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EAST AND WEST WAGING A KEEN STRUGGLE FOR THE ALLAN CUP

East Leads Now With 14 Victories Against 11; Final This Year in Toronto.

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Toronto, Ont.—With amateur hockey teams up and down the country engaged in league finals and district tussles in a grand march toward the all-Canadian senior title, and the Allan Cup, a word or two regarding the famous silverware is perfectly seasonal. One lively night during the first week in April, the 1934 resting place of the trophy, will be known when the referee's final whistle writes finis to the Dominion's amateur hockey campaign in which contenders of 11 territorial divisions of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association will have engaged in strenuous and spectacular battles.

When Sir Montagu Allan, of Montreal, presented his cup back in 1908 to replace the Stanley Cup, which had been usurped by the big-time teams of Eastern Canada, which had turned professional, he set hockey machinery in motion which has become increasingly comprehensive in the 26 years of trophy play so far. During this time, the Allan Cup has passed from hand to hand with considerable regularity; has travelled as far west as Regina and as far east as Moncton, where the Hawks are the current defenders. It has been held in 11 different cities of the Dominion and both large and small hockey centres figure in the list, all of which indicate that nobody has been able to effect definite control over the destiny of the silverware.

For 14 of the 25 past years in Allan Cup history, the trophy honors have been held in Eastern Canada, while the West has won out in the finals on 11 different occasions. One year ago the end of the cup trail was at Vancouver, where the Moncton Hawks triumphed over the Saskatoon Quakers in a two-game win by the scores of 3-0 and 2-0. This year the cup finals are being played in Toronto, but there will be no Toronto team in there. Four or five teams are conceded to have a prime chance for the "mug," including Moncton Hawks, Hamilton Tigers, Prince Albert Mintos, McGill of Montreal, Ottawa New Edinburghs and the Brockville Magedomas, with Winnipeg, Port William and the B.C. champions as dark horses.

Toronto and Winnipeg Lead
Toronto and Winnipeg are on even terms for the number of times the Allan Cup has been captured by a local club, each city having seven cup championships to its credit. To Port Arthur goes the honor of having taken the trophy on three different years. Various other cities have had the silverware for the brief spell of one year, these being Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston, Kitchener, Hamilton, Sault Ste. Marie, Moncton and Regina. This is truly a comprehensive honor roll and indicative of the widespread activity in Canada's national winter sport.

The Allan Cup changed holders quickly in the first few years of its existence when the challenge system was more or less in vogue instead of the present play-down arrangement under C.A.H.A. auspices. Sir Montagu first presented the prize to the Victorias of Montreal, but it quickly passed to the Cliffside of Ottawa by virtue of their 1909 league championship win in the Eastern Can-



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ada Hockey Association, long since defunct. The Cliffside held it momentarily because they were soon taken into camp by the Queen's University team of Kingston and then held off the Sherbrooke challengers. In 1911 the cup went west for the first time when the Winnipeg Victorias were awarded the trophy after considerable argument because the O.H.A. declined to provide cup defenders in the middle of the season. For two years more, Winnipeg teams continued to defend it, only to lose the cup to Regina in 1914. It was not until 1917 that the Allan Cup was shipped back to the east as a result of the win of the Toronto Dentals over Winnipeg after which Kitchener and the Hamilton Tigers stepped into the picture in successive years. Once more in 1920 Winnipeg took back the trophy by defeating the University of Toronto, the 'Peg Falcons later representing Canada at the Olympiad in Europe. This see-saw contention has continued to the present day.

The eleven groups of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association which figure in Allan Cup playdowns are: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Western Canada Intercollegiate, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Ottawa district, Quebec, the Maritimes and the Canadian Intercollegiate. Last year the provincial or group winners across the Dominion included Moncton, McGill, Montreal Royals, Ottawa Rideaus, Niagara Falls, Fort William, Selkirk, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Trail.

The Allan Cup trustees are three in number and comprise Claude C. Robinson, of Winnipeg; Frank C. Greenleaf, of Montreal, and E. A. Gilroy, of Portage la Prairie, the latter two being the president and vice-president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

ENGLISH RUGGER TEAM IS TO TOUR UNITED STATES

London, Eng.—For the first time in history, an official English university rugby football team is to visit the United States. The full Cambridge University fifteen, according to statements here, will arrive in New York at about Eastertide.

Rugby is the nearest approach to American football played in England. The game is several hundred years old, and is expected to prove attractive to American football fans.

High Speed Made By Toboggans On Slide In Montreal

One Hundred Miles an Hour Attained Under Favorable Conditions.

A speed of 75 and even 100 miles an hour may be attained under favorable conditions on the slide down the face of Mount Royal operated by the Park Tobogganing Club in Montreal. This is the most famous toboggan slide in Canada. It was opened 50 years ago, and has been used every winter since that time except during the war years. The slide is three-quarters of a mile long. The clubhouse is at the top of the incline.

Toboggan chutes are formed by hand, out of snow dipped in water and packed to a depth of a foot or so. Each channel is separated from its neighbor by a snow barrier 20 inches high.

Tobogganing is by no means a universal winter sport in Canada, and in many centres skiing has replaced it in popular favor.

New Hockey Stick Given A Trial In National League

Inventor Joins Three Pieces of Lumber To Make Strong Stick.

Montreal.—Ernie Evernden, the hockey stick maker, has invented a new type of hockey stick. Patented several weeks ago in Canada and the United States, the new stick now is being tested by members of the Montreal Maroons.

The new stick, if it measures up to Evernden's expectations, is likely to revolutionize the industry for it eliminates the necessity of "bending" and of "blanks." A blank is the rough timber, bent to the general outline of a hockey stick, from which the finished product is made.

The ordinary hockey stick is a one-piece affair, whereas Evernden's invention makes it a three-piece stick, blade and shaft being separate and joined by a special two-way wooden wedge. The new method saves timber in that it does not require the excessive width and depth necessary in the ordinary blank. And one feature in particular is the added strength of the new stick at the juncture of handle and blade. There is virtually no "give" at the angle.

Evernden says he has shown his invention to hockey players past and present and that their opinions have been highly favorable.

No screws, nails or pins are used in the construction of the new stick, the joining being done with glue of a specially strong and durable type.

SHAMROCK V. SOLD

London, Eng.—Shamrock V., the beautiful green-hulled yacht with which the late Sir Thomas Lipton made his last unsuccessful bid to capture the America's Cup, has been bought by C. R. Fairey, rear-commander of the Royal London Yacht Club.

For the last two seasons Shamrock V. has carried the racing colors of T. O. M. Sopwith, who is challenging for the America's Cup this year with his new sloop, "Endeavour."

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



ALTHOUGH "OLD MAN WINTER" SEEMS to have been given a new lease of life the lovers of various summer sports do not seem despondent. The writer in his daily rounds has come across many who are talking golf; he has even caught one or the other quietly practising stance for their drive, putt, etc. They are "all het up" waiting for the snow to disappear and the links to dry up and make play possible. Others are arguing about softball and the new rules which are to be enforced this year. They predict that the new pitching rule will force some of the stars to change their style or their delivery will be thrown out as illegal. The quiet players are beginning to perk up and are talking over prospective plans for the coming season. Tennis players are also starting to talk shop. The big professional series between Tilden, Vines, Cochet and others has been keeping interest in this sport alive and many seem eager to hurry the season along so they can get back on the courts. Baseball players are all set waiting for warm weather to give them a chance to start practising. Many of the teams have already picked out uniforms and the individual players are beginning to think that now is a good time to notify their managers that they will need new gloves etc. From this it will be seen that despite a severe winter and an abundance of snow still on the ground thoughts are turning to the good old days when King Sol will be back on the job shedding heat as well as light.

INTEREST IN BOWLING IS BECOMING MORE INTENSIFIED as the season advances and the play-offs for the championship of the various leagues loom up in the not distant future. The majority of the leagues have started their last series and at the completion arrangements will be made for the various winners to meet in elimination contests. Bowling has been slipping a little hereabouts and this to some extent may be attributed to lack of publicity. It is estimated that there are upwards of one thousand local men and women who actively participate in this pastime and problems confront both the proprietors of alleys and the papers. In the case of the former they realize that the members of their leagues are anxious for their scores to be published and unless the papers will co-operate and do this gratuitously they are not in a position to satisfy this want as they could not afford to pay for space necessary. On the other hand the papers find that the set-up of bowling scores are difficult and costly and the daily space requirement would be from two to three columns. The interested members should get together and face the problem, for the scores attract thousands of readers who have friends and relatives on the various teams. Perhaps one way to overcome the difficulty would be to arrange a new set-up which would entail less expense and hardship on the papers and would satisfy the bowlers. The situation has been allowed to drift too long and no time should be lost in at least making a serious effort to have the matter adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. This is particularly true now that the most important games of the season are pending.

PRIMO CARNERA, THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT BOXING champion, recently paid a visit to the Atlanta federal penitentiary. While passing through the grounds he caught sight of Al Capone, the notorious gangster, and waved his hands to him. Capone is said to have been greatly excited and rushed from window to window to watch the giant Italian. Carnera grinned at the prisoners and many of them smiled back, but there was no cheering as was the case when Jack Dempsey visited the institution when he was champion. The fact is that even the prisoners realize that Carnera is champion because of his huge bulk and not because he is a great exponent of boxing.

WELL THE BALLYHOO HAS ALREADY BEEN STARTED FOR the mooted world's heavyweight championship fight to be staged in New York some time in June. First comes a report that Jack Dempsey will promote a match between Baer and Steve Hamas, then another follows that Carnera will meet Baer, and now the manager of the present champion says he is ready to sign for Baer, Hamas, Neusel or King Levinsky. Baer is reported to have said that he will have no difficulty knocking out Carnera because of his wide open style, while on the other hand Jimmy Johnson, who is handling the champion, calls Baer the "California clown" and says he is willing to bet his year's salary that his charge will defeat Baer without any trouble. It all leads up to one thing—a championship bout that will attract many cash customers. In other words, "the soup is in the making" and there will be a lot of talk, all kinds of arguments and many counter attractions suggested before the pot is brought to a boil. It is almost a certainty that Carnera and Baer will eventually be signed, with Jack Dempsey acting as joint promoter with the officials of Madison Square Garden.

DAILY REPORTS ARE NOW COMING THROUGH FROM THE sunny south telling of the doings in the various major league camps. Training has advanced to a point where exhibition games are already being played. The majority of the holdouts have signed up and the regulars and rookies are daily working to get in the best condition possible before the official opening of the season. Manager Bucky Harris of the Red Sox is out with a prediction that his club will win the American League pennant. He contends that he bases this prediction on what his players told him during many heart-to-heart conferences. Bill Cissell, his new shortstop, is making a great hit at the camp.—The St. Louis Browns now under the management of Rogers Hornsby are now down to regular workout at West Palm Beach.—The Yankees are at St. Petersburg and have practically all of their regulars lined up.—The Philadelphia Athletics at Fort Myers are going through their paces.—Don Brennan, who led the Cincinnati Reds in an effort to strengthen their pitching staff.