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THE WIZARDS AND MIDGETS DEFEAT MEDS AND SHAMROCKS

Good Basketball at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Last Night.

Two very interesting games of basketball were played last evening at the "Y" gymnasium. In the first contest the Wizards defeated the Medicals, and in the second the Midgets sprang a huge surprise by trimming the fast Shamrocks.

The score of the first game was 40 to 28, and the second 27 to 10.

The games were exceptionally well contested, and the only cause for complaint was lack of accommodation for spectators.

Mr. Brent refereed, and Mr. Wickett acted as umpire.

The lineups:

Wizards—Forwards, Tait, Crosbie; center, Strauch; defense, Stephenson and Waud.

Medicals—Forwards, Ross, Poisson; center, Moore; defense, Jepson and Folinsbee (Wilson).

Midgets—Forwards, Glen, Orr; center, Duffield; defense, MacRobert, Mel. Brock.

Shamrocks—Forwards, W. Brock, Deshaw; center, Harvey; defense, Martin and Smith.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

The action of the Western Fair board in recommending that steps be taken to arrange for a grand field day at the fair next year is one to be highly commended. One naturally wonders that such a step has never been thought of before.

Undoubtedly the move will prove a most popular one, and bring out a big attendance. It is proposed to devote one whole day of the fair to the athletic games, and it is hoped to obtain entries from all over Canada.

Certainly local sport could not be better boosted.

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It was given out yesterday that there would positively be ice in the Princess Rink this winter, no matter who conducted the place. It now behooves the City League teams to get active in getting their teams together. It was rumored today that the Hermits have succeeded in getting the signature of a crack—a former out-of-town player. Tonight the Hermits will entertain a number of hockey players at the Hermitage. All who know the Hermits know that a royal good time will be spent.

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By mistake it was stated in this column yesterday that wards number three and four would bowl at the Liberal Club last evening. The teams bowl tonight instead.

There is said to be a warm rivalry between Captains Murray and Fowler, and some fast bowling should result.

"Major-General" Sam Stewart will have charge of the fire line, and has issued a warning to spectators to stay behind the parapets while the battle is on.

Sam is thinking of having a moveable alley made, so that when the balls go astray—as they will at times—the pins can be shunted, so as to come in front of them.

The boys of the Liberal Club go into the game as if their very lives depend upon the results of the contests.

LONG TOUR BY BASKETBALL TEAM

From Nome, Alaska, Through Ontario and Every State in the American Union.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 7.—Managers of the Nome Alaska, basketball team, which starts on the most unique trip ever taken by an athletic organization the first part of December, were in Vancouver last week, and as a result of their visit matches will be played in this city.

To advertise Alaska and the Pacific Northwest, the Arctic Brotherhood, and the managers of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition have raised a fund of $10,000 to pay the expenses of the basketball team on the long tour. The schedule now being arranged calls for from one to half-dozen games in the Province of Ontario and in every state in the Union. The team will be touring over four months.

Unlike most other athletic teams, this one will travel in style. A private car has been engaged, and in this the players will ride all over the United States. They will leave Seattle Dec. 1 and start through the south, returning through the middle west and northwest.

Part of the players are now in Seattle and have begun training. The remainder are expected on the steamer Victoria. After a month's practice with teams in this locality the Nome five will start on their long journey.

The team will comprise ten players, though, of course, only five will play in any one game. The hardship of such a long tour makes it necessary to carry along a good number of substitutes. The men have been chosen from the Nome Y. M. C. A. and the Arctic Brotherhood teams, which predict they will give the best fives in the country a run for their money.

Enthusiasm over basketball reached high-water mark in Nome last year. The Eagles' Hall, where the games were played, had a seating capacity of 200, and this was crowded every night a game was pulled off. To get seats it was necessary to stand in line for four hours on the day the seat sale was thrown open.

The team which will make the trip is as follows: Barry Keown, captain and forward; William McGuire, center; Chas. Barlow, guard; Don Alford, forward and center; Ralph Lomen, guard; Alfred Lomen, forward; Frank Burley, forward; Ed. Snyder, center; Walter Gaffney, guard; McIntyre, forward.

HITCH IN THE BOSTON DEAL KELLEY HAS NOT SIGNED

Boston Doesn't Want to Give Him a 3-Year Con a:t—Is Still Toronto's Manager.

Toronto, Nov. 8.—A letter was received today from Joe Kelley, in which he discussed the situation in regard to the Boston National League Club.

Kelley states that he has not signed intended to remain in Toronto, as he that he will. President Dovey brought the matter to a head by announcing that he would stand by his constitutional rights and compel Kelley to abide by the draft. Joe had all along intended to remain in Toronto as he believed he was protected from the draft by reason of his position as manager and his friendship for National League magnates from President Pulliam down.

However, the National commission intimated that Kelley would have to go to Boston whether he liked it or not, and he had better get in line and make the best terms he could with Mr. Dovey.

It is understood that Boston is willing to pay Kelley $7,000 for one season with a one-year contract only. Kelley says that it must be for three years or not at all.

In concluding his letter Kelley says: "And remember that I am still manager of the Toronto Ball Club."

Kelley will come to Toronto in a week or two, and he and President J. J. McCaffery will attend the American and National League meetings, and close some deals for players that are now in prospect.

JABS AND JOLTS---RING GOSSIP

There is a great hullabaloo in press circles over Jim Flynn's defeat by Jack Johnson in 11 rounds. The busy Johnson boosters are seeing visions of James Coffroth, promoter, flying frantically to Los Angeles to drag Jim Jeffries back into the ring. Coffroth is pictured on his knees begging James to accept a hundred thousand dollar purse to fight Johnson. Johnson is depicted in the act of haughtily demanding a fight with Jeffries, "winner take all."

"Which to the cool and collected outsider is a grand joke," remarks the New York World. In the first place, who was Flynn? Only a railroad fireman who took an ocasional bout when he was out of a job. He was tough enough to stay with Tommy Burns until knocked out in the fifteenth round, but there was nothing about Flynn to make his defeat sensational. When Tommy Burns whipped Flynn, Johnson's press agents roasted Burns for picking a lemon. It was a sure thing that big Johnson would knock Flynn out. The only surprising thing about it was that Flynn lasted 11 rounds. He weighed only 172 pounds while Johnson entered the ring well above 200.

And another curious thing about the affair is that Johnson's boosters, beside clamoring for a match between Jeffries and the darkey, are telling us that Jeffries is going to pieces from dissipation. They want to catch Jim going and coming. If he sticks to his determination to stay on the retired list—which he has a perfect right to do—they will flood the country with tales of Jeff's dissipation giving out the impression that Jeffries is a has-been and doesn't count anyway. This sly knock, of course, would tend to undermine Jeffries' reputation and make Johnson, as the biggest and heaviest of the heavyweights, more prominent in the pugilistic limelight.

Johnson is a clever, big fellow. He has everything that goes to make a champion but character. No crooked fighter was ever yet champion of the world. Johnson is crooked as a snake's backbone. And when he finds himself in a hard fight, he isn't "there." Jeffries would make him jump out of the ring or fall down to escape punishment.

The reports that Jeffries is dissipating are just plain lies.

If Jeffries takes a drink or smokes a cigar the rumor of it flies around the world. Other great champions went the liquor route, and people have been waiting for the big Jim, the greatest champion that ever lived, to follow suit.

But Jeffries isn't built that way. He is a huge, healthy man, with plenty of character in his make-up. Jeffries has brains. He is proud of his strength and his reputation for square, honest fighting. He is married and has a fine home in Los Angeles, the finest little city in the United States. He is surrounded by old and tried friends. He has plenty of money and is making more every year now than he ever made during his fighting days.

Jeffries lives a healthy life. All of his spare time is spent in the Oregon mountains hunting bear and deer and mountain lions, or at Catalina fishing, or on the California marshes shooting ducks. A man doesn't live that way if he is dissipating. Dissipation and outdoor life don't go well together.

GARNIE ARTHURS,

The well-known baseball player, who will captain one of the Liberal Club bowling teams this season.

SCHEDULE FOR INDOOR LEAGUE

The First Game Takes Place Monday Evening Next at the Armories.

All arrangements have been completed for the opening of the Seventh Regiment Indoor Baseball League, which takes place on Monday evening next.

Captain Frank Reid will pitch the first ball of the series.

The games will all be open to the public free of charge.

The schedule of the games and the names of the officers follow:

Feb. 3—A vs. F; E vs. G; referee, Corp. Johnson.

Feb. 6—D vs. A. M. C.; B vs. C; referee, Corp. Campbell.

Feb. 10—A vs. G; B. vs. H; referee, Sergt. Murray.

Feb. 13—D vs. E; F vs. Buglers; referee, Sergt. Skelton.

Feb. 17—H vs. C; referee, Sergt. Hayes.

Nov. 11—B vs. A; G vs. H; referee, Color-Sergt. Hayes.

Nov. 14—C vs. Buglers; F vs. A. M. C.; referee, Corp. Gold.

Nov. 18—A vs. A. M. C.; B vs. D; referee, Corp. Howe.

Nov. 21—G vs. Buglers; H vs. E; referee, Sergt. Penwarden.

Nov. 25—F vs. C; B vs. G; referee, Corp. Campbell.

Nov. 28—D vs. Buglers; E vs. A. M. C.; referee, Corp. Ironsides.

Dec. 12—A vs. H; C vs. D.; referee, Sergt. Skelton.

Dec. 15—E vs. F; A. M. C. vs. Buglers; referee, Sergt. Gandier.

Dec. 19—D vs. G; E vs. B; referee, Corp. Johnson.

Dec. 20—A vs. C; H vs. F; referee, Sergt. Murray.

Jan. 6—C vs. A. M. C.; D vs. H; referee, Corp. Campbell.

Jan. 9—Buglers vs. E; F vs. G; referee, Sergt. Skelton.

Jan. 13—A vs. E; B vs. F; referee, Sergt. Penwarden.

Jan. 16—G vs. A. M. C.; H vs. Buglers; referee, Sergt. Hayes.

Jan. 20—A vs. D; A. M. C. vs. H; referee, Corp. Gold.

Jan. 23—C vs. G; B vs. Buglers; referee, Corp. Howe.

Jan. 27—A vs. Buglers; E vs. C; referee, Sergt. Gandier.

Jan. 30—B vs. A. M. C.; D vs. F; referee, Corp. Ironsides.

Boston Nationals offer Joe Kelley $7,000 a year for three years.

Whether he plays amateur or professionally, "Chuck" Tyner is still a great goalkeeper. It is an old rumor about Chuck, but may be true this time.—Stratford Beacon.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review: In past years Woodstock has had all kinds of hockey enthusiasm—when the ice comes. Other towns have it before. And that's what counts. Get the "hockey fever" now. The winter will look after itself.

Guelph Herald: Hockey prospects in this city are looking up. A "pro" team is an almost certainty, and it is altogether likely that the line-up will be that of last year's champs.

HAL CHASE SIGNS, SETTLES RUMORS

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Hal Chase, the brilliant first baseman, signed a contract with the New York Highlanders yesterday for 1908, and thus set at rest the rumors that he would retire from the big leagues and go into business in California.

Chase is a great favorite with the home crowds in New York, and this probably helps to influence him to remain with the majors.

At New York baseball headquarters yesterday the opinion was expressed that Jack Doyle eventually would come to terms with the Highlanders, in which event he probably will be played in the outfield. With Niles, Stahl and Hemphill all playing on Griffith's team, and Glade pitching, the Yankees will look like a made-over team sure enough.

Ring Gossip

Tex Rickard, who promoted the Gans-Nelson fight at Goldfield, it is reported, wants to bring Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries together, and will guarantee a $40,000 purse for the match. He would stage it in Nevada, but this is in the event Johnson defeats Tommy Burns. Rickard says he sees no reason why Jeffries should draw the color line, as he has fought colored men before.

The Nevada fight promoter evidently is under the impression that, should Johnson beat Burns, he will be matching the colored man against the champion, instead of the champion against Jeffries. The latter has no more claim on the heavyweight title than a man who has never fought for it at all, all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding.

Big Jim retired more than three years ago, and repeatedly refused to consider big offers to fight. Shortly after he announced his retirement he refereed the advertised heavyweight championship battle between Marvin Hart and Jack Root, and in declaring Hart the winner he also declared him champion. If the fight was not for the championship, and he knew it was advertised as such, and after the battle declared it a battle for the title, he was guilty of misrepresentations. He also refereed two advertised heavyweight championship fights between Tommy Burns and Jack O'Brien, and the sporting public accepted them as such.

There can be only one holder of a championship, and that honor belongs to Burns; therefore, should Johnson beat Tommy, Jeffries, should he enter the ring to fight the big black, will do so as an ex-champion, and not as champion.

HOCKEY NOTES

Wodstock Express: If Woodstock is to enter a team in the O. H. A. it is high time something was being done. The O. H. A. meeting is in the near future.

Stratford Beacon: An organization meeting of the Stratford Hockey Club will likely be held next week, and preparations made for the coming season. Hockey stock in the city has risen 100 per cent, during the past few days, and indications point to a pair of fast teams this year.

The Stratford Herald asks: Who is to succeed D. L. Darroch as president of the O. H. A.? This is a question which has been frequently asked. Recently Mr. J. C. Makins, of Stratford, a former second vice-president of the association, and one of the best friends amateur hockey in Ontario ever had, has been mentioned as a probable candidate. This rumor has not been confirmed, but if Mr. Makins allows his name to go on the ballot paper he would have an excellent chance of election to the position. "Jim's" long connection wtih sport in general, and hockey in particular, places him in the front rank of clean sport advocates, and his appointment to the office would certainly give the O. H. A. new life and energy.

Junior O. H. A. hockey received an encouraging impetus when a meeting of enthusiasts was held last evening in the Belmont parlors, Brantford, to discuss the local situation. It was decided to place a strong team in the junior series this year, and it is thought a stronger one than has been can be secured.

A series composed of Woodstock, Ingersoll, Paris, Brantford and Waterloo is being advocated.

William Rutherford will, it is said, be made manager of the team. Mr. Fred Garvin is secretary pro tem until the organization of the club is completed.

The Mercantile Hockey League, owing to the success of the past two years, has decided to enlarge its membership during the coming season. Any club wishing to make application for membership may communicate with the secretary, 26 Wellington street west, Toronto, before next Monday.

BALLS AND STRIKES

Ted Sullivan is trying to interest Comiskey in the Northern Copper League.

Bill Baily, the Texas southpaw, is to be a regular on the St. Louis staff next year.

The American League champions play Bill Armour's Toledo team April 9 and 10, next year.

They are going to give Fielder Jones a salary of $10,000 next year, so it's a safe bet he will not quit.

Miller Huggins played in 156 games for Cincinnati last year, more than any other man in the league.

Lave Cross, the old Athletic star, is wanted to manage the Lawrence Club in the New England League.

They do not say that Griffith was in Cleveland the other day to try to put through a deal for Bill Bradley.

Bill Bradley announces that he'll not play first base. There was some talk of the big fellow going to the first sack for Cleveland.

Connie Mack has gone to California to rest and, incidentally, to secure Krause, a star left-hander of the Coast League.

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