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Local Stars Will Compete Friday In City Skating Meet

Proceeds To Send Tommy White To Olympic Games.

Tommy White, of Saint John, will go to the Olympic games if the people of this city give sufficient support to the indoor skating meet to be held in the Forum on Friday evening of this week, when the city championships will be decided.

The entries so far received indicate an evening of the keenest competition and all the best skaters in Saint John and vicinity will be on the ice.

Tommy White was among the skaters selected to represent Canada at the Olympics but the skating body decided that there was no money available to send skaters. However, in Ontario, private money was obtained to send Hurd and now Saint John sports followers have decided that Tommy White should go and they are trying to raise sufficient funds.

If White gets away he should make a good showing in the Olympics, especially in the distant events. He may be handicapped by the European manner of conducting races where each skater competes against time. However, his visit to Germany will be followed with interest and the people of Saint John will be watching for reports from the Olympics.

Canada's Hockey Representatives Are Not So "Hot"

They Have Their Ups and Downs; The Halifax Incident.

The hockey team that is to represent Canada at the Olympic Games is having a tough time. It is losing games to some extent although it has several victories to its credit. The dropping of the Halifax players does not seem to have been of much benefit.

The dropping of the Halifax men created more interest in Ontario than it did in Halifax. While people in the Maritimes considered it another of the raw deals that are handed out to these Atlantic Provinces the Ontario papers set up a howl about the stand of the Maritimes and tried for all they were worth to enter into a controversy with some one in this section of the country. They dropped the Maritime players from the Dominion's team, surely that was enough without them trying to get into a fight over it. The Maritimes can expect little from the big shots in Ontario, whether it is in sport or commercially. Perhaps in these enlightened days of amateurism there is little need of separating commerce from sport.

PREPARE FOR OLYMPIC GAMES



The charming young lady on the left is SONJA HENIE, of Norway, who holds the world's figure skating championship, and the young man on the right is JACK DUNN, English champion. These two marvellous skaters are preparing for the Winter Olympic Games at Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany, in February, 1936.

How J. L. Sullivan Became The Champion of America

Vanquished Paddy Ryan in Sensational Bout Which Lasted Only 11 Minutes—Both Men Fought Like Demons.

By RAY HANSEN

WHEN John L. Sullivan was fighting his way up the ladder to fame he was leaving no stone unturned in an endeavor to get Paddy Ryan to agree to a bout. After his sensational defeat of John Flood talk of a fight between the Boston strong boy and the recognized champion of America was revived. While arrangements were still hanging fire he met and defeated Fred Crossly in Philadelphia in one round and then went to Chicago where he defeated Captain James Dalton in one round and Jack Burns, the Michigan giant, in four rounds. The sports in Chicago were astounded at Sullivan's speed and power and it was generally admitted that he was a worthy opponent for Ryan or anyone else.

Billy Madden, who was looking after Sullivan, finally arranged the important bout between his charge and Ryan. He posted \$2,500 and articles of agreement were drawn up and signed early in October, 1881. It was agreed that the fight was to be for the heavyweight championship of America and was to be staged on February 7, 1882, within 100 miles of New Orleans, La. Sullivan started training at Bay St. Louis, Miss., and then moved on to Carrollton, New Orleans.

On the day of the fight there

was a great gathering of sports at Mississippi City. The bout was staged on the lawn of Barnes Hotel and every point of vantage was jammed by eager fans. Sullivan was the first to enter the ring and 20 minutes later Ryan appeared. The latter won the toss and selected a corner which would permit him to sit with his back to the sun. The fight was delayed as the Sullivanites wanted Alec. Brewster as referee and Ryan's party insisted on Jack Hardy. It was finally decided to allow both to act and the fight was on.

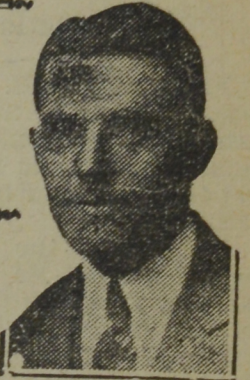
They went at each other with a rush, but little damage was done until Sullivan caught Ryan on the neck with his right and he fell on his back and he had to be assisted to his corner. In the second round Sullivan was overanxious. He scored with both hands to the head and was given a hard right on the jaw in return. They then clinched and fought like demons, holding with their lefts and banking away with their rights. Ryan was first to desist. He seized Sullivan and after a struggle threw him and fell on top of him.

In the third round Ryan was eager and Sullivan seemed excited. Ryan was the first to lead, but he received a counter on the face which stretched him on the grass and the round ended. In the fourth Paddy tried for the head with his left, but Sullivan ducked clear. Sullivan was timing his blows beautifully and scored twice with his right to Ryan's jaw. The latter gave way before the onslaught of his opponent and although he fought gamely he finally went down with blood pouring from nose and mouth.

Ryan showed great gameness in

SPOTS of Sport

By RAY HANSEN



FROM A STANDPOINT OF SPORT THE Dominion seems to be slipping badly. Practically on the eve of the departure of the Canadian Olympic squad it was officially announced that the quartette of speed skaters, who had been selected to represent the land of the Maple Leaf were being dropped from the team as there was not sufficient finances available to take care of them. This is certainly mighty poor advertising for a country as big and, reputedly, as well off as Canada. Surely in four long years ways and means could have been provided to raise a sufficient sum to handle the small contingent of athletes selected to represent this country. On top of this comes word that Alec. Hurd had secured private backing and would carry the Canadian colors in the speed skating events. If Canada is seeking publicity through the medium of sport surely the Government could take care of the expenses of a handful of athletes, who have given the best years of their lives training either for track and field sports, skating, hockey or other events. When it comes to a tabulation of honors they are credited to the country not to the individual. Hurd's case is a striking example of indifference to sport. For years he has trained faithfully, denying himself many luxuries, keeping fixed hours for one purpose, to make the Canadian Olympic team and at the last minute finds it up to himself or some friends to procure the necessary funds to take him to Germany. How anyone can expect boys in the future to work year after year in an effort to excel in some line of sport with a promise of being attached to a Canadian contingent is hard to realize. In other countries the Governments take an interest in their athletes and see that ways and means are provided to take care of them at big international meets. Sport is highly essential in the development and training of youth and when it is taken into consideration the work of the athletes, the expense incurred by parents and clubs, surely the Government would hardly consider it extravagance or unwarranted to pass along a sufficient sum to meet expenses incurred by their Olympic representatives.

IT WOULD APPEAR AS IF JACK DEMPSEY WHO IS SEEKING a new "white hope" in New York and Tommy Burns on the same quest in Vancouver were wasting their time. These former heavyweight champions of the world might do well to attend hockey matches for there seems to be an abundance of pugilistic talent following this sport. A recent despatch from Baltimore tells of a great free-for-all staged on the ice, after the conclusion of the second period, in a game between the Orioles and Pittsburg Yellow Jackets. No less a personage than Monte Muckle started the trouble. He and Mel Harwood, the Baltimore goalie, started in exchanging fistic bouquets and in a few minutes every player on both clubs was going to it hammer-and-tongs. The ice was strewn with hockey sticks, pucks, knee pads and towels before order was restored. Both Dempsey and Burns might have discovered a real "white hope" in that crowd. A few nights ago another great battle royal was staged in Harrison, Ontario, during a game between Durham, O. H. A. intermediate "B" team and the home club. No less than 34 penalties were handed out, and at one stage of the game only a centre man and goalie represented both teams. There were two free-for-all fights between members of the teams and fans. Teeth were strewn over the ice, faces were cut, eyes blacked and an odd dislocation reported when peace was eventually restored. While it is wrong to encourage fighting during games the fact remains that owners and managers of clubs do nothing to put a stop to it for they realize that no matter what some may think and say games interspersed with fisticuffs seem to have an especial appeal to fans in general.

IT CERTAINLY APPEARS AS IF THE CANADIAN AMATEUR hockey officials are getting into deep water. The latest move on the part of President Gilroy in dismissing the four ex-Wolverines will need a lot of explaining. Just prior to his drastic move he was quoted as saying that the augmented Bearcats were powerful in every position. He is also quoted as saying that he considered the team much stronger than the Winnipeggs, Allan Cup and Olympic representatives in 1932. In the face of these statements it seems inconsistent to almost immediately afterwards release the four ex-Wolverines. The players are placing full responsibility for this act on President Gilroy, contradicting his statement that they had demanded money for the maintenance of their families during their absence at the 1936 Olympic Games. A threat on the part of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to cancel their proposed exhibition game in Halifax if the four expelled players were allowed to participate against the Bearcats would certainly call for an explanation. The sooner the truth is out and the entire situation cleaned up the better for all concerned.

the fifth walking straight up to his opponent at the call of time. Sullivan let go his left, but missed and then shot his right which landed on the side of Paddy's head. Ryan came right back with a right to the head and they then stood close and exchanged half arm blows. They were swaying when Sullivan crossbuttocked Ryan and sent him down.

In the sixth both let go their lefts and missed and then simultaneously their rights shot out and both landed. Sullivan packed a terrific lot of power in that

blow and Ryan dropped to his knees. Sullivan made as if to hit him, but caught himself just in time to avoid a foul. Ryan instead of going to his corner leaped to his feet and started fighting. He clipped Sullivan on the chin with a hard right and the Boston strong boy was apparently dazed and hurt, but he kept right on swinging and one of these blows brought Ryan down when it landed on the side of his head. Ryan seemed defiant at the start of the seventh, but his

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