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Winter Olympics Come To A Close In German Hills

Full Ceremonial Conducted With Chancellor Hitler In Attendance.

The Olympic Winter Games of 1936 are over. The competitors have received their trophies and departed for their homes. The Olympic flag has been furlled until the next phase of the games. The closing was spectacular, with Chancellor Hitler and other high German officials in attendance when the elaborate ceremonies were carried out to the minutest detail.

Night was falling on February 16, as a crowd of nearly 100,000 settled down in the stands and along the hillsides at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, to watch the victors and flag-bearers of 28 nations in their many colored uniforms, march once again into the stadium as the teams had done eleven days before at the opening of the winter games.

Opposite the stands above the 350-foot take-off tower of the big ski jump the Olympic flag flew from its pole. High on another hill to the left the Olympic flame still burned in its cresset.

A hush fell over the multitude as the first trio of victors stepped forward to receive their medals. Two of them were Germans. The crowd, mostly German, stood at attention with hands raised while the band played German airs.

National anthem after national anthem was played as one trio after another came to the stand in the flare of the floodlights and stood at attention with hands raised in the Olympic salute, and went back to the ranks with their medals.

Finally, fifty-one Olympic medalists had been duly honored in the required fashion. The labor service guard placed around the stadium lighted its torches, forming a horseshoe of light.

The time had come to close the games and say farewell. An Olympic remembrance ribbon was attached to each national flag by the chairman of the German organization committee. The brief speech of closing was delivered. Floodlights were thrown into the Olympic flag. Slowly it was lowered, seized and spread to its full extent by a corps of skiers, who turned and sped down the steep incline of the hill into the stadium bearing the flag to a brilliant spot of light in the darkness. There it was given to the Olympic official responsible for its care until it is raised again this summer.

Moved by this reminder of the passing character of all festivities and all responsibilities, the crowd again had been hushed. All heads were turned toward the cresset

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Series On History of Former Pugilistic Champions Ended

Readers Should Now Be Conversant With Details of Those Great Battles of Yore—Abbreviated Record of World Heavyweight Tilts.

By RAY HANSEN

THE series of articles on champions and leading exponents in the heavyweight division from the days of the great John L. Sullivan, Jem Smith and Slavin, who engaged in bare knuckle contests, down through the early years of the Queensberry realm when Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jackson, Sharkey, Jeffries, Ruhlman, Madden, Maher and others fought their memorable battles, is now ended. Details of the championship tilts and lives of those great fighters were secured from pugilistic archives and dates and data were reprinted in order that our readers might be conversant with the history of the gladiators of old. The object in reviving those great battles of yore, and delving so exhaustively through sport annals to get authentic details, was to give fans of today actual knowledge of ring history. Many heard references to former great champions and bouts, but had not the slightest idea what it was all about. Those who have followed the series are now in possession of all the knowledge obtainable, and if they have preserved the articles they will have an accurate record to refer to.

The following is an abbreviated history of records and dates from 1891 until 1921:

1891, January 14—Bob Fitzsimmons defeated Jack Dempsey for the middleweight championship of the world, 13 rounds, at New Orleans, La.

1891, May 21—James J. Corbett and Peter Jackson fought their memorable draw, 61 rounds, at San Francisco, Cal.

1892, September 7—James J. Corbett beat John L. Sullivan, champion of America, 21 rounds, at New Orleans, La.

1894, January 25 — James J. Corbett beat Charles Mitchell of

England, 3 rounds, at Jacksonville, Fla.

1896, February 21—Robert Fitzsimmons beat Peter Maher in one round; time, one minute and 35 seconds, in Mexico.

1897, March 17—Bob Fitzsimmons won the undisputed title from James J. Corbett, 14 rounds, at Carson City, Nev.

1899, June 9—James J. Jeffries won the title from Bob Fitzsimmons at Coney Island, N.Y., 11 rounds.

1899, November 3—James J. Jeffries defeated Tom Sharkey, 25 rounds decision, at Coney Island, New York.

1902, July 25—James J. Jeffries knocked out Robert Fitzsimmons, 8 rounds, at San Francisco, Cal.

1903, August 14—James J. Jeffries knocked out James J. Corbett, 10 rounds, at San Francisco, Cal.

1904, August 26—James J. Jeffries knocked out Jack Munro, 2 rounds at San Francisco, Cal.

1905—James J. Jeffries retired.

1905, July 3 — Marvin Hart knocked out Jack Root, 12 rounds, at Reno, Nev. James J. Jeffries refereed and presented the winner with his title to defend against all comers.

1905, December 20 — Jack O'Brien knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons, 13 rounds, at San Francisco, Cal.

1906, February 23 — Tommy Burns defeated Marvin Hart, 20 rounds (decision), at Los Angeles, Cal.

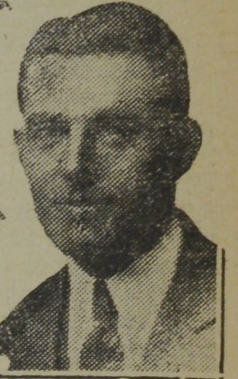
1907, May 7—Tommy Burns defeated Jack O'Brien, 20 rounds, at Los Angeles, Cal.

1907, July 4—Tommy Burns

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SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



THE GREAT OLYMPIC MEET IN GERMANY has been attracting the attention of sport lovers all over the world. Naturally those residing in countries that go in for winter sports are now having their innings and have been keenly interested in the outcome. As was expected, Ivar Ballangrud, Norway's speed skating ace, carried off premier honors and has been acclaimed "king of the blades." His record-breaking achievements mark him as one of the greatest skaters of all time. Canada as a whole, and Saint John in particular, would have been happy if their lone representative, Tommy White of this city, had succeeded in winning a few points. There is no doubt he tried hard, but handicaps were apparently overwhelming. There is a big difference in the style of skating at the Olympics and that in vogue in this country. Here skaters become accustomed to small rinks with round or oval shaped courses. Lapping is a great asset, but the development of powerful strokes by straight-away skating is not given the same consideration as in years gone by. In Norway and Sweden practically every individual skates and they develop powerful strokes by covering long distances. Their skates are slightly longer than in general use here and this helps develop a longer stroke. Reports that Tommy White experienced difficulty on the turns would indicate that he was wearing a longer skate than he was accustomed to, otherwise it would be hard to understand a Saint John skater having difficulty in this regard. It seems regrettable that the experience of Charlie Gorman, former world's champion, and Willie Logan, former captain of the Canadian Olympic team, could not have been utilized to help White. On Lily Lake or some other place a rink the same size as used at the Olympics could have been made and he might have received some valuable pointers. However, he has acquired a lot of valuable experience. Whether or not Canada will continue to participate in Olympic meets is a question. If they do then it is up to the Government to provide sufficient funds to enable representatives to train properly and under the best coaching available. Either this country should strain a point to make the best showing possible or stay out of the meet. The unpleasantness occasioned during the Canadian hockey match with Germany and the controversy over the eligibility of Foster and Archer on the English team has made poor reading for Canadians. If, instead of fostering better relationships between nations, it occasions ill will then the sooner Canada drops out of the Olympics the better. The fostering of British Empire Games would do away with any danger of stirring up strife and would be as welcome to our athletes as Olympic competition. There is no denying the Canadian hockey team's defeat by the English squad gave fans in this country a severe jolt and occasioned surprise the world over. The loss of this game and the type of competition passed out by Germany and other European nations is significant. Hockey is becoming a world-wide sport and coaches, who learned their lore in Canada, are in great demand. They are passing on their knowledge and as a result the day may not be far distant when any team claiming a world's championship will first have to eliminate crack teams from European centres. England is going in for the game in a big way and Germany is not far behind. The latter squad have been drilled by Val Hoffinger, who was formerly a member of the Saskatoon Shieks. Vic Lindquist, who was with Winnipeg, winners of the 1932 Olympics, has been coaching the Swedes. Former Canadian players are the mainstays on the English teams. As a result winning the hockey championship in future Olympic meets may prove no sinecure.

SAINT JOHN FANS WERE BOTH INTERESTED AND MUCH pleased to learn that Gerald Farren will attend the Canadian Olympic boxing trials, scheduled to be staged in Hamilton, Ont., this spring. The Martello Athletic Club are sponsoring the movement to send this clever Saint John boy to the trials. Their action is highly commendable and deserving of support from every lover of sport in the city. The clever West Saint John boy has natural ability, considerable ring craft picked up from his numerous bouts, and is very aggressive. If he is in good physical condition it will take a mighty clever and hard-hitting opponent to outscore him. Those in charge of him should exercise great care in his training. Habit of body and the degree of natural energy possessed by him should have all to do with the training formula. He is of spare build and active and might have to be restrained for fear he may overwork himself. If all goes well and he makes the trip he can rest assured that scores of friends and admirers, not only in Saint John but throughout the Maritime Provinces, will unite in wishing him the best of luck and will be pulling for him to come through and make the Canadian contingent.

THE HOCKEY PLAYDOWNS ARE WITH US AGAIN AND THE fans who witnessed recent clashes between the Beavers and Yorks must agree that the tilts are all that could be desired. One of the chief features is that we have our own boys in there giving their best for their home town, and the way they have developed in one season's competition is very gratifying. It simply goes to prove that we have an abundance of talent right in this section of Canada and there will be no occasion in the future to go seeking players from Upper or Western Canada. It is also quite apparent that if they continue to improve their styles and keep studying the game Saint John will have a real contender for the Allan Cup. Just now we are pulling for the Beavers to come through and win Maritime honors. Already the Beavers and Yorks have played to overtime games in what were supposed to have been the finals for the league title, but each contest ended in a tie. Two more games are to be played in an effort to decide the championship of this district. As soon as this title is decided, the winners advance in playdowns.

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