

CANADA KEEPS UP
IN SPEED SKATINGFigure Skating Also Has Large
Number of Devotees.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—For many years Canada has provided champion speed skaters. The success of Canadians in competition with the best from other countries, notably the United States, has been most remarkable. Such names as Fred Robson and Miss Gladys Robinson, in particular, will go down in the world's speed-skating records.

Enthusiasm is now manifesting itself in quarters heretofore uninvolved. For many seasons the knowledge of speed skating was learned only through the perseverance of youngsters on open-air surfaces. When they showed exceptional speed they were generally taken in hand by a trainer and tested in a series of races. But times have changed. Today speed skating is being fostered by many individual amateur organizations. And most of the past Canadian artists on the polished steel blades are devoting considerable time to coaching the future champions. Girls' clubs, as well as men's clubs, have been given stimulus. The well-known successes of Miss Gladys Robinson of Toronto in attaining the title of the world's champion woman speed skater, and the unprecedented stimulus among Canadian girls, in Toronto alone three large athletic clubs are vying for the leading position.

All of the leading skaters in Canada are preparing for the coming championships in the United States. The leading men are: Russell Wheeler of Montreal, E. Gorman, John B. B. Eddie Gloster, Toronto, and Emory Stevenson, Toronto. From Wheeler and Gorman much is expected. Three years ago Mike Goodman of Winnipeg (the Prairie Pride) was regarded as one of the finest speedsters ever developed. But Goodman insisted on also playing hockey, and his speed skating career was ended. He was a member of the Winnipeg Falcons of 1919, world's hockey champions at the Olympics.

The itinerary prepared for Miss Gladys Robinson, the pride of Canada's skating feminity, would make a traveling salesman jealous. The fat-haired speeding marvel has been practicing daily on artificial ice for a month in preparation for all the skating championships listed in the States and Canada. Basil Cosgrave, her trainer, and a good skater himself, says Miss Robinson is in the best condition of her meteoric career. "Better than ever she was," is his statement. Last winter in defeating Elsie Miller of New York and Rose Johnson of Chicago, besides others, and winning the silver skates derby and other championships, the Canadian girl made sporting history. She is not yet 23 years of age—and a world's champion.

Laudation must be given Fred Robson of Toronto, the grand old veteran of the game. Robson has put in 20 years of actual racing. Lee Roe, Piper and Cody are three others of the old Canadian school of speed skating. Last winter, a ter being away four seasons, Robson returned and won the Ontario championship and hurdles at Ottawa and had two seconds. When he quit racing he held nine world's records and two Canadian skating records. They nearly all stand today. So many prizes has Robson won that he doesn't know their actual value or number. He estimates his collection at about 250 medals and 250 trophies. When pinned onto his skating apparel he appears to be wearing a suit of armor. Robson is now coaching a recreation club, and believes he has several skill skaters who are near champions.

Figure skating has always been popular in Canada. It has even made more remarkable strides than the speed variety, considering its limitations. Figure skating is now a special department of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada in addition with the International Skating Union of Europe. The Minto Skating Club of Ottawa, the Winter Club of Toronto and the largest, with smaller clubs in Hamilton, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver.

Every governor-general of Canada has been personally interested in figure skating. It has been a picturesque feature of entertainment at the Governor's House, Ottawa. Among the members of vice-regal households who have become accomplished figure skaters are Lady Dukes of Devonshire, daughter of the Duke of Devonshire. With a view to encouraging the development of figure skating, the four past governor-generals of Canada have presented trophies. The Earl and Countess of Minto presented the Minto Cup, emblematic of Canada's figure skating championship. The Duke of Devonshire presented the Devonshire Trophy for the champion woman skater of Canada. Another cup is called the Minto Challenge Cup for pairs. For skating in "fours" Earl Grey offered the Earl Grey Challenge Trophy.

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As instructor, in an effort to make a bid for the coveted vice-regal trophies, the Toronto Skating Club has engaged O. B. Haycock of Ottawa, former figure skating champion of Canada. The assistant instructor is Ferdinand Chaille, former instructor of the Minto Skating Club, Ottawa. Special attention is being given to children for it is among the rising generation that champions must be sought. The club devotes its activities exclusively to figure skating in the international style, and beginners are always taught to grind away on the "school figures," which are the sound basis of success.

Great initiative was exhibited in erecting the Toronto Skating Club. A site was bought next to a large ice cream freezing plant, and the members were soon made whereby part of the ice cream freezing plant, instead of lying idle, was put to use. The club would pump its brine over to the club, a distance of about 150 feet. The rink's skating surface is 150 feet by 75 feet or 12,000 square feet. By securing the aid from the adjoining plant, it saved the heavy expense of installing freezing machinery. There are around 1,300 members in the Toronto Skating Club, and of these about 700 are active figure skaters.

HUGHES DECLINES OFFER
TO BECOME N.H.L. REFEREE

Montreal, Dec. 22.—W. P. Hughes, well-known hockey player and coach, has declined an offer to become a referee in the National Hockey League. Hughes, who has been playing for the Montreal Canadiens, was approached by the league officials to become a referee in the league. Hughes, who has been playing for the Montreal Canadiens, was approached by the league officials to become a referee in the league. Hughes, who has been playing for the Montreal Canadiens, was approached by the league officials to become a referee in the league.

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season

JOHN ROSS ROACH
Ex-Gr. Goal-keeper
who became the Best
in Pro Ranks in One
Season

RUNNERS

JEFFERSON PARK RESULTS.
First race, all ages, 5 1/2 furlongs—Zoono, 10 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, 1 to 1, won; Billy Connor, 8 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Reform, even, third. Time, 1:09 1/5.

JEFFERSON PARK RESULTS.
First race, claiming, 3 years, 6 furlongs—Rock 113, Evelyn Sawyer 110, Hillhouse 105, XAI Stebler 100, Xleste 111, Sea Tag 108, Bedazzle 103, Xleste 98.
Second race, claiming, 3 years and up, 6 furlongs—Orcus 121, XTrantula 110, Little Romper 108, Stamp 105, Cornstalk 105, XMay Roberts 100, Meuse 110, XArchie Alexander 107, Firecracker 113, Care Free 110, Kirk Levinston 108, Ragazza 108, Banker Brown 105, XTringling 103, XDelhi 103, Bill Blackwell 111, XJacovina 103, XWhalebone 114.
Third race, allowances, 3 years and up, mile—St. Donard 110, Wireless 110, Tan Son 110, Anzema 104, Last Effort 101, Tody 110, Financial Roster 110, Tulane 107, Hermis Kemble 104.
Fourth race, handicap, all ages, 6 furlongs—A-Best Pal 120, William A. 115, Saddle and Boots 109, War Zone 105, A-Bov From Home 97, My Reverie 109, Auntie May 105, Falcon 103.
Fifth race, 3 years and up, mile and 70 yards—Wood Trap 113, Slippery Elm 109, XUncle Vello 104, XMock Orange 101, Doughnut 97, Billy Barton 112, XRocky Mountain 107, Crave of Dawn 103, XAtta Boy 118, Tulane 94.
Sixth race, claiming, 3 years and up, mile and three-sixteenths—XHonolulu Boy 113, Escarpment 109, XMay Bodine 106, XOn High 105, XPhelan 105, XWylie 100, XFrank 103, Paul Miro 106, Mountain Rose 110, Cur Birthday 112, XFrank W. 108, XBerthier 105, XReverie 103, XLord Herbert 109, XTeleva 100, XGrass Tree 101, Hickory 99, Saratock 114.
Weather clear; track fast.
XApprentice allowance claimed.

HAVANA RESULTS.
First race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—Perkins, \$8.40, \$5.40, \$2.70, won; Ruth Werle, \$13.50, \$4.60, second; Hurry, \$2.80, third. Time, 1:18 3/5.
Second race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—Que Creek, \$7.50, \$4.50, out; Discussion, \$4.60, out, second; Cydonia, out, third. Time, 1:18 3/5.
Third race, 2 years and up, claiming, 5 furlongs—Clow, \$7.40, \$4.30, 1; Putt Bail, \$3.90, \$3.50, 2; Legacy, \$4.20, 3. Time, 1:19 1/5.
Fourth race, 2 years, 5 1/2 furlongs—Blue Hawk, \$6.60, \$4.30, 1; Lorena Marcella, \$3.30, \$2.20, 2; Margaret Ware, \$4.80, 3. Time, 1:11.
Fifth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—Wakana, \$4.00, out; second; Prunes, out, third. Time, 1:18.
Sixth race, one mile—Grandson, \$16.70, \$5.70, won; Jap Mumi, \$3.50, \$3.40, second; Buckingham, \$4.80, third. Time, 1:48 4/5.

TIA JUAN RESULTS.
First race, mile and 70 yards—W. G. McIntosh, \$12.60, \$2.80, \$1.60, won; General Ben, \$6.30, \$3.40, \$2.00, second; Alton, \$11.60, third. Time, 1:47 3/5.
Second race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 5 furlongs—Clow, \$7.40, \$4.30, 1; Putt Bail, \$3.90, \$3.50, 2; Legacy, \$4.20, 3. Time, 1:19 1/5.
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NEXT WEEK SEES
O. H. A. JUMP OFFAll Three Series Will Start On
Way During Week.

The O. H. A. season will be in full swing next week, games being scheduled in all three series. Argonauts and Varsity start the seniors off on Wednesday next, while the first games in the Toronto Junior group will be played on Thursday, when Argonauts meet Toronto C. C. Club. St. Mary's runners-up to Aura Lee for the junior title last season, swing into action on Friday, Dec. 29. Games scheduled, Dec. 22 to Jan. 1, inclusive, follow:

O. H. A. GAMES.
Tuesday, Dec. 26.
Intermediate Series.
Galt at Stratford.
Kitchener at Preston.
Wednesday, Dec. 27.
Senior Series.
Argonauts at Varsity.
Intermediate Series.
Gloucester at Watford.
Albion at Stratford.
Junior Series.
Niagara Falls at Hamilton.
Thursday, Dec. 28.
Intermediate Series.
Shelburne at Port Hope.
Hamilton Beavers at Beamsville.
Grimby at Burlington.
Junior Series.
Grimby at Oakville.
Argonauts at Toronto C. C. Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 29.
Intermediate Series.
Colborne at Port Hope.
Downsview at Oakville.
St. Catharines at Port Colborne.
Hagersville at Watford.
Cavara at Jarvis.
Brantford at Paris.
Preston at Galt.
Stratford at Kitchener.

Milverton at Listowel.
Junior Series.
Parkdale at St. Mary's, Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 30.
Senior Series.
Granites at Argonauts, Arena, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 1.
Senior Series.
Parkdale at Kitchener.
Intermediate Series.
Cornwall at Brockville.
Junior Series.
Oshawa at Bowmanville (afternoon).
Colborne at Port Hope (night game).
St. Mary's at Argonauts, 8 p.m.
Parkdale at Toronto C. C., 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HEAD
FINES ST. PATSToronto Club Must Pay For
Late Arrival at Ottawa
Game.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—President Frank Calder of the National Hockey League announced today that he had decided to fine the St. Patricks club of Toronto for their late arrival at Ottawa on the occasion of the game against the Senators on Wednesday evening, when a crowd of 10,000 was waiting for the three-quarters of an hour. He has notified the Toronto club to this effect. "I warned St. Patricks about taking the noon train to the Capital," President Calder stated, "and as they took no notice of the warning, the only thing to be done is impose a stiff fine." The N. H. L. head would not give out the size of the fine, but he said he would "go the limit."

MALONE-BOUCHARD
DEAL COMPLETEDLeo Dandurand Announces
Exchange of Tiger and Canadian
Hockey Players.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Leo Dandurand of the Canadian Hockey Club announced today that the Malone-Bouchard deal, which had been hanging fire for some time, now has been closed. He received word from Percy Thompson this morning that the Hamilton Canadians was satisfied with a straight trade, by which Malone would go to Montreal and Bouchard would be handed over to Hamilton in exchange. Malone had stated previously that if the deal was not completed today he would not play hockey at all this season. But now everything is fixed up to the satisfaction of all concerned, and the ex-Quebecer will be on the line-up of the local professionals to-morrow night against Ottawa.

HOCKEY RESULTS

O. H. A. JUNIOR.
St. Mary's, Hamilton, 6, Oakville 1.
Tigers, Hamilton, 6, Grimby 5.
EXHIBITION GAMES.
Preston Juniors 6, Kitchener Union, Jacks 15.
Kitchener Intermediates 6, Aura Lee, Seagulls 1.
Burlington Intermediates 3, Milton Intermediates 2.

DIES AT AGE OF 105.
Brookville, Ont., Dec. 22.—Patrick Smith, the oldest resident of the township of Front, of Escott, is dead there at the great age of 105 years. He was a native of Ireland.

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DUFFERIN PK. CARD
OPENS ICE RACINGThree Races Carded At Toronto
to With Old Rivals
Entered.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—A fast track, heavily coated with ice, awaits the opening of the winter racing campaign at Dufferin Park tomorrow afternoon, when the Toronto Driving Club offers an attractive card of three races, the 2:20 pace, with eleven named; the 2:14 pace, eight starters; and the 2:30 trot, with a nomination of five. The recent cold snap furnished a gift surface for the final trials which occurred earlier in the week, and afforded the public a fairly accurate idea of the form of the starters tomorrow as shown by the works that follow.

Workouts on Tuesday were indicative that the bay mare, Daisy Onward, by her mile in 2:14 1/2, has the edge on the starters in the 2:20 pace. This mare, with Jack Mullin up, won a good race at Dufferin two weeks ago, and can stay the route. Daisy probably has more speed than any other horse in the field, but she has been off for some time, and was pulled up in a steeple chase and her effort in 2:14 1/2 rather substantiates this fear. Lady Audrey, a young mare, is a very consistent performer, also won two weeks ago, and should pace a turf track in 2:20. Moko Battle was out on Wednesday, but in both his miles he pulled a shoe and was pulled up. He goes free-legged and has miles below on the turf footing to his credit. Daisy, Ed, is a steady mare, and should land in the money, in fact, might prove the ice as follows: Victor Abdul, 2:24 1/2; Della H., 2:24 1/2; and Hal Patchen, in 2:24.

Della Unko has regained much of the form she displayed in the fall when she was up to a mile in 2:12. Her effort in 2:19 1/2 on Tuesday indicates that. Bothwell owned mare is one of the best in the 2:14 pace. Victor Abdul, a free-legged, Dan Patchen rather disappointed the railbirds as he only worked an easy mile in 2:30, but he finished the final half in 1:00 1/2. Roy Victor will be 2:24 1/2, was raced well within himself. Jim Todd, Jr., and Jack Powers might land in the money.

Only five are named in the 2:30 trot, and Vann Todd is expected to race prominently despite the fact that 2:31 was his best mile during the week. Ella R. Knight worked in 2:28 1/2, and while erratic, has the necessary brush to overcome this handicap. Al Mayburn has shown nothing to indicate winning form, and Tena Bell, by her mile in 2:35 evidently is not ready, although a fast trotter. Distinct may be the long shot. Unknown locally, he has not been extended since his arrival on Sunday, but at the Exhibition in September finished second one heat to Victor Holden in 2:19 1/4.

HUBERT PRUETT.
Is size necessary to achieve greatness as major league pitcher?
The American League last season boasted such physical pitching giants as Walter Johnson, Elam Van Gilder, Carl May, Walter Hoyt, Warren Collins, also many other six-footers.
On the staff of the St. Louis Browns last year was a dinky looking kid named Hubert Pruett.
Pruett, in a most convincing manner, refutes the argument that to be great you must be a big, husky athlete. The story is thus: Hubert Pruett, in the nation-wide fame by striking out Babe Ruth in 10 of the first 13 times the latter swung against him, is a tall, lanky, thin, and stocky, in the fadeaway southpaw slants.
Owing to an injury to his precious left hand in mid-season, Pruett was unable to join the list of pitching regulars, having worked in only 120 innings, and four complete games. However, officially he participated in 39 contests for Lee Fohl's St. Louis Browns.
His earned run average of only 2.32 is crowded by Urban Faber's record of 2.81, Faber's being high for the regulars. Pruett's strikeout total is 70 in 120 innings, which is an average of .58 per run per game and strikeouts in 120 of the Browns, who breezed more than any pitcher in the league last summer, setting 149 in 348 innings, which is an average of .43 per inning.
Pruett had a .500 pitching percentage, with seven victories and seven defeats, and gained three victories against the Yankees.

WITH THE PUCK CHASERS
Toronto, Dec. 22.—Verny Forbes vs. "claiming" 1. Back with the rest of St. Patricks and Huns as added attractions, seems to be the sole topic of hockey conversation in the streets today, says the Star. They are the two smallest goaltenders in the game, but the best, and the public will have a good chance to compare them in tomorrow night's pro game at the arm.

With Forbes in goal and a couple of husky, hard-checking defence men like Corbett and Reise, the boys who wager that many goals will be scored had better be careful.
In Ottawa Wednesday. When asked the reason this morning he stated that he was saving them up for Verry Forbes tomorrow.