

Mr. Watling States Views

St. John 9; St. Stephen 3

Sussex Lost at Fredericton

THISTLES LOSE FIRST HERE

St. Stephen Team, Lighter Than Locals, Defeated 9-3, in Game which Got Lively in Second Half.

About 500 people in the Queen's Rink last night saw the St. Johns defeat the Thistles of St. Stephen by a score of nine to three.

It was the first defeat for the Thistles this season. They are a much lighter team than the St. Johns, and seemed somewhat shy of the heavy home defence, and were kept on the defensive during the greater part of the first half.

In the second half the visitors had more confidence and put up a much better game. Parks and Lockyer were the fastest of the visitors, who are all speedy skaters, while Gilbert and Clawson, for St. Johns, were seen in some good combination work.

The following was the line-up: St. Johns. Thistles. Goal. St. Johns. Murray. Goal. Pierce. Point. Tulley. Cover Point. McAvity. Rover. Gilbert. Centre. Clawson. Left Wing. Mooney. Right Wing. Parker.

For the first six minutes of the game the play was all in the visitors territory, and the puck did not once get past the centre of the ice towards the home goal. After eight minutes play Clawson shot the first goal for St. John. In eleven minutes Tulley made a long hit from near centre and shot the second goal. Just three minutes later Tulley rushed the puck from centre and placed the rubber in the net for No. 3. It was only thirty seconds later when Clawson passed to Gilbert and the fourth goal was secured for St. John.

It was after 28 minutes playing when Parks shot the first goal for the border city men. Just a half minute later McAvity passed to Gilbert who shot goal No. five for St. John, and only a half minute later Parker took the puck from centre and shot the sixth goal.

In the second half the visitors bucked up and played stronger, and in one minute Green shot the second goal for St. Stephen. In nine minutes Parker shot the seventh for St. John, and in fifteen minutes Clawson shot St. John's eighth goal. In 23 minutes Parks got the third and last goal for the Thistles, and in 25 minutes Mooney shot the ninth and last goal for the home team.

Penalties. Lockyer got three minutes for tripping in the first half. Lindsay was given eight minutes for knee ducking Tulley, and there was a dispute, the visitors refusing to continue the game if their man was penalized. St. John's allowed him to play and the game proceeded.

In the second half Mooney got five minutes for a wrong check, and Tulley spent the last ten minutes of the game in the box for slashing. R. Skinner was referee.

Stoop, England's Greatest Halfback



ENGLAND'S BEST HALFBACK, A. D. STOOP (ON RIGHT).

Judging from the attire of these English Rugby players, the game is played in mild weather and is by no means as rough as our football, else bare legs and unpadded apparel would not be so conspicuous.

A. D. Stoop, whose trousers are muddled, is called the most dangerous offensive halfback in all England, and the reviver of the open game now so popular and of which the American intercollegiate, with its passing, is a fair sample. Stoop has played in nine international contests, and to be picked for such a game is the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon a player in the snug little isle.

Rugby results on Saturday were: Harlequins 12; United Services 11. London Scottish 3; London Irish 3. Cardiff 8; London Welsh 4. Army 16; Cambridge Univ. 9. Devonport 31; Exeter 4. Leicester 3; Richmond 0. Blackheath 12; Oxford Univ. 11. Rosslyn Park 3; O. M. Taylors 10.

Rugby International. Ireland 16; Scotland 10. Played at Inverleith, in blustery weather, before 20,000 spectators. Association games resulted as follows: F. A. Cup, Third Round. Bradford City 1; Grimsby 0. Derby County 5; Everton 0. Newcastle U. 3; Hull City 2. Burnley 5; Coventry 0. West Ham U. 2; Manchester U. 1. Swindon Town 3; Darlington 0. Blackburn R. 3; Middlesbrough 1. Chelsea 2; Wolverhampton W. 0. The League, First Division. Aston Villa 4; Tottenham Hotsp. 0. Woolwich Arsenal 3; Notts F. 2. Sheffield United 0; Sheffield W. 1. Bury 2; Bristol 1.

Sunderland 4; Manchester U. 0. Preston North End 1; Oldham A. 1. The League, Second Division. Leeds 3; Fulham 1. Barnsley 2; Birmingham 3. Gainsboro 1; Bradford 2. Leicester 2; Huddersfield 1. Clapton 2; Blackpool 1.

Southern League. Exeter City 2; New Brompton 2. Brighton & Hove 3; Millwall A. 2. Northampton 0; Queen's Park R. 0. Bristol Rovers 1; Southern U. 0. Luton 3; Norwich City 1. Crystal Palace 2; Southampton 2. Brentford 1; Plymouth Argyle 2. Leyton 3; Watford 2.

Scottish League. Falkirk 4; Third Lanark 3. Morton 3; Hearts 2. Queen's Park 1; Kilmarnock 1. St. Mirren 2; Patrick Thistles 1. Raith 1; Airdrieonians 1. Hibernians 2; Motherwell 1. Scottish Cup, Third Round. Dundee 2; Glasgow Rangers 1. Celtic 1; Clyde 0. Aberdeen 6; Forfar 0.

Scottish Cup, Re-play. Hamilton Academy 3; Johnstone 1.

HOCKEY IN ENGLAND. Once more the Oxford-Canadians have successfully defended their title to the hockey championship of England, and retained possession of the handsome Challenge Cup, by defeating Prince's (of London) on their own ice.

ST. STEPHEN FRIDAY. The St. Stephen curlers are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow to play against the local clubs.

SECRETARY OF LEAGUE WRITES

E. W. Watling Presents Views on Hockey Tangle — Complains that St. John Has Not Paid.

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 27th, 1941. To the Sporting Editor of The Standard.

Dear Sir:—In my mind there seems to be something wrong with the way the teams in the N. B. H. L. are wrangling, and I understand it is all on account of the protested game between St. John and Fredericton, played Feb. 6th. Now, if A. W. Covey, representative of the M. P. A. A. in St. John, or L. B. McMillan, secretary for the M. P. A. A., would kindly let the public know through whom it was that the telegram was sent that Titus was playing, everything would be cleared up and the league would run smoothly again.

I wrote L. B. McMillan about Titus and the answer I received was, "Titus had been playing without a registration card, but had obtained one last week, and is now qualified to play." Will the M. P. A. A. or the manager of the St. John hockey team kindly tell us why it was that Titus' eligibility to play was questioned on this occasion and not in the games played before when the St. John team played against men who had not been registered by the M. P. A. A. There seems to be something wrong here, which should be cleared up.

I received the protest from Secretary Clark of the Fredericton Hockey Club, and as secretary of the N. B. H. L. it was my duty to send the protest to the St. John team and call a meeting of the executive, which I did and not being able to attend myself, I telephoned to Stanley K. Smith and asked him to take my place, telling him that under the circumstances I thought St. John should play the game over again and to use my views in that way.

To my mind St. John is the best team of the five, and I think they can beat Fredericton with Titus in the lineup. But why are they frightened to play Fredericton, when it would not cost them a cent, and if they want to be the undisputed champions of the province, one would think that if there was any real sport in them, they would be only too glad to get such an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to grim the Fredericton team, even with Titus in the net.

There is one other little point. One of the papers had something in it the other evening about St. John being likely to be thrown out of the league if they refused to play the protested game. Well, I might say right here that St. John is not in the league yet, for they have not paid their fee of three dollars, and they have forfeited all rights to membership until such fee is paid. Marysville is in the same boat, and these teams should pay up and look pleasant before they do any kicking. They have been written to and asked for the fee, but have not flushed up with the little necessary. St. John wrote and said that the fee would be handed to me when we played in St. John on January 6th, but I did not receive the fee while there.

As secretary of the league I would have asked for it, but when we arrived in the city three of our players were suspended by A. W. Covey, who had no more authority to suspend them than I had, and this knocked all other thought out of my head and consequently I forgot. But surely the secretary has not to beg these clubs for their fees. They should pay up when they know it is necessary to be considered in the league.

Now hoping that everything will be settled satisfactorily to all teams interested, I am, E. WALLACE WATLING, Secretary N. B. H. L.

CON O'KELLY VERY EASY FOR JIM BARRY

Syracuse, N. Y., Mar. 1.—Jim Barry of Chicago, won over Con O'Kelly, of Syracuse here last night. Barry toyed with his taller and heavier opponent and apparently could have knocked him out at any time, but he wanted to give the spectators a run for their money by letting Con stay the limit.

For six rounds neither of the men cared to extend themselves, much to the disgust of the crowd. The boxes were hissed and booed and many left the arena in disgust before the exhibition was over. In the latter part of the sixth round Barry let loose and showed just how good a fighter he is.

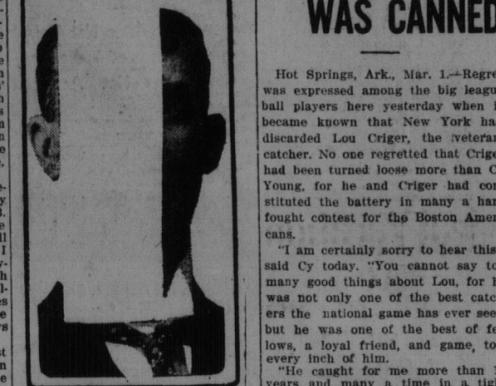
After the sixth round Barry could have put O'Kelly out at any time. O'Kelly had the advantage of height and reach, but Barry was far more clever and right there with a harder punch. O'Kelly was no match for him and Barry didn't fight.

Provisional School of Artillery. The provisional school of artillery was opened last night at the drill shed, with Sgt. Houghton of Quebec as instructor. The classes which are intended for men wishing to qualify for non-commissioned officers, will be held every evening except Saturday and Sunday for about six weeks. Owing to the fact that Sgt. Houghton's visit had not been very well advertised there were not many present last evening. All those wishing to take advantage of the instruction should attend tonight.

Y. M. C. A. AND T. M'AVITYS ROLL HIGH TO WIN GAMES

Table showing scores for Y.M.C.A. and T. M'AVITYS in various leagues. Includes columns for City League, Y.M.C.A., and Commercial League with player names and scores.

WHO IS HE? SORRY TO HEAR THAT CRIGER WAS CANNED



Hot Springs, Ark., Mar. 1.—Regret was expressed among the big league ball players here yesterday when it became known that New York had discarded Lou Criger, the veteran catcher. No one regretted that Criger had been turned loose more than Cy Young, for he and Criger had constituted the battery in many a hard fought contest for the Boston Americans.

"I am certainly sorry to hear this," said Cy today. "You cannot say too many good things about Lou, for he was not only one of the best catchers the national game has ever seen, but he was one of the best of fellows, a loyal friend, and game, too, every inch of him."

"He caught for me more than 14 years and many a time in a tight place I'd brace when I heard Lou's cheering voice. A great many persons will think that Lou is all in; this is a great mistake. He is still good for a number of years active work, and would make a mighty good man for some first class club in need of an experienced catcher."

MCADAM ALSO BEATEN BY HARTLAND V.

Hartland, Feb. 23.—The McAdam basketball team met the second defeat of their tour when they were downed by the Hartland team in a fast game here, on Friday night last. The game was fast throughout, and at half time the score was 7-12 in favor of McAdam.

JOCKEY CLUBS NOT OPPOSED TO \$200 TAX

Toronto, Mar. 1.—W. H. Fraser, secretary of the Ontario Jockey Club, in an interview today, stated that the Whitney government's proposed tax of \$200 per day for every day a race meet is held in Ontario, would not affect the regularly organized racing association in Ontario.

NO MORE BASKETBALL.

The basketball games that were to have been played last night in the City league were called off, owing to the fact that the Y.M.C.A. team have won the league and the other teams did not care to continue the games.

FREDERICTON TRIMS SUSSEX

Home Team Won at Capital With Narrow Margin-Losers Make Hurricane Finish-Generous Penalties Awarded.

Fredericton, Mar. 1.—The Fredericton hockey club nosed out ahead of the Sussex team in the regularly scheduled N. B. H. L. fixture here, tonight although the visitors made a fine bid for the game in the final minutes of the last half, the score at the finish being 5 to 3.

At times the game was fast, but generally it was not marked by very much brilliant hockey. Referee Sandy Staples handled the game well and distributed penalties with generosity when the players mixed it up too much.

The teams lined up as follows: Sussex Goal. Fredericton Goal. Titus. Point. Fenwick. Cover Point. Stalker. Eveleigh. Walker. Rover. Leclair. McLean. Centre. Courtenay. Galloway. Right Wing. Mace. Rowan. Left Wing. White. Duncan.

Referee—Sandy Staples. Timers—J. C. Dolan, Fredericton, and W. E. McLeod, Sussex. Penalty Timers—W. Collins, Marysville. Goal Judges—T. Rutter, Fredericton, and Gordon McKay, Sussex.

Summary—1st half, 1, Fredericton, Duncan, 30secs.; 2, Sussex, White, 14 mins. 30 secs.; 3, Fredericton, Galloway, 3 mins.; 4, Fredericton, Duncan, 5 mins.; 5, Fredericton, Rowan, 30 secs.

2nd half—6, Fredericton, McLean, 4 mins. 30 secs.; 7, Sussex, Leclair, 5 mins. 30 secs.; 8, Sussex, Leclair, 7 mins. 30 secs.

Penalties—1st half, Fredericton, Duncan, Sterling 2, Rowan 3, Sussex, Eveleigh 5. 2nd half—Fredericton, Sterling 7; McLean 3, Galloway 3, Walker 1, Rowan 1, Sussex, Fenwick 3, Eveleigh 7. Total—Fredericton, 22 mins.; Sussex, 9 mins.

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Citizens' Meeting Temple of Honor Hall, North End, FRIDAY, March 3rd, at 8 p.m. In the Interests of the Commission Plan of City Government. Speakers: W. H. THORNE, T. H. ESTABROOKS, MILES E. AGAR and D. F. PIDGEON. Opportunity given to ask and answer questions.

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