

Public School Lacrosse League Is Now Practically Assured

Large and Representative Meeting in Alexandra School Last Evening Discusses Question—
Joe Lally and Frank Doyle Among the Speakers.

The preliminary step toward the formation of a public school lacrosse league in this city was taken up last evening when a large and enthusiastic gathering made up of principals from many local schools and others interested in the matter heard several prominent lacrosse men and local officials discuss the question in the Alexandra School last night. Among those present were Joe Lally, the Cornwall lacrosse stick manufacturer and one of the game's greatest boosters in Canada; and Frank Doyle, secretary of the O. A. L. A. of Toronto. Both gentlemen delivered addresses outlining the formation of such a league and telling of the present lacrosse revival which is sweeping from coast to coast.

The Speakers.
The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. M. Hunt, school trustee, and those who delivered addresses were Messrs. Gregory, R. Althouse, Garrett, Snelgrove, Gibbs, Kirkwood, W. B. Wyatt, G. Cope, and Mr. Bryant, Inspector Edwards, Assistant Dick Galpin, Principal Beal, Trustees Rowe and Hunt, E. H. Johnston, A. A. Alexander, M. Collins and Messrs. Lally and Doyle.

Mr. Lally offered to supply each team with sticks at cost price. This means that the stick used in the Public School League can be secured for 50 cents each, whereas a couple of years ago they cost over two dollars. He stated that one of the things that tended to kill lacrosse was the high cost of the sticks, but now that the sticks were put down to the price of hockey sticks, baseball bats and other sport equipment, there should be an almost instant revival of Canada's great national pastime.

Medals for Winners.
Mr. Doyle spoke along the same lines. He showed samples of the medals to be donated to the winning club in the league and gave out many interesting statements concerning the game. The other speakers spoke strongly in favor of a local league and offered their strongest support.

Mike Collins Will Coach Team.
The London Lacrosse Club will be re-organized again this season and it will also do all in its power to boost the school league. Mr. Mike Collins, who managed the local lacrosse club last season, was appointed coach of the public school team. Eight schools were represented at last night's meeting and they all signified their intention of entering. It is likely a couple of groups will be organized, as it is believed enough teams will be secured to have two strong groups.

OTTAWA'S WIN GIVES TORONTOS THE TITLE

Senators Beat Canadiens in a
Strenuous Game by 6 to 5.

GREAT JOY IN OTTAWA

Darragh and Ronan who Were Re-
ported To Be Laying Down, Are
the Stars of the Game.

Ottawa, Feb. 26. — After the most sensational game of the local season the Ottawa Senators vanquished the Canadiens by 6 to 5 at the arena tonight, and this dropped them out of the race for the Stanley cup, handing the championship which goes with the Stanley cup to the Toronto. It was not until the teams had played 15 seconds' overtime that the plucky Canadiens relinquished their claim to the championship. The teams, after the score had been tied four times, were on equal terms at 5 to 5 when the bell rang for the conclusion of the regular hour of play. They at once changed ends, and the fans sat back for a grueling grail, but Jack Darragh, the Ottawa "pinch hitter," who has repeatedly distinguished himself on such occasions, grabbed the puck from the face-off, swerved through the entire Canadian team, dodged out in front of the net and scored the deciding goal, while the big crowd went frantic.

The Honesty of the N. H. A.
The outcome certainly demonstrated the honesty of the National Hockey Association, as the Ottawas could have dropped tonight's game and thus created a tie between the Senators and Canadiens. They worked desperately to beat out the Canadiens, however, and Darragh's winning goal was the result of the camp of the Senators. The Ottawa players were riled over the story from Montreal that Darragh and Ronan had been lying down. The latter two were the heroes of the big game. The ice was lightning fast and nearly 7,000 persons were in attendance, sympathy being divided evenly.

The Line-up:
Canadiens: Goal..... Lesueur
Javviolet..... Point..... Gerard
Dubeau..... Cover..... Shore
Smith..... Centre..... Ronan
Berlanguet..... Wing..... Darragh
Scott..... Wing..... Darragh

MATHEWSON SAYS HE IS A FREE AGENT NOW

Giants Sent Him a Contract, But Made
No Other Effort to Sign Him—Is
Considering Feds' Offer.

Los Angeles, Feb. 25. — Before signing a contract with the Gladiators of the proposition of the National Football League, Mathewson said today that he would talk the matter over with John McGraw, the manager of the Giants, or some representative of his.

Mathewson was planning to leave today for the Giants' spring training camp at Marlin Springs, Texas, where he expected to meet McGraw or some other official of the club.

"Some people have the report that I have already signed my contract with New York," said Mathewson today. "I have not and I am considering the offer of the Federal League. I shall decide on neither proposition until I see McGraw or someone else in authority."

Mathewson said that beyond making him a contract, as required by National League laws, the Giants so far had not communicated with him nor had any of the league officials. He is therefore a "free agent," and at liberty to bargain with the Federal League.

SAME OLD STORY—WILLIE HOPPE BEATS SUTTON

Chicago, Feb. 25. — Willie Hoppe tonight defeated George Sutton in the last 500 block of their 1,500-point 18.2 ball line billiard tournament, 500 to 150, making the total score 1,500 to 731. Hoppe's grand average was 55 15-27, against Sutton's 28 8-26.

Hoppe's average tonight was 50, his opponent averaging 17 7-9.

The ball was still in Hoppe's play last night when he reached 1,000 points after a run of 88. He took up the play tonight with a run of 119, crediting him with a 205-point run.

ST. THOMAS STUDENTS TOOK BOTH GAMES

Local C. I. Girls Beaten by a
Score of 2 to 1.

BOYS WERE BEATEN ALSO

Led at Half Time by 3 to 1, But Lost
Out in Second Period by 7 to 5
Score.

The St. Thomas Collegiate Institute carried off both games in the double bill at the Princess rink last evening with the London Collegiate. The St. Thomas girls' hockey team defeated the local C. I. girls by the score of 2 to 1 and the boys handed out a 7 to 5 beating to the local Tri-County leaguers in the other struggle. Both games were highly interesting and were witnessed by a good crowd.

The Feature Contest.
The girls' game was probably the feature event of the night. The female of the species can certainly dish up a pretty fair imitation of the national winter pastime when they get going, and although it is not so deadly as that of the male, it is just as exciting. The local girls were outweighed by the visiting maidens, but what they lacked in size and weight they made up in aggressiveness. They played a much better game than their opponents and only hard luck in shooting and a little overanxiousness prevented them from winning.

Tied at Half Time.
The half time score was 1 to 1. Miss Brown notching the first goal of the game for St. Thomas. Miss Ward put the teams on even terms with a neat shot from the side a minute later, however. In the second half Miss Cameron, daughter of the famous St. Thomas curler, scored the winning goal on a neat rush and shot. The London girls tried hard to score and had several opportunities, but could not locate the nets. Miss Baker, Miss Cameron and Miss Huntley played splendidly for the winners, while the others were also good.

For the London girls, Miss Ward, Miss Woolley and Miss McBride were fine, while Miss Hooper, Miss Thorne, Miss Ralph and Miss McKone were almost equally as prominent. Miss Graney, of the St. Thomas team, is a sister to the famous "Glad" of the Cleveland ball team. Eddie McKay refereed. The teams were: St. Thomas. Position. London.
Miss Huntley.....Goal.....Miss McKone
Miss Brown.....Right defence.....Miss Thorne
Miss Graney.....Left defence.....Miss Hooper
Miss Cameron.....Forward.....Miss Ralph
Miss Baker.....Centre.....Miss Woolley
Miss Clarke.....Right wing.....Miss McBride
Miss Porter.....Left wing.....Miss Ward

The second game was one of those surprising-ending affairs. Apparently outplayed in every department and on the small end of a 5 to 1 score, the Saints took a brace in the last minutes of play in the final period and ran in six goals in quick succession, completely swamping the local students and walking off with the contest. Previous to that last ten minutes the game was all London.

In the initial period the L. C. I. boys ran in three goals to the visitors' one and started off in the second half by securing two more in the first fifteen minutes. After that they seemed to fade completely and what the Saints did after that is too painful for words. Starting with a lucky

goal, the gents from the Railwayville high school ran in another and another with bewildering rapidity. Mr. Bell, the L. C. I. net-minder, who had been playing well up to that moment, apparently taking a relapse. Nothing was too easy to get by him, and although he tried to keep busy he couldn't prevent the score piling up. When the Saints tied up the locals apparently lost heart and they were never in the running after that.

The Stars.
For the winners, Kilty, Jones and Carrie were the stars, while Nelles, McCrimmon and Marsh worked hard for the locals. The former will develop into a splendid hockey player when he learns to keep after the puck all the time. If he lost the puck on a rush or was checked he thereby losing any advantage he had gained. When he overcomes this habit he will be about as good as there is in London in the hockey line.

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Horton.....Left Wing.....Marsh
Stacey.....Right Wing.....McCrimmon
Referee—E. McKay.

FIVE TEAMS IN CHATHAM BASKETBALL LEAGUE
[Special to The Advertiser.]
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March 3 and will close a month later. This is the first time that a league of this nature has been formed for the promotion of basketball and enthusiasts look forward to a successful series of games.

Jimmy Duffy, the good lightweight fighter of Lockport, N. Y., who is to box Freddie Welsh, the English champion, an eight-round bout before the National A. C. of St. Louis, on February 26, is to receive a guarantee of \$1,000, with the privilege of accepting 25 per cent of the receipts.

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