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SLIPPERY GRIDIRON EXPECTED IN TORONTO

Barnia Supporters Expect a Victory Over R.M.C. Cadets.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Indications point to a slippery field for to-day's Canadian intermediate football final at U. of T. Stadium between Barnia and Royal Military College.

Sarnia has a good reputation in western Ontario and the fans of that section of the province are looking for the Tunnel town squad to hand the cadets a defeat.

Another View.

The Varsity: "When interviewed regarding the pro. coach question, Dr. D. Bruce MacDonald, headmaster of St. Andrew's College, ex-president of the A.A.U. of C., and one of the best known football enthusiasts in Toronto, said that, as long as U. of T. was able to get amateur coaching of a high standard, she was wise to keep it, but as soon as the system did not show results, Dr. MacDonald saw no harm in having a professional coach.

"The question is a big one, and can be surveyed from many angles, but as far as I can see, professional coaching need not professionalize sport at any university. It really first-class amateur coaching cannot be had, I see no harm in a 'pro.'"

As Seen in Regina.

The Regina Leader opines that Queen's victory in the national football final was won through:

- (1) Employment of an interference system which completely disorganized Regina's defense.
(2) Employment of a speedy running attack, built around Batstone and Leadley.
(3) An aerial attack, which carried play into Regina's territory.
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TORONTO BASEBALLERS TO CHICAGO MEETING

President Lawrence Solman and Manager Dan Howley will leave Toronto to-day for Chicago to attend the annual meeting of the International League and the annual pow-wow of the minors.

While the squabble in the Pacific Coast needs some ironing out, there are other matters to be discussed that mean much to the minor leagues, especially the Class AA organizations, with the chief one being the draft.

President Solman and Manager Howley have secured waivers on quite a number of their players, and are going to Chicago ready to make trades.

Jess Spring's contract is reposing in the Toronto All Club office.

OLD ENTHUSIASTS GATHER TO TALK HOCKEY MATTERS

Only Four of Five Old Reliabilities on Hand, But Hope for Some Developments.

It was but a small crowd that gathered for the executive meeting of the Frontenac Hockey Club in the committee room of the City Buildings last night.

There is no denying the fact the outlook for city teams is rather dark. Queen's facing a huge indebtedness on their buildings, have been cutting expenses in every possible way and have been unable to offer or maintain such high guarantees as formerly and the financial outlook thus becomes exceedingly poor.

However, there is still hope of some development which will give Kingston an O.H.A. team this winter but at the present time that hope is very slight.

An Institution

Frank Shaughnessy is a great deal more than just a paid athletic coach at McGill—he's an institution.

It was possibly an action unique in the annals of relationship between coach and players when, a few nights ago, "Shag" presented his players with gold pins, and an incident which shows the attitude and relationship of the Rugby wizard to his players.

In all professional athletics, the primary objective is to get all you can, and give nothing. This goes for most coaches too—but Shaughnessy is an exception. He has become really an integral part of the great institution of learning under the shadow of the mountain, a figure held in more real respect and esteem, perhaps, than almost any other professional coach.

TELLS OF SYSTEM TO BE IN VOGUE

George Sisler Outlines Plans for St. Louis Browns for Next Season.

George Harold Sisler was the idol of his chums while attending the Akron, Ohio, High School. He became the "Michigan Marvel" as a member of the Wolverine baseball team. He was a new sensation in the American League. He passed two records held for years by Tyrus Cobb.

When the 1923 training season started, Sisler did not answer the call. He had suffered an attack of influenza during the late days of the winter. Receiving expert medical attention, he was confident of appearing in the line-up on the opening day of the season.

Inactive Since 1922.

But, as is known, Sisler has not laced a spiked shoe around his ankles since the final games of the 1922 campaign, when the Browns finished one stingy lap behind the Yankees for the American League pennant.

The sensation of the 1923 season was the stroke that cut down George Harold Sisler. Influenza had left its deadly mark with Sisler. The frontal sinuses between the inner and outer tables of the frontal bone above the root of the nose became affected.

Sisler's right eye, was thrown completely out of focus. And without perfect vision a major league batting average does not exist. Therefore, George Sisler was thrown into retirement.

Sisler not only was the idol of the baseball fans, but also P. DeC. Ball, owner of the Browns. When discord appeared in the ranks of the club during the past season Lee Fohl was deposed. It was the preliminary step for the appointment of Sisler, which arrived officially, several weeks ago.

Prepping His Plans.

Installed in office, Sisler is prepping his plans for the 1924 season. He is not building air castles or claiming that he will revolutionize the game. He does not talk about unseating John J. McGraw as the "master mind" of the managerial ranks.

A wonderful change is seen in Sisler's character. When he arrived from Michigan University's stadium he was bashful and shy. But, like all who have played the game, he has hardened. He has become a two-faced guy who is not going to allow belligerents to disrupt his organization.

"There is nothing particularly difficult to master with the job as I see it," remarked Sisler in talking about the system he intends using. "I really believe the importance of the job has been greatly exaggerated—by press box critics, fans and club owners."

Must Have Material.

"The players play the game, and I don't care whether you think you are as smart as Thomas Edison, you can't win a ball game without the material."

"The first thing I am going to follow is complete harmony. When I call the boys together next spring for our first clubhouse chat I am going to inquire whether anybody is dissatisfied. If I find grouches they will depart immediately—regulars or rookies."

"I want everybody pulling the strings with me. I will not tolerate whispering, talking behind my back,

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

Records are queer things. In baseball, for instance, we find tall-ent teams and others besides the leaders, making astounding records. The only unassisted double plays in the major league season were made by the Boston teams, Padgett of the Braves and Burns of the Red Sox taking the honors.

"Pep" Leadley has been elected captain of Queen's football team. Thus does further honor descend on Hamilton, Ont., in the recognition that this favorite son is a scholar, a football star and a gentleman.—Toronto Telegram.

And now, when the season is all finished and all the other cities have made their claims and tooted their horns and whistles... might we quietly arise and announce that of the Queen's Dominion Championship squad the following come from Kingston: J. McKelvey, G. McKelvey, Johnny Evans, "Doc" Campbell, "Pres" McLeod, Karl Quinn, "Bill" Murhead, Jack Delchay, "Chicks" Mundell. Thank you for your kind attention.

And they call this little Filipino fighting machine a savage and a heathen. Take it from Kelly, he is just about the most gentlemanly little fellow that ever stepped into a Toronto ring, with all due respect to Bobby Eber, Donnie Mack and a few more Canadian battlers who have shown themselves to be real clean-cut little sportsmen.

More classical figures of speech from the hot-polloi, or whatever you call it.

To-day should see the intermediate and junior titles of the Canadian Rugby Union's final series straightened out. As we write this, R.M.C. are striving for one of them and we hope to be able to extend congratulations on Monday.

McKelveys, Carr-Harrises, Quinns, Evanses, Angroves, Millans, Stewarts, Tolands, Farrells—Kingston has certainly had its share of brothers who have been prominent in sporting matters. They are still coming to the front.

disagreeing with my plans. I'm going to do the calling. If the club fails to succeed I'll be the one to get the gate. And I'll walk through it without being pushed—don't forget that.

"I can't make good at this game of managing I'll find one where I can if I have to sell shoe strings. I'm not going to be a piece of charity. I'm going to earn the salary I draw or get out."

"I will offer this statement—that I will listen to a trade proposition for anybody on the club. That is I'll trade if I can get what I believe is the big end of the bargain."

"There is a great outfield on the club in Kenny Williams, Bill Jacobson and Johnny Tobin. Walter Gerber is a steady shortstop. Marty McManus is a brilliant youth at second base. Urban Shocker, Elam Vangilder and Dave Danforth hit the mark as pitchers. Hank Severeid is a valuable catcher. After that lay-out however, I go around and find a lot of uncertain points.

"Hubert Pruet, the phenom of 1922 came up with a sore arm last summer. I don't know positively that he will recover. Ray Kolp is good against certain clubs. Has to be kept away from others. Wayne Wright and Dixie Davis are the same style of pitchers. Southpaw Bill Bayne hasn't developed.

"The reserve material is weak. The club needs strong substitutes for anybody in the pennant class. And then there is myself. Now we come to the big question mark. Placing aside personalities and digging down to brass tacks it is natural to expect the club to be stronger with myself at first base.

First and Third.

"If I am able to return to the game I can carry a defensive star like Ezzell at third who is a weak hitter. If I do not play and Fred Schlieber is on the bag then there must be a heavier hitter at third base than Ezzell."

"I am optimistic about my chances of getting back in the uniform. The improvement in my sight has been phenomenal during the last three months. And if I play—well don't be so sure about the Yankees making it four straight."

Sisler in testing his eyes during the last several months has been playing golf. He can pluck a ball out of the rough with a mashie niblick and from a distance of 75 yards plant it within a few feet of the pin.

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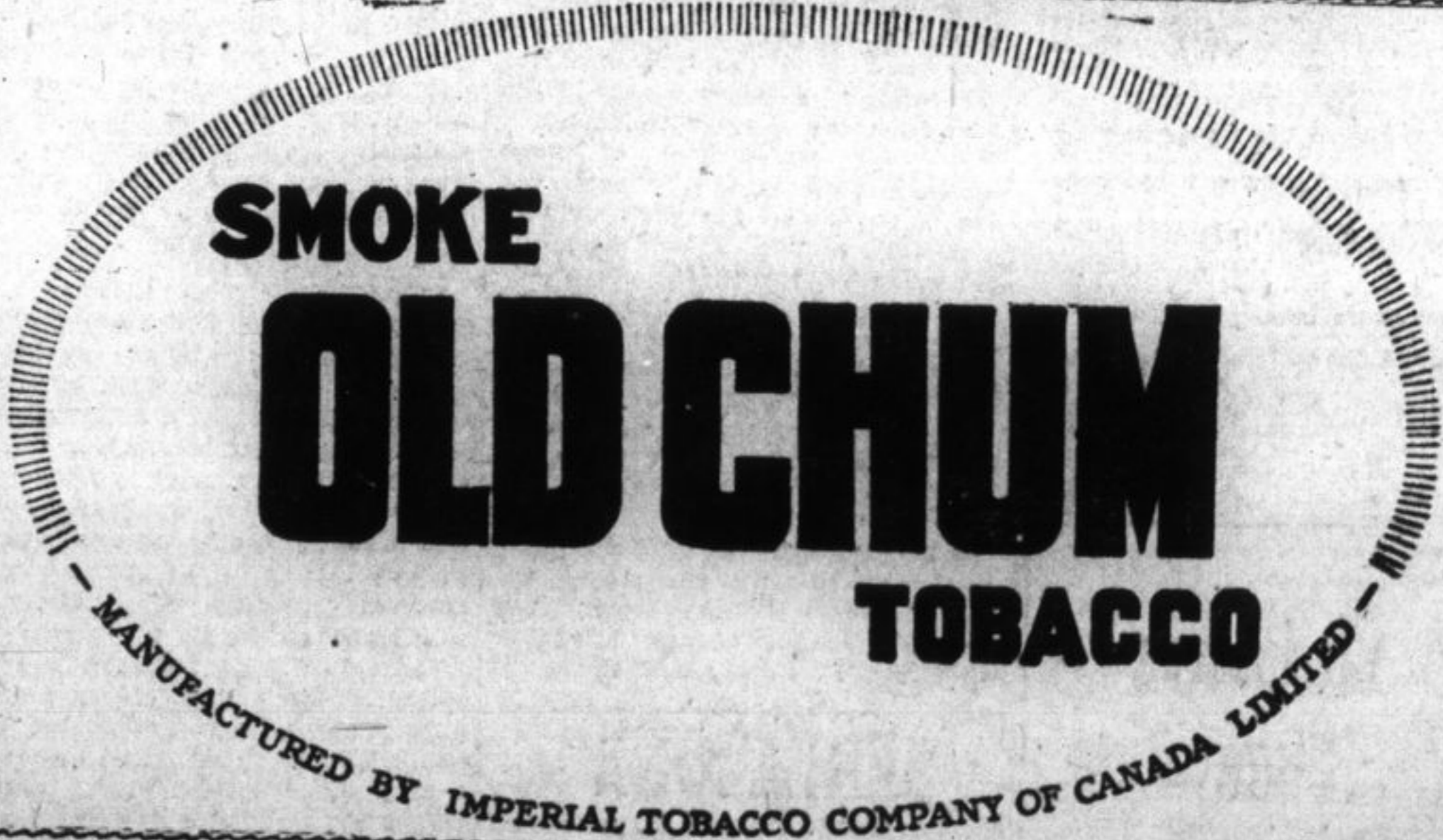
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