SPORT

EDMONTON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP

(Monday's Daily)

Edmonton handed out a beautiful walloping to Regina on Saturday night at the Thistle rink in the second game for the championship of the provinces, and the Secord shield. The final score was 6-1 with a 1-1 show at half time. Edmonton is now champeion of the west.

Fully 1,300 people were packed into the rink, and had the fifty-cent seats been thirty per cent. more numerous standing room would still have been at a premium. Among the most interested of the spectators was Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea and a party from Government House, who had seats in the baloeny, which was drape dwith Union Jacks.

The game was within three minutes of being an hour late in starting, and the fault was Regina's. During the day a quartette of the visitors had taken their skates out to be ground and the mechanic put a round finish on them, rendering them rather useless on the hard ice. This mistake was not discovered until the losers came on for a warm-up and they immediately sent their speeders back for re-grinding. The crowd took the delay good naturedly it was Saturday night and the band was furnishing plenty of music. Regina disappointed the crowd badly in the second half. After the long trip it was not surprising they lost Thursday's match, but the talent figured with a two days' rest they should give Edmonton a hair-raising contest, and many had their money up on Regina to win.

On the forward line Edmonton showed slightly improved form. The scorers all checked much more effectively, particularly Campbell, who held McGregor so close that the Regina man never got much of a chance to star. The winners were more effective in the stick-handling department with the possible exception of R. Blomfield, who was rather used up after Thursdays game. Deeton was the man who got the most applause. He played fast all the way through, checked hard and on the work close in on the Reigna net, he waded right in every time. Campbell was always prominent and his shooting was superior to Thursday's game. C. Blomfield was on the job all night, though he and Campbell found the trip five minutes too long. Blair was in better form than ever, and saved both Banford and Grady considerable work that usually devolves upon the point. Banford played cautiously during the first half, and in the second worked overtime in rolling up the score when the fireworks display was on. Grady made a number of fine stops, but on the whole was not overworked.

The Regina defence was seriously handicapped. Reid and McLaughlin, who had had their skates sharpened found the ice blades finished up on the round and they were never sure of the going. Reid's being badly crippled in this respect.

Kain was easily the bright particular for Regina. He performed even better than on Thursday, for the reason that the defence could not hold the Edmonton line so successfully, and Reid's enforced retirements did not tend to help Kain at all. The defence was up to form in the first half but in the final period, the Edmonton rush line were allowed too close in altogether for the first fifteen minutes. "Shorty" Carmichael was pretty nearly the whole works on the scoring end. He played a uniform game all the way through. In the second half Smith was considerably in evidence, and had he been as effective earlier in the struggle the score would have been smaller for Edmonton. Stubbing was prominent here and there, but C. Blomfield held him down very closely throughout, while McGregor was badly "browned" by Campbell all the way. The teams lined up:

Regina.		Edmonton.
Kain	Goal	Grady
Reid	Point	Banford
McLaughlin	Cover	Blair
Smith	Rover	R. Blomfield
Carmichael	Centre	Deeton
Stubbings	Left wing	Campbell
McGregor	Right wing	C. Blomfield

Timers—F. England, Regina; W. R. West, Edmonton.

It just took eighteen minutes to corral the first goal, and as it came Edmonton's way the pent-up enthusiasm of the crowd was poured forth plenteously. The winners got the best of it at the face, and Campbell took first crack at the nets, but it was too high. Carmichael came back with it but a halt had to be called for four minutes to fix up C. Blomfield, who was cut on the cheek. The face-off at centre was to Regina's good and Stubbings went in for a shot, but Blair blocked but lost to McGregor, who in turn was relieved by Banford and Campbell came down again, but shot wide. Carmichael carried it back, but failed to get through. Deeton returned with it, and for a few minutes Regina had all hands on the defence, and all the Edmonton forwards along with Blair were trying to locate. Stubbings finally relieved, but Blair ribboshed the rush, and returned the rubber, and another bombardment followed in which Reid went off for tripping followed shortly by Deeton and McLaughlin who had mixed it up rather strenuously. With Reid's return Camichael temporarily eased off the strain with a pretty rush. He did no harm, however, and Deeton and Campbell combined on the return and almost scored. In the scrimmage Deeton was again benched. Smith missed a chance to score by shooting from too far out. Stubbings, though, came in again with it, but Blair got it from him, carried it down and after a short scrimmage in front Deeton finally got it past Kain. Score 1-0.

Edmonton had all the best of it at the face-off, and had Regina on the defensive for a few minutes. McGregor rushed but when well in overskated the puck, and Blair returned it, and Kain had an uncomfortable time of it, until Carmichael came to the rescue and all but scored on a lift. Deeton and C. Blomfield came back with it, and Reid was fenced. Smith secured in at Regina's cover point and from the side sent in a fast one that eluded Grady. Time nine minutes. Score 1-1. Honors were for the balance of the half.

The Regina team and supporters held a council of war at half-time, and kept the spectators waiting 27 minutes in place of the regulation ten. A new plan of campaign was adopted. Regina apparently concluded Edmonton was about all in, and the losers abandoned their careful defence game and had McLaughlin play well up with the line. The move looked good for about two minutes. That was all, for Edmonton came along with an extraordinary burst of speed and tallied in five minutes. Regina "blew up" immediately, and in twelve minutes after half-time the figures were Edmonton 5, Regina 1. The losers came back to earth again, but the winners were still travelling under high pressure, and in nine minutes more Campbell again located and the count was Edmonton 6, Regina 1. The game, which had been deteriorating ever since Regina's balloon trip, now developed into shinny, pure and simple, with an occasional flash of hockey. Regina finished the strongest. C. Blomfield and Campbell were kept busy to pull through, but the Edmonton defence never let up and the losers could not register. The goals were scored as follows:

1—Edmonton, Deeton, 18 mins.
2—Regina, Smith 9 mins.
3—Edmonton, Campbell, 5 mins.
4—Edmonton, R. Blomfield, 2 mins.
5—Edmonton, Campbell, 1 min.
6—Edmonton, R. Blomfield, 5 mins.
7—Edmonton, Campbell, 9 mins.

Dr. Strong, of Edmonton, refereed and from the press box appeared to catch about everything, and was by no means unnecessarily strict, as he is accused of being in some quarters. Tom Breen, of Wetaskiwin, was judge of play and handed out a square deal. Tom, however, didn't have his nerve with him, and chose to warn some of the players when a short rest was badly needed. His eyesight was also a trifle defective.

Saturday's victory gives Edmonton the championship honors, but the third game will be played to-night, when Regina hopes to have a narrow margin to the good, and their chances look fair. The Edmonton seven finished in poorer shape than the visitors, and Regina looks to have the best chance of the series to win to-night's contest.

SOME PUZZLERS THAT UMPIRES ARE UNABLE TO DECIDE.

An immense amount of time and study has been devoted to making the rules of baseball as plain and perfect as possible, and almost continual changes have been made with this end in view. Yet as a testimonial to the infinite variety of the game, questions are continually arising as to the correct interpretation of the rules, and points not covered in the latter are still coming to light. In most cases these points are of no great importance, but they are of interest to those who follow the game, outside of any actual bearing they may have on the latter.

Disputes over the rules may be divided into three classes. The most numerous are the ones caused by ignorance and a failure to study the rules on points where all of the experts agree. The second class is made up of those points where the rules are so drawn as to puzzle even the experts in their interpretation, and where the latter differ in their opinions. The third is the class where there are no rules and which must be covered by the good judgment of the umpires and referred to the presidents of the leagues for uniform rulings. All three of the classes named bring out some queer chings during the season and these latter serve to liven up the winter gatherings of the fans and players.

There are some foolish interpretations of the rules every year, and some of these keep on repeating themselves year after year, until one begins to wonder where the fool killer is. Take the old gag of calling a man off the bench to catch a foul. In this case one of the regular players is unable to get the ball and the captain orders him out of the game and replaces him with a man on the bench, who makes the catch. The trick is so palpably outside of the rules and so old that it looks like it would be tagged and it came up three times last season, and once in a minor league. Other plays just as nonsensical crop up during the season, but they are, as a rule, individual instances and follow no particular line.

Cases where the rules are so drawn as to puzzle even those who take the time to acquaint themselves with the latter are numerous. One that cropped up last season, and which had even the American league umpires guessing, was in regard to tagging first base. According to the rules, a man going to first base can overrun the latter without danger of being put out while returning, provided he turns to the right after crossing the bag. If he turns to the left he takes his chances of getting back or going to the next base. In the case in question the runner turned to the right and starts to walk when he saw that the first baseman had missed the ball. Then he ran for second without touching the bag. There are two decisions on this point in the American league. In one instance Dick Padden was called out several years ago, while last season it was held that the runner did not have to touch the bag again before starting for second.

That Double Play Trick.

Another play which caused trouble last season in the minor leagues, and which two years ago caused an American league umpire to go wrong, was in regard to the double-play rule. In this instance it happened that a man was on first base and one on third. The batter hit a fly which looked like it was going safe. Instead, the fielder caught it. In the meantime the runner on first had started around the bases, while the one at third hung to the bag, as he had plenty of time to get home if the drive was a safe one. When the catch was made he scored, while the runner was caught off first. The run was not allowed by the umpire, on the ground that it was scored on a double play, on which the third out was made. This ruling was wrong, as the double play was not a forced one. This rule was in several instances misinterpreted in the minor leagues last season.

There were two other rules which caused trouble more than once last season. One of these was in regard to a runner going out of line to first. The rule provides that the runner is out if the runs the last half of the distance to first out of the line. In one instance a base runner did not run more than a half dozen feet before he turned aside and went to the bench. Instead of tagging the runner or throwing the ball to first, the catcher rolled it out past the pitcher, while the base runner got up off the bench, went back to the plate, and walked down to first. There was a small-sized riot, and the umpire finally decided that under the rule he was safe, which was a correct solution of the problem under a strict interpretation of the rule.

In another instance it so happened that a base runner got by second base and then started back, under the impression that he must return to first on a foul. As a matter of fact, he should have held second, and when he was between first and second he found himself being chased down. He finally managed to get back to first, which was unoccupied at the time. The claim was raised that he was out, as he had no right to first base after touching second. He was finally called safe, which was the correct decision.

Slide at the Plate.

Another play which puzzles even the big league ball players, and on which members of some big league teams were willing to bet money on the wrong side last season, was the slide past the home plate. About half the players contend that a man who slides past the plate without touching the latter has the liberty of chasing around behind the lines until he is tagged by the catcher. As a matter of fact, the play is covered by the rule regarding running out of line. Provided the runner is not touched as he slides past the cachier, and he does not violate the three-foot rule, he can walk to the bench and then come back, if the catcher does not try to tag him. On the other hand, the moment the catcher follows him with the ball he is out for running out of line if he is beyond the three-foot territory. This rule might be made to read more clearly by making it read "three feet out of line behind the home plate," but the intent of the rule as it stands at present is clear enough as to its intent.

Rules that are missing entirely are not numerous, but two of them came to light last season. One is in regard to a balk by the pitcher with no one on base. The rule regarding the balk is plain enough, but there is no penalty provided. President Pulliam of the National league instructed his umpires to call a ball in a case of this kind, but there was no official ruling in the American league. The other break in the rules was regarding interference with the batter by the catcher. The penalty is provided here, the batter being given first base, but the rules fail to exempt the latter from a time at bat, as in the case of a base on balls or a base on being hit by a pitched ball.

The suggestion that an arc from one field line to the other, at a distance of eighty yards from the home plate, giving a quarter circle all around thus stowed away with the mummies, yet helping along the batting, something 90 per cent. of the "fans" want, is not half bad.

A prominent baseball profesisonal says that with the outfielders allowed to stray just as deep and just as far around as they want to, long, free batters of the heavy hitting stripe, have nothing "on" the dinksmith, and the fact that they are walloping the sphere on the proboscis most of the time entitled them to fatter swat averages then the joker who lays 'em down and drops 'em over the infielders' noodles.

With the playing green deep, and with the three gardeners only allowed to play so far out, there would be many a long smash.

How many times have the "fans" seen the good eye batsman plaster the sphere on the trademark in a pinch place, with one of the meadowmen, practically leaning up against the fence, waiting to make the catch?

This gag may not be the one that the magnates will adopt when the day comes that they must do something desperate to bring more batting into the game, but it will doubtless lead up to some arrangement that will go into effect.

Many a great ball player has discovered his calling as a pitcher, infielder, or outfielder through a lucky beginning. For instance, Bob Wallace, the great shortstop on the St. Louis American team, was originally a pitcher on the Cleveland team. Chip McGar, who was the team's regular third baseman, was injured one day and Tebeau sent Bob in to play the bag, with the result that he never was asked to pitch again, and is now considered one of the greatest infielders the game has ever produced.

REGINA IN GREAT FORM

The third game of the Edmonton-Regina series at the Thistle rink last night went to Regina by a margin of 4—3 and was a well-earned victory. Edmonton's defeat was not altogether a surprise to those who saw Saturday's match. The Edmonton forward found that contest rather too strenuous, and the talent hardly expected to see the champions back to old time form for the final game.

Regina went to the front in the first half and at the half were leading 2—1. Edmonton got on even footing after ten minutes play in the second round, but Regina took the next two, and although Edmonton worked hard to even things up, the best they could do was to score once, though they were pressing hard when the contest ended.

Regina's superiority was in steady team play and in shooting. They did not check back so well as Edmonton and the latter had possession a great deal of the time. The losers were not as prominent as usual at the scoring business, and for the major part of the game relied to a great extent on Blomfield to tally on lifts, the light being rather dim, and Kain almost impassable. Regina, too, would have made a better job of their victory had Reid and McLaughlin not been in such bad humor. Edmonton evened the score while Reid was celebrating, and annexed their final tally when Reid and McLaughlin were both in the box for rough work.

Edmonton's best work was done by Campbell. He played all round McGregor all night and was prominent with rushes and accurate shooting from start to finish. C. Blomfield was very noticeable in the first half, but fell off toward the close. Deeton and R. Blomfield were not nearly so aggressive as usual, Banford was all to the good on the defence and got away with a number of one hand plays that were the real thing. Grady was as reliable as ever and had the busiest game of the three. The Regina forwards came in closer and faster and the Irishman's work in the nets was of a superior class.

Kain played a record game in goal for the winners. With the point and cover men off quite frequently it is not hard to comprehend the goal guardian's gilt edge work. He was unbeatable with anything but the lifts, and he corralled most of those in spite of the poor light. Carmichael played whirlwind hockey all night. He had a great line of speed and stick handling and his rushes were the finest ever seen in Edmonton. He was ably seconded all along by Smith who was travelling fast. Stubbings came along prominently in the second half and notched Regina's third goal on a very pretty sprint and shot from the side. McLaughlin was an exceptionally useful member while he was on the ice and divided the honors with Carmichael for speed.

Dr. Strong repeated his satisfactory performance of Saturday as referee, and H. Campbell was a slight improvement on Breen as judge of play, though the game was not so rough and the hockey on the whole, was superior quality. The teams lined up—

Regina—Goal, Kain; point, Reid; cover, McLaughlin; rover, Smith; centre Carmichael; wings, Stubbings and McGregor.

Edmonton—Goal, Grady; point, Banford; cover, Blair; rover R. Blomfield; centre Deeton; wings, C. Blomfield, Campbell.

Regina got the first goal, though Edmonton looked good to score but C. Blomfield insisted on shooting from the side when a pass to Deeton would have been more effective. Smith was very much in evidence and made a couple of dangerous rushes, but Campbell usually brought the rubber back. After twelve minutes play Carmichael eventually got off along and going in close sent one in too fast for Grady. In eight minutes more Carmichael again tallied the Regina display being a great show of team play in engineering the score. Regina took things easier and in the latter Blomfield worked in a lift after four minutes play, Kain's great work was mainly responsible for keeping Regina in the lead till the half came, for both Reid and McLaughlin were off for two minutes rests almost simultaneously.

Ten minutes of the second half were gone before Edmonton evened up, Campbell doing the trick. Regina got the next two in seven and four minutes, Stubbings and Smith being responsible. C. Blomfield got the final tally for Edmonton in five minutes.

The goals were scored as follows—

2—Regina, Carmichael—8 minutes.
3—Edmonton, R. Blomfield—4 minutes.
4—Edmonton, Campbell—10 minutes.
5—Regina, Stubbings—7 minutes.
6—Regina, Smith—4 minutes.
7—Edmonton, C. Blomfield—5 minutes.

The Seattle P. I. sums up the baseball situation to date as follows:

"The baseball situation in Seattle has reached the point where little remains to be done before Dugdale will commence to gether in the men who will represent the Queen city on the diamond this year.

The meeting which was held by the Northwestern League at the Butler hotel Wednesday and Thursday of last week was important in that the circuit was completed and much done toward outlining the schedule, which will be completed within ten days. As had previously outlined Vancouver, B. C., was admitted and came through with her $1,000 forfeitt. J. D. Crary and R. P. Brown came up from Grays harbor with $1,000. Some idea of the kind of sports they are over in that section may be had from the fact that Mr. Crary raised the $1,000 he brought with him in just thirty minutes, and it took only the first ten business men he met to get the money.

One of the best things that has been done for the popularity of the National game in the extreme western part of the state is to retain the name "Grays harbor." If Aberdeen got it into her head that the team should be named "Aberdeen", that would make Hoquiam disgrunted, and if the team was named "Hoquiam" both Aberdeen and Cosmopolis would be sore. The proper thing to do is to let the team represent the section as a whole and the interest will be centralized.

Grays harbor has her park ready and most of her team in sight, but Dugdale has got to do a lot of work before the opening of the season, April 20. "It will not be many days", said Dug, "before the park commences to look like something, and as for getting players there is no trouble on that score. We have got to build up a team, and I like that phase of the game as well as any other. It is very interesting to me to watch young players develop. I guess that Seattle can bring a few good ones to the front again.

The San Francisco papers are looking to Portland for consolation in the present emergency. Portland would assure the south that Seattle is trembling in her boots over the threatened invasion. The truth of the matter is that the California magnates in San Francisco and Oakland do not want to miss another team from the circuit, at least they are trying to pursuade themselves against their better judgment that the old circuit can be made to pay. There is a split among the magnates on this point, because Los Angeles is anxious to get rid of Seattle. Cal Ewing the owner of the San Francisco club will make a big mistake if he does not talk the matter over with Judge McCredie on a cold blooded business basis. McCredie knows that the fans in Seattle are determined to have the Northwestern League and that if an attempt is made to force a coast league club on them it will be a fizzle.

In discussing the baseball situation Orrin Rank, one of the thirty-third degree fans, said: "I do not take any stock in the talk of the Coast League about trying to play in Seattle, but if they do they will lose enough money to make them think baseball is not all fun. The fans know what they want, and they are going to have it."

The directors of the Northwestern League desire peace, but if they are forced to it, they will fight for Seattle territory, and they are absolutely confident of winning.

Portland is having a lot of fun throwing bricks at the Northwestern League. It is offered to as a ten-cent proposition, an "outlaw" crowd, and a Class B. outfit. Dugdale says that he can stand the knocks and that he does not believe that Judge McCredie has anything to do with it. "Despite the talk that comes from certain sources," said Dugdale, "I know that there are many baseball men in Portland who feel that the Northwestern circuit is the one that Portland should join. I met men who were connected with the Portland team when I managed it that were as fine fellows as has been my lot to know. And I have not changed my opinion of them.

"Our meeting last week was one of the best we have ever held, and everything is lining up as we want it. Grays harbor could not do better, and Vancouver gives promise of being a splendid addition. Tacoma will be all right in a league that suits the fans. Spokane and Butte were always first-class baseball

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BASEBALL.

Calgary is certainly the champion hot air city on the circuit.

The season in the Northwestern League will open on April 29 and close on October 6th.

The Winnipeg team will report at Minneapolis about April 15th, and will reach Winnipeg early in May.

The Edmonton Club was yesterday drawn on for $250 by the league treasurer this week—fifty per cent of the guarantee money.

With Calgary's weakest hitter a .284 man, the question naturally arises, will the baseball grounds in the league cities be large enough.

Lethbridge saw its first 1907 baseball on Saturday. It was an amateur affair, but Tabor was beaten 3—2. The game went six innings.

According to Calgary despatches, home runs will be the rule rather than the exception when Thyne's All-Star caste gets going properly.

In the Northwestern League there will be twenty-four weeks of solid baseball with six games to a series, except the opening which will be eight.

Business Manager Evans of the Vancouver baseball club, claims to have a stack of applications a foot high, from players wanting to play in Vancouver.

The Grays Harbor team in the Northwestern League will be known as the Aberdeens this year. All the clubs in the association have come through with the $1,000 guarantee.

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