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SOCCER MEN HAVE RATHER HOT SESSION AT EXECUTIVE

Question of Grounds and the Cost Was the Bone of Contention; Season Will Start Latter Part of This Month; Junior Competition Planned

Lots of interesting and profitable discussion took place at a meeting of the Calgary City and District Football League held in the Y.M.C.A. last evening. There was some pretty plain speaking and upon very vital matters to soccer football in Calgary and all concerned must feel the better for letting off the extra steam.

The main question, beyond, of course, the distribution of the registration towns, was that of grounds. A Melville, a representative from the Hillhurst Athletic Associatino, was asked to state the terms they would accept for the use of the grounds during the coming season and he stated they would require 30 per cent of the gross receipts at all games, with a minimum charge of $7.50 per game. But he thought the league should appoint a committee to meet the Hillhurst committee and thresh the whole matter out.

The Post Office and Tynesiders' representatives at once kicked at paying that minimum fee of $7.50. They agreed to the 30 per cent.

A. Melville then spoke ofthe large expense the Hillhurst A.A.A. had had in connection with the grounds which so far had been operated at a big loss, and said the revenue they would get from the league games would not more than cover the cost of a caretaker, leaving out of the question all other expenses.

J. K. Matheson thought there was no need for a committee to be appointed but that the matter could be decided at that meeting. The question was as to whether they were to play the games on the Hillhurst grounds or not, and when they had decided that question then they could go ahead and decide on the terms.

Avery, of the Y.M.C.A., thought the league should stand behind the weaker clubs with regard to the ground proposition.

The chairman said he would like to know from the new clubs, as well as the older clubs, what they would be willing to pay if they went to the Hillhurst grounds or if they wished to have the use of the grounds for nothing.

Kick About Cost Of Grounds

Tynesiders thought 30 per cent of the gate receipts without any other provision would be sufficient and the receipts from the bigger games would balance any loss there might be on the lesser games.

J. K. Matheson then put up a proposition that each club pay $50.00 as a guarantee for their games and that the league take 25 per cent of the gate receipts and divide that money equally among all the clubs.

The chairman asked whether that would cover league games only or whether it cover all the games for the season, but no answer was forthcoming.

W. Woods then moved and J. K. Matheson seconded that a committee be formed to approach the Hillhurst A.A.A. with regard to the matter, and the chairman, A. Robertson, Secretary J. Ferguson, J. R. McEwan and A. D. Aitken were selected. The meeting will be held on Friday evening at the Hillhurst club house.

Season Starts This Month

J. R. McEwan said the games would probably commence on April 26th, and three senior games per week would be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This would mean that each club would practically have one game per week. The intermediate games would be played on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

J. K. Matheson thought other clubs might be able to secure closed grounds and asked whether they would be allowed the privilege of playing their home games on their own grounds, and this was agreed to.

A. D. Aitken began to register a complaint on some matter and was promptly told by the chairman that as the team he represented had not paid their entrance fee he had no right to speak at that meeting.

Mr. Aitken then said they knew what they could do, and that was to ask him to leave the room.

He was shown that as he was kicking on a point of order they were just pointing out to him that he also was technically out of order. Later Mr. Aitken paid the entrance fee for his team.

J. R. McEwan and J. K. Matheson, delegates to the Provincial League, submitted their reports and Mr. Matheson said the meeting up at Edmonton was directly opposed to Calgary.

Junior Section Plans.

Regarding the Junior Section, J. Ferguson reported that the committee in charge had met and decided to approach Dr. McRae, J. Dalgetty and McFarlane with regard to the obtaining of a trophy for competition amongst the juniors, and the age limit was fixed at seventeen years.

A. Melville said he had seen Alex. Martin, who had signified his willingness to donate a trophy to the league for this section.

The question regarding the proposed knock-out competition was also broached and it was felt the competition would be an interesting one to take place after the league competition was concluded and A. Robertson, J. Ferguson and G. H. Taylor were appointed a committee to obtain a suitable trophy.

J. R. McEwan brought up the question of playing some kind of a representative game on April 26, the proceeds to go toward the Benevolent Fund of the Association.

It was decided to go ahead with this proposition.

It was also decided that the press be allowed to all the meetings of the league. The press, it was recognized, was of valuable assistance to the game and any business that might be done was not private.

Famous Trotter Is Better.

Dr. Wilkes, 2:14 1-4, the celebrated trotter bought a few weeks ago by D. T. Lowes, from eastern parties, has been at death's door for the past four or five days with a bad attack of pneumonia and pleurisy but is being ably cured by Dr. Stedman, who deserves a lot of credit for his attentive work.

GUNBOAT SMITH—The California heavyweight, who recently blasted the championship hopes of Bombardier Wells, the English champion. Smith has no science, but his wallop is mighty.

SPORT FACTS AND FANCIES

By JOE PRICE

Our idea of nothing at all: The keen rivalry which exists in an exhibition game between two touring professional hockey teams.

Take your pick, suffragettes and you other fellows, tonight you will have the choice of witnessing either a professional hockey game or a professional boxing contest. Better than that, you may see both if you have the time and inclination, and filthy lucre to spare. Our esteemed fellow citizen, Tommy Burns, will give an exhibition of the manly art in his own arena out Manchester way, and Art Ross with his hockey experts will stage an exhibition of the fastest game of all in Buckshot's ice emporium. Pay your money and take your choice.

At last it appears that the needs of the amateur athletes of Calgary are being given careful consideration by the city authorities and within the next year public playgrounds and recreation fields will become an established fact in this city. The city fathers have been slow in recognizing this need but now that the pressure of the demands have reached the proper sources, it looks as though something might be accomplished. A real playground commission has been organized and the next step on the program will be the appointment of a playground superintendent who will devote his entire time to properly organizing the youth of this city and directing their surplus energies along lines which will work for the ultimate betterment of the citizens of Calgary.

The trouble in the past has been that the boys have been left to themselves and little thought has been given to them. Every normal boy enjoys sport and if it so happens that these boys get the wrong idea of the ethics of sport the blame should rest upon the shoulders of their elders rather than upon the boys themselves.

The boys and girls of today need to be taught how to play. They need to have some man who is respected by them, teach them the true spirit of sport. Public playgrounds in charge of a man who understands sport, and furthermore understands boys, is the best investment that any community could possibly make, and Calgary, in doing so, marks itself a real city which has outgrown the small town stage.

Jim Mitchell, western Canada's premier bowler, has been offered a place on the Overland team of Toledo, a quintet which established a world's record at the recent A. B. A. tournament. There were 1,500 men at that tournament. Five men constitute a team, and Mitchell's work was so impressive that he has been asked to become one o fthe world's champion five. Mitchell's reply is that if Calgary sends a team to the big Vancouver tournament ten days hence that he will stick and roll with a Calgary team on the coast. To send such a team to Vancouver will require a subscription of about $300 on the part of Calgary business men. Mitchell paid all his own expenses at the Toledo and Minneapolis tournaments, and Alf Patrick did the same. This has necessitated a heavy financial drain, and several other members of the Calgary squad are similarly situated, so the proposition is simply one of helping these fine bowlers out in a small way if Calgary is to be represented on the coast. Mitchell is too modest and unassuming to issue an ultimatum, but in simple, direct language he has expressed his position. The Calgary squad should be the class of the Vancouver tournament with Mitchell at the head, and it is distinctly worth while to keep this champion toppler and his pals in our own bailiwick. Jim Mitchell should not go back to the states. Very little inducement is needed to keep him in Calgary.

CITY FOOTBALL CLUB IS NOW ORGANIZED

The annual meeting of the City Hall Football club was held on Tuesday afternoon at 5 p.m. at which the following officers were elected:

Honorary president—Mayor H. A. Sinnott.

Honorary vice-presidents—Commissioners A. G. Graves and A. J. Samis, T. S. Burns, G. W. Craig, Dr. S. A. Mahood, R. A. Brown, Chief A. Cuddy, Dr. A. M. Scott, W. H. Manarey, Jas. Wilson, W. H. Gardiner, W. C. Woods and J. R. Elliott.

President—R. Wallace.

Vice-president—J. Woods.

Secretary-treasurer—E. B. Smythe.

Assistant secretary—Kenneth Morrison.

Manager—W. M. Brooks.

Executive committee—A. J. McIvor, R. Millen, J. S. Park, J. E. Maberley, J. M. Miller and J. Wilkins.

Captain and vice-captain to be elected on the field by the players at the first match.

Tottenham and Manchester United Tie

London, March 31—Old country football. In the first division Tottenham and Manchester United today played to a draw, one and one. In the postponed Sheffield United--Middlesboro game, the Sheffield team won by a score of one goal to nil.

"NAP" RUCKER INJURED IN PRACTICE.

Rucker in Action

"Nap" Rucker, the star pitcher of the Brooklyn National League team was injured during practice at Augusta, Ga., when he was cut over the right eye by a wild ball.

Tommy Burns Tonight Will Prove That He is in Dead Earnest

About His Comeback Stunt When He Meets the Conqueror of Jess Willard; Best Boxing Program Ever Offered to Calgary Fans Is This One

TODAY'S FISTIC PROGRAM

BUSTER BROWN vs. YOUNG PHILLIPS—Featherweight
Four rounds.
YOUNG ROBINSON vs. ROY GEORGE—Middleweights.
Six rounds.
KID LUCAS vs. BILLY LAUDER—Lightweights.
Six rounds
J. TYLDESLEY vs. HERBERT ATKINS—Featherweights
Ten rounds.
TOMMY BURNS vs. ARTHUR PELKEY—Heavyweights
Six rounds

With light workouts by both of the principals yesterday afternoon, the training program was brought to a close, and all is in readiness for the biggest and best boxing program which has ever been offered to Calgary fistiana. Both Tommy Burns and Art Pelkey expressed themselves as being satisfied that they were in the best of physical condition, and willing to await the verdict without giving out any advance statements.

Tommy Burns, of course, will be the favorite because of his experience, but the popularity of Pelkey has grown during the past week, and there will be several sinoleons placed on the big Ontario boy, who is so confident of winning. The opinion that Burns had picked a lemon for a tryout has changed ,and now practically everyone admits that if Tommy Burns wins tonight he will have to be the same old Tommy who gave Jack Johnson the hardest battle of his career.

The advance sale for the bout indicates that there will be a record crowd in attendance. Messages from outside points indicate that there will be a large number of fans from other parts of the province present.

Chief interest, of course, will centre around the six-round argument between Tommy Burns and Art Pelkey, but the preliminary program will be worth the price of admission.

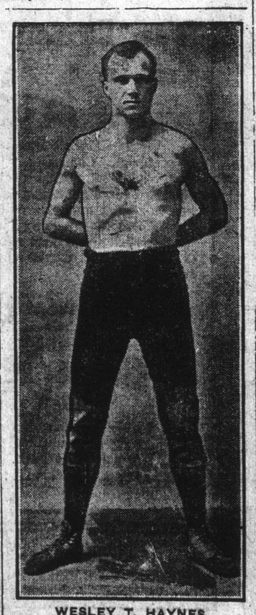
The first affair will be between Buster Brown and Young Phillips. Buster Brown is a local boy, and this will be his first professional appearance. Buster has been an attendant at Mount Royal College this last winter. He has made all the students quit, and now he is looking after new fields to conquer. Buster learned the rudiments of the game at the college, and will make his first practical use of his college education tonight.

Another of the preliminaries which will attract a great deal of local interest will be the bout between Kid Lucas and Billy Lauder. Neither of these boys needs introduction to Calgary fans. Kid Lucas came out here with Billy Allen as his sparring partner. Cappy Smart gave him a job putting out fires, and since then he has made a very creditable showing, both as a fireman and a boxer.

Billy Lauder is the real, original, old time favorite of Calgary boxing enthusiasts. Billy and his stately manager, Jimmy McEwan, were the champion lightweights of Canada a few years back, but Billy got interested in farming and allowed Billy Allen to hook on to the title without protest. But Billy hasn't forgotten anything about the hit and get-away game, especially the get-away part. He is famous for his ring tactics. He sidesteps all the swipes that the other fellow has ready for him, and then makes his opponent follow him around the ring until the aforesaid opponent gets dizzy, and then Billy comes in with the wallop.

Jack Tydlesly and Herbert Atkins are on for the semi-windup. They will go for ten rounds. The former is an Edmonton lad well known here, and the latter is the boy who held the New York featherweight amateur championship for some years. Their bout will sure be fast and even.

The reserved seat portion of the arena has been wired off from the rush seats, and those sports who are accustomed to slipping down into the reserved seats from the other portion after the bout starts will be sadly disappointed tonight. The first preliminary will start at 8.30.



WESLEY T. HAYNES, of Toronto Varsity, a 145 pound wrestler who has been trimming everything in sight lately.

HIGHLANDER'S PARK NOW IN HANDS OF WRECKERS

New York, April 1.—The American League park of Washington Heights, for ten years the home of the Highlanders, was given over to the wreckers today and the work of tearing down grandstand and bleachers was begun. The timber has been bought by a construction firm and will be used for shoring up purposes in the building of the city's new subway system. The team will play on the Polo grounds, the home of the Giants, this year. Next spring a new park near the Harlem river, now under construction, will be ready.

Senior City League Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Calgary Amateur Baseball league (Senior City league), will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building Friday, April 4, at 8:15 p. m.

Reports will be presented and officers elected for the coming season. Teams in membership and other teams desiring to affiliate are requested to be represented by three delgates.

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Alberta British Rugby Football Union.

Annual general meeting of this union will be held in the Y.M.C.A. on the evening of Thursday next, the 3rd of April at 8 o'clock, when reports of the year's work will be submitted and office-bearers elected. All members of the teams playing British Rugby are invited to be present.

TOURING HOCKEYISTS WILL BE HERE THIS FORENOON

Art Ross' All-Stars and Quebec Champs Will Arrive This Morning

Big Pro. Hockey Game Will Start at Eight o'clock Sharp

A wire from North Bend, B. C., yesterday afternoon from Art Ross stated that the two teams who are to play tonight at the Sherman rink are both on No. 4 train and will be here this morning in good condition and ready to put up a fast exhibition tonight.

The game starts sharp at 8 o'clock and the doors of the rink will be opened at 7 o'clock. Two periods will be played, one under western and the other under eastern rules and the fans will thus have a chance to get a line on the two styles played by the professionals.

The advance sale of seats has been large but there are plenty of good sats still to be had and 1,200 rush seats will go on sale tonight when the doors open. Lloyd Turner has arranged to have the block of seats at the west end of the rink placed on sale at the west entrance at 7 o'clock.

Despite the fact that Calgary has never before had hockey in April, the ice is in excellent condition. The heavy frost of Monday night and a cold wind yesterday made things fine and Lloyd Turner was swearing a big smile last night.

"We showed the coast teams one of the best sheets of ice they had ever played on when they were here," said Turner, "and we will now demonstrate for the benefit of the easterners. Quebec has natural ice at home and it isn't always of the best. I intend to show them that it is possible to have a first-class sheet of ice even in April."

The probable lineup of the teams tonight follows:

Quebec		All Stars
Moran	goal	Benedict
Mummery	point	Cameron
Hall	cover	S. Cleghorn
Crawford	rover	Ross
Malone	center	Ronan
Smith	wing	O. Cleghorn
Marcou	wing	Neighbor

SPRING HAS CAME ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT

Philadelphia, Pa., April 1.—The Philadelphia American and National baseball teams played the first game of the spring series for the city championship here this afternoon and the former world's champions won by the score of 8 to 0. Wyckoff, a recruit, pitched for the Americans and allowed but six hits. Score:

Americans	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	8
Nationals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Batteries: Wyckoff and Evans; Taylor and Howley and La Longe.

At Macon—Toronto Internationals 11; Macon Southerns 0.

At Charlotte, N. C.—Buffalo International 9; Boston Nationals 3.

Alaska Dog Races Postponed

Nome, Alaska, April 1—The Alaska sweepstake dog team race for April 3, has been postponed until April 10.

MORE HARNESS HORSES COMING FROM EAST

Exodus of Eastern Horsemen for Western Canada Circuit Continues

Toronto, March 26.—The exodus of eastern horsemen for the west still continues. The latest to decide to try his fortunes in the Western Canada Fair and Riding Circuit this year is "Billy" Fleming, trainer of W. J. Cowan's horses at the Maples Stock Farm, Cannington. Fleming left for Portage la Prairie, his former home, Wednesday, and his horses leave by express today. Only two horses are in the shipment that leave here, the 3-year-old brown colt "K of K," by Kentucky Todd (3) 2.08¾—Mokin, by Moko, and the 4-year-old bay filly, Tropic Dawn , by Symboleen, dam by Allerton. Both are trotters and of the most promising kind. The former has had very little training but is regarded as a superior colt. Thefilly raced some in the west last year as a 3-year-old, and it was on the strength of her performance at actual racing that Mr. Cowan bought her. Fleming will stop over at Chicago long enough to pick up a pacer for the rich 2.10 classes on the western circuit, and rumor has it that he will exercise an option obtained some time ago on a crack performer of the middle west last year.

Billy Fleming, it will be remembered, drove Joe Patchen II., 2.03¼, for R. J. Mackenzie last year on the big tracks, when that pacer was the leading money-winner of his set. He is an experienced driver, although last year was his first in high society, nevertheless he has been more than ordinarily successful on the half-mile tracks of Western Canada, where he raced for a number of years before joining the Mackenzie stable as second trainer for Havis James. Fleming is as fearless as they make them, and is cool as the ever-green cucumber. He has a good pair of hands, is a good judge of pace and few teamsters have anything on him when it comes to "sighting" a trotter or pacer. He proved to be one of the most popular drivers that ever went down the line with a great horse, and his many friends will wish him every success in his forthcoming campaign out west.

Mr. Cowan, the owner of the horses that Fleming is to race this year, is an intimate friend of R. J. Mackenzie and is the man who signed the check in payment for Joe Patchen II., when that noted pacer was bought of Thos Hodgson of Orillia. He has extensive interests in Western Canada, where he is engaged in construction work on the Canadian Northern transcontinental lines.

Mr. Cowan is comparatively a new man in the ranks of campaigning owners, although he has conducted a model breeding farm at Cannington for several years. Few there are at all familiar with the horse that do not know "Jim" Cowan, and all know him to be a thorough sportsman in every sense of the term. He is worthy of all the good luck that can come to an owner.

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