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KINGSTON PLAYS IN SECOND GAME

Fans Waiting Whig for Scores Asked Not to Call No. 243.

There seems to be an air of confidence about the city that the Kingston team will beat Fort William tonight in the second meeting of these teams in the race for the championship of Canada in junior hockey and the Memorial Cup. The splendid showing made by the Kingston team after their long jaunt right from Montreal to Fort William no doubt had the boys considerably and when all things are considered, the strange rink, etc., the local fans are confident that the Kingston team, with a two days' rest, will be able to step in and beat the Forts by a comfortable margin tonight.

Whether they will or not is still a question but the chances are good. There will be even more interest tonight than there was on Thursday night as the game tonight means everything to either team. As in previous cases, The British Whig will have 2612, 2613 and 2614 in use for fans making inquiries, but telephone No. 243 will not be used for answering inquiries for the scores. This phone will be reserved for incoming scores. People calling The British Whig are urged to remember this and call one of the other numbers.

It must be true you can't fool all the people all the time... We hear Carpenter is having a tough time getting a fight.

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COMING AFTER THEM.

Hot Foot On Trail of Himes for Brooklyn Team.

Galt, March 20.—Norman Himes, star centre player of the Terriers of Lockey and shortstop of the ball team, has received a tempting offer to turn professional and join the new Brooklyn professional team, of which Conny Smythe of Toronto Variety is to be manager. Smythe made the offer to Himes, which, while not divulged, is said to be a very handsome one, with a liberal amount for signing and for three years. Himes has made no decision, but is considering it seriously. It is said Smythe is also after a pair of other Big Six stars from London and Stratford, and that he is endeavoring to gather together a complete team of amateurs. Himes is probably Galt's best all round athlete. He is one of the cleverest shortstops in amateur baseball, and plays practically every game. He is also a clever gymnast. He was born in Galt, and has lived here all his life. It should turn pro his loss would be a keen one to local sportsmen, and his place would be a hard one to fill.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS.

What was the outcome of the bout between Eddie Huffman and Young Stribling last fall?—F. R. W. Stribling won on points in 10 rounds.

What was the result of the 1924 meeting between the United States and Australia for the Davis tennis trophy?—F. G. W. United States won, 5 to 0.

When did Howard Ehmeke, Red Sox pitcher, make his big league debut?—D. F. A. Late in 1916 season.

When and where was the famous Zev-Papyrus race held?—G. H. K. Oct. 20th, 1923, at Belmont Park, New York.

What was Charles Toth's time when he swam the English Channel in 1923?—F. G. L. Toth's time was 16 hours, 54 minutes.

Helpful Golf Hints.

The only right way to play the irons is to take turf on every shot in which they are used. Doing this gives a player more control over the ball and increases the steadiness of his play. It also helps to get a backspin on the ball when a club of the mashie type is used.

In playing from very hard ground hit the ball and hit it clean, without taking turf before the shot. Hitting hard ground with the club before the ball is struck will spoil the direction of the shot by turning the shaft in the player's hands and will rob the impact of the firmness and pep which it should have.

After playing, it is a good practice to wipe the clubs free of any moisture which might cause them to warp. The shafts should be lightly oiled every week or so. Any fraying of the grip or binding threads should be tended to immediately by an expert.

The best way to keep the clubs when not in use is to place them across a table, being use the shafts are lying flat, with the heads over the edge of the table.

The shortest distance between two points is never the way the taxicab driver takes you.

OLD TIMERS DID NOT HAVE THE LIVELY BALL

Records for Home Runs Very Low in the Old Days Days.

Figures do not always tell the truth in sport, but they sure hit the nail on the head relative to the lively ball.

In the middle of last season a change was made in the ball used by the majors. It was toned down considerably. Almost overnight the pitchers seemed to regain much of their old-time effectiveness.

At first the manufacturers scoffed at the suggestion that the ball had been changed, but finally admitted it.

In going over some world series data the other day, I came upon some facts that best tell the story of the lively ball and the home run orgy that have prevailed in the majors for the last three years.

In the world series games from 1905 to 1922, 18 meetings between the two big leagues, a total of 35 home runs were made, an average of about two a series.

In the last three world series, 1923-24-25, home runs became common, 31 being made. Thus in the last three classics, nearly as many home runs were made as in the 18 previous events.

And still there were those foolish enough to argue that it was the same ball as in days of old.

Series Figures.

Four home runs had been the record mark up until the 1923 event. In that series the figures jumped to 10. The following season it was one less. Last year all records were broken with 12 circuit swats.

While the ball played its part in the dozen homers made by the Pirates and Nationals, a certain amount of the blame must be placed on the curtailed ball parks.

Both clubs shortened the playing territory of the outfielders considerably and some of the home runs of the last series were the sprriest of jokes, particularly those that went into the temporary stands on the bound.

I am inclined to think the fans didn't enthuse over the home runs of the last series as much as usual. Sooner or later it will be made compulsory that the world series games be played on the same fields on which the pennants were won.

Legislation Needed.

With the ball that was in use 10 years ago, the distance of 235 feet from the home plate called for a worthwhile swat to produce a home run.

This is proved by the fact that such great hitters as Frank Baker, used to lead the American League in home runs with a total of eight or nine for the season.

While every fence or stand in the majors is more than 235 feet from the home plate to-day, the lively ball has made it a soft matter to get home runs, that on good-sized playing fields would be easy outs.

I believe I am conservative in venturing the opinion that but for curtailed playing space, the outfielders would be able to catch half of the fly balls that drop into the stands for home runs.

Regulation playing fields, each park having the same distance in the outfield and from the base lines to the stands, are certain to come in baseball.

It is practically impossible for a fighter to lose any kind of a fight without fighting, and one of these days Mr. Dempsey's interviewers are going to realize it.

The star pitcher of the Cleveland Indians is a tenor singer... Maybe that's what is wrong with the team. It's a long lane that has no turn.... Or, for that matter, a barbecue sandwich stand.

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

To-night the local fans will have to once again wait and hope while the Kingston juniors are battling at Port Arthur to win the 'right' to travel farther west and play for the Dominion honors. The reports of the game of Thursday night, written by many different writers, were all favorable in the eyes of the Kingston supporters. Weary from travel and playing on a strange rink, the Ontario champions showed a dazzling burst of speed in the final stanza to tie the score up. To-night the players will be rested up somewhat and will know something about the rink, so things should be entirely different and Kingston may probably grab off another victory without their now habitual last-period rally.

Once again 'Bus' Hartley put up a counter for Kingston with his seemingly impossible angle shot. Hartley devoted a lot of time to perfecting the knack of nipping the corner of the net and he sure has it down now. Any net guardian that steps one of Hartley's pet deliveries that are going right is some live wire.

"Flat" Walsh, one of the best amateur goal tenders in the world, and a Kingston boy who learned his hockey here with the old Frontenacs, will be at the game to-night, and it may be depended that he will be cheering his head off for his home town representatives to come through. In Taugher, "Flat" will see a goal tender who promises to be every bit as good as himself.

We heard that Jack Dempsey was going to defend his title this month, but it was only a knockout rumor.

"We heartily wish this Kingston team would quit giving us heart failure before they finally win," remarked some fans to-day. Surely they should be used to these third-period spurts by this time.

CLARK WAS GOOD.

But He Is By No Means a Better Goalie Than Taugher.

Here's what Lou Marsh has to say in his "Pick and Shovel" column: A. Thompson, a Timmins hockey fan who says the North Bay-Kingston junior series writes that in his opinion the superb work of "Bus" Clark in the North Bay nets was overlooked by the sporting writers. He says that Clark got mighty little mention yet in his opinion he played a better game than Taugher, the Kingston net guardian who was so lavishly praised. What Thompson says is right—Clark did turn in a magnificent game and the shot that beat him and gave Kingston the O.H.A. championship about broke his heart. He is a good type of an athlete and a credit to hockey.

The boy Clark is a good goalie all right but when all things are considered, he cannot be rated better than Taugher or as good as the Kingston goaler. Clark had many shots at his chest by the Kingston team which any ordinary goaler would stop. On the other hand, Taugher was called on to make difficult situations safe and he did it single-handed more than once. Clark had no such situations to handle as did Taugher and where he can be rated as a better net guardian than Taugher is hard to understand.

Dempsey tells interviewers he does not expect to be beaten for two or three years... What he meant, of course, was two or three centuries. A baseball holdout is a player who demands a healthy increase in March and accepts a sickly decrease in April.

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Mr. O'Goofy, on hearing fashionable women are now wearing suspenders, made the following comment: "They don't need anything to hold their dresses up... What they need is something to let them down a little."

A man may be down but he is never out... Unless he happens to be a guy like Fred Fulton or Joe Beckett.

Rome was not built in a day... This probably explains why the plumbing lasted so long.

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THE LAST OF MIKE MCTIGUE

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MEN'S SUITS FOR SPRING WEAR

Several unmistakable signs that distinguish them from those of last year.

ENGLISH STYLE TRENDS STILL POPULAR IN CLOTHING. Men of Kingston are often accused of undue conservatism. Not until this Spring have the style features sponsored by the West End London Club Men come into acceptance here.

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