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CITY LEAGUE IS READY TO START

Open Monday Night With Junior and Senior Games—New 40-Foot Rule Will Be Used.

The City Hockey League starts on its way on Monday night when the Victoria-Boohoos and Olympics pry off the lid in the opening junior game and Regiopolis and Queen's hook up under the senior banner. The arrangements for the opening night have been completed, the players of all the teams in the League have been signed and the stage is set for a grand get-away.

Hockey fans have been greatly interested in the reorganization under which the Kingston Hockey League has gone since the annual meeting a short time ago. A body of strong officers has been secured for the League and they have looked after the preliminary arrangements in a very business-like and satisfactory manner and indications are that the City League will enjoy its best season in years. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be City League night until well into January when a lay-off will be called until a little later in the season when the playoff games will be staged.

Monday's opener promises to have all the thrills and thrills that should go with a good City Hockey League opener. The junior teams have been practicing hard and the Olympics and Victoria-Boohoos, the latter club an amalgamated organization, are "rearin' to go." There is some exceptionally fine material in the ranks of the junior teams this season and now that the City League has taken them over, they are more keenly interested than ever and promise to provide hockey that will delight and enthrall local hockey fans.

Queen's will make their first entry into City League hockey and will trot out a team that should make the speedy Regiopolis Club sextette sit up and take notice. The Tricolor aggregation is right on edge for their opening engagement, and will step out against the Regiopolis Club team to put over a win for opening night. The latter club, however, has been on the job signing up some fine hockey players and will be by no means weak when they take the ice against Queen's. They promise to make the University representatives step a merry pace all the way.

The City League will be the first to introduce the new forty-foot rule in Kingston as passed under the O.H.A. and the fans will have a chance to see how the new ruling, which will be followed in O.H.A., will work out. The blue line will be forty feet from the end of the rink and there will be no offside for the defending team within that area. This should greatly speed up the game and should be the cause of more spectacular rushing. However, the fans will have a chance on Monday night to see for themselves how the new rule works and they will no

doubt find that it makes the play faster.

W. P. Hughes, Athletic Director at Queen's, will handle the bell in the senior game between Regiopolis and Queen's, and C. Devlin will have charge of the junior game. The junior game will start at 7.15 sharp and the senior game will follow right on, so that the fans should be able to be home at a reasonable hour.

COME ON, JUNIORS

Unless the junior hockey players of the city turn out in larger numbers and try to make the junior O. H.A. team, the Kingston entry in the Ontario Association is going to be without the necessary strength. A practice was called for last night at six o'clock and about six players, including two goal-tenders, were on hand.

Many junior players in the city seem to be possessed of the idea that they are not fast enough for the junior O.H.A. team but they should first get out and try. That's the main thing. Nobody can do more than that. It is discouraging to the coaches to give up their time and then find only half a dozen players out for practice.

Junior players will be welcomed at the practices for the junior O.H.A. team and every boy will be given a real chance to do his work in the trials. There is no select squad to attend these practices. Every boy who wants to play is welcome to turn out and also urged to do so. Notice of the next practice for juniors will be given and it is to be hoped that there will be a bigger attendance of players.

POOR "RED" GRANGE TIRED OF IT ALL

Sadly Disillusioned and Disappointed, He Longs to Return to College.

Washington, Dec. 11.—"Red" Grange, the most-talked-of man in America to-day, is just a tired, disillusioned and disgusted schoolboy. He was tired of so much football with no rest. He was disillusioned about the "gold mine" that had been promised him. And he was disgusted with the way his affairs have been handled since he went into business—the business of ball-toting, in which he admittedly stood at the top three weeks ago.

Three weeks ago he was one of the greatest football players of all time. Now he is just another youngster learning the bitter lesson of what it means to overdo a good thing.

The sort of football Grange exhibited here wouldn't have won him a berth on a second-rate college team. He gained only 24 yards in 35 minutes of play, and was thrown for losses that totalled half his gains.

Grange is a bitterly disappointed boy. The famous red-head is such

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

The election of Mr. W. L. Kennedy as president of the C.O.B.L. will meet with the approval of the fans in all the cities of the League. Mr. Kennedy has always been actively interested in baseball and it would be hard to find a better man for the position.

A hockey fan was heard to remark that he did not know where all the junior City League hockey players were coming from and that he was very much surprised to see the number out to the practices and the speed shown by them. The idea of the senior league fostering the juniors was certainly a splendid one, as there is bound to be a big demand for players in this city in a few years for the senior leagues, and by that time the juniors should certainly be developed enough to take a step farther in their hockey careers.

The attractions for the opening of the City League at the Jock Hartly Arena Monday night should prove very good and it is expected that there will be a large crowd on hand to see the double-header. Fans have been wanting to see city hockey and they will get a grand opportunity this winter with both the juniors and seniors in full swing.

McGill again won the Beaumen Cup, competed for each year between McGill and University of Montreal. The Red and White are reported to have a speedy team this season and expect to cop the senior Intercollegiate honors. However, Queen's will be in the race also.

Some person may have heart failure if they pick up a paper and fail to see the name of "Red" Grange in screeching headlines. Of all the talked of athletes, the youthful Yankee beats them all. Latest reports state that Grange is fed up with it and finds the strain too much. "It is all the bunk," says "Red," and he voiced the sentiments of hundreds of amateurs who put the lid on their athletic careers by the bright prospects of professionalism.

The Queen's senior hockey squad is still practicing hard and a real hockey team is being slowly moulded out by Athletic Director Hughes. The team will tour through New York state this year and will play exhibition games with some of the leading American university teams.

What about the Juvenile Hockey League? It looks as if this league, which the youngsters have kept going for a great many years without support, will go out of existence this season. The majority of last year's senior players are now playing junior city and without them and the man who has always looked after the juveniles, "Nipper" Mathewson, there is not much hope for the "kids."

Goal-keepers in the City League, which opens Monday night, should remember that the width of the goal pads allowed now is twelve inches instead of fourteen inches, lying flat. Net guardians should remember this and see that their pads come within the law.

coach of the University of Toronto football team, in an address at the Victoria College annual athletic dinner are interesting as bearing on the coaching situation at Toronto. He declared that coaching a football team is a fulltime job, the realization of which fact had been brought home to him this fall. Football of to-day demands intensive coaching, declared Coach Barr. Each man must be given individual attention, and taught how to play his particular position. "I am heartily in favor of a professional coach," he stated, "if you can get the right man. It all depends on that." He saw no reason why the right man could not be secured, and, once that was done, better coaching would be possible. Pointing to some well-known coaches of United States universities, he declared such men could not possibly lower the standards of sportsmanship, and if Toronto obtained the right type of man, sport would not suffer.

No Rest for Harold Grange. In fifteen minutes "Red's" telephone rang twenty times. First it was a fraternity brother. Then it was a delegation of newspapermen. Next a photographer, and finally the hotel clerk himself, wearily wondering what Mr. Grange wanted to tell the curious crowds thronging the lower corridors, hoping for a chance to glance at the famous football figure.

Here was what Grange himself had to say about it all: "Gee, I'm tired. I'm played out, piped." He said that as he autographed a dollar bill for a bellboy who had received \$10 for something or other. Then he leaned up against the wall and read the afternoon paper stories about how he expected to make \$1,000,000 before he was through. "A million? That's funny. Where do they get all this dope about the money I'm making?" "Red's" assistant manager, M. F. Cooley, told this reporter that Grange had made a great deal of money, "maybe \$150,000 so far, excluding his movie contracts," but of that, "of course his list of managers, headed by C. C. Pyle, now on his way West to arrange about the \$300,000 movie contract, were getting their share."

Grange, speaking again: "It's not all as easy as I thought. And the criticism—why? Why shouldn't I play football for money? It's as much a national game as baseball, and there are thousands of people who want to see good games, and who can't get tickets because they haven't any contract with the colleges.

"I Cannot Stand This." "I don't know how long I am going to keep playing. We have got twenty games scheduled for the next few months, but I can't keep up this pace.

"One sure thing: I am going back and finish college. This stuff is the bunk."

That was all. The red-head, his eyes slightly blackened, his nose bruised, his whole body exhausted, was beginning to feel the mental strain.

"I went into this thing for all I could get. I'm getting it—in the neck," he concluded.

HAS THE IDEA. Coach Barr of U. of T. in Favor of Pro. Coach of Night Type. Some of the observations of Rev. A. F. ("Biddy") Barr, honorary

TEX RICKARD THROUGH SUPPORTING RINGERS

Wants to Cash in a Little on the Proceeds Himself—Says Game Does Not Pay.

New York, Dec. 11.—Tex Rickard, who never was found to be a dumb-bell on boxing subjects, has the most practical and the most radical defence against the money grabbing tactics of boxers and managers, which really is placing the sport in danger of its life.

"If some of the leading boxers and managers do not become more sensible in their demands for purses and more reasonable in dictating conditions, I'll can boxing out of Madison Square Garden," he said a few days ago.

Several prominent managers, when they heard of his threat, let out a large laugh. "He can't do it," they said. "He's got \$5,000,000 tied up in the new Garden and boxing will have to pay most of the freight."

Rickard insists that he can pass up boxing as a weekly feature and get along just as well with only four or five big shows a season.

"We have been making more money out of two six-day bike races a season than all the boxing matches put together," Rickard said. "We have had more applications for hockey dates this winter than the calendar can accommodate, and the returns, considering the investment and the expense are much higher in proportion. We want it understood that the New Garden is by no means a boxing palace. There are a dozen ways in which we can make up for the little revenue that has been coming from boxing."

Rickard ran three outdoor shows last summer and only one—the Milk Fund benefit—made any money. Jimmy Slattery and Berlenbach drew \$100,000 and Dave Shade and Mickey Walker drew \$150,000 and yet Rickard says he lost \$25,000 on the two shows.

"I'm through with staging benefits for boxers," he said. "They'll have to give me a chance to make some money for my time and trouble and the risks involved or I'll get out of the game."

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