

Indian Lacrosse, Oldest American Sport, Is Spreading From Canada To United States



LACROSSE WAS ORIGINALLY PLAYED IN A CRUDE WAY BY THE INDIANS.

(By Frank Grace, Member of Round the World Lacrosse Team.)

Lacrosse, Canada's national game, is one of the oldest sports known to the American continent, being originally an Indian game.

While it was made the national sport lacrosse has always had to battle baseball and at the present time it is not holding its own, in spite of its beauty, power and thrill.

The reason lacrosse cannot compete more successfully with baseball is the fact that it costs more than the small boy can afford.

Again, a lacrosse player cannot stand more than two games a week. It is like football or hockey in this respect and the upkeep of a professional team is a difficult proposition to handle when, as in Canada at present, only one game a week is played.

The Indians, who originated the sport and are supposed to be as game as any athletes in the world do not show to advantage when pitted against whites at lacrosse.

The French, who first picked up the game from the Indians, for a long time

were unable to stand up against three game as it was played by the Montreal Irish but of late years they have been coming into their own and have turned out some wonderful teams.

While lacrosse is not growing so fast as it might there is no reason to believe it is on the wane. Canadians are strong for a lot of sports and as there is a near kinship manifested by hockey and lacrosse the popularity of the former game in the winter time will keep up the interest in the other during the summer.

Canadians believe that in time lacrosse will be a popular sport at American colleges. It is now played to some extent in the east and as soon as it spreads farther no doubt will gain favor among educational institutions.

If a man is fast, brainy, game and a good stick handler, he can play lacrosse on any team no matter what his size.

The game has taken hold in England and Australia, and the teams in these two countries gave the Canadian team which made a round the world trip, several years ago several hard battles.

In fact the Canadian All Stars had the time of their lives beating one English outfit which they had figured before hand would be a bit easy.

HOW AN ITALIAN BOXER BECAME JOHNNIE DUNDEE

(Robert L. Ripley in Boston Globe.)

Hoot moon! Hear the bagpipes playin'! Hoot moon! See the kilties awayin'!

For he's a bonnie guid laddie is Johnnie Dundee. But—stop your ticklin', Jock. The only thing Scotch about Dundee is Manager Montie's. Joannie is nae Scotchman. He's a "Wop" (Hoots and Jeers).

Way, Johnnie hasn't worn kilt since he was a baby, and the only bagpipe he ever played was his father's fish horn, and the only kind of thistles that ever crossed his path were of the carpet tack variety.

Johnnie was born where the sweet spaghetti blooms in Sharkai, Italy. Mr. Carrora named their son Jo and Mrs. Carrora there you are, Joseph Carrora—a fine name for a Scotchman, nae?

Manager Montie's is responsible for it all. Montie—"Scotty" Montie's—is the chap to blame for Johnnie's name and Johnnie's success. There is

no doubt about Montie's game burg. He's as Scotch as whisky, and, what is more, he knew Harry Lauder when wee laddies in the Highlands.

But Scotty never knew Joe de Carrora, da emalla da guy wot use da driva feesh—that is, Scotty never knew him till once upon a time. Once upon a time Mr. Montie was tripping merrily along the byway of Ninth Avenue, New York. Scotty, always nappy, was unusually cheerful this day—his full of joy as the evening before the morning after. He felt so good that he wouldn't have harmed a lion had one crossed his path, and when one is imbued so pleasantly he is apt to burst into song. Scotty did. "Bonnie Dundee" is the name of the song he sang as he billybonnely doated along.

Come, fill up ma cup! Come, fill up ma can; Come, saddle the horses, And call out ma man.

Suddenly Scotty stopped. Across the street hurried Montie to where a dirty-faced, dark-haired, little Italian boy with his hands encased in a pair of dilapidated old boxing gloves was slugging the interior out of a tough kid twice his size.

Now, Scotty possesses good judgment. He has an eye for all things pugilistic—

FINE MATCH IN CITY LEAGUE

McDonald's Sensational Bowling a Feature

TEAMS' EVEN SPLIT

Tigers Now Have a Good Lead With Sweeps Second—Some High Individual Scores—Athletics Lead Intermediates

An exciting bowling match took place on Black's alleys on Saturday night between the Tigers and the Elks. The game resulted in a tie, as both teams succeeded in winning two points.

Table with columns for Team, Total Avg, and individual player scores for Tigers and Elks.

After the Game McDonald was never in better form and his excellent shooting saved his team from defeat. His string of 127 also won the daily roll-off.

Belyea had hard luck. Although he apparently hit them in the right place they kept breaking badly, and he had a hard time trying to keep in the running.

Gilmour had an off night. He failed to pick up a spare in any of the three strings. However, he is young and has a chance of coming back.

Cosgrove made a flying start, but in the last string fell down.

McMichael and Olive both did excellent work for the Elks.

City League Standing

Table showing City League Standing with columns for Team, Won, Lost, P. C.

The following are the members of the league who have an average of 90 or better, and their total pin fall:

Table listing Pin fall, Games, and Avg. for various players like McDonald, Wilson, Harrison, Sullivan, Bailey, Olive, McKean, Cosgrove, Moore, White, W. Corey, Belyea, Jenkins, Duffy, Gilmour, and Logan.

Intermediate League

In the Intermediate League tonight the Athletics will meet the Blue Ribbon aggregation.

Intermediate League Standing

Table showing Intermediate League Standing with columns for Team, Won, Lost, P. C.

he knows a fighter when he sees one, and he is always anxious to see one. He picked out the little dark-skinned boy who had forsaken his father's fish wagon to indulge in such gutter amusements as fighting, as a champion then and there.

Scotty approached—he was still humming:

Unhook the west port, Then let us gae free, For it's up wi' the bonnets My Bonnie Dundee.

"Want to be a fighter" queried Montie.

"Sure thing," said Joe Carrora of Sharkai, Italy.

"Then you ARE a fighter and your name is Bonnie Dundee." From that moment the little pugilist started to clean 'em up—not fish, but fighters. Dundee has fought draws with two champions, Johnny Kilbane and Willie Ritchie, and has outpointed two "legitimate champs," Charley White and Joe Shugrue.

"That's about all, except that 'Johnnie' naturally supplanted 'Bonnie.' So we will 'just let it be' Joe C. to meet Johnnie D. Saake hands with yourself!

News of the Boxers.

Tom McCarey feels confident that he will open his club in New Orleans with a bout in which Willie Ritchie will be one of the contestants and Freddie Welsh or Joe Mandot the other boxer.

Freddie's fortune has been sampled by Jimmy Clabby, who figures that he is entitled to enter in the tough luck race.

"I played ball just for fun, and needed exercise, ten or eleven years," writes Jimmy, "and I never got as much as a broken finger. Over in Australia I tried to illustrate the game to some inquisitive Australians, and before I had been teaching my class five minutes, I fell on my shoulder, wrenched it out of commission, and had to forfeit \$7,000 worth of boxing engagements while it was crippled.

Alie McCarty must have felt the loss of his title of featherweight champion more keenly than the sports figured. His wife, who is suing him for arrears, says he has had a peculiar disposition since he lost the championship.

Training down from 246 pounds to 170 pounds in two months did not do Bob Moha any good in his last bout.

Jim Flynn and Battling Levinsky will meet in New York on Christmas Day afternoon.

Kid Williams and Johnny Daly have been signed to box in New York on Christmas Day.

Eddie McGoorty of Wisconsin, has issued a challenge to Jimmy Clabby and Mike Gibbons and says he will be content to battle for a small amount.

RUSSELL FORD LED FED. PITCHERS

Hendrix, Falkenberg, Krapp and Seaton Most Effective Pitchers

Russell Ford of the Buffalo Feds, formerly of the Yankees, was the most effective pitcher in the Federal League last season, according to the official figures. Ford allowed an average of 1.56 earned runs a game while pitching the equivalent of twenty-eight games. His record for victories and defeats was twenty-one of the former and six of the latter. He pitched twenty complete games, was taken out six times and finished nine games which were started by other pitchers.

Claude Hendrix of the Chicago club led the pitchers in number of victories with a total of 29. Other pitchers who reached the quarter century mark in victories were Quinn of Baltimore with twenty-six, Callop of Cleveland with twenty-five, and Seaton of Brooklyn with twenty-five. Keupper and Groom of the Saint Louis club set the pace in defeats, each with twenty.

Falkenberg was the busiest pitcher with a total of 879 innings. Hendrix pitched 861 1/3 innings, or about forty full games, and Krapp of Buffalo was only two innings under this figure. Tom Seaton, with 821 2/3 innings, was the busiest of the Brookfords, but LaFitte was not far behind, pitching 290 innings.

Mosley of the champion Indianapolis team was the most generous pitcher in the Gilmore organization, furnishing no less than 182 passes, but LaFitte of the Brookfords gave him a hard fight for honors with 127. Falkenberg of Indianapolis set the pace in strike-outs with 245. Walker of Pittsburgh had the high mark for wild pitches, twelve, and Katschberg of Indianapolis hit seventeen batsmen. Wilhelm of Baltimore starred as a relief artist, being called upon to finish eighteen games started by other pitchers, and Stone of Kansas City was taken out most frequently, twenty-two times.

Honck, Bluejacket, Marton and Somers of the Brooklyn team stand far down the list, each allowing an average of more than four earned runs per game.

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