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FIFTEEN IN THE KINGSTON PARTY ON THE TRIP OUT TO THE WEST

Should Locals Defeat Sons of Ireland To-night at Montreal, They Leave for Port Arthur Tuesday Morning—"Snag" Skelton Goes Along as Tutor for Queen's Boys—No Trouble Expected in Game at Montreal To-night—Best of Luck Goes With O.H.A. Champions.

Not until Sunday night was it definitely announced by Secretary E. J. Harrick of the Kingston Hockey Club, the final arrangements for the trip to the west of the Kingston team, if successful at Montreal to-night in the game with the Sons of Ireland. Despite all the rumors that were flying around the city over the week-end with regard to who were and who were not going west, and a number of other points, nothing definite was established until Sunday afternoon although on Saturday night, after the second meeting of the executive of the Kingston Hockey Club, it looked very much as though the plans finally settled on, would materialize.

As is well known, there was considerable controversy over the Kingston team going west. There was objection raised in certain quarters and it finally ended up by a meeting of the executive of the Kingston Hockey Club being held on Saturday afternoon but at this meeting, nothing definite was established and another session was held Saturday night. The pros. and cons. of the matter were turned over thoroughly, the educational and the hockey sides of the effect of the trip being thoroughly discussed.

It was decided finally, however, that the Queen's students would go west with the team and that "Snag" Skelton would accompany the team to assist the Queen's boys in their studies while they are on the trip. This plan was the only solution and the suggestion was a good one. The boys will be able to carry on their studies and will be no worse off in this regard when they return, as when they started.

There will be fifteen people in the Kingston party going west, provided of course, they win tonight. Those who will make the trip are as follows: E. J. Harrick, secretary of the Kingston Club; Coach T. F. Gelliey, James T. Sutherland, one of the members of the Kingston executive; Jack Powell, trainer of the club; "Snag" Skelton, tutor for the Queen's boys and players Tangher, Orford, McKelvey, Voss, Reid, Hartley, Patterson, Molson, Macpherson and McDowell. In addition, there will be Harold Mitchell, Toronto referee, who will officiate in the games at Port Arthur and who will be one of the referees in the Winnipeg series.

Plans of the Trip.

The party left to-day at 12.53 for Montreal and were due to arrive there at five o'clock this evening. Tonight the game with Sons of Ireland will be played. Should Sons of Ireland by any chance cover up the five-goal lead that Kingston has on them, although the possibilities are that they will not, the Kingston party will return to Kingston on Tuesday morning and the trip to the West, of course, will be all off for

them. But, providing Kingston wins the game tonight, or at least the round, the party will leave Montreal on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock and arrive in Toronto at 5.40.

Starting out on the trip west, the party will pick up Referee Harold Mitchell at Toronto and board the train at 8.45 Tuesday night and arrive in Port Arthur on Wednesday afternoon at 2.15 o'clock. The players will have one day's rest before the first game which is slated for the 18th and a day in between the next game on the 20th. If beaten out on the round at Port Arthur, the Kingston team will return to Kingston immediately but if successful, will leave Port Arthur for Winnipeg where they meet the Winnipeg team in a two-game series on the 23rd and 24th. The next day they will leave for Kingston.

Only Twelve Men.

There are many under the impression that the C.A.H.A. pays for as many as the Kingston Club would carry but a thought for a moment would dispel that idea. The C.A.H.A. allows for a party of twelve. The Kingston team will have some expense to bear in this trip for extra men but this has all been planned out and arrangements made.

It would be a terrible upset if the Sons of Ireland were to win by six goals tonight in Montreal, say 8-2 or some score like that. One could not help but see the humor in it, if this happened, despite the grave disappointment and upset that such a situation would create. But no such thing is anticipated and the Kingston players to-day, as they boarded the train, expressed confidence that they would be able to defeat the Sons of Ireland right in Montreal. This opinion is shared by the vast majority of the crowd who saw the game here on Friday night. Had Kingston been going right, they would have made more goals. Sons of Ireland do not seem to have the finish they should have and their goal-tender is decidedly weak. Kingston should win tonight.

The Best of Luck.

There is little or no need to say that the best wishes of Kingston people went with the O.H.A. champions to-day as they left on their tour. Should the boys go west they will carry with them every good wish for an enjoyable trip, and a successful campaign and their progress will be watched with the keenest interest. The fans at home will await anxiously for the results of the games in which they take part and should they go right through, there will be a warm and hearty reception accorded them when they come back. Should one be held, it should be a real one, for these boys, who have carried the big "K" and the Kingston banner all season, deserve a real welcome back, for that matter, win or lose.

not had a real contest all season while the O.H.A. champions have been through battle after battle. Whether the Blue and White has suffered from the lack of competition or the Ontario champions will fall through having too much is a problem the solution of which will be seen when the two teams meet.

Until they were recently beaten in an exhibition game by Stratford the local students had hung up a record of thirteen straight wins, the culmination of their string of victories coming when they easily won the college championship of North America. They defeated Dartmouth at Madison Square Gardens and carried off the trophy donated by Governor Al Smith, of New York state. Varsity's only previous defeat during the season had been their first exhibition game with London. Possibly there is some significance in the fact that the only defeats that they sustained came at the hands of O.H.A. teams.

Easy College Victory. Varsity's march through the intercollegiate schedule was a succession of six straight wins, the last game with Queen's being captured by a 11 to 2 score, the Blue and White being able to score practically at will, and their victories in the exhibition games in the States were obtained almost as easily.

Blue and White Intact. Individually the Blue and White stand out as strong as Peterboro, it being in team play that the Ontario senior champions would appear to have the advantage. With the exception of Taylor, who went to Osgoode Hall, Varsity have practically the same team that last year defeated Niagara Falls and went on west only to be beaten by Port Arthur. This year, however, the O. H. A. champions will not be as battle scarred as the Falls team and with a longer period to rest before the first game should render a better account.

How Teams Compare. Peterboro supporters claim that in Joe Dwyer they have the best net guardian in the game but in Sullivan



DOUGLAS ("SNAG") SKELTON, Who will accompany the Kingston Juniors on their trip west, acting as tutor for the Queen's boys on the team.

Varsity have a twine tender who at his best is a worthy match for the Pete wizard. Porter and Wright will have a merry time keeping out their former Varsity mate but should not suffer in comparison with either McLeod or Ross, while the real battle would rage along the forward line where Plaxton, Hudson and Trotter would be pitted against Collins, Bailey and Ranger. The duel between the speedy Louie Hudson and the equally elusive Irvine Bailey should be a treat in itself. It has been in the strength of their substitutes that Peterboro have usually been able to show to the biggest advantage, but they should have little on Kirkpatrick or Richards, or whatever sub Varsity intends to use.

Eastern Canada Play-off.

The winner of the series between the O.H.A. and intercollegiate champions will meet the winner of the play-off between Quebec champions and Ottawa Gunners. The first game will be played at the Arena next Saturday or the following Monday, depending on when ice can be secured at the Montreal Forum.

Final Games in Montreal.

The winner of the eastern play-offs meet the western champions in the Allan Cup finals in Montreal on March 24th and 26th. In the west the Regina Victorias are favored to win but they must first defeat the Powers Club of Vancouver, who have already eliminated the Canmore team, champions of Alberta. On their way east the western winners have to stop off at Port Arthur or Fort William to play the Thunder Bay champions and here their progress may be stayed. Both last year's Allan Cup winners and Fort William are going stronger than ever and may again bring the amateur honors to the head of the lakes. In their own-play-off series they have already battled to two overtime times and need another game to decide a winner.

Kingston's Great Chance.

It was left to the juniors last week to stage the greatest game of the year at the local ice palace and Kingston look good enough to represent the east in the play-offs for the O.H.A. Memorial cup. However, they must first meet the Sons of Ireland in a return game at Montreal tonight although their five goal lead should easily carry them through. On their way west next week they meet the Thunder Bay champions, where they will be careful not to meet the same fate as befell Aura Lee at the hands of the Fort William War Veterans a few years ago. In the west the Tammany Tigers of Winnipeg are favored to win but they are not yet out of the woods in their own play-off series. The junior finals will be staged in Winnipeg on the 23rd and 25th so that the whole amateur season will be over in two weeks' time.

GREAT HISTORY OF STANLEY CUP

Was First Played for as an Amateur Trophy in 1893.

Toronto, March 15.—(By Canadian Press)—More of an international flavor is given to the Stanley Cup hockey championship games this year by the possibility of one or more of the United States teams in the National Hockey League being well in the running for the big honors.

The Stanley Cup, which is now emblematic of the professional hockey championship of the world, has been in existence for thirty-three years. It was donated in 1893 to the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada by the late Lord Stanley of Preston, then Governor-General of Canada, as a challenge trophy to be competed for and held by the champions of recognized senior leagues at that time.

The first holders of the cup were the Montreal Amateur Athletic team, champions of the Amateur Hockey Association of Canada in 1893. From 1893 to 1895, the contests for the cup consisted of single matches. In 1899 the idea of playing best two out of three games for the cup was inaugurated by the association, the Victorias of Montreal and Victorias of Winnipeg making the request to

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

Toronto Varsity, intercollegiate champions, will get their first hard test of hockey of the season when they meet Peterboro on Tuesday and Thursday nights at Toronto in the Allan Cup play-downs. The Blue and White made a clean sweep of the intercollegiate and local fans who have seen both Peterboro and Varsity in action, are inclined to think that the smooth Varsity machine will sweep the series. Much is expected from Louis Hudson and "Red" Porter, who created another great impression when they met Queen's here in an intercollegiate fixture.

Five goals look pretty good for the local youngsters in Montreal to-night against the Sons of Ireland team. Both will be stepping at a faster rate of speed than they were here Friday night. The week-end has rested both teams up well and they will be at top form to-night.

The English section of the sporting element in the city are reading up the news of the coming boat race a week from next Saturday between Oxford and Cambridge. It is noticeable that no matter how long an Englishman has been out here in Canada, his interest in the big annual sport event of England, the Oxford-Cambridge boat race, never wanes.

Toronto's fine new baseball stadium will be the best in the country when it is completed. Work is being rushed along on it and it is hoped to have the stadium competed for the opening game at Toronto, scheduled for April 28th. The new stadium will seat 26,000 with standing room for 5,000.

The Grimsby Peach Kings wear their names instead of numbers on the backs of their sweaters. The Toronto Star Weekly remarks that the idea would probably make a hit with Kingston teams: Why not Toronto teams too?

R.M.C. has the advantage of a two-goal lead for their game here with McMaster on Tuesday night, a lead which the Cadets should be able to retain. Tuesday night's game will be the last important fixture of the season and it is expected that there will be a big crowd in attendance. McMaster has a strong team and the Cadets, travelling at a fast pace, are sure to provide a few thrills for the spectators. The team will be in charge of Capt. R. L. Fort, staff adjutant of the R.M.C., a hockey star himself not so long ago. Coach Gelliey will be on his way west with the Kingston juniors—unless disaster befalls the team in Montreal to-night.

"Snag" Skelton, rugby star of Queen's, will accompany the Kingston team to Montreal and on its trip west, should they win to-night. "Snag" will be on the trip for the benefit of Macpherson, McKelvey, McDowell and Voss, Queen's students of the Kingston team. While they are away on the trip, "Snag" will have charge of the instruction and studies of the players and will give his assistance.

Fans are reminded that The British Whig will have the usual service on the hockey match at Montreal to-night between the Sons of Ireland and the Kingston juniors. The same phones will be used and fans are invited to call The British Whig for their scores to-night. The same prompt service will be given.

Playing in the Winnipeg curling elimination, Roland Devlin, well-known former Kingston boy, won his way into the lead in the games played recently in the Prairie City, defeating his opponents by big scores. Mr. Devlin is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Devlin, William street.

the trustees to play under that arrangement.

The Stanley Cup remained an amateur trophy for twenty years, until in 1914 it was turned over for competition by professional teams. The last amateur team to hold the cup was Quebec, which in 1913 defeated the Sydney, N.B., team in the ancient city.

Toronto was the first professional team to win the Stanley Cup, beating the Victorias of the Coast League three straight games in Toronto. The cup went west in the following year, Ottawa winning the National Hockey Association championship but losing to the Vancouver team.

Stanley Cup championship for 1926 will be eventually decided by the result of the coming series of games between the head-liners of the National Hockey League season and the champion team of the Western Canada Hockey League. The winner of the N.H.L. play-offs will meet the western champion to contest for the trophy.

The Stanley Cup at present is in the West, being held by the Victoria Cougars of the Western Canada League through their win over Canadians of the N.H.L. in Victoria last season. This year the Western team winning the Western Canada League title will travel east and play in the city represented by the team which emerges on top after the N.H.L. play-offs.

The record of teams winning the Stanley Cup since it became a professional trophy in 1914 is as follows:

- 1914—Toronto defeated Victoria in Toronto.
- 1915—Vancouver defeated Ottawa in Vancouver.
- 1916—Canadiens defeated Portland in Montreal.
- 1917—Seattle defeated Canadiens in Seattle.
- 1918—Toronto defeated Vancouver in Vancouver.
- 1919—No decision. Canadiens played Seattle in Seattle but the series was stopped by influenza epidemic.
- 1920—Ottawa defeated Seattle, playing three games in Ottawa and two in Toronto.
- 1921—Ottawa defeated Vancouver in Vancouver.
- 1922—Toronto defeated Vancouver in Toronto.
- 1923—Ottawa defeated Vancouver and Edmonton in two series.
- 1924—Canadiens defeated Calgary in Toronto.
- 1925—Victoria defeated Canadiens in Victoria.

HOCKEY RESULTS

National League. St. Pat's 1, Ottawa 1. Montreal 4, Canadiens 2.

Thunder Bay Senior Port Arthur 1, Fort William 0. Port Arthur wins championship.

Thunder Bay Junior Fort William 4, Kenora 3.

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