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FIRST HALF OF SCHEDULE ENDS

Juniors Meet in Final and Seniors in Semi-Final on Monday Night at Arena.

Owing to the fact that the O.H.A. schedule opens up on Friday night next, it was found necessary to curtail the City Hockey League schedule in the first half of the series and declare a winner so that the candidates for the O.H.A. team would have Wednesday night next free to get together in their last workout together before being sent out against Brockville in the opening intermediate O.H.A. clash and before the juniors would be on their way to Brockville for their first game.

Owing to the fact that the Victoria-Boothoo had walked through the first half of the schedule and had beaten out every team with the exception of Regiopolis, whom they had not met, it was not a hard matter to come to a decision in the junior section. A meeting of the City League representatives was held at the Arena last Wednesday night and they were advised that they would have to shorten up the first half of the schedule. It is to their credit that they took the announcement in splendid spirit being anxious to do everything possible to help the O.H.A. teams. There was no complaint about having their games cut and they went right about seeing the best way that they could shorten up the schedule. Owing to the fact that Victoria-Boothoo stood without a loss and Regiopolis was the only team that had not played them, it was decided to have Regiopolis play Vic-Boothoo Monday night in the first game. This was satisfactory to everybody and if Vic-Boothoo win Monday night, then the first half will be decisively won by them. Should Regiopolis win, however, it will give Queen's, Regiopolis and Maroons a fighting chance for the first half and these games will be played as soon as possible.

In the senior section it was at first proposed that the winner of Wednesday's game between Live Wires and Frontenac Regiment should play Regiopolis on Monday in the final for the first half but this hardly seemed fair and it was then decided that the loser should meet Regiopolis seniors Monday night and the winner of that game play off with Live Wires on the 11th. This arrangement was entirely satisfactory.

have a fighting chance to get into the playoffs of the first half of the League and they are bending every effort to make things as tight as possible for the Frontenac Regiment on Monday night. They will have one or two new faces with them and it is whispered that their team will be a big surprise. Frontenac Regiment, however, still feeling the sting of the 9-1 licking given them by the Live Wires, will be out there to fight back for some of their lost prestige and run up a victory so that they can have a chance to get back at the Live Wires. Monday's card should be a thriller from start to finish and the biggest City League crowd of the season will see Monday's programme of hockey.

REFEREES HAVE BUSY TIME DURING GAMES

More to Do Than Merely Call Offsides and Impose Penalties—Have Full Powers.

Lou Marsh of the Toronto Star, widely known hockey referee, in his explanation of rules and duties of officials, says as follows of the duties of referees handling hockey matches:

A lot of folks think that all a referee has to do is to step out on the ice and call the offsides and fouls and keep tabs on the goals—and most of the people in the pews are certain they could do that better than the best man the O.H.A. or the N.H.L. ever sent out. In fact they can't figure out where the hockey moguls dig up such a collection of blind cripples. The first thing a referee has to do is to get to the rink at least half an hour before the game.

Here are some things he does before he even rings the starting gong. See that the visiting team has proper quarters. Have every player sign his report. Examine every player's certificate. Appoint goal umpires and assign them their stations. Appoint penalty timers and straight timers. See, too, that the players, trainers, coaches and timers have ample accommodation. Chase interlopers from the penalty and timers' boxes and players' benches. See that the timekeepers have a gong or bell to notify him when the periods end. Inspect the nets for holes and solidity. See that the ice is properly marked out. Measure the goalkeepers' pads and sticks—if they appear oversized. While the game is on he must not only call the offsides, penalize the fouls, adjudicate upon disputes and record the scores, but he must control and protect the goal umpires, players on the bench, and all minor officials, and settle arguments between rival timekeepers.

Outside of that he hasn't a thing to do except collect his money, walk a mile and a half to the station and take the 3.45 a.m. train back home.

F. Miller, of Harwich, was found frozen at Voeberg flag station, Ont., and is in serious condition at Chatham.

SKIING CLUBS MAY BE FORMED IN KINGSTON

This Winter Sport Is Greatly Enjoyed at Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec.

Skiing is fast becoming one of the most popular sports in Canada. This is clearly demonstrated by the fact that the sales, according to local sport dealers and travellers, have gone up so much of late years that travellers for large firms are instructed to rank the ski with the skates when it comes to sales pressure. Although Kingston has not taken to the ski to the extent that other Canadian towns and cities have, yet the sales here have increased.

Clubs have been formed in such cities as Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. Many Canadian towns have classed the new sport among the leading winter pastimes of the community, and clubs, although not as extensive as those in larger centres, still follow out much the same programme. Club huts are established at distances varying from five to ten miles from the town to which a trip can be made in an evening and where a social time is held. Contests are held on special occasions and final racing, jumping and trick ski events are held and cups awarded to the winners. Some clubs in the towns of the Ottawa Valley have developed to such an extent that expensive equipment has been purchased.

Skiing, as a favorite winter sport, has come to stay in Canada, and the winter sport events at Quebec and Montreal are not complete without the already popular ski jumping contests. It is stated that the crowds present at the ski events are by far the largest present of any other outdoor sport event.

Many enthusiasts in Kingston are considering the formation of a club in this city and many individuals have been busy ever since the last and permanent fall of the "beautiful" talking the matter over. Kingston has several fine locations for a jump, and the country north of the city is ideal for trips. The expense involved in the undertaking would be very negligible if a large enough number of enthusiasts could be procured.

Bishop Manning Is In Favor of Sunday Sport

Sports as an aid to proper spiritual development were advanced by Bishop William T. Manning of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, speaking before the National Collegiate Athletic Federation meeting at New York. Bishop Manning even defended Sunday sport, when not commercialized, and said he saw no wrong in a Sunday game of golf or tennis. "Sport is just as important as prayer in the development of character," the Bishop told his hearers. "A good polo game, a good football game, or any other good game, well played, is just as pleasing to God as a beautiful cathedral service." Bishop Manning added, "It is a mistaken idea that religion is against sport, and that some should pray and others should play." The Bishop said, "I see nothing wrong in a Sunday game of golf or tennis, but do object to commercialized Sunday sport, because it forces the athlete to work on Sunday. But good sport has its place on any day of the week. Sports are more than a preventive of evil. They form an important adjunct of religion, and are a positive factor for the development of real manhood and real womanhood. Football is one of the best agents for the development of spiritual qualities, because it teaches fairness, self-control, self-sacrifice, and a high sense of honor," concluded Bishop Manning.

CONNIE SMYTHE WOULD HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE LEAGUE

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—Organization of an international intercollegiate hockey league is being attempted by Connie Smythe, graduate hockey coach of University of Toronto, who arrived here with his team for a series of games with United States colleges. Smythe says his plans call for a league of four Canadian and four United States teams.

The Canadian members, who have been approached and have received his plan enthusiastically, he said, are Toronto, McGill, Montreal and Queen's. The United States colleges would include Harvard, Yale, Princeton and one other college as yet not named.

Smythe said that his idea had received encouragement from Princeton and Yale authorities, to whom he had written. Harvard apparently favors the idea also, he said, and he will confer with Cambridge officials before he returns to Canada.

Passing The Buck. "Yes, Rupert," said mother, "the baby was a Christmas present from the angels."

"Well, mama," said Rupert, "if we lay him away carefully and don't use him, can't we give him to somebody else next Christmas?"

M-Jals Unclaimed

Because the addresses of those entitled to them are not available, 2,541 M-Jals are not available, 2,541 1914-15 stars, 77,796 British war medals, and 45,994 Victory medals won by Canadian soldiers are still unclaimed.

Short hunting story: "Bang! Wow! Widow and four children."

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

The championship of the first half of the City Hockey League schedule will be decided in the junior section on Monday night, when the Regiopolis and Victoria-Boothoo teams clash. Regiopolis are the only team that have not met the League leaders and they will trot out a much stronger team Monday night than they have had in their other games. Regiopolis intend to make the Blue Shirts step a little faster than usual to retain the first half honors. Should the Garnet and Gold come through, it will give the Maroons and Queen's a fighting chance again also.

Advice from Boston indicate that there will shortly be an international intercollegiate hockey league of eight teams, the Canadian colleges being Toronto, McGill, Queen's and Montreal, with Yale, Harvard, Princeton and one other in the United States. A league of the kind has been proposed before, but that is as far as it ever got. Apparently the time is ripe for the organization of the circuit, and it remained for "Connie" Smythe, graduate coach of the University of Toronto hockey team, to take action. He has communicated with the proposed U.S. members of the wheel, and his advances have been met with enthusiastic response. For years Canadian colleges have played exhibition games against their U.S. cousins on the latter's rinks, and occasionally the visits have been returned. Toronto sends her boxing, wrestling, swimming, fencing, basketball and lacrosse teams to compete with U.S. college combinations, and the organization of the hockey league, which is regarded as practically a certainty, is not unlikely to lead to closer relationship between U.S. and Canadian colleges in other sport activities.

In the senior section Monday night, the Frontenac Regiment will meet Regiopolis seniors and the winner will meet Live Wires on the 11th for the championship of the first half of the City Hockey League. Repeating the Regiment and going into the first half finals with the speedy Live Wires are exceedingly bright. It will be a merry old senior game and a big crowd will be out to see these two teams battle it out.

A week from to-day the County Hockey League will again convene and at this meeting the entries will be closed and the schedule for the season drawn up. There has been considerable interest in County Hockey League and there is every indication that the County Hockey League will enjoy a very successful campaign.

NO AMENDMENT TO PRESENT RULES

Suspensions to Players Drawing Major Penalties Will Still Be in Force.

Montreal, Jan. 2.—Action of the Montreal Pro. Hockey Club to have the rule modified, which calls for the automatic suspension of any player who receives three major penalties in one season has failed. A telegraphic vote on the motion was taken by President Frank Calder and the change failed to receive the unanimous vote required. The exact count was not divulged, though it is understood that there was about an even break in the votes cast.

Thus the rule, designed to stamp out rough play in the N.H.L., stands and any player who receives a third major penalty in the season will be kept out until President Calder sees fit to reinstate the offender in question.

A check-up of those incurring major penalties so far this year has been made by the league head and, according to his official reports filed by the penalty timekeepers at each game, only two players are at present on this list. Lionel Conacher, the "Big Train" of the Pittsburgh defence, and Punch Broadbent, right wing of the Montreal Maroons, being charged with two major penalties. Nelson Stewart of Montreal and Hil Milks of Pittsburgh are officially debilitated with one major penalty each.

The action of the Montreal management was taken with a view, not to have the rule rescinded, but to have it so amended that there might be no chance of players egging a star man into a mix-up with a view to getting him put out for a game or so.

STRAIGHTEN OUT.

Owen Sound Club Has Sent List of New Officials to Ontario Association.

Owen Sound, Jan. 2.—In compliance with the request of the executive of the Ontario Hockey Association, a new hockey executive has been selected in Owen Sound as follows: President, Dr. G. H. Holmes; business manager, Herbert Lemon; secretary-treasurer, E. D. Bonnell; executive, George Clark and Fraser Campbell. The names of the new officials have been forwarded to Secretary W. A. Hewitt of the O.H.A. and it is expected here that certificates for the members of the team will be forthcoming immediately the new executive is approved.

Boucher Suspended By N.H.L. President

Billy Boucher, Canadian right wing player who has been suspended by President Frank Calder of the N.H.L. for an attack on Goal Umpire Ernie Russell in the Canadian-Montreal game at the Forum Wednesday night, left with Canadians for Pittsburgh. Boucher did play in the game at Pittsburgh. Under the N.H.L. rules, Boucher's case is entirely in the hands of the league president. Canadians have the right of appeal to the league board if they consider the president is keeping Boucher out too long, and, on the other hand, should Boucher be reinstated at an early date, the other clubs in the league who might think the punishment too lenient have the right to appeal to the board of directors, who would have the final say on any appeal against the actions of the league, though it is not considered likely that the clubs will interfere, but will abide by the decision of the president. Frank Calder did not say just how long Boucher would be out, nor did he comment particularly on the affair, though it was apparent that he regarded the offence in a most serious light, and the impression seems to be that Boucher may be down for several games.

Yesterday, on receipt of a formal statement from Goal Umpire Ernie Russell, President Calder clapped a \$50 fine on Aurel Joliat, who started the scene by threatening Russell with his stick. Russell, in his report to the president, stated that Joliat had threatened him when he did not allow a claimed goal, but had not actually struck him, as he

City League Hockey

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Monday, Jan. 4th, 7.15 p.m.
VICTORIA BOOHOOS vs. REGIOPOLIS (JUNIOR)
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JUNIOR FINAL FIRST HALF
ADMISSION 25 CENTS

A Real High Price.
Boston, Jan. 2.—The price of a Boston hockey player went up \$10,000 in five minutes the other day, and as a result the Pittsburgh Pirates failed to get Sprague Cleghorn, star Boston defence man, according to a story which is going the rounds here. The Pirates had made overtures to Manager Art Ross of the Bruins. "Sure I'll sell Cleghorn," Ross is reported to have replied. "How much do you want for him?" queried Pittsburgh. "Forty thousand dollars, and if you wait five minutes I'll make it \$50,000."

The surprise which this occasioned consumed the five minutes and Mr. Ross announced the price had jumped to \$50,000. Thereupon negotiations were broken and Cleghorn will stay with Boston. He came here from Canadiens of Montreal at the beginning of the season.

Wants Men Badly.
Montreal, Jan. 2.—That Canadians are out to secure new talent, regardless of cost, was indicated in the announcement of Manager Leo Dandurand, who, on his return from Chicago, announced that he had offered the Toronto St. Patrick's a record price for their scoring star, "Babe" Dye. The offer was refused. Dye, a temperamental player, is in the bad books of the Toronto fans just now, and Manager Dandurand thought it was an opportune time to seek his transfer, but the Toronto Club would not do business. Manager Dandurand, suffering from a bad cold, did not accompany the team to Pittsburgh, but, instead, will spend the next few days trying to round up new talent. He is seeking a good forward to relieve his attacking division, and is ready to spend up to \$20,000 to get the right man.



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