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INTER-CITY RUGBY WILL BE PLAYED SAT. AFTERNOON

Edmonton Canucks Play Tigers at
Calgary, While Calgary Canucks
Will Oppose Varsity Here

The Rugby game Monday night between the Canucks and Varsity showed up several weaknesses in the former team, which Coaches Bill and Fraser have strengthened by making some alterations in the line-up. Two practices were held this week, on Wednesday and Thursday nights, and it is felt that the team is far stronger than it was on Monday night. The team is leaving this Friday night to go to Calgary, where they will play the Tigers of that city.

The Varsity team has been carrying on their practices as usual, and are in fine shape to meet the Calgary Canucks at Diamond Park on Saturday. Both teams, while playing a bit ragged on Monday have settled down in the practices and are giving evidence that they are out for a win in the Saturday games.

EDDIE CICOTTE'S "MYSTERY" BALL IS EXPLAINED

Paraffine Rubbed Into Seams On
One Side and Covered with Dirt
Gives Uneven Discoloration

They called it the "shine" ball for a time, and later it was called the "paraffine" ball. It appears now that the ball which Eddie Cicotte has so completely mastered should be known as the "mystery" ball. Cicotte, or some other member of his team is so skillful in his massage work on the pellet that even the umpires are in a haze about it. Once in a great while a ball is thrown out, but most of them stay in the game, despite the numerous protests of opposing players.

There is no denying the fact that Cicotte is as smart as any other pitcher in the game, smarter than most of them; also that he has plenty of natural ability and probably would be a consistent winner without the freak delivery which he alone seems to have mastered. But it is likewise true that when he is pitching, the ball takes on an uneven discoloration that can be noticed in the grandstand. Umpires examine it, realize that it is discolored, but regard it as within the baseball law. Last summer Joe Finerman of the Yankees used the delivery with some success but the ball was no different than when Cicotte was working.

Finerman's mode of doctoring the ball consisted in rubbing paraffine into the seams on one side of the ball. By pressing his glove into the dirt and rubbing the ball into the palm of the glove the dirt entered the seams and stuck there, thus making the side of the ball containing the paraffine and dirt heavier than the other. Without the paraffine the dirt would not hold but the wax substance kept it in. Finerman could make the ball take peculiar gyrations in practice, but he could not properly control it in a game.

KID GLEASON HAS INJECTED PEPPER INTO WHITE SOX

Kid Gleason, hard-fisted little manager of the White Sox, injected new life and pepper into the South Siders.

The peppery Kid has a way about him that is distinctly his own when it comes to handling men—a way that wins the respect and confidence of every member of his aggregation from the greenest recruit to the oldest regular.

The White Sox, as Gleason took hold of them prior to the opening of the 1919 season, were a doubtful looking combination. Fans and critics who were on the inside of affairs as they pertained to the Sox entertained well-grounded hunches that they were divided against themselves.

Fact is, there was at one time, not long ago, two factions in the Sox camp. The wisecracks whispered that these factions were the Rowland and Collins factions, and the Sox machine failed to hit on all six cylinders as a result.

SYDNEY MINES CO-OP SOCIETY GROWING FAST

At the quarterly meeting of the British-Canadian Co-operative Society at Sydney Mines, N.S., it was reported that sales for the last quarter amounted to \$222,111, an increase of \$40,415 over the corresponding quarter of last year. Members received a 12 1/2 per cent dividend on the amount of purchases made, and non-members were paid a dividend of one-half that amount.

MONDAY'S RUGBY WENT TO VARSITY BY SCORE OF 9-2

In the rugby game at Diamond Park Monday afternoon between the Canucks and Varsity the former suffered defeat by a score of 9-2. The points for Varsity were made on a touchdown and four kicks to the dead line, while the Canucks secured a rouge and a kick to the dead line. Varsity was strong in the back division, while the Canucks were weak in the same positions.

BLIND GIRL IS ENTHUSIASTIC BASEBALL FAN

Miss Mildred Harris, Daughter of
Chas. K. Harris, Music Composer,
Roots for New York Giants

Everybody was humming or whistling "After the Ball" 25 years ago. Charles K. Harris, author and composer of that popular song, was at that time a resident of Milwaukee and a frequent visitor to Chicago. He was an enthusiastic baseball fan.

The Harris home is now at 151 West Eighty-sixth street, New York, and Miss Mildred Harris, the nineteen-year-old daughter of the author-composer, has inherited a love of baseball from her father and, despite her total blindness, is able to "see" the game and enjoy it almost as keenly as if she had her sight. For the last seven years she has been a fan.

She sits in the grandstand wearing smoked glasses and is always on hand when the Giants are playing. She jumps up and down and cheers the players just like other excited spectators. Behind her unseeing eyes is a mind of extraordinary perception, swift to grasp what is going on about her. Some of the experts say she "sees" the game more intelligently than those who have all their senses.

Miss Mildred's escort is her father, and it is through his eyes that she is able to see baseball and understand all the nice points of the game, as she has been doing for the last seven years. He explains the game to her as it progresses by means of a conversational code.

"When I was twelve years old," she said, "the Giants were winning the pennant, and my father was tremendously excited about it. Of course I asked him to explain, and he took a piece of cardboard and drew a diamond on it, marking the bases. While he told me about the game I traced the diagram out with my fingers until I got the thing visualized in my mind. Then I went to the games with him and soon learned to understand them by means of our code, usually expressed in monosyllables, a word at a time. Soon I came to know the players and, like others present, to get all wrought up over team work and brilliant individual performance."

In this way the blind girl came to know the stars of the baseball world. She can tell you all about the wonderful feats of Christy Mathewson, Ty Cobb and those of more recent date, including Benny Kauff, Ross Young and others. She laughingly says she has the time of her life when she goes to a ball game. She is sure that she sees all that is going on just about as anyone else sees it.

Although Miss Harris was born blind, she carries a ray of sunshine with her wherever she goes, for she is cheerful and optimistic. She is fond of the outdoors and excels in walking, swimming and dancing. She is an accomplished pianist, speaks French fluently and during the war was a volunteer worker for the Y.W.C.A.

It may be added that Miss Mildred has always been a "rooter" for the Giants.

The ball game is the one place she can go where she can throw aside formality and do just as she pleases, and for this reason it is her greatest recreation.

"You see," she explains, "you don't have to be subdued and self-repressed but can holler your head off if you want to and nobody pays any attention. When the game is not going just right to suit everybody pandemonium reigns and the whole crowd is in a state of frenzy. It certainly is great sport."

Miss Harris modestly says she has been given credit for having converted many others into fans. She talks baseball enthusiastically to her friends and acquaintances and naturally they become interested and follow the crowd to witness the great American game.

UTAH RATIFIES WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

The Utah house of representatives has ratified the amendment to the federal constitution which provides for equal suffrage. Utah is the sixteenth state to favor the amendment, which will become effective when endorsed by the legislatures of 36 states. The following states have ratified: Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Montana, Nebraska, Minnesota and Utah.

CAPT. PEARSON SAYS CONTROLLING BODY IS NEEDED

Alberta Hockey Asso. Which Was
Dissolved at Beginning of War
Should Be Re-organized

Captain Robert Pearson, who was for four years president of the Alberta Hockey Association, says a controlling body is required again for the association to govern the weaker provincial clubs.

There is no reason why the Alberta Hockey Association should not be re-organized," said Capt. Pearson. "They would govern the weaker clubs in the province as well as the 'Big Four' Hockey League. I don't want anyone to think that I am forsaking the A. H. A., of which I was president for four years. I certainly am too busy to retain the office as it requires much time and patience, but I am anxious to see the association back on its feet again."

Four years ago the Alberta Hockey Association, due to the war, closed up shop. At that time the association had control of 38 teams, junior, intermediate and senior sections. This association should be revived this season for hockey is going to boom like it never prospered before. There will be clubs throughout the province and they will need a controlling body to govern them.

ARMY DISCIPLINE HELPED TO MAKE 'DUTCH' REUTHER

Captain Cook, Athletic Director
for Camp Lewis Tells How
Reuther Was Disciplined

Captain Cook, athletic director for Camp Lewis, believes that the discipline Walter "Dutch" Reuther, Cincinnati pitcher, received in the army helped make him one of the most feared hurlers in the big leagues.

The captain told how Reuther was cured of one cause of irritation.

It was at the service game last year and Del Baker, now with the Portland Coast league, had been thrown out of the contest. This made Reuther angry and he refused to pitch. Captain Slim Scott tried to get him to continue, but he would not.

"I won't pitch another ball," Baker did not get a square deal," he said. Captain Cook pleaded with him after Scott had failed. Reuther was obstinate. "I'll not pitch," was the stubborn def.

It finally got on Captain Cook's nerves.

"Private Reuther!" he snapped. The left-handed pitcher came to attention automatically.

"Private Reuther," said Cook, "you have just thirty seconds to get out in the box and pitch or go back to Camp Lewis under guard, and you won't go on that California trip, either."

"Yes, sir," saluted Reuther. He finished the game so angry that the ball came over looking like a pea. But he finished it just the same.

SASKATOON BEATS MOOSE JAW RUGBY TEAM ON MONDAY

Saskatoon defeated Moose Jaw, 24 to 6, in a well contested rugby game, played on Cairns field at Saskatoon, on Monday. Some of the best football of the season was produced, the play being tolerably even in the first half, but in the second Saskatoon ran away from the visitors.

Time and again, during the first half, the Millers got to the foot of the Saskatoon line, only to be held by a stone wall from going further. The Saskatoon back division took no back seat in the play, for Laberge, Griffiths and Perrier played excellent football on the defensive and offensive alike. At the end of the first half the score stood 5-0 for Saskatoon.

AUSTRALIAN SEAMEN FORCE VESSEL OWNERS TO CONFER WITH THEM

Australian seamen suspended work in defiance of the federal compulsory arbitration law and forced vessel owners to confer with them on the question of wages, hours, working conditions and insurance while at sea.

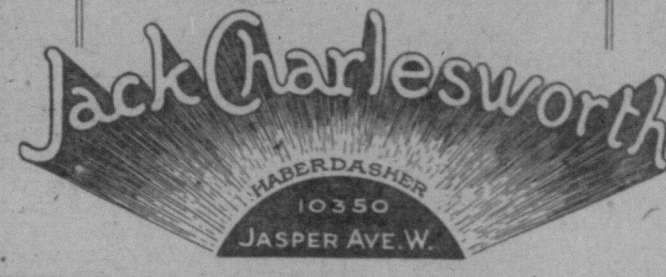
The government and the vessel owners insisted that the matter be referred to the arbitration court, according to law, but the men refused. Thomas Walsh, general secretary of the Federated Seamen's union, was arrested on the charge of violating the arbitration law. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$500 and costs. He was placed in jail and then the women announced that there would be no conference of any description until he was released. The trade union official urged the men to adjust the strike and his matter could be taken up later.

The settlement provides that the main points will go to conference between the employers and employed.

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E. TROWBRIDGE,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.
Edmonton, April 24th, 1919.

NORMAN ROSS AMAZES MANY IN AQUATIC SPORTS

Norman Ross is expected to take part in the water carnivals in the United States now that he has returned from France, where his victorious path amazes many aquatic sharps. Ross stands over six feet and weighs around 205 pounds. He uses a noticeably slow, powerful stroke, spanning the length of a 75-foot pool with half a dozen strokes, and until a short time ago he used the four-beat, single trudgeon crawl exclusively. Recently he has been experimenting with the six-beat double trudgeon crawl.



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