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## GRIMSBY PEACH KINGS PUT KINGSTON OUT OF CHANCE FOR O.H.A. HONORS BY DEFEATING THEM SATURDAY NIGHT 8-3

### Whirlwind Pace Set By Grimsby Too Much For Kingston Team—Locals Disorganized and Unable to Team Play—"Chippy" Rogers the Hero of Locals—Grimsby Played Highest Class Hockey of Season and Checked Limestone City Boys Closely—Pace Fast All the Way—Kingston Put up Plucky Fight and Were by No Means Disgraced in Their Defeat.

(Special to the Whig.)  
 Hamilton, March 2.—Outclassed in everything except courage, the Kingston intermediates, champions of Eastern Ontario, and heroes of many hard fought battles through the O.H.A. season, and play-downs, were forced to bow in recognition of superiority in the final for the Ontario championship at Grimsby on Saturday night. The Grimsby Peach Kings, one of the speediest intermediate teams of years, held the whip hand throughout a sizzling contest before a record crowd of home fans and many visitors, and the final score of 8 to 3 was justified with the margin of play held by them. Grimsby's two-goal lead from the first game of the series was not needed, but the total count of 11 to 4 on the round indicates quite clearly the relative power of the teams. The new intermediate champions sent everything they possessed into the fray from the opening bell, sending one crashing attack after another into Kingston territory, determined to pile up a decisive margin before the visitors could properly set themselves and adapt their play to the smaller ice surface. The Grimsby rushes carried a sting that disorganized the Kingston play to a great extent during the opening minutes, and that the series was not decisively won in the first period was entirely due to the great gameness and ability of "Chippy" Rogers, the Limestone City net guardian, who bore up marvellously under a wicked assortment of hot drives hurled at him from every angle and with great power behind them. The Kingstonians were unable to cope with the champions' lines of assault, which were varied and invariably vicious. The easterners' defence cracked in bewilderment and the wings skated themselves into submission, trying in vain to stem the attacks before they sifted through in their direct menace on the Kingston citadel. No hint of team-play was forthcoming from the losers. It was impossible for them to adjust themselves to changed conditions, but it is to the credit of every man wearing the large "K." that they gave their best in a lost cause.

**Kingston Were In It.**  
 While the visitors were occupied to an enormous extent with the problem of stopping the Peach Kings, or at least holding them to an even share of the play, they were not entirely without a sting as their three goals show. Whenever an opportunity to break away came, the Kingston front line set sail just as viciously as their opponents, but it was almost a case of them battering again and again into a stone wall. The Grimsby defence rose to the occasions like real champions and were never better. They turned assaults aside handily as befitted their experience and superior ability, but at that, the visitors were in close often enough to send scares into the fans, and at times were halted only by some sensational saves by Fisher, in the Grimsby goal. Kingston's lack of cohesion, in every department, was the biggest factor in their defeat. At the outset they failed in attempted combinations on the front line because of the remarkable agility of the Grimsby forwards, who intercepted passes and were away like chained lightning.

**Rogers a Wonder.**  
 It became absolutely dangerous for the easterners to get rid of the puck in this manner, with the result that their attacks settled down into one man rushes, with shots from outside or in close as the situation warranted. The shots from outside were in the majority as they found it extremely hard to worm in close with the Peach King's defence standing up so brilliantly. Two men only, on the Kingston team, were able to match speed with the Peach Kings. Travers Rooney and Joe Smith unworked many powerful rushes by

then McVicar got in another brainy piece of work by circling the net again to hook it in. Reid batted in the sixth Grimsby counter from a scramble in front of Rogers and fifteen seconds later Reynolds drifted in a shot after a lone rush had carried him well up the ice. Kingston's third and last goal was a freak and came three minutes after the start of the final canto, when McVicar accidentally pushed it into his own net in trying to clear. Hargraff, who carried the puck up and was busy slashing around the net, got credit for the score. From this time on, the play was all Grimsby's. Only Rogers continued good work held them out for thirteen minutes when Carson rapped in Horne's rebound for his second counter of the night, and two minutes later Clarke got his on a pass from Reid in a scramble.

**Were Not Disgraced.**  
 Weak passing lost Kingston many chances to score, but it is doubtful if they would have been successful in any event against the outstanding work of the fruit beltiers. They gave the best they could under the circumstances, and while beaten were not disgraced, by any means. They were given a rousing reception after the game, and in the torch light parade and celebration by the enthusiastic towners after the battle, the cheers for Kingston were every bit as loud as those for the lads who raced to the highest intermediate honors of the province in the sixty minutes of furious battling. Final score, Grimsby 8, Kingston 3. Penalties—McVicar (3), Reynolds, Burnside (2), Reid (2), Lawlor.

**The Line-ups:**  
 Kingston. Goal. Grimsby.  
 Rogers Defence. Fisher  
 Reynolds McVicar  
 Rooney Carson  
 Watts Centre. Reid  
 Smith Wings. Clarke  
 Hargraff Sub. Horne  
 Lawlor Burnside  
 Johnson Hayhoe  
 Referee—Harold Farlow, of Toronto.

## FINAL PLAYDOWNS ON THE CARD THIS WEEK

### Grimsby And Soo Open Up The Big Series On Tuesday Night.

Toronto, March 2.—The Arena this week will be the scene of the greatest hockey programme that has been witnessed for a long time with both the Junior O.H.A. finals and the play-off between the senior O.H.A. champions and the Northern champions down for decision.

**Soo Again Cup Favorites.**  
 The Macnamara brigade enter the Ontario finals as Allan Cup favorites for the second year in succession and any team to which they are forced to succumb will need to be a stellar organization.

**Makes Fifth Northern Visit.**  
 Since the northern champions first came south to play the O.H.A. champions five years ago, they have been returned winners on two occasions and have lost out on three, so that this season they are presented with a royal opportunity to tie the count. This is the third successive trip for the Greyhounds who were beaten out by the Granite after a terrific struggle two years ago, but reversed the verdict last year when they trimmed Hamilton after two great battles. The Soo were also the challengers in 1921 when they were beaten by Varsity.

**Greyhounds the Best.**  
 By many critics the Greyhounds are considered to be the best hockey machine in the country whether amateur or pro. When comparisons are made among amateur teams, the two Olympic teams are usually taken as a basis and from this standpoint the Soo have established a real reputation, as they forced the champion Granite to the limit to win the senior S.P.A. final a year ago.

**Meet Intermediates Tuesday.**  
 The Greyhounds will be stacked up against the Peach Kings from Grimsby at the Arena on Tuesday

## FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

Well, we went further than we thought we were going when we started out. The boys made a wonderful showing and there is no kick to be found with them, even if we would like to have won the championship.

The players were glad the season had ended for them when the final gong rang at Grimsby on Saturday night. They have had plenty of hockey this winter but next year hope to go even further and cop the honors.

It would have been nice for Kingston to meet the Soo in Toronto on Tuesday night and clash with Johnny Woodruff, "Flat" Walsh and the other boys, but we can't always have our own way. Too bad to disappoint "Flat."

The scores were anxiously awaited by the Kingston fans on Saturday night and the Whig phones were kept on the jump all the time. That last period report took the gimp out of the fans.

Coach Gellely has done something which other coaches have failed to do around this part of the country for a while, and that is, make a finalist team out of Kingston. Perhaps few, outside the players and those closely connected with the team, fully realize what his work with the boys has meant, but take it from us, we know, he has done wonderfully well and the players are the first to say so.

To-night the Kingston Irishmen and Point Anne meet in the final game for the Bay of Quinte championship and from present indications there is going to be a big crowd on hand to see the boys go. The locals have a three-goal lead on the visitors but the latter claim that on the big ice they will be able to slip it over the local squad. That of course, remains to be seen. Walters of Napanee will handle the game here to-night.

Verona declared on Friday night at the Arena that they would not return to the Arena to play another game with the Sunbury team. They claimed that the agreement with Verona was that home-and-home games were to be played if there was ice. Verona has ice and insist that Sunbury go there to play but the latter state that the team does not have to go to Verona. They claim no ice at Sunbury. The matter is being straightened out. The teams played to ten minutes overtime on Friday night, when Sunbury won 4-2.

night. Going at the top of the form fall. That has characterized their play all season the intermediate champs will present the northerners with a real obstacle and it will take all the elusiveness of the Phillips, Woodruff, Lessard line and the strategy of the Walsh, Brown, Donnelly defence to subdue them. The local defence of young Burke on the Greyhound substitute will also be awaited with interest.

**May Furnish Surprise.**  
 So far the northern champions have always succeeded in vanquishing the intermediate title holders but in recent years the O.H.A. winners with such teams as Stratford and Niagara Falls have forced the northerners to show all they have. Some day the N.O.H.A. champs may get the idea that all they have to do is to appear on the ice, when they will receive the rudest jolt that has ever come to any team.

**Falls Detonated Bomb.**  
 In a session that has been featured by surprises it was left to Niagara Falls to detonate the largest explosive when they sent Peterboro's champions hopes sky high, and none who saw the Fraser clan perform but was convinced that if the two teams met the northern champions will have foemen worthy of their mettle.

## WILL CONSIDER THE CHANGING OF RULES

### Canadian Rugby Football Union Discussed Improvements at Saturday's Session.

The Canadian Rugby Union, the governing body in Canadian rugby, held a session in Toronto on Saturday for the purpose of discussing the various problems which annually crop up over the governing of the Canadian rugby champions and to talk over propositions to change the rules of the game. The rules of competition are not subject to change at these meetings though proposed amendments are discussed and passed on to the rules commission. The C.R.U. more particularly deals with the problems of the government of the game.

On Saturday the officers and delegates discussed the old proposal to pool the receipts of the Eastern senior playoffs and split the profits after all expenses incurred in handling the contests had been paid. It was decided to ask the various unions concerned for an expression of opinion, and, in case they were unanimously in favor of the proposition, to bring the idea into operation next

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