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OTTAWA ALERTS PLAY QUEEN'S GIRLS HERE

Great Hockey Battle Will Be On the Card To-night at The Harty Arena.

Tonight at the Arena the Queen's girls and the Ottawa Alerts ladies' team battle it out at the Arena in an exhibition game and from here it looks as though the fans are in for an evening of interesting hockey. Last week, it will be remembered, the local girls journeyed to Ottawa and held the home, to a 2-0 score. This was an excellent showing on strange ice and against the champion girls' team of Ontario. The local girls have every reason to believe that they will put over a win and if they do it will be a mighty big feather in their cap.

The Alerts ladies' hockey team is composed of great skaters and they are very light on their skates and have speed to burn. They have beaten everything in sight and they are of the opinion that they can humble the Queen's girls right in their own rink. Queen's have an excellent opportunity to dash the hopes of the Ottawas and tonight they will send out their strongest team to meet the invaders.

It was thought to-day that Roy Reynolds would referee the game. The team will not be handled by Bill Hughes but the ladies will be given a helping hand by one of the hockey men around the college.

MANY CHANGES MADE.

Only Three Pilots Left of Those Ten Years Ago.

New York, March 4.—During the past 10 seasons there have been many changes in the managerial ranks in the major leagues. Some managers have lasted only a season or two; others a bit longer.

Looking over the list of leaders for the coming season, one finds only three who were also included in the 1915 group. They are, McGraw and Robinson in the National League and Connie Mack in the American.

McGraw has been managing the Giants since 1903 and Robinson the Brooklyn Dodgers since 1914. Mack tops them all, having been leading the Athletics from the inception of the American League in 1901.

Two Answer Final Call.

Some of the clubs have had several managers during the last decade, while others have seen but one or two changes in that stretch. Two of the game's greatest leaders have passed on, namely, Pat Moran and Frank Chance. Both took the final call in 1924.

Outside the so-called "Big Three," Mack, McGraw and Robinson, Miller Huggins has held his present post the longest. Huggins took over the reins of the Yankees in 1918. And there has been ever since, having his club right up around the top for the past several seasons.

Then come Tris Speaker and Branch Rickey. Speaker assumed charge of Cleveland in 1919, the same year that Rickey was made manager of the St. Louis Cardinals. Two years later Ty Cobb and Bill Killefer gained the leadership of the Detroit Tigers and Chicago Cubs, respectively.

Whole Quartette in 1924.

In 1924 came McKechnie with Pittsburgh, followed by Fletcher of the Phillies the next season. Last year saw the arrival of four new big league pilots—Harris, Washington; Sisler, Browns; Bancroft, Braves; and Hendricks, Reds. This year Eddie Collins, one of the veteran players in the game, joins the managerial ranks. Collins will pilot the White Sox.

Another thing, too. Ten years ago most of the managers directed their teams from the bench. Playing pilots were practically extinct. In 1925, however, there will be six leaders who will appear in active competition. They include Cobb, Speaker, Harris, Sisler and Collins in the American, and Bancroft in the National.

Like College Players.

St. Louis is a great spot for the college ball player. Both Branch Rickey and George Sisler, former collegians, are managers and look on the "rah rah" athlete with favor.

GRIMSBY WINS.

Grimsbey Peach Kings defeated the Soo Greyhounds 3-2 in a sudden-death Allan-Cup play-off game at Toronto last night, putting the Soo out of the race for further honors. The Northern champions were favorites to win but the speedy Peach Kings showed themselves to be masters of the Northern invaders.

Bill Evans Says

Just five years ago at this time, Hod Eller, then star pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, world champs, was baseball's greatest hero.

Eller was basking in the limelight that is now being turned on Walter Johnson for his great comeback in the final game of the series with the Giants.

Today Hod Eller is patrolling a beat in Indianapolis, a trusty officer of the law in that fair city.

Baseball fame is fleeting and the hero worship that was once Eller's has entirely faded out. He is no longer a world series hero, just Hod Eller, pitcher for the old home town in the summer, officer of the law in the winter.

In the fifth game of the 1919 world series Eller became the outstanding player of the year by a most remarkable exhibition of pitching.

Struck Out Nine Men.

The big right hander shut out the Chicago White Sox 5-0, allowing only three hits, two of them by Buck Weaver. He struck out nine men.

It was in the second and third innings of this game that Eller performed a feat unequalled by any other world series pitcher, six successive strikeouts.

I was one of the umpires in the 1919 world series and I doubt if I ever saw a pitcher have more stuff on his fast ball than Eller did that afternoon. In making this statement I am not excepting Walter Johnson at his best.

Prior to the series it had been hinted that Eller was a trick pitcher, that he doctored the ball. Since Cicotte of the White Sox had the same reputation, the two clubs apparently decided not to argue the issue.

Used Only Fast Ball.

It might be interesting to know that in striking out six successive batters, Eller didn't use a single curve ball.

Every strike was a fast ball that was either struck at and missed or called. If I remember correctly just one ball was fouled by Eddie Collins of the six men who faced Eller.

Prior to each pitch I noticed that Eller would rub the ball across his breast. It was also apparent that he might have something under the shirt of his uniform, as there was a white spot on his left side about the size of a football across which he would draw the ball.

I have since heard from National

League players that Eller had a portion of his shirt saturated with resin and in rubbing the ball over his shirt he drew the ball over the resin prior to each pitch. This enabled him to roughen the ball, get a better grip on it, causing the ball to take a more deceptive break.

Hero of the Hour.

I cannot vouch for the authenticity of such a statement although some members of the Cincinnati club later told me the story, as well as other National Leaguers.

Eller, to cap the climax of the series, pitched the final game, winning 10-5. With a nine-run margin he eased up in the eighth inning, Chicago scoring four runs.

The brass band welcomed Eller at the station on his return to Cincinnati. He was the hero of the event. That was just five years ago. Now Eller has been forgotten by a majority of big league fans.

He's just a policeman, but apparently a mighty good one. His first time out he assisted in capturing a daring desperado, with just as much ease as he took the Chicago White Sox in 1919.

THE NUT CRACKER

By Joe Williams

In addition to Mr. Kearns, it may now be said Mr. Dempsey has Estelle to support.

We suppose Miss Taylor agreed to take the champion for better or worse and yet he could hardly be any worse than he was the night he fought Bill Brennan.

If Mr. Dempsey is to become a successful Romeo he will have to do more clinching than he usually does in the ring.

Mr. Dempsey says this, his second marriage, will be his last. In other words, it is a wind-up bout.

Not the least remarkable thing about the wedding was that no journalistic genius used this headline: "Champion Kayoed by Cupid."

We don't know whether Mrs. Dempsey can cook or not. It is fairly evident, however, that she has already cooked Harry Willis' goose.

Mr. Dempsey says he finally does love to hang around the house. Especially when the nouse aggregates \$600,000.

Miss Taylor had to get a divorce to get Dempsey. Gibbons and Willis are still wondering what they'll have to do to get him.

For the first time in his life Mr. Dempsey appeared for an important engagement without his red sweater and butter-rubbed whiskers.

You probably noticed that Firpo was not the best man. Indeed, he was not the best man at a previous affair in which Mr. Dempsey participated.

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

To-night the Ottawa Alerts, ladies' hockey team, takes on the speedy Queen's girls' team in an exhibition game. Although the Alerts won in Ottawa, Marion Sullivan and her team-mates hope to take the measure of the Ontario champions to-night. Here's wishing the girls the best of luck, anyway.

The City Hockey League has finally decided to quit for the season and Secretary Law announces that he will arrange the cheques for the teams and distribute them. None of the clubs will be able to send their teams on long tours with what they get from the cheques, however.

Frank Grace, who was to have left two days ago for West Point, got away to-day. Frank is the lacrosse coach at the Point and has done great work with the players since he took charge.

The news of the victory of the Grimsby intermediates over the much-touted Soo Greyhounds, champions of the N.O.H.A. was received with delight by Kingston hockey fans and the stocks of the local intermediate team incidentally went much higher. "We had a darn fine hockey team right here and didn't know it" one fan remarked. Congratulations to the Peach Kings on their victory. Evidently our intermediate O.H.A. is a shade or two faster than what they serve up for senior in the North Country. The O.H.A. wasn't so far out at that when it insisted on the Northern champions meeting the much distained intermediate O.H.A. teams in the Allan Cup series after all.

The bowling craze is going strong and the bowling alleys are crowded all the time. Manager Moran of the Frontenac alleys is very optimistic about the ladies' bowling and states that the improvement shown by them has been remarkable.

Arrangements are under way for the playing of a benefit game between Circle Six and R.M.C. Juniors for "Buster" Hartley of the Circle Six Club, who was injured early in the season. If the game is played the fans should respond as heartily to the call as is possible for them to do so.

Congratulations to the Kingston Irishmen upon their success in winning the Bay of Quinte championship for the second year in succession and incidentally bring the only championship to the city again. Manager Palmer and his team are to be given the hand for their great work during the season.

On Monday night next at the Arena the County League final game will be played between Verona and Sunbury. The latter won the last game by the score of 4-2 in ten minutes overtime. The final game will draw a mighty big crowd Monday night and indications are that the entire hockey crowd of the County will be in the Arena for this all-important fixture.

THE RING

A Series of Articles Dealing With Boxers and Boxing.

(By J. A. W.)

VI.—Big Money Bouts. The fights which draw the largest gate receipts are not always the best, but as a general rule they are, for the public seldom makes mistakes in recognizing good bouts from bad ones.

The meeting of Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier on July 2nd, 1921, at Boyle's Thirty Acres, Jersey City, drew a gate of \$1,626,580. The fight itself is generally spoken of as the greatest the world has ever known.

On Sept. 14th, 1923, Dempsey knocked out Luis Angel Firpo, "The Wild Bull of the Pampas," "The Sheik of the Andes," "The Pride of Brains Aires," plus a few other sobriquets, in two rounds, before some 85,000 people who paid \$1,188,822 to see the bout.

The Willie-Firpo fight of Sept. 11th, 1924, drew a \$700,000 gate. Willis won this contest after an uninteresting display of boxing skill.

The receipts of the second Leonard-Tender fight totalled \$452,648. The squabble took place on July 23rd, 1923, and Leonard won.

The Jack Dempsey-Jess Willard battle on July 4th, 1919, drew \$452,522. The Firpo-Willard slaughter on July 12th, 1923, attracted a \$390,837 gate. The first meeting of Benny Leonard and Lew Tender drew \$367,852. This fight occurred on July 27th, 1922, at Jersey City.

The 1923 Milk Fund Show drew \$385,900. The Johnson-Jeffries prize fight of July 4th, 1910, at Reno, Nevada, drew \$370,755. The receipts of the 1924 Milk Fund Show totalled \$250,000. The Dempsey-Gibbons encounter at Shelby in 1923 drew \$201,455. The Dempsey Brennan match on Dec. 14th, 1920, drew an even \$200,000.

When Willard defended his title against Frank Moran at New York, on March 25th, 1916, the receipts amounted to \$151,524.

European fans paid \$125,100 to see Carpentier knock out Kid Lewis

in 2 1-2 minutes at London on May 11th, 1922.

The Leonard-Mitchell tilt at New York on Jan. 14th, 1921, drew \$136,408. When Eugene Criqui lost the featherweight title to Johnny Dundee on July 26th, 1923, the receipts were \$134,416. The Jack Johnson-Tommy Burns fracas at Sydney in 1908 drew 131,000. Britton and Leonard drew \$130,265 when they met on June 25th, 1922, at New York.

Other famous fights that drew big money were: Leonard vs. Kansas, Feb. 10th, 1922, (\$126,768); Carpentier vs. Levinsky, Oct. 12th, 1920, (\$120,000); Greb vs. Gibbons, March 13th, 1923, \$118,762; Wilson vs. O'Dowd, May 17th, 1921, (\$107,524); Herman vs. Lynch, July 25th, 1921, (\$99,967); Gans vs. Nelson, Sept. 3rd, 1906, (\$69,715); Willard vs. Johnson, April 5th, 1915, (\$68,000); Jeffries vs. Sharkey, Nov. 3rd, 1899, (\$66,300); Jeffries vs. Corbett, Aug. 14th, 1903, (\$63,340); Gibbons vs. McFarland, Sept. 11th, 1915, (\$68,069); Wolgast vs. Nelson, Feb. 22nd, 1910, (\$7,750).

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THE REFEREE

Golf ball is buried in bank of water hazard about two feet from water. Can player lift and drop with stroke penalty?—F. F. N.

Yes. The bank is considered part of the water hazard.

What were the totals of the players who made the most home runs during the season of 1923 in the American and National Leagues?—

G. J. L. Babe Ruth in the American and Cy Williams in the National were tied at 41.

Is there any set scale for the salary paid major league umpires? A bet they get so much per game. B insists there is a set sum paid all the umpires for the season. Who is right?—FAN.

Neither. The umpires are paid in accordance with the valuation placed on them by their league presidents. The average salary for an umpire breaking into the majors is about \$4,000.

THREE IN A ROW.



It is seldom that the camera catches such an action picture as this made at the intercollegiate sports at Oxford University, England. Photos of one or even two men crossing a hurdle at once are not rare, but three at once is very unusual.

MORE HUMORS OF HISTORY

By Arthur Moreland



No. 33—Murder and Sudden Death.

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