwards, however, business conditions be-

came poor. Business and organized sport are affected by the same conditions and we had our share of troubles, but we pulled through."

Standard Higher

On one point Mr. Calder is emphatic and that is that the standard of the game is higher today than it was 20 years ago. "There is no comparison between the two periods in this respect. The standard today is far better in every way. Old-timers will probably be very much in disagreement with me on that point. But in my opinion, the present game compares advantageously with the old one, both individually and collectively. Twenty years ago, it is true, there were a few outstanding players who could hold their own with any of today, but there were not so many of these stars then as there are today. That reflection, curiously enough, raises a point that shows where we are now at a standstill. The indications are that there will not be so many first-class players in the near future. We are not developing men to fill the places of our best players of today when they drop out. We have lots of recruits. We have aspirants by the carload, yet it is difficult to pick out good prospects from among them.

Aided Amateur Hockey

Mr. Calder thinks that the introduction of professionalism has been a good thing for the amateur branch of the sport. "It gives the amateur a higher standard of play by which to measure," he averred. "Then, practically every amateur, whether he acknowledges it or not, has ambitions of becoming a professional. Every kid who is handling a hockey stick has that idea also, and dreams of becoming a Morenz, a Blinco or a Stewart." There was a hint of regret in Mr. Calder's voice as he spoke of the disappearance from the circuit of the similar Canadian cities, Quebec, Ottawa and Hamilton, which had clubs in the league in its early days. He attributes the failure of these cities to maintain a club in the league to one cause; lack of population sufficient to produce a sustaining attendance. In proportion to their population, Mr. Calder maintains, the smaller cities gave more loyal support than the larger. "If New York's attendances were in the same proportion to population as were Ottawa, Madison Square Gardens would have to be capable of seating 200,000," is his way of putting it.

The cost of erection and maintenance of an arena occupied with the fact that there are only 24 playing nights in which to secure the revenue to pay the club's way proved to be the stumbling blocks in the path of National League hockey in the smaller centres. Incidentally, Mr. Calder declares that the first ice hockey rules were drawn up in Montreal—by a group of McGill students who had taken up the game. The writer of these rules, R. F. Smith, is still living in Verdun. The waterfront at Montreal was the scene of these early games, which were an adaptation of bandy ball, brought from Great Britain, where it had been played in the frozen fields in winter. The change from a round ball to the puck was one of the first modifications on this side. It is only fair to add that Montreal's primacy in the sport is challenged by its early nineteenth century rival, Kingston, which claims to have been the battle-ground of rival teams a game or two earlier than Montreal.

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Revised Schedule of the Junior Town League

Following is the revised schedule of the Junior town hockey league for the remaining games:—

- Thursday, February 21st—Cubs vs Huskies. Falcons vs Wolves.
- Thursday, February 28th—Falcons vs Huskies. Cubs vs Wolves.
- Thursday, March 7th—Falcons vs Cubs. Huskies vs Wolves.
- Thursday, March 14th—Cubs vs Huskies. Falcons vs Wolves.
- Thursday, March 21st—Falcons vs Huskies. Cubs vs Wolves.

Two games have been played in the schedule and show that the teams are well matched.

Louisville Times.—The Hartford Courant quotes a scientist as saying an insect responds to kind treatment, but it's a safe bet he never tried putting a bumblebee on the back.

Canadian Golfers Going to Britain

Ross Somerville to Head Squad of Eight of Dominion's Leading Amateurs.

Finally adopting the plan used in other branches of sport and following close on the heels of the recent announcement of the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association, the Canadian Lawn Association Monday night at Toronto decided to send a team of eight Canadian amateurs to Great Britain to compete in the British Amateur Championship. A plan such as this has long been needed in Canadian golf in order to add some incentive to young golfers and enable them to get the competition on foreign fields that is necessary to develop and produce champions.

C. Ross "Sandy" Somerville of London, the greatest amateur golf competitor Canada has produced, has been chosen to lead the team of eight players into the British amateur championship. Except for Somerville the team will be composed of somewhat immature players, although all have had tournament experience in Canadian and provincial championships. If international competition will help make them champions, then they are being given a chance that older players in Canada never had.

The golfing brigade will be composed of Gordon B. Taylor, Jr., and Edward A. Innes, of Montreal, representing Quebec; Phil Farley and Fred Hobbilzel, of Toronto, representing Ontario, and three western players yet to be selected.

Somerville will be more than a mere playing captain. In all probability he will be among the hot favourites to capture the British amateur, won last year by Lawson Little, of San Francisco. London's Sandy won the United States amateur in 1922 and went to the sixth round in the British event before he was eliminated in 1923.

If the R.C.G.A. is considering young players alone in the west it probably will choose the three western representatives from among Ken Black and Stan Leonard, of Vancouver, Bobby Reith and Bud Donovan, of Winnipeg, and Stewart Vickers, of Calgary.

Funds for expenses of the team to compete at the British championship at the Royal Lytham and St. Anne's Golf Clubs, St. Anne's England, will be raised by private subscriptions. B. L. Anderson, of Toronto, secretary of the R.C.G.A., announced.

Golfing officials believed the trip would be a great incentive for the future of Canadian "golf, particularly if it could be made the forerunner of future international competitions between British and Canadian players.

Mr. Anderson added it was hoped to induce the British Walker Cup team to compete in the Canadian amateur championship on such years as they visit the United States. As the British team is slated to return to the United States for their Walker Cup match next year, it was taken for granted, if the Royal and Ancient Society agrees, dates for the Canadian amateur will be arranged so that the British players may compete in it.

Chinamen in West Make Good at Curling Game

To a Scotsman Scotland is the world. So, what's the world coming to? Stories from Scotland itself say that a bagpipe competition there recently was won by some Jewish lads. Then there's another to the effect that the best bagpipe band in Africa is composed exclusively of Kafirs.

Next, from Yorkston, Sask., comes this item:—

The "Yellow Peril" advanced upon Yorkston's annual bonspiel, but quickly came a cropper. Four Chinese from Wadena and Yorkston banded into a rink and entered the "spiel." Dubbed the "Yellow Peril," the quartet lived up to advance notices by winning the first two games. Then they took a tumble in their third encounter, losing to a Theodore, Sask., entry.

Hope for Home and Home Games in O.H.A. in North

Play-offs between the N.O.H.A. champions and the O.H.A. champions may be "home and home" affairs this year if the Sudbury Hockey club's request is allowed by O.H.A. officials.

The new Stanley stadium at Copper Cliff would be the place chosen for the northern game under their suggestion and the other would be played in the Maple Leaf arena-gardens.

No decision has been handed down by O.H.A. officials yet.

L. Godin Stays with Kirkland for Season

Former Timmins Player to Finish Season with Millionaires. May go to Canadiens at Montreal.

Len Godin, former Timmins hockey player, now with the group-winning Kirkland Lake Millionaires, will probably finish out the season with his team, he told The Advance while in Timmins after their victory over South Porcupine on Monday night.

He is in touch with Leo Dandurand of the Canadiens in Montreal but is not sure yet just what action he will take. He did intimate however, that he hoped to be able to stay with the Millionaires until their season's playing is completed.

A number of Timmins hockey experts have called Len for the big league for the past two or three years and it seems as if the National League scouts have been taking note of his performances with the Millionaires this year.

High School Basketball Girls Make Nice Win, 45-5

Timmins High School girls were again in the win column last night when they defeated Schumacher 45-5 in a basketball fixture. The Timmins girls had everything their own way as the score indicates. They grabbed an early lead and just piled on more steadily.

The win puts Timmins High well up in the interscholastic league now.

Kirkland Juniors May Meet Porkies

If Liskeard Juniors Fail to Hold Kirkland, Another Kirkland-South End Series will be Played.

Another South Porcupine-Kirkland Lake hockey battle looms on the sport horizon now that the juniors from Teek have won their group with Noranda. According to word from Sudbury, where there was a N.O.H.A. executive meeting a short time ago, the Kirkland Lake team has yet to meet the New Liskeard juniors to decide which shall represent the central section.

The second game of Kirkland Lake-Noranda series was played on Tuesday night when the gold camp team won from the junior Copper Kings six goals to two.

The first game of the series was played in Kirkland Lake on Monday night and the Quebec lads held the junior Millionaires to a six-all tie.

Kirkland had the Noranda team three down going into the last period but they set out into the final twenty minutes and after a hectic battle got three to tie the score.

Play was about even in the first period but in the second Kirkland forged ahead and had them settled back to steady defensive play, they might not have been forced to the draw.

At the beginning of the season, just before the three team group between Timmins-South Porcupine and Troquois Falls was about to open, the Kirkland executive suddenly decided they would like to be included in the northern group. It was by then too late for them to get that permission from the N.O.H.A., although the Timmins club expressed its willingness to have them enter. So the Kirkland Lake juniors were groupless all season and their only workouts were against Mines' League teams. They claim to be in good condition and able to put up a real battle against any northern team.

The junior Porkies, like their elders, have gone through the season without a defeat, but the situation is slightly different with them in that neither the New Liskeard or the Kirkland lads have had opportunity to see their style of play. With local fans, the junior Porkies are rated as favourites over the Kirkland boys, if the two meet, sight, unseen.

The first period was productive of the best hockey the Porkies having a slight edge over the visitors as they forced the attack. Proulx put the locals one goal up on a nice shot Taylor getting the assist.

The second period opened slowly with Kirkland Lake pepping up as play progressed to take and hold the limelight. The first line of McKinnon, Swaze and Cooke played spectacular hockey, outskating and checking relentlessly. They were rewarded early in the frame when Cook slipped the rubber behind Esseltine to tie the game and the round. The Millionaires, inspired by this, pressed with renewed vigour and the Porkies, who had been willing all night, did a complete fade-out. Before the session ended Mair had scored twice making it 3-1 for Kirkland Lake at the end of the second.

Porkies Get Going Too Late. The third period was ragged the Porkies seeming to lack initiative and Kirkland playing a defensive game shooting the puck down the ice at every given opportunity and so it dragged through eighteen minutes of listless hockey and then Big Ben went off and the Porkies stirred themselves, shook the sleep from their eyes, and came to life and played the hockey they can play but too late. Huggins netted a count

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Average Temperature is Now Gradually Rising

The average temperature is gradually rising throughout the North Country as spring approaches. Lows during the night are not nearly so low as they were a month ago and the highs are gradually creeping upward steadily.

Following are the official readings since Monday.

	Maxima	Minima
Monday	5 above	9 below
Tuesday	23 above	4 below
Wednesday	12 above	3 below
Thursday	5 below	

This morning at eight o'clock it was four above zero.

Can They Lift Redwings Into Stanley Cup Playoffs?

Howe **Goodfellow** **Roach** **Lewis**

Hard-fighting contenders in the Stanley Cup finals last year, losing by the narrowest of margins to Chicago Black Hawks, Detroit Red Wings have slipped far down the N.H.L. ladder this season and have only a remote chance of gaining a play-off berth. In an effort to bolster the slumping squad, owner James Norris spent \$50,000 for Syd Howe, LOWER LEFT, and Scotty Bowman, TOP LEFT, both of the luckless St. Louis Eagles. Howe is a stellar forward and Bowman a hard-hitting and dangerous defenceman. Manager "Smiling Jack" Adams, TOP CENTRE hopes with these reinforcements and the best of his present regulars to yet land in the league play-offs. Larrie Aurie, TOP RIGHT, with Eddie Goodfellow and Herb Lewis have made their mark on the scoring records despite the team standing while John Ross Roach has made a great comeback as the regular net custodian.

Porkies Lose Round to Kirkland in Slow Game

First Loss for South Porcupine Comes in "Off-Night" When Organization Poor. Kirkland Play System Radically Changed Since Last Appearance in Porcupine.

South Porcupine, Feb. 21. (Special to The Advance).

Kirkland Lake Millionaires upset the appallant in the local arena Monday night by eking out a 3-2 victory over the league-leading Porkies in the second game of the play-off series, the first game in Kirkland Lake last Friday having ending a one all tie. Kirkland Lake thus wins the round 4-3 crushing the hopes of the Porkies of entering O.H.A. play-downs. The game on Monday night was protested before play started but the N.O.H.A. decision has not yet been learned.

It was a hard blow for the Porkies to take having finished the schedule without a loss only to go down to defeat by one goal in the play-offs. On the season's play the Porkies were undoubtedly the better team and as such they feel they are the logical team to represent the N.O.H.A. in the Allan Cup play-downs.

Kirkland Better Team Monday. On the night's play Kirkland Lake was certainly the better team and as such deserved their win. The locals never seemed able to shake the sleep from their eyes and get going. Combination plays which they had used so successfully all season went by themselves as each man was out for himself. Every man on the South Porcupine team played under form with the exception of Dent who turned in the best game of the season. The game was lost in the first period when the Millionaires had three men resting in the cooler and the Porkies could not get organized.

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Third Period.—scoring, South Porcupine, Huggins, 19:00.

Penalties.—First period, Godin, Huggins, Myre (2), Cattarello, Godin (2), Thoms. Second period, Taylor (2), Briden, McKinnon. Third period, Taylor, Thoms, Porter.

at a minute to go but the Millionaires were on the defensive and a frenzied one at that. They were at sea after the locals came to and if that old alarm had rung five minutes sooner there would have been a different tale to tell to-day.

The game was handled by Wm. Bagshaw, Halleybury.

The Teams. South Porcupine—Goal, Esseltine; defence, Taylor, Dunn, Dent; forwards, Huggins, Maki and Briden; alternates, McCann, Cattarello, Proulx.

Kirkland Lake—Goal, Ames; defence, Porter, Godin, Thoms; forwards, McKinnon, Swaze, Cook; alternates, Mackinnon, Myre, O'Connor.

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Chicago's Charges Refuted by Gorman

Allegations of Tampering with Black Hawks Players Explained by Manager of Maroons.

Charges of tampering with Chicago Black Hawk players, discussed at last Saturday's meeting of Governors of the National Hockey League, and then withdrawn, this week brought a statement from Thomas Gorman, manager of Montreal Maroons, in part as follows:

"We regret very much that officers of the Chicago club saw fit to make allegations, reflecting on the Montreal Hockey Club. After explanations had been made they were, of course, withdrawn. Any negotiations we have had regarding players of the Chicago Hockey Club have been direct to, and through its President, Major F. McLaughlin.

"Our last move in this respect concerned Leroy Goldsworthy. We needed a centre man at the beginning of the new year, and made a verbal offer for Gold, worthy; then on loan to the London club. We offered \$3,000 for Goldsworthy, and would have gone higher, but were informed he was not for sale, and was about to be recalled by the Black Hawks.

"A few days later we learned that he had been sold to Canadiens. Another of Major McLaughlin's forwards approached us at St. Paul, and asked us to put through a deal, saying he did not wish to return to Chicago. I advised him to go to see Major McLaughlin, and told him I felt sure he would be fairly treated. He did so, and is now with the Black Hawks. I don't think any one would seriously treat the allegation that we had "tampered with Taffy Abel or Joe Starke."

"The charge again (Lionel) Conacher arose out of the fact that he had sent a wire to Abel, after reading Clem Loughlin's statement that Chicago was 'all washed up' with 'Taffy.' Connie' was merely trying to do a good turn for a former teammate."

Florida Times-Union.—Literary Digest ought to conduct a poll to see which has been the most paragraphed, Huey Long or Mae West.

Sudbury Star.—Asked her recipe for longevity, a 101-year-old Chicaganon says, "I have always minded my own business." It seems a fruitful piece.

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