

Preston Seniors Run Wild With Indians -- Terriers Beat Greenshirts 4 To 2

STRATFORD HELD SCORELESS FOR TWO PERIODS AND A HALF

Preston at Full Strength For First Time Since January 7.

STILL IN RUNNING

Canadian Press Despatch.
Preston, Feb. 2.—Preston Riverdieses played the Stratford Indians off their feet tonight in their Big Six fixture, defeating the Roy Brothers crew, 6 to 1.

Riverdieses held the visitors scoreless until ten minutes before full time when Bill Carson passed to Frank Carson, who scored from what appeared to be ten feet offside, but Referee Rodden allowed the goal.

Preston was at full strength for the first time since January 7. Talbot and Butterfield, who had been on the injured list, were back in the game, and their brilliant play was a decided factor in the win. Every man on the Preston line-up turned in a good game, and the credit of the win goes to every player from the goal-tender out. The Riverdieses subs were as good as the regulars and the team was not weakened by the subs.

Stratford played hockey all the way, but near the end when they found that victory was impossible, Riverdieses kept them in the running, they being only a goal behind. Stratford and three games behind Niagara Falls, the group leaders. Preston scored two goals, while Stratford added three more in the second while Stratford was held scoreless. Butterfield, Arnold and Clark were passes from Skelly, Clark and Butterfield.

In the final period Arnold scored from twenty feet out. It was very fast and a battle from goal to goal. Mike Rodden handled the game very satisfactorily and had it started on time and all over at 10 o'clock.

Stratford: Goal, defence, Burke and Gross; center, W. Carson; right wing, F. Carson; left wing, Griffin; subs, Cole and Peckham.

Preston: Goal, Farrell; right defence, Ashley; left defence, Skelly; center, Arnold; wings, Butterfield and Clark; subs, Talbot and Woodley.

Referee—Mike Rodden, Toronto.

GODERICH SIX HOLDS BRANTFORD TO 4-3 WIN

Sailors Weaken in Second and Third Periods After Gaining Lead.

Special to The Advertiser.
Goderich, Feb. 2.—In the first game of the semi-finals, Goderich (Group 9) held the Brantford team (Group 13) to a 4-3 win. In the first period the sailors scored three goals on long shots which made the local footballs. The back-checking of the locals subdued the efforts of the Brantford forwards, who failed to score. In the second and third periods the Brantford defence repeatedly broke through, scoring on the unpurged team. The local defence weakened, allowing the visitors to carry on their attack. For the return game in Brantford next Wednesday. For the visitors Freeman and the defence, who were the best, Wentworth being the star of the game. The Goderich goalies were the best, saving the team from a large score.

Brantford—Goal, defence, Goderich and Stewart; defence, Elliott and Fox; center, Govenko; wings, Chase and Brown; subs, Robinson and Young.

Referee—W. H. Legg, London.

CAROM SHOTS

No games were played in the Inter-club billiard tournament last week. The committee met on Tuesday evening in the Better Old and drew up a schedule for the second round, which will meet on Wednesday. The winners of the first series, the second series will be played on Wednesday. The winners of the first series will be played on Wednesday. The winners of the first series will be played on Wednesday.

There is at present a handicap billiard tournament on at the Dugout, in which 12 members of the association have entered. There will be a first and second prize, and a consolation prize to be played on Wednesday. The winners of the first series will be played on Wednesday. The winners of the first series will be played on Wednesday.

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FRANK ANDERSON, well-known young Canadian tennis player, who has returned from New York, and may enter the University of Toronto. Mr. Anderson won the Canadian tennis championship at Toronto Tennis club in 1922.

HOCKEY RESULTS

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HEAVY TITLE BOUT BILLED FOR JUNE

Survivor of Dempsey-Gibbons Battle To Meet Harry Mills.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Feb. 2.—The heavyweight ballyhoo for 1925 gathered full steam today when Tex Rickard announced he would match Tom Gibbons and Jack Dempsey for a return title bout early in June, and then pit the winner against the perennial negro contender, Harry Mills, in September. Both bouts would be staged either in the Yankee stadium or in Boyle's Thirty Acres. Rickard made this announcement after an hour's conference with Gibbons and the latter's manager, Eddie Kane, at which the St. Louis boxer made definite terms with the promoter. Mills already is under contract with Rickard. No advertising agreement has yet been reached with Dempsey, but all doubt that he would be seen in action again seemed removed by prompt declaration in Los Angeles by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, that the champion would give both Gibbons and Mills an opportunity to fight for the title. Rickard said the anticipated difficulty in coming to terms with Dempsey.

GUELPH DROPS MIX TO KITCHENER KIDS

Young Green Shirts Gain Edge in Fight For Group Title.

Special to The Advertiser.
Guelph, Feb. 2.—Kitchener juniors gained a one-goal advantage in the game of the local O. H. A. group play-off tonight when they beat Guelph, 2-1. A pretty individual rush by Groh gave Kitchener the only goal in the first period, while D. McKay put the visitors another point to the good at 11 minutes in the second. Brill notched Guelph's only goal, minute later.

Marlin Fox, who took charge of the Guelph net in the absence of Clough, injured his knee in the Kitchener last week, also gave a brilliant exhibition. Bender, Gross and Groh stood out as the best players.

Brill, Williams and Fox were Guelph's stars. The return game will be played in Kitchener on Wednesday.

The teams:
Kitchener—Goal, Klem; defence, Klem and J. McKay; center, Bender; wings, Groh and Gross; subs, Schmidt and D. McKay.

Guelph—Goal, Fox; defence, Brandon and McMillan; center, Brill; wings, Kitchener and Williams; subs, Fischer and Stickle.

Referee—Lowrey, Toronto.

O.H.A. Bulletin

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 2.—The O. H. A. consolation games scheduled to begin tomorrow, with Guelph playing an intermediate game in Burlington, but the Burlington team cannot secure the rink with the result the game has been postponed.

Owen Sound will play at Milverton on Monday night, Feb. 6, instead of Feb. 4, with return game at Owen Sound, Feb. 9, instead of Feb. 7. The winner of the Owen Sound game will play at Standard on Feb. 11 and Feb. 12 instead of Feb. 9 and 11.

Additional games in the O. H. A. playdowns of these already announced are arranged as follows:

Second Round.
Feb. 6—London or Sarnia at Paris or Sarnia.

Feb. 9—Paris or Sarnia at London or Sarnia.

Third Round.
Feb. 9—Owen Sound or Milverton at Kitchener.

Feb. 13—Kitchener at Owen Sound or Milverton.

INTERMEDIATE.
Feb. 6—Grimsby or Port Colborne at Caledonia at Cayuga.

Feb. 9—Grimsby or Port Colborne at Caledonia at Cayuga.

Feb. 13—Grimsby or Port Colborne at Caledonia at Cayuga.

Feb. 16—New Hamburg or Listowel at Ingersoll, or Ayr or Tavistock at New Hamburg or Listowel.

The referees appointed for Tuesday are as follows:

Senior Series.
Varsity at Aura Lee—M. J. Rodden.

Standard Drug Awarded Series

The Manufacturers' will start its second series a week from tomorrow.

The executive decided yesterday to call off the remaining games of the first series to be played tomorrow and award the championship of the first cup to the Standard Drug, who played without a defeat.

Standard Drug will not have such an easy road in the second series, and efforts have been made to strengthen up the Bell Telephone crew, who went winless throughout the first series. Bell Telephone gave their opposition teams much harder games than should be expected from them, but were never actually in the running.

Rivals Forge Ahead.
Paavo continued to lead for 700 or 800 metres. Then one of his Helsingfors rivals challenged. That challenge would have found most runners striving to increase their pace, endeavoring desperately to hold the leading position. But Paavo remained unfurled. The race had a long way to go and the challenging one, who had moved into the van, now could be studied by the other runners.

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This last surge was offered to the Helsingfors runner, who was the first to reach the 2,000-metre mark. Nurni decided to do a little challenging on his own account. He increased the pace of his rivals, and then, at another pace, where in back of it he had a sprint which could out-match his when the final surge began.

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HOME TOWN LOYALTY INCENTIVE TO NURMI

Carried Abo Colors To Victory in 1914 National Meet.

WAS FIRST RECORD

PAAVO NURMI'S STORY.
As told by him to Charles E. Parker.
This is the third of a series of articles on the remarkable athletic career of Paavo Nurmi, the marvel of Finland. At ten years of age he ran 1,500 metres in 5 minutes and 2 seconds, and now is breaking world's records about every time he faces the starter. Generally recognized as the greatest runner of all time, the story of his athletic life reads like a romance.

CHAPTER III.
The First Challenges Fall Behind.

Paavo Nurmi never will forget the thrill of his first championship races—the Finnish national junior championship 3,000-metre run in Helsingfors in the summer of 1914.

He was seventeen years of age and serving his third year as an apprentice with an Abo engineering company, and his racing experience had been confined to the local week-end races in his home town, where he knew the ability of his rivals and the speed he must travel to beat them.

But in the national junior championships Helsingfors conditions would be different. There the greatest junior athletes of the nation would be assembled. Each city and town in the land had sent its intervening months conducting tryouts in all the events involved, and reports coming to Abo of a host of sensational young men of whose names were familiar to Paavo, and his only guide in his preparation was the reported records they had made, and without doubt some of those reports were exaggerations.

Selecting the event in which he should compete furnished a real problem. In the Sunday meets of the Abo Urheiluliitto, Paavo had learned he was equally capable over distances ranging from 100 to 3,000 metres, which in Finland are classified as the middle distances. He rather favored the 1,500-metre run, and left to himself the choice of the 1,000-metre for that event. But Abo athletic officials were desirous that their municipality make the strongest showing possible in the 3,000-metre run, and the fact they had a fair 1,500-metre man led to a request that Paavo compete in the 3,000-metre test.

Eager for Once.
Those who have been impressed by the impressiveness of Nurmi's feats as he whirls to world's record after world's record in the thundering crowd of American track meets, will not have forgotten the seventeen-year-old Paavo who journeyed from Abo to Helsingfors in 1914. He bristled with eagerness, his face flushed with the excitement of the adventure. He laughed easily and talked—always of the coming race, with only a few words of the crowd, who would listen to him. It was to be the biggest event in his life and a boy of seventeen, no matter how stolid and unresponsive his nature, cannot but be excited and normal with the result the game has been postponed.

The trip seemed endlessly long to Paavo and the time for starting the event seemed to be a long time. At the time of the 3,000-metre run, Abo representatives had not fared so well as expected. No gay banners proclaiming their triumphs had been won. And Paavo had watched each race with a longing to take the place of a floundering hometown team and carry the Abo insignia to victory.

Stronger than ever became his determination to bring victory to Abo in the 3,000-metre run, again and again he went over the reported marks of his rivals. The 3,000 metres is somewhat less than two miles, and the leading entries all had travelled the course in 10 minutes or better, according to Paavo's information. That meant that he must complete the race in under seven minutes, a feat he had never accomplished.

He looked over the pack that reported to the starting mark, paying particular attention to the two Helsingfors representatives, who were regarded as rival favorites for the title. He speculated on their plans for covering the course; whether they would attempt to lead the race, or to run their rivals into the ground in the first thousand yards, or would pace set by others and save energy for a final sprint. He decided he would strive to maintain a fairly even pace throughout and allow them to do as they pleased.

At the bark of the gun Paavo was in front and churning along with that ground-eating stride which he had since developed into what is held to be perfection in foot racing now. It was not a perfect thing at that time, but it did show many of its present characteristics.

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