

Stratford Loses To Preston-Kitchener-Kids Enter Fourth Round

PRESTON TRIMS INDIANS AT HOME

5-2 Win Qualifies Victors To Meet Stratford in Playoff.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Feb. 19.—Preston trimmed the Indians 5-2, in a fast Big Four game here tonight, clinching second place and thus qualifying to meet the Indians in the group play-off. The Indians were without the services of Dad Ashby and the defence was considerably weakened. Junior subs worked well, however, and put up a good brand of hockey for the fans.

Fast skating and pretty combination on both teams characterized the first period. Kelterbourne passed to Carson for the Indians' first. Clark opened up for Preston 30 seconds later in a lone rush. Preston took the lead early in the second. Arnott to Bowman, the latter shooting from close in. Arnott then got two across, and Woodley potted another after a scuffle. The Indians pushed the visitors to the limit for most of the third, but Paddy Farrell, who took Schmidt's place, was like a stone wall. He stopped shots like bullets from left and right, and displayed clever headwork when the Indian forwards worked close in.

With Stratford continuing at top speed at the start of the third, Preston soon wilted, and play kept around Paddy Farrell's goal. Carson made it 5-2 on a neat shot from the side.

The line-ups: Stratford—Goal, Dolson; defence, Griffin and Berger; wings, Kelterbourne and Carson; center, Erickman; subs, Battersby and Brink.

Preston—Goal, Farrell; defence, Skelly and Bowman; wings, Clark and Krasnow; center, Arnott; subs, Eger and Woodley.

Referee—Harold Farlow.

ARRANGE PLAY-OFF.
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Stratford, Feb. 19.—Following tonight's game, the final of the Big Four series, representatives of Stratford and Preston arranged for the play-off games for the group honors. Preston lost on the toss, and Stratford gets the last game. The first game will be played in Preston Friday, and the return here Tuesday.

IRELAND'S RINK WINS PRELIMINARY EVENT

Thirty-Seven Quartets Entered in Annual Harristown Bonspiel.

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Harristown, Feb. 19.—The Harristown bonspiel opened today with rinks playing. The ice is keen, and everything going fine.

The scores:

Preliminary.

Harristown	.....12	Reid	.....7
Ireland	.....12	Palmerston	.....8
Merriam	.....12	Clark	.....8
Harristown	.....8	Fergus	.....9
Chambers	.....8	Brown	.....9

First Round.

Harristown	.....13	Durham	.....16
Ireland	.....13	Penton	.....16
Fergus	.....19	Aiken	.....10
Brown	.....19	Wroxeter	.....10
Crawford	.....13	Cake	.....2
Owen Sound	.....12	Palmerston	.....2
Telford	.....12	Burns	.....11
Wroxeter	.....12	Forest	.....12
Black	.....4	Broughton	.....12
H. G. Jones	.....12	Harristown	.....12
Allen	.....14	Thompson	.....13
Owen Sound	.....6	Gorrie	.....6
Ramen	.....6	Stinson	.....6
Wingham	.....9	Wright	.....15
Rae	.....9	Harristown	.....15
Cunningham	.....6	Burrows	.....9
Fergus	.....16	Calder	.....5
Martini	.....16	Forest	.....5
Harristown	.....12	Rutherford	.....12
Merriam	.....12	St. Thomas	.....12
Shaw	.....11	Entelle	.....11
Claremont	.....11	Harristown	.....11
Scott	.....6	Dixon	.....11
Shelburne	.....9	Harristown	.....14
White9	Holtzman14
Harristown15	Nairn17

HUMBER SKIPS WINNING RINK IN GODERICH SPIEL

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Goderich, Feb. 19.—A rink tournament has just been completed by the Goderich Curling Club, in which nine rinks were entered. Charles H. Humber skipped the winning rink, which included J. Morrison, William Webster and H. J. A. MacEwan. William Wallace skipped the runners-up. He was assisted by Albert Goldthorpe, W. R. Pinder and L. L. Knox. The standing is as follows: C. H. Humber, 20; William Wallace, 16; H. J. Fisher, 15; Joseph Brophy, 14; Charles A. Reid, 14; Abe Higginson, 10; R. J. McGraw, 5; G. Symonds, 2; Carl Campbell, 0.

Four rounds were played, with a maximum plus score of 7 points being allowed for a win and five points for a bye.

Smith Would Reduce Council

Alderman Believes Six Would Be Sufficient.

A smaller city council would tend toward greater expediency in municipal administration, according to Ald. Edwin Smith.

"I have been in the council but two months, but that is my conclusion," Ald. Smith stated. "In fact I urged the same for the board of education when a member of that body. I think a council of six would work for greater expediency."

Race Results

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS

FIRST RACE, mile and 70 yards: Futuro, 112 (Corcoran), 8 to 1, 5 to 2, even, won.

Chapone, 107 (Wallace), 7 to 1, 1 to 2, 1 to 2, second.

Attractive, 107 (Houpe), out, third.

Time, 1:50 5-8.

Dancing Fool, Flit Low, Mike Morrissey ran.

SECOND RACE, 6 furlongs: Col. Wren, 103 (Parke), 5 to 5, 1 to 2, 1 to 2, won.

McIntosh, 101 (Wallace), 6 to 1, 3 to 1, second.

Stamp, 107 (Lang), 2 to 1, third.

Time, 1:15 5-8.

Gen. Cadorna, Green Gold, Fleer, Ormsleigh, John Hosher, Captain Costigan, Full of Fun, Valenta, Canteen Girl, Serbian ran.

THIRD RACE, 6 furlongs: Hidden Jewel, 120 (Parke), 7 to 2, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, won.

Col. Wren, 106 (Breuninger), 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second.

But Bang, 111 (Schwartz), even, third.

Time, 1:15 2-5.

Caravan, Rustum, Beg Pardon, Kingsford, Beverwyck ran.

FOURTH RACE, 5 furlongs: Mah Jong, 105 (Corcoran), 6 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, won.

Leatherhead, 116 (Kederis), 2 to 1, even, second.

Invictus, 104 (Stutts), 2 to 1, third.

Time, 1:15.

Wizard, Brilliant Cast and Dobson ran.

FIFTH RACE, 1/2 mile, mile and 70 yards: Cherry Tree, 120 (Parke), even, 2 to 5, out, won.

Lewellyn, 88 (Mergler), 5 to 2, even, second.

Thimble, 104 (Carroll), even, third.

Time, 1:46 2-5.

Lustabout, Diana also ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and 70 yards: Anne, 95 (Breuninger), 8 to 5, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, won.

Barro, 99 (Mergler), 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second.

Seth's Flower, 98 (Wallace), 4 to 5, third.

Time, 1:48 3-5.

Amity, Claim, Breech Loader, Bench Manager, Sun Mart, Duclima ran.

SEVENTH RACE, claiming, mile and sixteenth: Great Lady, 103 (Parke), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 7 to 10, won.

Mom, 105 (Chalmers), 1 to 2, 1 to 5, second.

Majority, 111 (Corcoran), 6 to 5, third.

Time, 1:51.

Mormon Elder, Sir Glen, Gladys V., Col. Whalen, El Jesmar ran.

HAVANA RESULTS.

FIRST RACE, 3/4 mile: Dextrose, 105 (McLaughlin), 4 to 1, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, won.

Cassie Ann, 107 (Pickens), 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second.

Rosita, 109 (Yerratt), 1 to 2, 2 to 5, third.

Jigtime, June Day, Great Waters ran.

SECOND RACE, 5/8 furlongs: Alluping, 102 (Grace), 6 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, won.

Bengali, 111 (Majestic), 7 to 5, 2 to 1, second.

Flying Orb, 111 (Taylor), 7 to 5, third.

Time, 1:08 2-5.

Fripon, Melba Polly, Justina, E. Marion, Hollins, Happy Buxton, Humpy, Kentmore, Capt. Bob, Furlough ran.

THIRD RACE, 1/2 mile: Duly Fashion, 111 (Hillman), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won.

Walter White, 111 (Pickens), 7 to 5, 7 to 10, second.

Chow, 111 (McLaughlin), 5 to 2, third.

Time, 1:09 5-8.

Aunt Deda, Beretta, Carpathian, Seaboard, Jap. Mama, Alf, Vezina ran.

FOURTH RACE, 3/4 mile, 4-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs: Rog, 108 (Dawson), 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won.

Draper, 108 (Kinney), 5 to 1, 5 to 2, second.

Cluff, 108 (Majestic), 5 to 2, third.

Time, 1:13 3-5.

Kitty Carpenter, Black Baby, Leblanc, Ireland, Primitive, San Diego, Bonafide, Harsh, Plaudel also ran.

FIFTH RACE: Pincus, 106 (Kinney), 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 7 to 5, won.

Riverside, 109 (Dawson), 1 to 1, 2 to 1, 4, second.

Gay Boy II, 98 (Majestic), 1 to 2, third.

Time, 1:42 2-5.

Hillman, Glenn, Horeb ran.

SIXTH RACE, mile and sixteenth: Cautious, 102 (Pickens), 2 to 1, 7 to 10, 1 to 3, won.

Green Briar, 109 (Pribble), even, 2 to 5, second.

Eye Bright, 104 (Eaton), 1 to 4, third.

Time, 1:47 2-5.

Nie, Bruce Dudley, Debadou ran.

SEVENTH RACE, 5/8 furlongs: Impossible, 110 (Beach), 5 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 3, won.

Chloro, 102 (Dawson), 7 to 5, 7 to 10, second.

Perla, 102 (Perna), 7 to 5, third.

Time, 1:07.

Joymaker, Phoenix, Oulka, Corlette, Emile, Solomon, Killa, Capt. Kinnaree, Dushman, Northern Star ran.

TIA JUAN RESULTS

FIRST RACE: O'Brien, 113 (Barnes), \$3.40, \$2.80, \$2.20, won.

Attosha, 112 (O'Donnell), \$5.40, \$2.40, second.

Frances Victoria, 115 (Walls), \$2.40, third.

Time, 1:44 2-5.

Guinea Pig, Poppina, Intake, Hester Ann, Ellen Jane, Topsis, Helen Van, Hazel Clark also ran.

SECOND RACE, 5/8 furlongs: Marce John, 108 (O'Donnell), \$5.20, \$3.20, \$2.80, won.

Levan Seth, 93 (Clarke), \$3.80, \$3.00, second.

Miss Manana, 101 (Horn), \$2.60, third.

Time, 1:08.

Pueblo, Scottish Lad, Cannanball, Ike Mills, Hartelle, Usher D., War Winner, Plantagenet, Sea Beach, Chet G also ran.

THIRD RACE, mile and 70 yards: Penwell, 102 (O'Donnell), \$8.60, \$5.20, \$3.40, won.

Chippendale, 107 (Molters), \$3.00, \$4.40, second.

Galiford, 107 (Johnson), \$5.20, third.

Time, 1:45 1-5.

Furor, H. Warren, Roisterer, Laura Cochran, Dove's Foot, Bessie Young also ran.

FOURTH RACE, 5/8 furlongs: Seth's Alibi, 107 (Abel), \$2.00, \$2.20, won.

Bardall, 97 (Hoagland), \$3.60, \$2.40, second.

Cypresse, 103 (O'Donnell), \$2.80, third.

Time, 1:13 2-5.

Atomement, Full Anti, Boomerang, Fraisevibrat, Vibrat also ran.

FIFTH RACE, 1/2 mile: Firm Friend, 110 (Watrous), \$3.60, \$3.00, \$2.60, won.

Mokihana, 97 (Ellis), \$11.80, \$4.60, second.

Muttikins, 110 (Claver), \$5.40, third.

Time, 1:39 4-5.

Lady Astor, Polly Wale, Tangerine also ran.

SIXTH RACE, six furlongs: Tikek, 112 (Mein), \$16.60, \$6.30, \$3.40, won.

Little Hope, 114 (Collins), \$4.60, \$3.20, second.

Clarkson, 116 (Claver), \$3.20, third.

Time, 1:13 2-5.

Miss Nantura, Pencie, Woodie Montgomery, Little Black Sheep also ran.

SEVENTH RACE, mile and a sixteenth: Lette, 107 (Doyle), \$7.00, \$4.20, \$3.00, won.

The Lamb, 105 (O'Donnell), \$4.40, \$2.80, second.

Mart Bunch, 98 (Wood), \$3.60, third.

Time, 1:43 3-5.

Red Legs, El Roble, Scraps, Loudon

Stove Leaguers' Chatter

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Dempsey-Firpo Battle

Thrilled Rickard Most

CHAPTER XXXIII.

The greatest thrill I have had in my life was that round at the Polo Grounds fight when knockdowns between Dempsey and Firpo were so frequent that nobody was able to count them. And the greatest thrill of all—one that made men gulp in their throats—was when the big, hairy-chested South American actually knocked the American champion out of the ring, clear of the ropes and into the laps of newspapermen who were endeavoring to describe over the wires what was going on.

The thrill was even greater than the sight of satisfaction when Dempsey finally floored the Argentine giant and saved the championship.

When the knockout came the intensest of excitement gripped the crowd. To this day I doubt if any boxer knows just how many knockdowns were scored. For the newspapermen—even the coolest and most experienced—were so excited that they lost count of a clear account of that battle as it progressed was almost impossible.

Never yet have I found a boxing enthusiast who did not say that was the greatest thrill of his life as a fight fan.

The whole thing burst on the fans before they were prepared for it. Instead of trying each other out, photo-graphers and writers suddenly waded into each other like cave men swinging stone axes. There was no fine art, no entertaining exhibition of skill. It was sock, sock, sock, and the crowd was shouting, "Again! Again! Again!"

I had expected Firpo to put up a better fight than many others had predicted. I never dreamed of anything like that, though.

I know very well that I completely lost my bearings. Thrills came so hard and fast that there was no time for analysis. Right near me sat a reporter who was writing for an hour. He had been pecking away on a small, portable typewriter. Suddenly there came a knockdown. The fighter got up and swinging from his shoestrings flattened his opponent across the benches and beneath the ring. Men were walking on each other's heads and shoulders. The seconds were yelling at a howling audience.

In what is the regular press box of the Polo Grounds we had seated a number of the extra newspapermen—writers for whom there was no space immediately at the ringside. I happened to glance over that way.

There is a wire screen in front of this regular press box. Even in the wild excitement I had to laugh. Dozens of newspapermen were fellows who seldom show excitement—had climbed up this wire screen. By their fingers they were hanging and scratching, trying to get a better hold.

One friend of mine, a regular boxing enthusiast who is lame, sat in an expensive seat a few rows from the ringside. He had no chance at all. "It was a great affair," he told me afterwards, "but I never did see any part of the fight. When the big excitement started people crawled all over me. We were all in a panic. I compete with them. I simply sat there, helping to hold up the boys who had gone cuckoo. I always will regret not having seen that fight."

There are some who insist to this day that Dempsey was pushed out of the ring. Others declare he was hit a terrific blow that actually lifted him off his feet and over the ropes. I am inclined to believe the latter opinion, especially after my talk with Jack Dempsey. There is no doubt about Dempsey having been hit.

For years to come I suppose the argument will continue as to whether Dempsey got back into the ring himself or whether he was assisted by newspapermen into whose laps he had fallen. The Firpo adherents now claim that Dempsey would have been disqualified because he didn't get back in the ring without assistance. I give it up. I don't know. What more, I leader think anybody else knows. I do know that Dempsey scrambled back and immediately started socking again. Dempsey himself has no clear idea as to how he got back. To him the fight was a fight.

I have not Dempsey's word for it—that he did not know he had won the fight until told about it in the dressing-room. But I understand that a newspaperman was present when one of Dempsey's seconds remarked, patting the champion on the back: "Boy, that was a fight!"

The fazed champion is said to have asked his second: "Whowon?"

According to the story, Dempsey

KITCHENER JUNIORS WALLOP WOODSTOCK

Victors Enter O. H. A. Fourth Round After Taking Series 13 to 5.

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