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SYDENHAM GIRLS' WON FIRST PLAY-OFF MATCH

Defeated Wilton 13-11 on Wilton Grounds on Saturday.

In the playoff series of the Frontenac County Girls' Softball league, played on Saturday, in the first game at Wilton, resulted in a victory for the Sydenham girls over the home team by a 13-11 score.

An even larger crowd of supporters than usual were on hand to cheer their favorites all through the contest which was indeed a close one. Each team had one bad inning—allowing four runs—but outside those the best of ball was played, and both teams fielded well in support of the pitchers.

The twirlers used opposite tactics. The Wilton pitcher tried hard to tame the visitors with a slow ball and it baffled half the Sydenham team. The Sydenham pitcher "steamed them over" and the Wilton batters, usually a heavy-hitting nine, could not seem to connect as often as usual.

Wilton came to bat in the last of the ninth two runs down, but could not gather them in. However, they express their confidence in a change in the tide of fortune when they go to Sydenham on Wednesday.

Wilton—Hazel Frink, c; ... Asseltine, p; D. Neilson, 1b; I. Burt, 2b; L. Peters, 3b; A. Bab-

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cock, ss; E. Emberley, ss; L. Babcock, lf; R. Newman, cf; E. Shibley, rf. Sydenham — Isabel Blake, c; Georgia Phippen, p; Jean Gues, 1b; Bunny Woodruff, 2b; Flora Woodruff, 3b; Harriet Gues, lf; Evelyn Patterson, 1ss; G. Van Coughnet, rf; Florence Walsworth, rss; Teresa Murray, cf. Umpires—Fletcher Young and Ernest Young, of Bath.

OTTAWAS PREPARE FOR HARD SEASON

Several New Faces in Rough-Riders' Line-up.

Over twenty-five players were put through two hours of practice by coaches Quilty and Gleeson, of the Ottawas, at Varsity Oval, Saturday. There was something doing; every minute and the players showed good condition to commence the real hard work of the season.

Two men who made their first appearance were Joe Miller and Edie Crain. Miller was going well handling the ball. Eddie Crain will be a valuable acquisition to the squad. This boy played outside wing and quarter for the McGill team last season and knows the game. He will fit in nicely at outside wing, a position in which the Ottawas are none too well fortified.

Baker Humphries, the Kirby brothers and the other big boys were also worked hard. Baker threw the tackling dummy for a total loss on one of his flying dives and a halt had to be called for repairs. Buels, Shaw and others also showed some fine tackling.

There is a vast amount of work to be done yet and every day of the remaining time between now and the opening game in Montreal, will be needed to mould a team capable of holding its own in the "Big Four."

HITTING IS MERE MATTER OF NERVE

Hitting depends entirely on a player's nerve, in the opinion of Zack Wheat, heavy hitting outfielder of the Brooklyn National league club.

"A player who lacks courage always can be found well down in the averages," says Wheat. "Baseball's best hitters like Ruth, Cobb, Speaker, Hornsby, Hellmann and Roush are both nervy and confident. They know how to pull themselves out of a batting slump.

"When I fail to hit I know I am doing something wrong at the plate and try to correct the fault. I know these isn't anything the matter with the bat, the ball or the umpire. It is my own fault and no one can make me get back into my stride except Old man Wheat himself."

A man's moral backbone is made stronger when he does a good act that costs him something.

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

Based conclusions on the first game in Picton, Sydenham should make a good showing against Picton in the second game to-day. A team that can hold Picton 4-2 in Picton should be good for a victory on its own grounds.

Only three teams are expected in the senior O. R. F. U. this season. They will be Parkdale, of Toronto, University of Toronto, and a team from Hamilton. Varsity has a wise move there in thus caring for its surplus supply of senior players. That is another way of building up future champions.

After the first practice of the Parkdale senior O. R. F. U. squad, the following players are claimed by the Paddlers: Joe Breen, Alex. Goddard, Earl Douglas, Archie Thomas, Wendell Holmes, "Dutch" Brophy, Harry Hobbs, Bill Miles, Ed. Houston, Hookey Smith, Dundas, Leonard, of Ridley College, and "Jim" Saylor, former Queen's player. That does not look so bad, if they all materialize.

On Sunday Charles Toth, of Boston, swam the English channel, accompanied in a power boat by Charles Burgess, the second man to accomplish that feat. Toth received no reward for it but the satisfaction of achieving an ambition. Burgess entered the water and swam the last two miles with Toth, and the American says that the advice and help of the veteran proved the deciding factor in his feat.

Queen's athletes of many classes are gradually drifting back to get in shape for the coming fall season. "Archie" Abernethy, of the rugby squad, and "Ski" McCartney, intercollegiate 110 lb. boxing champion, are the latest. Both report a good summer and limitless "pop" for this term.

Tomorrow's dinghy races will wind up a season in which local yachtsmen have brought credit to their club and to the sport and have had a fine lot of fun in doing it. With a dinghy fleet only two years old, the winning of the Intercity Competition was something to be proud of and Kingston yachts of other types competed all year with honor to themselves.

With some of the inmates of the Portsmouth Penitentiary still at large it would be wise for incoming rugby players of the Queen's squads to carry identification cards. Never can tell what mistakes people are apt to make. Others might wear placards reading: "Yes, I am not the Prince of Wales in disguise."

PAPYRUS TO RUN AMERICA'S BEST

English Derby Winner Matched Against Best American Three-Year-Old.

Papyrus will embark on the Aquitania, September 22nd, with a retinue betting a Derby winner, seeking conquerors in the New World. Bar Gold, his playmate and solitary stablemate companion, is going along to keep the coat company, and so is the little black cat, whose favorite pastime is rubbing his head against the legs of Ben Irish's famous horse. Trainer Jarvis will, of course, go along, as also will the stable boy who massages Papyrus several hours every day, and another lad whose job is to exercise the thoroughbred. Mr. Irish, who Saturday reached a fine agreement with C. J. Fitzgerald for the colt to engage in an international race against the best three-year-old in the United States at Belmont Park, will go along if he can induce his physician to accompany him. Mr. Irish has been in poor health, though he looks to be the typical red-cheeked country gentleman.

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Papyrus will take his own food and water along with him. As food was the question upon which the success of the negotiations had hung, word was awaited from Washington as to whether the horse would be allowed to bring his own fodder to the United States in contravention of the laws. August Belmont cabled that the difficulty was not insurmountable, and the agreement was signed. Papyrus will arrive in New York late in September and will have three weeks in which to become acclimated and regain his hind legs before the race.

Quite a number of British racegoers fear they will never see the horse again, and they have been writing scores of letters to Mr. Irish. He was informed by one of the letter writers that the race "is a deeply laid scheme to get the colt into the United States and keep him there, thereby depriving British blood-stock breeders of the chance of using him in the stud."

Mr. Irish, like most of the other members of the modern human race, has no contempt for dollars, and if somebody in the United States stacks enough in front of him he can have Papyrus. But it will take more than \$200,000, for Mr. Fitzgerald said that an offer of that amount already has been made.

The other day Mr. Irish said that if any one in the United States wanted to buy Papyrus it would have to pay \$500,000, but no one took that statement seriously, for, as everyone knows, the highest price ever paid for a horse was paid for Tracery, the father of Papyrus. The figure was \$265,000.

TRY PSYCHOLOGY ON SENOR FIRPO

Will Make Luis Think He Cannot Lost to Dempsey.

Figuring that Luis Angel Firpo is as physically fit as he can be made to meet Jack Dempsey and that he is technically as good as he can be developed in a short time, the trainers of the South American are devoting the last days to mental preparation. Everything possible is being done to give Firpo confidence in his ability to win the championship. It is apparent that Firpo is not afraid of Dempsey, but has shown signs at times that he doesn't believe in himself as he should.

Efforts to overcome this handicap are now being directed by his trainer, Horatio Lavelle, and his other companions. When Firpo resumed training a Spanish linguist was at the ringside, and here are some of the confidence spreaders that he heard hurled at Firpo from his corner: "Lean forward, my king, and hold up your left hand." "I salute you, my champion; that was three minutes of grand work." "Pull your chin back and step fast, unconquerable one."

In this house, in the dressing room and in the ring Firpo is always addressed as "champion," and apparently he likes it, because he sure has a strut with him. The South American has been badly in need of new sparring partners because he knew all the look-

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