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JUNIOR OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT ONE

Speedy Work Shown by Candidates for Junior Kingston Team at Practice.

The candidates for the Kingston junior O.H.A. team held their first workout of the season at the Arena Saturday evening, there being over fifteen players on hand for the practice.

The boys were given some valuable tips by Dr. R. P. Millan and Coach Galley and showed exceptionally fine form.

From the candidates that were out Saturday and others that could not attend the practice, a real fast team will be chosen to represent Kingston in the junior O.H.A. this season.

O.H.A. Games To-day

Intermediate. Bowmanville at Port Hope. Newmarket at North Toronto. Guelph at St. Mary's.

Junior. Pieton at Belleville. Whitby at Cobourg. Port Hope at Oshawa.

DANADIAN CURLERS ON A TRIP TO SCOTLAND

Play Games on the Other Side for a Month—Prominent Curlers in the party.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 4.—Large number of local curlers assembled at Sand Point Friday afternoon and gave the Canadian team a good send-off and hearty wishes for success during their tour of England and Scotland.

The curlers will arrive in Glasgow on January 8th, where they will be welcomed by the president of the Royal Canadian Club.

Following a week's stay in London they will return by the Montrose on February 12th.

Following is the list of players: William C. Murray, Montreal; Arthur E. Scott, Quebec; Col. H. J. Mackie, Pembroke, Ont.; Prof. A. Kelly, Montreal; Dr. S. T. White, Orangeville, Ont.; Harry White, Shelburne, Ont.; Alex. Fall, Stratford; Charles Bulley, Toronto; W. J. Southam, Hamilton; J. R. Bates, Shelburne, Ont.; T. H. Reburn, Markdale, Ont.; D. H. Haight, Sudbury; C. W. Defoe, Toronto; R. Egan, North Bay; Ross G. L. Harstone, Hamilton; A. J. Fausset, Winnipeg; Wilfrid Dobson, Dauphin, Man.; Ome Heaslip, Dauphin, Man.; J. G. MacDonald, Fort William; T. H. Lytle, Roland, Man.; James McDiarmid, Winnipeg; Donald Morrison, Winnipeg; Angus Moore, Winnipeg; F. J. McLean, Winnipeg; D. Robert Thomas, Winnipeg; Fred C. Beasley, Fort William, Man.; Fred C. Beasley, St. John; Elbridge P. McKay, Bathurst, N.B.; Reginald K. Shivers, Campbellton, N.B.; John S. Malcolm, St. John; Ernest W. Givran, Moncton, N.B.

JUNIORS PLAY IN FIRST HALF FINAL

Regiopolis and Victoria-Boo-hoos Meet—Frontenac Regiment Meet Regiopolis Club.

The junior City League finale for the first half of the schedule will be played tonight at the Harty Arena starting at 7.15 with the semi-final in the senior section being played off between Regiopolis and the Frontenac Regiment, the winner to meet the Live Wires on the 11th for the first half championship.

Manager McGrath of the Regiopolis team contends that his team has the big chance tonight, that it has been waiting for a crack at the Victoria-Boo-hoos and the leader of the Garnet and Gold brigade has been scouring around to get his best players out for this important contest.

The boys from the Armouries may step into a big snag when they take on the Regiopolis Club representatives and there is every reason to believe that Dicky Spoor and his gang will be stepping faster than usual tonight in an effort to put over a win and get into the playoffs for the first half honors ahead of the Regiment team.

While the brand of competition and the class of the competitors in practically every American sport increased in 1925, professional boxing went back.

BOXING GAME HAS GONE AWAY BACK

Past Year Has Been More or Less Disastrous to the Professional Ring Artists.

Five of the best American fighters in the major classes retired from activity and only two developed enough to be considered worthy successors.

Jack Dempsey, the world's heavyweight champion, spent the entire year out of the ring and kept repeating his intention to accept the challenge of Harry Wills.

Benny Leonard retired as the lightweight champion, saying that he was obliged to comply with the wishes of his mother who didn't like the profession.

Johnny Dundee retired as the featherweight champion, admitting that he could no longer make the weight.

Fancho Villa, the little flyweight champion from the Philippines, died on an operating table in San Francisco.

Tom Gibbons, for years one of the outstanding heavyweights, fell so far off form that he was knocked out for the first time in his career by Gene Tunney.

Succeeding Leonard, Dundee and Villa, three great champions, were Jimmy Goodrich and Rocky Kansas in the lightweight class; Kid Kaplan in the featherweight division, and Fidel LaBarba as the featherweight champion.

When Leonard resigned the New York Boxing Commission decided upon an elimination tournament among the contenders to find a new champion.

sense of his title, both against Babe Herman, the California challenger.

The first fight took place in Waterbury and was called a draw, although the majority of the critics thought that Herman had won.

The second, staged recently in Tex Rickard's garden, was a terrible affair in which Kaplan won the decision.

With the exception of Herman, there is not an outstanding featherweight in the class.

Fidel LaBarba, a product of the 1924 American Olympic team, won the flyweight championship when he defeated Frankie Genaro in California.

When Pancho Villa died, the commission decided against a tournament as there were so few challengers and Genaro, the American champion, was unofficially accepted as the challenger.

The New York commission does not recognize LaBarba as the champion because he did not win the decision in a 15-round fight and is under age.

Another fighter who developed greatly in 1925 was Paul Berlenbach, the new world's light heavy-weight champion.

Berlenbach pulled a big surprise by defeating Mike McTigue on points and taking a 15-round decision and the title.

In defending his title, Berlenbach recently outpointed Jack Delaney, who had knocked him out two years ago when he was just getting started.

Berlenbach is one of the few champions who are willing to fight and it would not come as a shock if he reached the heavyweight title in a few years.

Boxing as a game improved greatly in 1925 under the supervision of the New York Boxing Commission, guided ably by a shrewd chairman, James A. Farley.

The commission made some mistakes but it was right in the majority of cases.

When training trip time arrives for the big leaguers, next February and March, some of them had better provide themselves with shoe horns.

The tool may come in handy for the clubs that have camps in the state of Florida, where the real estate men are running wild and hundreds of thousands of visitors are even wilder trying to convert shoe strings into bank rolls.

According to the present layout of training sites, eleven big time squads will endeavor to crowd their way into the booming peninsula state.

Some of them probably will find before they leave that they weren't as welcome as in other years, when certain cities found the tourist business dull and were overanxious to sign contracts letting the baseball folks in for a mere song.

Now rooms and meals can be sold for ten times what the diamond celebrities pay; but a contract is a contract, and none of the ball clubs seem willing to leave.

Play May Suffer. There is good reason to believe that before the training jaunts come to a close in April more than one manager will be of the opinion that he might have done better elsewhere.

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

They say you can't keep a good man down, but Manager West of the Frontenac Regiment team says you can't keep a good team down either and his boys are going to be on the lookout for the Live Wires next time the two come together.

We must admit after all that Manager Stan. McQuaid had the right idea when he called his team the Live Wires. The first time the name was given to the team there was objection to it in some quarters, because it was not thought it was a suitable name, but it certainly fits the team well that sports that name.

On all sides one hears favorable comment on the operation of the City Hockey League this year in general and the splendid work of President Charles Hicks in particular. A local citizen remarked to-day that there was the best feeling among the teams and individual players this year, better than there had been in many years.

The Kingston intermediates open up their season on Friday, when the Brockville team will be the guests of the evening at the Harty Arena. The squad will have a few stiff workouts this week, but the team will not be chosen until the last minute.

Watch the Kingston junior O.H.A. team go. Unless that bunch of boys bring home the bacon on Friday night from their trip to Brockville, there will be some greatly disappointed hockey fans in the city.

The County Hockey League executive meets next Saturday afternoon and clubs that intend playing in this League this season and not already registered should get busy and send in their applications for entry.

Regiopolis and Victoria-Boo-hoos should provide the fans with some thrilling work at the Arena in the first game of the double bill to-night in the City Hockey League. This is the final junior game in the first half and Vic-Boo-hoos will be at full strength to keep up their winning streak and take the honors without a loss, but the Regiopolites are bent on making an upset and feel that they have the necessary punch to come through and win.

Coach Geley is perfectly satisfied with the showing made by the R.M.C. team in their trip to New York recently. The hockey mentor of the cadets expects that his team will make an extra good showing this season. The cadets certainly did make a name for themselves in New York and put up a much better showing than local fans expected they would.

In connection with the Kingston Hockey Club, intermediate and junior sections, it is worthy of note that the managers of the teams, Mr. T. A. McGinnis and Dr. R. P. Millan, have shown great interest in their work and a small share of the success of the club to date is due to their good work.

Secretary E. J. Hartrick is a busy man these days looking after the registration of players for the local club, and before Friday night's games he will have most of that work cleared up. Mr. Hartrick is a live wire as secretary of the local teams and he is a valuable man to the Kingstonians.

The Kingston O.H.A. club has every reason to be grateful to the City Hockey League for the wonderful help given this year, and it is worth noting that the officials of the Kingston Club really do appreciate the help and co-operation of the Kingston League.

As Usual. City Ed: Did you interview that celebrity? Reporter: Sure. C. E.: What did she say? Rep.: Nothing. C. E.: I know, but how many columns of it.—Answers.

HE'S LOST



Dr. William McGovern of London is being sought in Northern Peru by a searching party that fears he has met some accident. He left London last August to explore South America and has not been heard from since October 31st.

Right Tune. Defendant (hailed in court for failure to pay alimony): I ain't going to pay no more. Magistrate: You are confused, you are speaking of money, not rain.—Tit-Bits.

City League Hockey

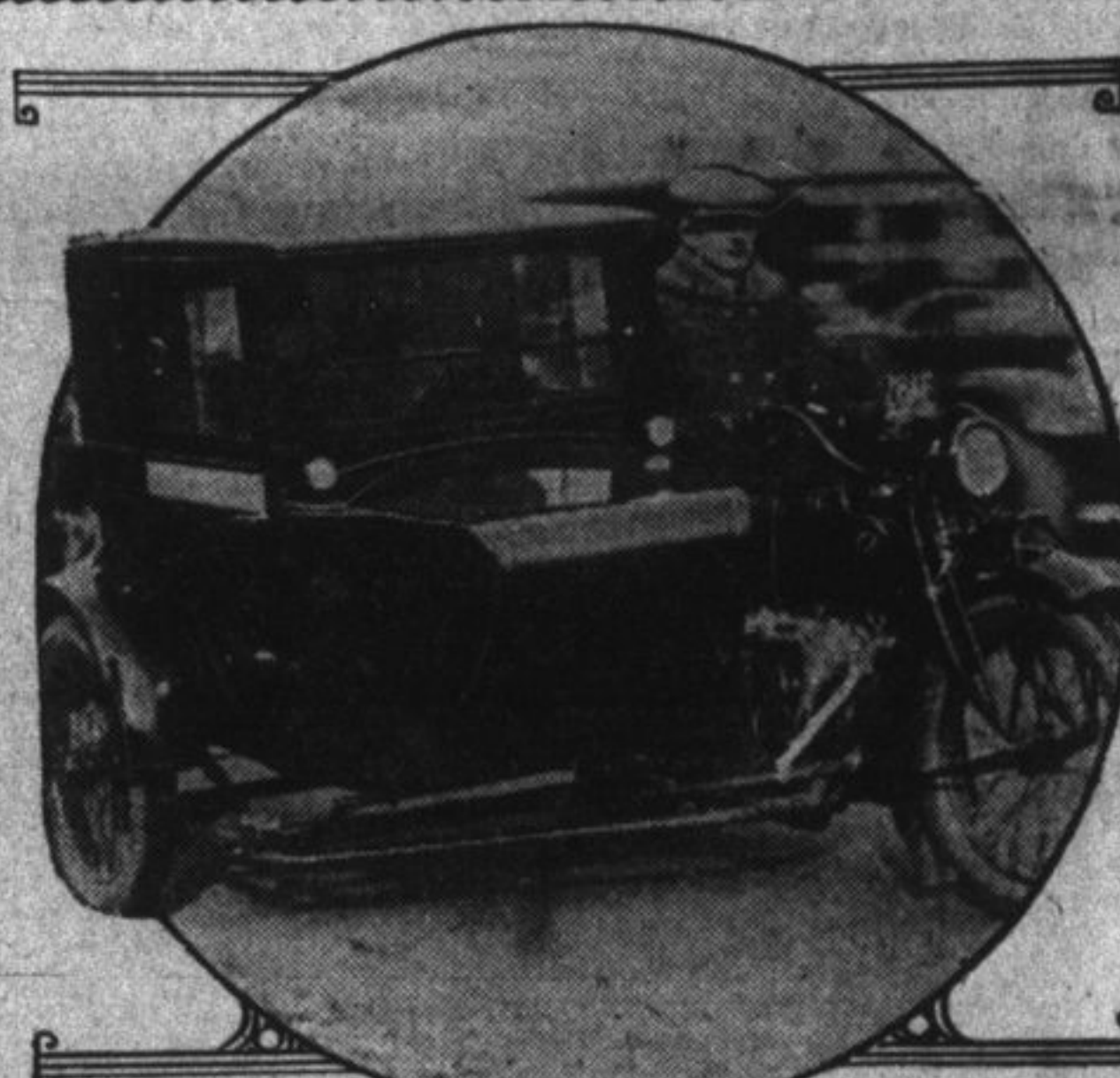
HARTY ARENA Monday, Jan. 4th, 7.15 p.m. VICTORIA BOOHOOS vs. REGIOPOLIS (JUNIOR) FRONTENAC REGT. vs. REGIOPOLIS (SENIOR) JUNIOR FINAL FIRST HALF ADMISSION 25 CENTS



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