

Exhibition Football Match This Saturday at Ball Park

Lacrosse Again Promises to be Popular in the District

Some Notes on the History of Lacrosse. Macdonald Creates Stir in Amateur Ranks. Athletic Commission in Quandary About the Matter

The days of the gutted stick and hard rubber ball are here again, and why shouldn't they be—the Indians played lacrosse before ever Columbus thought of setting out aboard the three-master which brought him fame, fortune and fish. Lacrosse has earned the right to be called Canada's national game and in years past as well as at the present, Canadian players have been, by far, the most outstanding exponents of the sport.

At the present time practically every country in the world, at least every civilized country, sponsors lacrosse in some manner or other. In countries such as England, Wales, Germany and of course the United States, lacrosse is played on a large scale. Large institutions of learning the world over place lacrosse among their initial athletic activities, girls as well as boys enjoying the singular thrill of the Indian game.

For years the game was played on an immense field, eleven men constituting a team. The goal posts in this case were placed a great distance apart, 400 yards being nothing out of the ordinary for a player to have to run if he wished to travel from one end of the field to the other. The game in those days was one in which the ability to throw a long, accurate pass, and fleetness of foot were major factors. The teams played hard, but never thought of having a substitute come on the field unless they were injured beyond immediate repair which, in those rough, tough days, was something out of the ordinary.

However with the advent of professionalism into the sport a new game was introduced—box lacrosse, and it is this latter style of playing that to-day's athletes are most familiar with. In 1931 Conny Smythe and Eddie Peters got together and decided if the game was played in a smaller area, that, with a few changes, it might be made a drawing card, which some day might rival that of professional hockey. So, with the due haste characteristic of both these great sportsmen, they organized a professional lacrosse team to play in the Maple Leaf Gardens, Toronto. The same thought had come to moneyed sports benefactors in other large centres, and in no time at all a professional lacrosse league had found its birth and was already tottering around. Players were drawn from old-time lacrosse centres such as Brampton, Fergus, Mimico, Oshawa and Hamilton, offered salaries to the men which sounded to them like the well-known and hoped-for "pot of gold." The boys lost no time in accepting the offers, and almost before they understood what was happening, they had lost their simon-pure status, and were making a business of tossing the india-rubber ball around, in what was invariably a hockey cushion. The first season proved a financial success, and elaborate plans were made for the next year. The crowds were good at the first few games, and the interest of the public was stirred up by elaborate advertising schemes along with an international radio hook-up which gave listeners a play-by-play description of each and every game. However it was too good to last, the crowds began to weaken, and with this last plunge the spirit of the players took a downward plunge, and with this last plunge, the spirit of the players made a parallel dive, and with this last dive, quarrels ensued between the players and the management. This fact led to a breaking-up of the clubs and to date they have never been reorganized.

This would prove a very difficult proposition, because in practically every case, the players have been re-instated into amateur ranks, many of them playing on different senior teams throughout the country, others have secured positions as coaches, while still others, who believe that their years would not stand the game have retired as far as taking an active part in the sport is concerned, but they will never give up their interest in lacrosse, although some of them maintain that the box-style of playing has more or less killed the sport. In every case the Canadian Amateur Athletic Association forced the professionals to wait

two years in order to regain their amateur cards. During this time the player was not allowed to play with amateurs because of his professional status, neither was he allowed to take part in any game where he might be financially remunerated for his ability to play. So it was pretty hard for the players to regain their cards, they had to wait two years for them, during which time they were not allowed to take an active part in the sport; and so when the two years were up, they were sadly out of practice, and in almost every case the players were not in the healthy condition required for the sport, that is, some had taken to smoking rather heavily, others had not been exercising regularly and had put on too much weight, and still others, after two years of inactivity, did not care whether they played again or not.

All the above facts would be against the reorganizing of professional lacrosse, present-day players are well aware of the pitfalls of professionalism. If the game goes over and the sport proves a financial success, then nothing could be sweeter than playing professional lacrosse, but if it doesn't go over, it is just too bad.

Perhaps the most remarkable and well-known offspring of the professional lacrosse days in Toronto is Bucko Macdonald, who is now playing defence for the Detroit Red Wings in pro hockey. Bucko teamed up with Bill Anthony on the attack for the Toronto Maple Leafs in lacrosse and they were rated as the nicest pair of home-men in the league. When the league broke up, and the club disbanded, Anthony immediately set out to regain his amateur card and return to play for Brampton, his home town. But not so Mr. Macdonald. He said that he was in professional sport to stay, and he has certainly made that statement come true. As soon as the club in Toronto broke up, he headed south to Pittsburgh and other American centres where professional lacrosse was still in the throes of success. He played there for a season, and then decided that there wasn't enough money in lacrosse, and he was bound he would play professional hockey; so in the following fall, he turned up at the training camp in Galt, Ontario, of the Toronto Maple Leafs. He earned a trial with the Leafs and played in a couple of exhibition games for them, but Conny Smythe decided he was not quite good enough for major hockey yet, and Bucko found himself farmed out for the season. The experience stood him in good stead, however, for next year he was purchased by the Detroit team, and everyone knows his record since then—that of being one of the hardest-hitting defencemen in major hockey.

And now, with Canadian amateur lacrosse getting under way for another season, Bucko steps into the limelight again, and in doing so has created one of the biggest stirs ever known in lacrosse circles. Macdonald has stated his intention to play amateur lacrosse this summer for the Toronto Marlboros, the Queen City's entrant in the senior lacrosse league. The C. A. A. A. state that this is impossible, no one who is being paid to participate in any line of sports being eligible for amateur lacrosse. Bucko understands this ruling but he bounces right back with the retort that all so-called amateur lacrosse players are being paid indirectly. The players are given good jobs in return for their playing ability, and according to Mr. Macdonald this is just the same as paying the players outright.

A special meeting of the Ontario Amateur Lacrosse Association was held in Toronto over the week-end, and it was decided that it would be unconstitutional to consider the acceptance of the certificates of Bucko Macdonald, as desired by the Toronto Marlboros.

Mike Kelly, president of the Canadian Lacrosse Association, and Frank Selke, of the Toronto Maple Leafs, both spoke at the gathering and each made a powerful plea to have Macdonald accepted, but the delegates were left cold and unconvinced.

Outside delegates stated that if Macdonald were let through the gates of amateurism, other pros would follow

Sudbury Definitely Out of N.O.W.S.A.

Nickel Belt Women's Softball Association Against Northern Ontario Body.

The following is from "Sporting Comment" in The Sudbury Star on Monday of this week:—

If the Northern Ontario Women's Softball Association decides to re-organize this year it will be without the co-operation of the Nickel Belt Ladies' Softball Association.

This was very definitely decided at the re-organization meeting of the Nickel Belt Association, Friday night. It was claimed that the Northern Ontario body had not been altogether just in the past in its handling of Nickel Belt affairs and club representatives felt working under the Provincial Women's Softball Union was a much better arrangement and much more satisfactory.

It was also taken into consideration that the N.O.W.S.A. folded up very abruptly last season when the president and secretary resigned and there was no guarantee that the same sad state of affairs might not develop again this year. Nickel Belt clubs do not wish to be orphaned after the season gets under way.

Just how strong ladies' softball is going to be in the Nickel Belt this year is a moot question. The re-organization meeting found only two clubs represented, both Sudbury teams. A new comer to the ranks is the entry of the Sudbury Brewery, with a team playing under the rather unique name of "Gold Tops." Coached by "Shorty" Green and with a strong aggregation apparently already lined up, the new entry may make a name for itself this season.

Protests against the strong Coniston club, which will play this year as a Sudbury team, were somewhat soothed by the announcement of the former Coniston club's coach that he would not use his strongest pitcher against opposing clubs in the league schedule. A suggestion that the team be split up was vetoed by the terse statement of the new Sudbury entry: "We can take a licking." As a matter of policy it is not commendable to split up a starchy aggregation in addition to which there is no proof of the team's strength in comparison with last year until it takes the field again, nor is there any indication of the strength of the new entry until it has been seen in competition.

Present indications are that there will be no Coniston team in the league this year. It is claimed that sending the Coniston girls into the provincial playdowns last year, resulted in a monetary loss and left no funds with which to operate a team this year.

It would appear that a four-team league is the best the Nickel Belt can hope for this season and up to the present time only two clubs have been heard from, all of which still leaves the ladies' softball situation somewhat up in the air.

In the meantime, sponsors of ladies' softball are urged to get busy and line up their entries as quickly as possible. Playing fields are rapidly rounding in to shape and there is no time to lose in preparing a schedule.

Washington and Lee Pink:—It's easy to recognize an American at a bull-fight. He cheers for the bull.

and in no time at all the Gardens would have a team so powerful that other squads wouldn't even have a chance with them.

Mike Kelly became quite angered at some of the retorts handed him by some of the delegates, whom he more or less accused of playing pros on their teams. These statements were denied, but Mike was not satisfied and said that if the Ontario organization decides to swing in behind the amateur card, he would see to it that every team lived up to the regulations laid down by the governing body.

"I'll see that you clean house or know the reason why," he cried.

Gene Dopp, secretary of the Ontario association, said he could see no harm in having the professionals and amateurs mingle, but no attention was paid to this statement.

So it looks as if the amateur lacrosse activities will be run as usual in Ontario this year, and Macdonald will have to be contented with golf as an exerciser.



Don Budge

Will Don Budge of California, sensational young star of the United States Davis Cup team, be the hero or the goat when the Americans meet Australia at Forest Hills this month in the zone finals? This new photo was taken as Budge won the singles match against Japan to give the U.S. a clean sweep of the series.

World's Sport Events

(By F.J.H.)

Hockey
With the ground being covered with snow last week-end took us back to that game called hockey, but this time it is in far away Russia. Russia had hockey last winter but little was heard of it, for they were only experimenting and it turned out to be a good drawing card. Next season they are going in for it in a big way. They are contemplating having 46 teams in and around Moscow.

Tennis
Senorita Anita Lizana, the Chilean lawn tennis star, intended to sail for her home country to rest up before going to South Africa, but she has been persuaded to stay and take part in the Wimbledon tennis championship tournament. She is going to stay and it is expected that she will do well. She will sail for Africa right after the tournament. Miss Alice Marble, the Californian star, is on her way to take part in the Wimbledon tournament.

Polo-Golf
This game is played with a player going around on horseback and using a polo mallet instead of a golf club. This mallet is used all round the course, even from bunkers, and a player can lift his ball from an unplayable lie with a penalty of one stroke.

Who introduced this game? None other than a Northerner from our midst, Mr. Harry Oakes. His idea was for the benefit of older players who found polo too strenuous for them.

Golfers have become so enthusiastic about the new "lazy man's golf" that a club has been formed at Nassau (Bahamas).

The craze is spreading like wildfire.

Horse Racing
All eyes are on the horses these days and after the easy win for War Admiral last Saturday in the Kentucky Derby it would make the Epsom Derby very interesting if the States shipped him over for this great race.

Fairford the favourite to win the Derby was little known three weeks ago but jumped into the limelight by winning a couple of races and in the trials over seven furlongs at Lambourn she beat Dragonade, another favourite, and three others easily.

Softball
It was stated in this column last Monday that it was rumoured that McKim and other players were going to play for the T.P. triple A. and that is about all it was—a rumour—as when the articles are signed don't be surprised if they are with McIntyre.

Tit-Bits
For the benefit of those who follow tournaments of all kinds, here is a list of Coronation events to take place in England:
May 24-28—British amateur golf championship at Sandwich.
June 2—Epsom Derby. Thousands will be looking at their tickets on May 28, if they are not phoney.
June 7-11—Women's golf championships at Turnberry, Scotland.
June 15-18—The Royal Ascot Races. These races bring out the most colourful fashions for women and men.
June 21 to July 3—Wimbledon tennis championships.
June 29-30—The Ryder Cup golf, England vs. America, at Southport. Britain has won this title for three straight years and are expected to win it again this year.
On May 29th Australia meets the U.S.A. in the Davis Cup match and the winners will then sail for England.

Annual Meeting of Ladies' Golf Club

Officers Elected for the ensuing Year. Official Opening to Be Announced

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Golf Club was held at the clubhouse at 3 p.m. Monday last, for the purpose of selecting the officers for the season. The following were the officers elected: President, Mrs. John Knox. Vice-President—Mrs. John W. Fogg. Secretary-Treas.—Mrs. A. W. Young. Assistant-Treas.—Mrs. James Todd. Captain—Mrs. Archie Gillies. Handicap Manager—Mrs. D. W. Robinson. Entertainment Committee—Mrs. I. K. Pierce.

A meeting of the greens committee will be held in the near future, and the year's activities will be drawn up. The official opening of the ladies' section will be announced later.

Comment on Route of Trans-Canada Road

Discusses of Idea that Highway May be Routed by Ferguson Highway.

(From Sudbury Star)

Widening of the Ferguson highway by 34 feet to conform with the standard 100 feet of roadbed, and the purchase of land on each side of the road for that purpose, has inspired residents of the New Liskeard area to presume that the government has decided to change routing of the trans-Canada highway from the North Shore to the Temiskaming and Cochrane districts.

Officials of the Highway Department in the regions affected however are said to have denied that the Ferguson road is to form the basis of the trans-Canada highway through Northern Ontario and that the existing road projected and constructed during the regime of Hon. G. H. Ferguson, of late years allowed to deteriorate, is simply being brought up to Class A specifications. That seems to be the logical answer.

For some months the Boards of Trade and business men of the Temiskaming section have been putting up strenuous arguments for the improvement of the Ferguson highway. Repairs and changes to the road were badly needed, the highway was unsafe for traffic and failed to provide the standard of service which the importance of the territory merited. After much coaxing and cajoling, the Hepburn government has finally made up its mind to accede to the demands made, and road gangs are now at work carrying out at least some of the suggestions advanced by the people of the area.

One is forced to the view that the government has at last come around to the point where, in face of the greatly augmented taxes levied, restriction of provincial services, and increased surplus, something must be done to appease aggrieved sentiment in the North Country, and that in justice to the people and for the sake of the preservation of the Ferguson highway, a programme of road improvement has at last been undertaken. It is doubtful if the schedule has anything to do with a contemplated change in the routing of the trans-Canada highway. That project, it is believed, will remain in the background while other and more pressing problems receive the attention of Queen's Park. It will be remembered that both Premier Hepburn and Hon. Peter Heenan have been fairly definite in asserting that the trans-Canada road will go around the north shore of Lake Superior—when it is built. That decision must have been made after due consideration of the matter—or perhaps from some other motive not apparent.

In any event, the Temiskaming district need not get all "het up" over the prospects of the trans-Canada route being altered. The wish would appear to be father of the thought. The areas affected should be mighty glad that they are at long last receiving a little attention in improvement of the Ferguson highway. From all accounts the programme is not being undertaken before it was needed.

Cricket Bats Made from English Willow Trees

English willow tree growers supply the world with cricket bats, and more than 100,000 bats have been "grown" for this year's campaign. These "growers" as they are known, do nothing else but cultivate these willows for future batsmen, and each year they report nice profits from the business.

Orillia News-Letter:—O. B. Cox bought a cow and locked her in his barn at Grant's Pass, Oregon. One day she was missing and the barn was still locked. The mystery remained unsolved until Cox went to his hay loft. The cow had climbed the steep steps and was contentedly munching hay. Cox used a block and tackle to take her down.

where on July 17-19-20 the interzone finals will be played at Wimbledon and the finals on July 24th, 26th and 27th.

Another great race is in the offing on May 31, when the twenty-fifth annual 500-mile classic Indianapolis motor speedway race will take place.

Rex Mays, California, is said by experts to be the greatest pilot since Frank Lockhart, and this year he will be behind the wheel of an Alfa Romeo.

Star Team Chosen for the Selection Game on Saturday

This Part of North Hopes to Have One or More Players on the All-Ontario Team to Play the Charltons in June. Member of the Selection Committee to be Here Saturday

Well-Known Football Fan at Kirkland Lake Passes

(From Northern News)

His comrades of the Legion were the escort this afternoon for the last journey of the late Joseph Meath, whose sudden death Saturday evening a moment or two after he left his home at 79 Main street to go on shift was a shock to the mining community, to the local world of former soldiers, and to the fraternity associated in football circles.

It was a sad march down Main street to the Church of the Holy Name, where Mass was conducted prior to interment in Kirkland Lake cemetery. On the coffin lay the beret which "Joe" would have worn tomorrow on another march, in the Coronation parade. Ladies of the Auxiliary joined in the cortege.

Pall-bearers were old friends of thirteen years where in Kirkland Lake, men from his own circle, who knew him well, and enjoyed with him the arguments over sport and the like in which he took such an active part, and which he enjoyed so well.

Pallbearers were John Conlon, Larry Owens, John Jackson, Neil Wilson, Jimmy Ash, Archie Grant, Jim McCombie and Alex Mowat.

Bugler who sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside was Bob Emery. Joe Meath was born at Accrington, Lancashire, and would have been 45 years of age at the end of this month. He served overseas with the Imperials in the R.A.M.C. from September, 1914, until the end of the Great War, then coming to Canada to join relatives in Oshawa. He was accompanied by his wife, whom, as Elizabeth Cragg, he married at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Accrington. Other immediate survivors are a son, James, who has been working in Quebec; Winifred, at high school here, and John and Joan, ten and six years old, at the Holy Name School. Mrs. Mary Bouckley, of Kirkland Lake is a sister; a brother John lives in Oshawa, and another, William, in Buffalo, New York. Another brother, James, who served with the Second Canadian Division, was killed at Diechebouche in 1916. After a short residence in Oshawa, Mr. Meath came to Kirkland Lake, being engaged at Lake Shore Mine, where he recently served as cage-tender.

He had last week changed shifts with a friend, and gone on the "11 o'clock" in order to be free to enjoy the celebrations to-morrow and march with his comrades. Apparently in the best of health, he left the house about 10 o'clock, and must have collapsed a few yards away. He was found by Peter Casey, who summoned help, and was taken to the house, where it was found that he was dead.

A great "soccer" player in his younger days, he played for St. Anne's, Accrington, he was a well-known referee both here and "down below" before he came here. He was sending away for his card in preparation for this season's series, friends said.

Annual Dance Recital of Pupils of Mrs. Burt

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 27th, 28th and 29th, mark the occasion of the annual dance recital presented by Mrs. Harold Burt and her pupils. This yearly event has been looked forward to by lovers of dancing in the Porcupine. Although each year has seen this annual event grow bigger and better, the 1937 season's event promises to be outstanding. The dancers have been trained to a very high standard. Many of the artists have appeared at recent public events and have received sincere praise for their cleverness and skill and the charming performance given. The recital on May 27th, 28th and 29th will comprise outstanding well-balanced interpretive dance numbers, well managed with special lighting effects and costumed in colourful way. Everyone is given a cordial invitation to attend this event and enjoy the programme to be presented. His Worship Mayor J. P. Bartleman will open the event.

North Bay Nugget:—Roger Babeon, noted economist, reports business has been restored to the 1923-27 level but this will not suffice for present-day needs.

The football season is now in full swing, the local teams have played two games in Timmins, and will meet an all-star team from Kirkland Lake on Saturday night at the local ball park. The first game of the season was between the teams from the Hollinger and McIntyre mines. This game was called at half time because of unfavourable weather without either team scoring a goal. The second game was played on Tuesday night, McIntyre playing the Dome team. This game ended in a one-all tie.

From these two games, a local all-star squad has been picked to meet Kirkland Lake on Saturday night. At this game will be members of a committee who are touring Ontario picking talent to join their Ontario all-stars, who are to play the fast Charlton team in Toronto early in June.

The local all-star team will be made up as follows:—

Goal—Brookbank, McIntyre.
R. B.—McAdam, McIntyre.
L. B.—Welsh, Hollinger.
C. H.—Paynter, Dome.
R. H.—Mair, McIntyre.
L. H.—Cockburn, Dome.
I. R.—E. Dunston, McIntyre.
O. R.—R. Dunston, McIntyre.
C. F.—Chambers, Dome.
I. L.—Hancock, Hollinger.
C. L.—Rodgers, McIntyre.
Subs.—Hampton, Dome; Cooper, Dome; Gallagher, Hollinger; Morrison, McIntyre.
Referee—George Munro, Dome.

Quebec Prospectors Still Warring Against Mine Bill

A fully-attended executive meeting of the Northwestern Quebec Prospectors' and Developers' Association held at the National Hotel at Rouyn, on Saturday afternoon, determined to get more action from Quebec in regard to the "stone wall" Bill No. 5, and resolved that the secretary write again for a copy of this bill. Further, as the association went on record as not being satisfied with the concessions obtained from the Department of Mines, with regard to the change of mining laws, another resolution was passed authorizing the secretary to write to the minister requesting that a definite answer in regard to the changes be given to a letter that had been sent to the department some time previously.

More definite information is also being sought by the association on the \$25,000 appropriation which, according to press reports, has been allotted for a technical school in Northwestern Quebec, and by resolution, the secretary was instructed to request it from Quebec.

Stanley Saxton, who has served on the directorate of the association since it was formed, is leaving in a month for British Columbia to take up a position with a mine in the vicinity of Trail. A send-off, in the form of a gathering is being planned, and will likely be held on Friday evening at the National Hotel.

Sudbury Star:—Some folks contend that the income tax is actually a strip tease.

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