

Three Goals In 40 Seconds Beats Hams On Irish Ice

TIGERS OUTPLAY ST. PAT'S SEXTET, BUT LOSE 5 TO 2

Hamilton Morale Goes Blooie in Final Period When Forbes Weakens.

"SHORTY" GREEN IS GOOD

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

	P.	W.	L.	P.	Pts.
Ottawa	...	2	0	3	4
St. Patricks	...	3	2	1	8
Canadiens	...	2	1	4	3
Hamilton	...	3	0	3	5

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—After outplaying St. Patricks for three-quarters of the journey, Hamilton, due to weak goal-keeping, collapsed and lost the game by 5 to 2. Three of the goals were scored in 40 seconds on consecutive shots, two of them being from outside the defence. Vernon Forbes, who has not struck his stride, was more responsible than any other for the third defeat in succession received by the speed merchants, but there were many who could not understand why the management did not make better use of the subs.

Percy Thompson has gathered together a light and fast aggregation of players, and, used in relays, they probably would have skated the locals into exhaustion. In the first two periods they had a fairly decisive margin, two of their favor but Jack Roach barred the way with more startling saves.

Roach Good.
It was decided to use Roach just a few minutes before the game commenced, and the decision was a wise one, for Roach kept the Irish in the running.

Another capacity crowd saw the game, and there were many of them "got in behind" the visitors, because they showed that they are one of the fastest teams in the city.

Long time. They took their bumps with all the good grace possible, and made few attempts to retaliate. St. Patricks evaded the strenuous game, but he delivered some joining Hamilton. "Red" was also prominent, his fast skating breaking up many rushes.

Spring Penalized.
But spring furnished the surprise of the night. He stepped into every one who came his way, and spilled "Red" Stuart and others with such force that he was penalized twice.

His rushing and blocking were so good that Leo Reis was not used all evening. Spring was in the penalty-box when St. Patricks scored their last three goals. A too vigorous body-check at Stuart's expense was responsible.

The line-ups:
St. Patricks—Goal, Roach; defence, Corbeau and Stuart; center, Noble; left wing, Arbour; right wing, Adams; subs, Scott, Loughlin, Jackson, Carr, Andrews and Lockhart.
Hamilton—Goal, Forbes; defence, Randall and Spring; center, Burch; left wing, Roach; right wing, Procter; subs, Roach, R. Green, W. Green, Reis, Donnelly and Fraser.

GREY LAG TO TRY FOR ASCOT TROPHY

Harry F. Sinclair Nominates Stablemate of Zev To Compete.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 23.—Two U. S. horses, Zev and Grey Lag, have been nominated by their owner, Harry F. Sinclair, to run in the Ascot Gold Cup race next season, but it is probable that Grey Lag will be the only one to compete.

Walter S. Vosburgh, official handicapper of the Jockey Club, announced today the entries were made by Mr. Sinclair. Since they were posted, however, Mr. Sinclair has agreed to enter Zev against the best horse in the country later in the summer than the Ascot.

After Zev beat Papyrus Mr. Sinclair expressed a desire that the two horses meet again, and, accordingly, entered his champion for the English Ascot.

Grey Lag, now a five-year-old, has been considered one of the best horses developed in the United States.

HOCKEY SCORES

MANITOBA LEAGUE.
Brandon 1, Winnipeg 0.
U. S. EXHIBITION.
Cleveland 3, Yale 2.
Pittsburg 12, Aura Lee 0.
U. S. AMATEUR LEAGUE.
Boston H.C. 3, Boston A.A. 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE.
St. Patricks 5, Hamilton 2.
Ottawa-Canadiens, postponed.
CANADIAN EXHIBITION.
Hamilton Seniors 3, Granites 2.

HAMILTON SENIORS BEAT GRANITES 3-2

Mountaineers Make Stellar Showing Despite Absence of Herb Mitchell.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Hamilton seniors defeated Granites Saturday night after a brilliant exhibition, 3 to 2. It was the first defeat for the Allan Cup holders, and the Toronto boys can thank Ernie Collett, who had charge of the net, that an even higher tally was not charged against them. Jack Cameron, the regular net-minder, was not in action.

Tigers looked much the better on the night's play, despite the fact that their team was weakened by the absence of Herb Mitchell. He appeared at the rink, but was hustled home to bed when it was discovered that he had a temperature of 103. Stanley Reid, the Bensenville boy, was called into action, and, despite the fact that he lacked practice, he accepted the burden of the work.

M'PHEE KEEPING FIT FOR CHANGE IN SPRING

Big St. Thomas Pitcher Keeping Weight Down by Daily Training.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Danny McPhee, the victor in more than one baseball encounter, has arrived home in West Lorne, where he will spend several weeks hunting and tramping through the woods prior to going south to train with the Brooklyn Nationals. He expects to reduce his weight about 20 pounds before migrating. "Sobor" Danny has quite an enviable record as a result of his amateur efforts, a summary of which is given below.

In 17 games pitched he won 15, two of which were no hits and no runs, while five were shutouts. Besides this he pitched parts of eight other games, allowing but 22 hits and striking out 20.

He was at bat 66 times in the season and made 20 hits for an average of .3313. Thirteen of his hits were singles, three doubles, three for three bases and one home run.

In the 17 full games he pitched he allowed 95 hits an average of 5.6 hits per game.

In 17 games he struck out 164 batters, and an average of 9.64 a game, and gave an average of 1.8 bases on balls. Only seven errors were credited to him in 17 games. Three batters were hit by him in the season and two wild pitches made.

TWO CANADIAN ICE STARS WILL NOT PLAY IN U. S.

Associated Press Despatch.
Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Dave Beaugardis and J. McLaughlin, former Canadian hockey stars, who had planned to join the new Minneapolis team of the U. S. A. H. A., will be unable to perform for the Millers this season, according to word received today by Fred Roque, local coach. Beaugardis wired that he had decided to play with the Hummerston, Ont., amateur team, and McLaughlin said business would not permit him to engage in the sport.

FOUR-TEAM INDEPENDENT LEAGUE STARTED IN EAST

Canadian Press Despatch.
Amherst, N. S., Dec. 23.—A four-team independent hockey league was formally made effective yesterday afternoon when representatives from Amherst, Halifax, Moncton and Stellarton met here. A 36-game schedule was drawn up, with the league opening in Moncton Dec. 31, with Amherst and Moncton as the contenders. The schedule concludes Feb. 23.

WIFE ADMITS SLAYING. IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

Waterloo, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Nettie Case Taylor was acquitted of the murder of her husband, Frank Taylor, by a jury at midnight. The verdict came a few hours after Mrs. Taylor took the witness stand and confessed that she crushed her husband's skull with an axe on July 14 last on a plea of defence.

Immediately after the jury returned, her attorney, Clifford L. Bear, moved that the defendant be discharged. This was granted by the court.

Mrs. Taylor displayed little or no emotion when the verdict was announced.

Hans Wagner's Own Story

One of the Greatest of Baseball Players Gives Fascinating Account of His Long Experience From the Inside Angle.

By HANS WAGNER.

ON UMPIRES.

Umpiring is a feature in baseball that has never been given as much attention as it deserved. To answer all questions on umpires in one lump I can truthfully say that I never yet have seen an umpire who did not try to be right and give the plays as he saw them.

Oh, I've seen some pretty rough ones, make no mistake about that. But all these boys were trying to be right. I was once fined twenty-five dollars by a new umpire when I wasn't even on the field. I had got a day off to go fishing. This young umpire had a sort of half-baked idea of what the duties of an umpire should be. The older fellows had told him that an umpire must first impress the players with his authority—show them that he was not afraid of them.

Well, this one started badly and, I might add, finished quickly. The players started riding him from the bench. He showed authority by ordering two or three of them off.

I was getting a little prominent in baseball then and this bird figured it out that he would fix himself solid by going after one of the stars, so he said later:

"That's going to cost Wagner \$25," he yelled over to the Pittsburgh bench. He never did understand why he got such a laugh. He hadn't been in the league long enough to know the players by sight. But sure enough he reported to the league president by telegram that night that he had fined Wagner twenty-five dollars. I got back from the fishing trip and was so notified by the office. To my mind that is the longest range punishment I ever have had. The poor fellow lasted just a week.

And He Asked Wilson.
Personally I always have thought the umpires gave me a square deal. Players all want the close ones their way—no exceptions. At heart, though, they know that umpires do not purposely rub it into them.

I remember one time the Pittsburgh club was playing Chicago. A long fly hit towards outfielder Wilson. It struck close to the foul line and the umpire called it fair. There was a terrible row about that. We naturally said it was a foul.

We surged around the umpire, trying to make him change his decision, but there was nothing doing. "Ask Wilson," we begged. "Just ask him. He'll tell you. Leave it to him."

"Well, I be doggoned if I don't do it," the umpire surprised us by agreeing.

"Hey, Wilson," we yelled as the outfielder came in. "The umps says he'll leave it to you—that that ball foul or fair?"

"It was fair," declared Wilson. "Fair by a foot."

If you ever saw a gang slink back to the bench it was us. It never occurred to us that Wilson might agree with the umpire. We thought he'd be fighting, too.

Never again did we ever ask for a player to give his honest opinion. We didn't want justice, you see. We wanted that ball called foul.

Everybody is against the umpire. Fans and players ride him when he makes a decision against us. If he makes a close one in our favor we figure it was coming to us because he made a bad one against us last year.

I have noticed that some umpires seem to give decisions in favor of the home club. Then I have seen others who appeared to always give the close ones to the visitors. But taking it all in all my experience has shown that the decisions about break even in the long run. An umpire can't please everybody, so if he figures it out and pleases himself he has done the right thing.

What the Umpire Has To Do.
A good umpire must be fearless, confident and have good judgment. He must follow the ball closely and place himself at the best angle to see the play. The most important quality, though, is to be a good judge of human nature. He must not see or hear a lot of little things that go on around him. After a little experience he knows the difference between natural kicks due to impulse and those that are deliberately intended to show him up. No umpire will ever stand for being shown up. That's why they will throw you out of a game for tossing up your glove and will not bother you for calling them names.

A good umpire forgets that a crowd is present. The whole affair is between him and the players. The minute anybody tries to get the crowd in—well, that fellow is in bad with the umpire. He should be.

An umpire has a lot of work to do. He must keep the game moving rapidly so as to please the crowd. He is what you might call a stage manager. It is up to him to stage the show badly or enjoyable. In addition, an umpire must know the rules from A to Z, and must be so familiar with their application that he can make a decision on the instant and be right. A big majority of players do not know the real fine points of the rules. A whole lot of them have never read the rule book in their lives.

It has just struck me that it might be a good idea to select an All-American team of umpires, just as we do ball players. Later on I'm going to name the best ones during my time and explain why.

But to answer an inquiry—the worst decision I ever saw was made by Umpire Byron and he made it on me.

Pittsburg and New York were playing at Pittsburg. I was stealing third, and the catcher threw the ball into my feet, making it impossible for Devil—I think it was Devil—to pick it up. We both got in a tangle as I slid through a cloud of dust. The ball was bound under my arm where nobody could find it. With the ball still caught under my arm I started for the plate while the New York infield was looking for it. No one seemed to know what had become of it. About ten feet

tion was called to the ball lying in the base path. Up to that time his back had been turned.

"That proves it," he said to Byron. "See! Wagner just rolled it out."

Byron knew that something unusual had happened. He scratched his head, not knowing what to do.

"You're out!" he finally called out to me, "for carrying the ball to the bench in your hand!"

Well, you can imagine the new row that started! We milled all over the place. But Byron stuck to his decision.

The game went into extra innings and we lost.

Pittsburg protested the game but the president of the league decided against us on Byron's written statement that I had carried the ball to the bench in my hand and rolled it out again.

I never did get over that decision, it was so unfair. The umpire, you see, never did ask me where the ball had come from. He simply took McGraw's word for it because he didn't know what else to do. McGraw started the argument as a bluff and went through with it. He al-

McGraw Puts One Over.
Now here's where McGraw got in his fine work. He rushed up to Umpire Byron, who had run down to third base to make the decision, and told him I had carried the ball to the bench in my hand.

"If you don't believe it, go to the bench and make them give it to you," he urged Byron.

About this time McGraw's atten-

BAN ON PADDOCK STILL MAINTAINED BY COMMITTEE

Must Clear Self of Charges Before Entering Olympic Trials.

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Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 23.—Charles Paddock, who was charged with the Amateur Athletic Union, it has been announced by the American Olympic committee.

The issues involved in the controversy that has raged about Paddock for several months include charges he is alleged to have made against the A. A. U. and athletes of that organization in regard to their amateur standing; allegations that Paddock had sacrificed his amateur standing in going on a lecture tour; charges that he failed to reimburse the Olympic committee for funds loaned him, and his alleged failure to comply with a request that he account for expenses furnished him in coming to New York from Los Angeles for an athletic meet.

The decision means that Paddock also must explain to the A. A. U. committee his participation without A. A. U. sanction in the University of Paris club meet, and in exhibitions in Czechoslovakia.

dock, crack sprinter, will not be allowed to compete for a position on the 1924 Olympic team from the United States until he has cleared himself of charges with the Amateur Athletic Union, it has been announced by the American Olympic committee.

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GAME IS POSTPONED OWING TO MILDNESS

Thirteen Players Will Try Out For St. Thomas Intermediates.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—St. Thomas Intermediate O. H. A. players were scheduled to play Woodstock here on Friday night, but owing to the condition of the weather the game was postponed.

Thirteen candidates have signified their intentions of joining the local O. H. A. team in this city, and their certificates have been sent to Toronto for approval. The players are Albert Desjardines, Jack Campbell, Wilfred Croteau, Batzold Donahue, Reed Hamilton, Bill Billingsbury, Leonard Binns, Harold Spry, Johnson, Douglas, Macklem, Austen and Phillips.

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