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R.M.C. CADETS WIN INTERMEDIATE ROUND

Queen's Took Wednesday's Game 4-3, But Could Not Overcome Lead.

Queen's deserved the 4-3 victory they secured from R. M. C. in the intermediate intercollegiate fixture at the Jock Hartly Arena last night. It was a close battle and a fast one and some of the best hockey of the season was brought out and displayed for the fair crowd of fans who were on hand.

On the round, R. M. C. won the group title 15 goals to 8 and will meet the western's group winners.

Last night's game was a much better indication of the relative strength of the two teams than the first one, though on the whole the cadets are better result producers. Queen's bolstered up with "Gib" McKelvey and he played defence beside his brother John, making a mighty formidable barrier for the R. M. C. forward line.

On the R. M. C. defence were found Hamilton and Saunders, and Smith and Donnelly, of the juniors, bolstered the forward line. The play started fast and remained that way and in the period it was travelling at an even more furious rate than in the first.

The Carr-Harris pair, and Hamilton deserve great credit for their showing with R. M. C. but Rogers looked like the real star for the Red and White. Bond, Johnston and Jack-McKelvey were in the limelight for Queen's. Bond was all over the ice and in the third period it was a series of Queen's rushes, a series of passes to Bond, and a series of nice saves by Rogers as Bond slammed the rubber at him.

Grimes tallied the first and put Queen's on the road to victory. The second was secured by the cadets when McLeod passed out from the corner and the goal bounced off some person or other into the net. Queen's claimed it was carried in but the goal judge said it was a score. George Stewart, veteran hockeyist, was out "doing his stuff" in the middle of the period and beat Rogers with a nice shot, ending the first period 2-1.

In the second period Grimes and Bond worked a beautiful piece of play to make the score 3-1 but the two Carr-Harris brothers, with their constant menace to Mundell, wiggled through the defence and made it 3-2. So it stayed till the end of the period.

In the last period each secured one more goal. The first was a Bond to Johnston play. Bond shot and Rogers failed to clear quickly enough, with the result that Johnston slapped the rubber over the line. For the cadets, a flying puck was picked up

in a lucky position by R. M. Carr-Harris and he drew Mundell out and scored.

Queen's had the better of the argument on the night's play. Their shots on the nets outnumbered those of R. M. C. 2-1. The play was clean and the penalties handed out but minor ones. These were drawn by "Gib" McKelvey, Stewart and John McKelvey. Referee Joe Smith kept the game entirely under his control and saw that no hostilities, such as those in last week's game, were allowed to grow. Bond and McLeod, marking each other on the wing, looked dangerous for a while, but finally seemed to come to some agreement and behaved themselves.

R.M.C.—Goal, Rogers; defence, Sau'ers and Hamilton; centre, Carr-Harris, B. G.; wings, Carr-Harris, R. M. and McLeod; subs, D. nnelly and Smith.

Queen's—Goal, Mundell; defence, J. McKelvey, G. McKelvey; centre, Grimes; wings, Bond and Johnston; subs., Stewart and Young.

Referee—Joe Smith.

MAY WAS A WORRY TO BRANCH RICKEY

While With Cardinals Jake Lacked Both Control and Confidence.

Several years ago, as late as 1921, in fact, when Jackie May was a member of the Cardinal pitching staff, he was one of the trials of Branch Rickey's life. As a hurler the little left hander was anything but an asset. He was decidedly a liability. While he was with the Cardinals the fans and Rickey were in for a warm afternoon any time May worked. For Jake has two failings—lack of control and confidence.

But now this same Jackie May is to get another chance in the big tent. He has been purchased by the Cincinnati Reds from the Vernon club of the Coast league for a price said to be \$30,000 in cash and two players, Pitcher Keck and Infielder Kimmick. Last winter, it will be remembered, the Yankees bid \$75,000 for the left hander, but were unable to obtain him.

Since he went to the Pacific Coast league May has had two sensational seasons. He was rated as the best left hander in the circuit and major leaguers bid high for his services. Rickey had many experiences with May. He carried him for several campaigns, in the hope that eventually he would amount to something. May always had plenty of curves, but control and confidence were lacking.

Of all of Rickey's experiences, however, none compared with the final one, which came while the team was playing the Phillies at Philadelphia. The Cardinal manager classed this "as the worst 10 minutes he ever went through in his life." Many of the gray hairs now in Rickey's thatch were due to May's exhibition of how baseball "should not be pitched" on the afternoon in question.

Rickey's last experience with May was due to a new scheme by which he hoped to finally make a pitcher out of the left hander. After trying everything he hit upon a plan whereby Jackie was to be made to believe that some other hurler was to work. He figured that if handled this way the southpaw would not have his usual case of "nerves." The scheme worked wonderfully—until Jackie found out the truth—that he, and not some other pitcher, was due to labor.

Jess Haines and Joe Sugden played prominent parts in the scheme. Haines, though he had only one day rest, warmed up, while Sugden took May aside and asked him to take a workout. May, figuring that Haines was to pitch, had perfect control in

FROM THE OUTSIDE—LOOKING IN.

Circle-Six and Belleville juniors will meet again to-morrow night at the Jock Hartly Arena for the final game of their play-off series. It should be a snappy engagement.

Of all the "open" winters in our memory, this one has been about the most severe. Next time the prophets declare a "closed" winter we are going south with the birds.

We are often hearing stories about fellows who play ball minus an arm, or minus a foot or a finger; and of boxers minus a hand; of piano players minus arms; but frequently we can go that one better and see them playing baseball, football and hockey minus heads—or so it would seem.

One thing that must be decided pretty soon is the burning question as to whether the old-timers are right or wrong when they say: "We don't get the hockey nowadays that we used to. Those were the days."

Looking back over the Junior O.H.A. season it would appear that if Queen's defense and Circle-Six forward were joined together they would make one sweet little Junior team—which is merely saying that the original Circle-Six outfit was pretty well rounded out.

By virtue of its victory in the local intermediate intercollegiate group the R.M.C. team is now in line to go after the title. The cadets will take a lot of beating and the fans will be cheering for them all the time.

BASEBALL FANS WATCH FOR SIGNS OF SLOWING

But Ty Cobb Goes on His Way Without Signs of Wear.

Detroit, Feb. 20.—Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit Tigers, has been attracting the attention of baseball fans since his second year in the American League. That was back in 1906. He joined the Tigers the year before much the same as any recruit breaks into the big leagues, but it did not take the Georgia Peach long to demonstrate that he was quite different from the ordinary rookie.

During the 1905 season Cobb failed to hit in the .300 class. Since then he has not failed to hit in the select circle of batters. Next spring the Tiger leader will begin his 20th season with the Detroit team and he is attracting nearly as much attention as he did when he was earning his reputation as the greatest all-round player in the game. However, the attention he now is attracting is a little different. Baseball fans have become accustomed to Cobb batting .300, but now they are asking: "Is Cobb slowing up?" "Will Cobb bat .300 next season?" "Will next season be Cobb's last as an active player?"

To the first question the answer is "Yes," without qualification. Baseball players in the major leagues are regarded as old at 35. Few of them ever attain the age of 40 in the big show. Cobb in between those two figures hence there is no doubt that he has slowed up considerably from the years when it was regarded an ordinary feat for him to steal not only second, but third base.

There is no reason why Cobb should not bat .300 next season. He has done it for 18 consecutive seasons and by doing it last year established himself as the only player in the history of the major leagues who has hit for .300 or better for 18 years in a row. The late Captain A. C. Anson did it 20 years, but there was a break of two years in each of which he fell below .300.

Whether the next campaign will be Cobb's last as an active player is up to Cobb himself. Judging from his physical condition he should be able to play the outfield for at least three more years, barring accidents. He has threatened to retire as an active player and whether he will carry out that threat at the close of next season time only can tell.

A CATCH BY VEACH WAS BLOW TO BROWNS

In going to the Red Sox under Lee Fohl and Bob Quinn, Bob Veach will be working for a pair to whose downfall he contributed in no small degree in 1921 when they had the Browns battling the Yankees for the pennant. Toward the end of September that year the Browns, just a lap behind New York, stopped over in Detroit on their way home, winding up their last invasion.

The clubs went into the eleventh inning tied, and then, with two out and two on, Dauss passed Tobin to get at Eddie Foster. Foster took a toe hold and swung and three runners started homeward as the ball winged down the left-field foul line about two feet off the ground. It looked like a certain triple, but Veach, playing deep, raced over, dived clear of terra firma and speared the ball with his bare hand, sprawling out after he made the catch, which was of the "impossible" variety.

Pruett blew in the thirteenth and the Tigers romped in. Incidentally, as is well known, St. Louis finished just one game behind New York.

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O'DOUL NOW SHIPPED TO PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Frank ("Lefty") O'Doul has been shipped back to the Pacific Coast league by the Boston Red Sox, who got him from the Yankees, where he was a failure.

O'Doul was a star in the Coast league a few seasons ago, winning 25 games in 1921, the year the Yankees decided to jake him out of the class AA's.

In 1922 O'Doul was not even started in a game by the Yankees, as far as the records show. When he was sent along to the Red Sox, it was believed that he would get into enough games to enable him to hit his stride. But he failed. And now he returns to the league in which he once starred.

O'Doul's failure in 1922 was charged by his friends to lack of opportunities. Miller Huggins had so many winning right handers on his staff that year, he didn't want to take a chance on an untried left-hander.

It was very tough for O'Doul, his friends moaned. Last year O'Doul's opportunities were many. But his pitching was not such that any new streets were named after him.

His friends are wondering why, perhaps. It will never occur to them that they can be blamed for much of the failure of O'Doul. It never does.

O'Doul has been—and probably still is—one of those queer sort of athletes who might be a world beater if he chose to take his game seriously.

There are any number of them in all lines of sport. Some wait until they have achieved success, and then fall to persevere in their efforts. Others never quite get started towards success, at all. O'Doul belongs to the latter class.

His friends will tell you: "Oh, he'd win 20 games a year in any league, if he didn't fool around so much." But none of them ever tells him not to fool around.

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