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FIRST GAME IS CARDED TO-NIGHT

Local Lineup to Be Changed Again—Lough and Rooney May Start on Defence.

Tonight the old rivals, Brockville and Kingston, will clash in the local opening Intermediate O.H.A. fixture at the Jock Hart Arena and it is certain that when Referee "Herb" Mathews calls the teams together for the "pow wow," that the rink will be filled almost to its capacity with excited fans who have been anxiously waiting to see the locals in action, and judge whether or not they will keep up their record of last year. Although things were not so bright for the team at the first of the season, everything is fine and the locals are looking for a win tonight to start them off on a successful season. The fans may be sure that Kingston will be well represented in the Intermediate O.H.A. this year and that they will be very much in the picture, despite rumors to the contrary.

Kingston will be up against a hard team in their opening fixture and will have to be at their best to defeat Brockville. Nothing definite is known about the Brockville team but reports state that they are well fixed and this can be depended on as Brockville are not of the bragging type. They are out to cop the honors among the intermediates this year and are just as confident as the locals of opening their season with a victory. They will be playing their hardest tonight, as they are well aware of Kingston's strength in hockey.

"Joe" Smith, Lawlor and Bellringer will likely hold down the forward positions for Kingston with perhaps Lough and Rooney on the defence. Oiler is now not expected to play. Either Brooks or Rogers will start in the nets and as both are star performers, there is no fear about the twine not being in capable hands. It is safe to say that every man wearing the "K" tonight will have earned his position and will help compose the strongest team in the city.

The tickets for the game have been selling very fast and indications are that one of the biggest crowds of the season will be on hand for the locals' opening performance. If the fans are as enthusiastic this year as they were last, the team will not lack for support and as the interest so far has been greater than in a great many years, tonight should be the starting of a very successful hockey season for Kingston.

Out of O.H.A.

Dunnville, Jan. 8.—Cayuga has withdrawn their junior hockey team from the O.H.A. and Tuesday's game with Hagersville was cancelled, thus leaving a five-team junior group, consisting of Dunnville, Hagersville, Port Dover, Simcoe and Watford.

Blessed are the poor: they need not go in debt trying to keep up with the neighbors.

TO RECEIVE THE SCORES.

Tonight The British Whig will receive the scores of the Kingston Juniors at Brockville game and the Belleville at Trenton game. Fans who wish to learn the scores of these games will be supplied with the information by calling No. 2612 after the intermediate game here is over. It is expected that the score of the junior game will be received at the Arena here but for those fans who will not be present for the Kingston-Brockville game here, they may have the information by calling The British Whig.

O.H.A. HOCKEY FAST.

Pro. Coaches and Scouts Cast Longing Eyes on Some Ontario Stars.

Several seasons have elapsed since the senior series of the Ontario Hockey Association has furnished such a race as is in progress right now. The entry is large, and the quality of hockey, according to referees and others fully qualified to judge, is remarkably high. The association bristles with fast, young talent which has set the pro. league green with envy. Scouts have been despatched to practically every city in the circuit with instructions to get players, but the latter evince no desire to take up the game as a business. The few exceptions have demonstrated the calibre of hockey of the O.H.A. at the first opportunity presented. Seibert and Stewart of Montreal are the sensations of the league to date. Seibert was with Niagara Falls, and Stewart, a Toronto boy, played in Cleveland. Martin-Burke of Stratford will confer with St. Patrick's, perhaps, and will sign with that club or with Montreal. The Port Arthur world champions and the Port William team, their neighbors, figure on holding the Allan Cup for the Head of the Lakes, but indications at the moment are that the O.H.A. senior winners will provide the keenest opposition to that plan that any holder of the trophy has encountered in a decade.

HOLDING STICKS.

Lou Marsh says: "Some players have the mistaken idea that when they are carrying the puck that opposing players are guilty of a foul when they hold his stick down with their sticks in such a manner as to prevent him playing the puck." To hold an opponent's stick down before he gets the puck or to knock it out of his hand when he is not playing the puck is a foul, but to hook the puck carrier's stick away or to bear down on it so that he cannot use it to manipulate the puck is quite legitimate. A player cannot be charged with hooking unless his stick comes in contact with the puck carrier's legs, hands, arms or body. It is permissible to hook an opponent's stick. Of course it is a foul to take hold of an opponent's stick at any time, unless you are picking it off the ice to hand it back to him."

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

The Watertown, N.Y., junior hockey team wanted to arrange a game with the local juniors, but the proposition could not be accepted. Even if it were, it is questionable that the Yankees could put up a fast enough game. There are very few all-American hockey teams that can step with the Canadians, and, although the Watertown team has two Canadian lads on it, it is not likely that they could put up a very stiff opposition to the locals. It would have to be an exceptionally fast junior team from the States to step the pace with the average Canadian junior team.

The hockey fans will be waiting for the second half of the City League to get under way. The games every second night are missed by a great many and as things in the second half will likely be a little closer, they cannot start too soon to suit some of the fans.

The seat sale for the game here to-night has been going strong and it is certain that there will be a large crowd on deck for the opening clash. After the game to-night the fans will know just what's what as far as the locals' chances are concerned.

Queen's gave Princeton a good drubbing in Wednesday night's game at the New Madison Square Garden. To say that hockey has made a good impression in New York is putting it mildly and the Canuck teams have set the Gotham fans all agog. If the interest continues in the United States, hockey will be on par with boxing among the Americans in a very short time.

The local juniors will have a hard battle in Brockville to-night, but the fans have great confidence in the "kids" and they are expected to pull a win. The Brockville aggregation is about the same as the one that defeated Kingston last season and they certainly are a fast outfit.

George Stewart is a real sportsman. His action in giving a cup for competition among the juniors is an example of the interest he is showing in creating hockey players in Kingston. As long as there are men like George Stewart in this city, hockey will never die, and there will be plenty of material from which to choose the senior teams.

The honors for the first half of the senior City Hockey League will be decided next Wednesday night, when the Live Wires and Frontenac Regiment mix matters again at the Arena. The Regiment still feel the sting of the defeat they were given the last time the teams met and they will be out to down the Wires or make a mighty fine attempt. They will have to step some if Lawlor and Bellringer are going at their old clip.

The senior Intercollegiate schedule will be opened at Montreal tomorrow night, when Queen's tackle Shag's puck hounds. The Tricolor have been going strong this season and are expecting a win in the opening fixture. They will have to watch St. Germain carefully, as, apparently, a great deal of McGill's hopes for an Intercollegiate championship are in this forward man, who made the Americans dizzy by his flashy playing.

Varsity will play Queen's here on Friday night next and are mighty sure that they will take a fall out of their old rivals, so sure in fact that Louie Hudson has asserted that they will beat Queen's by five goals. Probably Louie intends getting these himself, but he will have to step some to do it. The Blue and White are certainly more confident than they were when meeting Queen's a few months ago.

The County Hockey League will hold another meeting to-morrow afternoon at which things will be arranged to get the League off to a good start. The teams are all anxious to get going and expect that there will be some fast hockey in the County this season.

The hockey players at K.C.I. are preparing for a busy season and it will not be long till the inter-form games are under way. The teams are all practising hard and it is expected that the games will be started in a short time. The rink is in fine shape and the players take advantage of the opportunity for practising.

LOCAL JUNIORS ARE READY FOR BIG GAME

Left at Noon for Brockville for Opening Junior O.H.A. Clash of This District.

The Junior O.H.A. team left for Brockville on the noon train to-day in charge of Dr. R. P. Millan, J. S. McDonnell and George VanHorne and all were in fine shape for their first game of the season with Brockville tonight. The team will be greatly strengthened by the presence of "Paddy" Patterson on the forward line and will be in the game at Brockville with a strong determination to carry a victory back with them and get away to a good start. They will not have an easy time of it, and are not expecting one, as Brockville is a great little town to turn out juniors and the team this year is reported to be about the same as the one that tossed Kingston out of the running last season. The Kingston team will be represented by a team composed mostly of experienced players and the fans that have seen them in practice are well pleased with their showing and are confident that they will keep in the running for some time. It should be a great game and the result will be watched with the greatest interest by the local hockey followers.

QUEEN'S OPEN UP AT MCGILL ON SATURDAY

Tricolor Squad Expect Strong Opposition From St. Germain and His Teammates.

Queen's open their Intercollegiate senior series at Montreal on Saturday night facing the McGill contingent which did so well in games played at Madison Square Garden recently. The Red and White has been lacking a scorer of any great ability for the past few years and needed only that to make their aggregation formidable. In St. Germain, former Ottawa star, they have secured what they have long been wanting and tomorrow night the Tricolor will have the chance of being the first in the Intercollegiate to test out the real strength of the new Red and White team.

The Tricolor, fresh from their

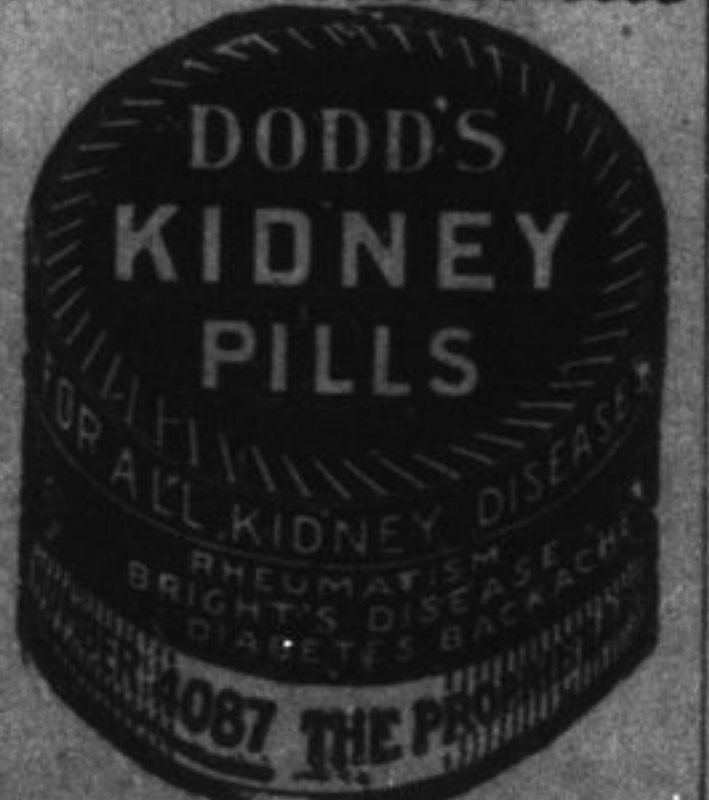
battles across the border should be in good shape for the opening tilt and will be in there fighting hard all the time to start off with a victory. Should the Tricolor win in Montreal, their hopes will rise somewhat, for McGill is feared, and it will give them some incentive with which to meet Varsity next Friday night here. Should Queen's lose in Montreal and again next Friday night, there may be some interesting developments in local hockey.

Belleville Team Plays At Trenton To-night

Just whether or not Belleville is the strong team it is reputed to be, will be decided tonight at Trenton where the Bay of Quinte aggregation headed by Eddie Thomas will meet the Trenton intermediates. Belleville has been establishing a great record in exhibition games played to date and have run up high scores against all comers with the result that they have set Belleville fans to believing that they have a smarter team than in many years past.

Belleville fans are loud in their praise of the collection of hockey players they have banded together to represent them this winter and when the team comes to Kingston to meet the old rivals, it is fully expected that there will be a large delegation on hand for the fray.

Word comes from Trenton that there is a strong team up that way this season and the Trentonians may upset matters a bit tonight and put things on the rocks for the Belleville squad. It should be a merry old battle "in the town just west of Belleville" tonight and locals fans will await the result with great interest.



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DELEGATES CHOSEN FOR OTTAWA AFFAIR

Prof. M. B. Baker and "Bud" Thomas to Represent Queen's at Big Event.

Eric "Bud" Thomas, star outside wing player of Queen's rugby team and Professor M. B. Baker of the Athletic Board of Control of Queen's University will go to Ottawa on the 14th of this month to represent Queen's University at the dinner to be given to the Ottawa Rugby Club in honor of their winning the 1925 Dominion championship.

The Ottawa Club very kindly invited representatives of Queen's to be present at the gathering and the two above-mentioned were delegated to represent the local university whose team fell to Ottawa in the Eastern Canada final last fall. "Bud" Thomas is an Ottawa boy himself and will be right at home at the gathering while Professor Baker is one of the leading members of the Board of Control at Queen's. The dinner to be tendered the Ottawa Club will be a gala affair and representatives from all over the country will be present at the function. Elaborate preparations have been made by those in charge to make the event a huge success. Both "Bud" Thomas and Professor Baker will speak at the dinner.

BOUCHER STILL OUT.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Manager Leo Dandurand of the Canadian Hockey Club is making a canvass of the club owners of the pro. league in connection with the Boucher case.

He announced that he had been in communication with four of them over the long-distance telephone, and that those he had spoken to seemed to be of the opinion that any further punishment to be meted out to Billy Boucher for the Russell affair should be in the nature of a fine. These owners promised to notify President Frank Calder of their feelings in the matter some time during the next twelve hours.

Boucher is under suspension for striking Goal Judge Russell in the recent Canadian-Montreal game here.

Mae Marsh, film actress, who is Mrs. Louis Arms in private life, gave birth to a son in Pasadena, Cal.

Emperor of Japan suffered a fainting spell at Tokio, and cancelled trip to his winter home.

O.H.A. Games To-day

Senior Series.
Toronto C.C. at Peterboro.
Stratford at Preston.
Windsor at London.
Galt at Niagara Falls.

Intermediate Series.

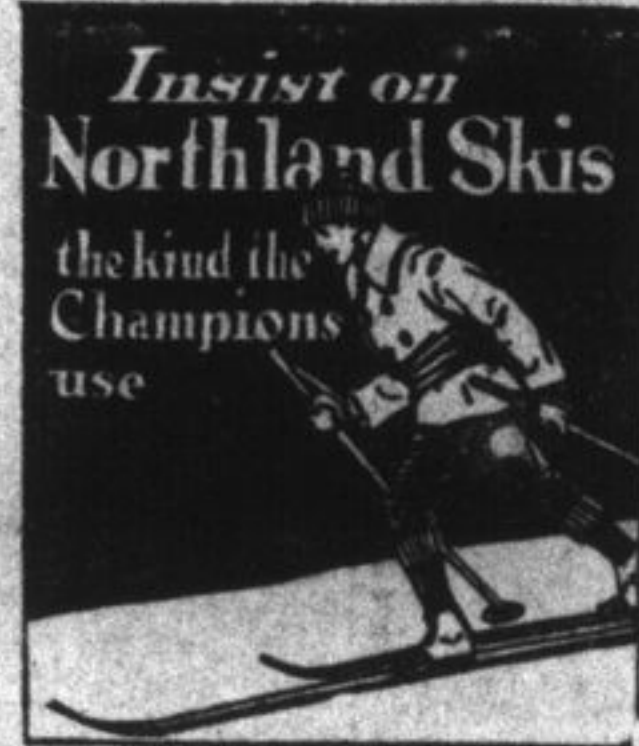
Oakville at Richmond Hill.
Belleville at Trenton.
Brockville at Kingston.
Port Hope at Bowmanville.
Oshawa at Cobourg.
Cannington at Lindsay.
Whitby at Port Perry.
Niagara Falls at Brantford.
Hamilton Beavers at Port Colborne.
Paris at Grimsby.
Simcoe at Caledonia.
Port Dover at Cayuga.
Hagersville at Dunnville.
Ayr at Tavistock.

London at Woodstock.
Tillsonburg at Ingersoll.
Hanover at Chesley.
Parry Sound at Midland.
Orillia at Camp Borden.
Huntsville at Gravenhurst.

A "Patriotic" Duty.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, was urged by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission to meet either Gene Tunney or Harry Wills as a patriotic duty in Philadelphia's new municipal stadium in connection with the sesqui-centennial sports programme. The request was sent by telegraph to the champion in Los Angeles.

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