

News of Sport.

NEPTUNES WIN FIRST GAME IN PROVINCIAL LEAGUE.

Defeated the Mohawks at the Queen's Rink Last Night—Sussex Beaten at Fredericton—Opening of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island Leagues.

HOCKEY.

The First Blood.

There was a good attendance at the Queen's Rink last night, when the old rivals, the Mohawks and Neptunes played the first hockey game of the season. The result, 2 to 1 in favor of the Neptunes was quite a surprise to a good many of the spectators as the majority of those present had picked the Mohawks to win.

The game was not characterized by any brilliant team work, in fact the combination play of both teams was very ragged. There was some good individual work on both sides.

The goal keepers had rather an easy time of it, although at times they were called on to stop some pretty hot ones.

The games last night showed that neither team had put in enough practice, or their combination work would have been better. However, it was the first game, and will tend to show the boys just where their weak points are. The Mohawks had considerably the better of the first half, but the Neptunes pulled together in the second half and were much more aggressive than their opponents. The points of both teams did not show up very well, both being rather slow.

The coverpoints however played good games. Ken Inches of the Mohawks showed up well and was in the game every minute, Gordon Brown of the Neptunes also played strong hockey. In the forwards it is hard to say which team did the better work, the Mohawks seemed to force their opponents most of the time, but were away off when it came to shooting. The Neptunes seemed to be the better shots, and rained some hot ones at goalkeeper Tufts who however managed to stop the most of them.

The Line Up.

The teams lined up as follows—

Mohawks.	Neptunes.
Tufts. Goal.	Carlisle Point.
Robertson. Cover Point.	Coombs Cover Point.
Inches. Centre.	Brown (capt.) Centre.
Rising (capt.) Rover.	McNeil Rover.
O'Neill Right Wing.	Townsend Right Wing.
Murray Left Wing.	Blizard Left Wing.
Mooney.	Howard

At 8.10, Referee Harry Dunn blew his whistle, and the game began. Rising and McNeill faced off, and after some rushes up and down the ice the puck was secured by O'Neill who put in a good hot one but Carlisle was there and stopped it. Mooney was playing well, but did not get the support he should have had, he made several rushes and very nearly scored but was too far to one side when he shot.

Falls were frequent, and there was considerable rough play at times. Murray's nose came in contact with a stick, and he was forced to retire for a few minutes, which delayed the game.

When play recommenced Blizard and Townsend carried puck into Mohawks territory and shot, but Tufts was equal to the occasion. Mooney secured the rubber disc and made a good dash up the ice but was stopped, and Townsend tried to carry it back to the Mohawks but was checked by Inches. Mooney and Rising secured the puck and carried it up but missed a nice chance for goal. In facing off after an offside, Blizard had his eye hurt with a stick, but did not lay off.

The First Goal.

The puck was lifted back and forth for a few minutes, and finally Inches secured it and lifted a nice one into the Neptunes goal from his position, about two-thirds up the rink, after 14 minutes play. The Neptunes here started in very aggressively and considerable slashing and tripping was indulged in. Townsend was nicely blocked by Inches and Mooney and O'Neill made a number of tries for goal, which Carlisle stopped. O'Neill broke a shoe lace and time was called while he went in for repairs.

When play was resumed Murray and Townsend got into a mix up and the puck was lost in the benches at the upper end of the rink. In the face of the puck was close to Neptune goal, McNeill picked it out and made a good rush down the rink and shot for goal but Tufts stopped. A number of offside plays were made and a moment later the whistles of the timers called the players off for half time.

Neptunes Win Out.

On resuming, the puck was kept in the Mohawks territory for a while, until Inches, Rising and O'Neill got in a little combination and carried it to the opposite end. Several shots were made for goal but result-

ed in failure. Howard secured the rubber and made a couple of good shots which were stopped by Tufts. About this time Townsend secured the puck and rushed down, placing it in the net. Tufts in endeavoring to stop it fell. The Neptunes supporters let loose and pandemonium reigned, when a moment later, McNeill poked in another, making the score 2 to 1 in favor of Neptunes.

The Mohawks started in to mix it up and Inches did effective work, but O'Neill did not seem to play his position, and Rising had his hands full with two men to cover. Mooney got the puck and carried it down and passed to Rising who shot, but Carlisle blocked. Rising got a bad cut over the ear about two minutes before time was up, which necessitated another delay. Play was resumed but the Neptunes managed to keep their opponents from scoring and the game ended in favor of the Neptunes, score 2 to 1.

The Timers were F. J. Campbell, for Neptunes; R. W. Sipprell, for Mohawks.

Y. M. C. A. and Ramblers.

The intermediates lined up as follows—

Y. M. C. A.	Goal.	Ramblers.
Brown.	Point.	Sears Point.
Inches.	Cover Point.	Desbrisay Cover Point.
E. Clawson.	Right Wing.	Rathburn Right Wing.
Gilmour.	Rover.	Terry Rover.
H. Clawson (Capt.).	Centre.	Kenny Centre.
Heans.	Left Wing.	Abbott Left Wing.
Phillips and Belyea.		Spence

The game started off considerably in Ramblers' favor, and after five minutes' play Spence shot the first goal. During the rest of the half no other goal was scored though H. Clawson made good rushes for the Y. M. C. A. E. Clawson and Inches also showed up well for this side, while Desbrisay did good work for the Ramblers.

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In the second-half Belyea replaced Phillips, who broke his skate. Y. M. C. A. played a good individual game, but the Ramblers excelled in combination. Within two minutes of time H. Clawson made a fine rush from end to end tied the score for Y. M. C. A. As the game ended in a tie, it was agreed to play five minutes overtime. Clawson again repeated the trick, and Y. M. C. A. won out, 2 to 1.

Pucklets.

"Oh what a surprise!" Townsend and McNeill were conspicuous by their tripping. McNeill was worried frequently.

Tufts received a bad clip on the hand with a stick. Rising received a bad cut in the ear; three stitches were necessary to close up the wound. It is not likely that he can play in Fredericton against the Trojans.

O'Neill made some good rushes, but he loses his head. He should cover his man better, and not try to play the whole game himself.

Murray played hard, but was a little mite slow at times. He'll do better next time, no doubt.

Mooney played a whirlwind game. He's a good "un."

Harry Dunn, the veteran player of the old "Victorias" refereed to the satisfaction of all. He's a good man for the position.

The restaurant in the rink was well patronized last night. It should become a very popular addition.

Fred Coombs seemed to be a mark last night. He was given some nice little bumps. Fred says he is getting too old, and hasn't time to practice. It's too bad, he used to be a good one.

After the defeat of the Sussex team by the Trojans, at Fredericton, last night, the Fredericton Gleaner's sporting editor is about due to shed his coat and announce that Fredericton can lick the world. Keep your ear to the ground for hot stuff from the capital.

The Trojans Won.

In Fredericton, last night, the Trojans were victorious over the Sussex team by a score of 3 to 1. Much interest has been manifested in this game owing to the controversy that has been kept up in regard to Sussex not being included in N. B. H. L. From the score it would appear that the game was a pretty close one. The line-up was as follows—

Trojans.	Goal.	Sussex.
Finnamore.	Point.	McLeod Point.
Babbitt.	Cover.	Chapman Cover.
F. Staples.	Rover.	Lucas Rover.
McManamin.	Centre.	Doyle Centre.
Coleman.	Right.	Coggan Right.
Rowan.	Left.	Freeze Left.
Dennison.		Bradley

Dennison is one of the last year's Matysville team.

The game on the whole was a good one, but the referee might have been more particular on offside play. Two halves of twenty-five minutes each were played. In the first, Coggan of Sussex made a good run down past

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left wing and shot from in front of the goal. Staples was sent off for two minutes for tripping. The Trojans during this half had many chances to score, but failed owing to poor shooting.

At the beginning of the second half Sussex was full of confidence, but in a few minutes Rowan of the Trojans shot. The puck hit point's skate, and then went into the net. Seven minutes later Rowan shot another goal, and this was quickly followed by a third by McManamin. This was after a brilliant piece of combination work, which, however, failed.

Nova Scotia Games.

The first hockey match of the league series was played at New Glasgow last night, between the Crescents of Halifax, and the New Glasgow team. The game which was very exciting ended by a score of 5 to 4 in favor of the Crescents.

In the league game at Truro last night, between Amherst and Truro. The Amherst team won by a score of 7 to 4. The play was rough, with Amherst on the aggressive most of the time.

The P. E. I. League.

At Charlottetown last night the first match in the senior hockey league was played between the Victorias and Abergweits. The Victorias won by a score of 3 to 0.

Klondykers Coming.

The Dawson city hockey team will play here about the last of the month. Manager Spencer has made arrangements to that effect.

It is Mr. Spencer's intention to tour the aggregation through New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The tour will start on Jan. 23 and games have been arranged with St. John, Halifax, Sydney, Glace Bay, Amherst and Westville. At the latter place a combination representing all Pictou county will be pitted against the men from the Klondyke, Halifax and Sydney will probably have two games each.

Considerable interest has been drawn to this team. The fact that they have walked 400 miles from Dawson City in order to get in good condition is evident that they are out to win, and it would not be much of a surprise if they should secure the Stanley cup, and with it the championship of the world. The Capitals of Ottawa are the present holders of the cup. The games for the Stanley cup will take place Jan. 13th, 16th, and 18th, and almost immediately after these games the Dawson team will leave for the maritime provinces, where the opening game of the tour will be played in St. John.

This team has booked engagements for games in the leading Canadian cities, and in American cities as far west as Illinois. St. John is the only New Brunswick town which will witness these games, and in order that the best all St. John combination may meet the visitors a committee composed of three old-time hockey players will have the selection of the team, and their choice will be governed by the showing the local men make in practice and in regular games.

Paste This in Your Pocket.

Hockey—Paste this in your hat following is a complete schedule of the local games in the season's play.

Fri., Jan. 13th	Int. Neptunes vs. Y. M. C. A's; Int. Ramblers vs. St. James.
Wed., Jan. 18th	Int. St. James vs. Neptunes.
Fri., Jan. 20th	Sen. Mohawks vs. Sackville; Sen. Neptunes vs. Moncton.
Wed., Jan. 25th	Int. Ramblers vs. Neptunes.
Fri., Jan. 27th	Sen. Neptunes vs. Fredericton.
Wed., Feb. 1st	Int. Ramblers vs. Mohawks; Int. Neptunes vs. St. James.
Fri., Feb. 10th	Int. Ramblers vs. Neptunes; Int. St. James vs. Y. M. C. A's.
Wed., Feb. 15th	Int. Neptunes vs. Y. M. C. A's.
Fri., Feb. 17th	Sen. Mohawks vs. Moncton; Sen. Neptunes vs. Sackville.
Fri., Feb. 24th	Sen. Mohawks vs. Fredericton; Int. Ramblers vs. St. James.

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BASEBALL.
Not So Brilliant.
Charles E. Dillingham, the theatrical manager, who is an athlete himself, says that base ball has gone back in the past 10 years. In speaking of a game witnessed last fall between two national league teams, he said: "It was the first game I had seen in about 10 years, and I must say that I am disagreeably surprised in the manner in which the game is played now.

"Not only do the men seem to play more mechanically than they did 10 years ago, but their mechanical playing is not as effective and brilliant as was that of the old stars. In the fine points of the game there seems to me to be no comparison whatever. There was not an extraordinary play made during the entire game. The men acted like so many automatons—like a bunch of chorus girls who are taught to go through the same motions at every performance. There was not a trick turned during the whole game—not a thing accomplished that was outside the line of straight base ball."

Mr. Dillingham's opinion was repeated to Empire Zimmer, who has been connected with fast company as catcher, manager and umpire for upward of 20 years. "Mr. Dillingham is right," said Zimmer. "The game is not as fast nor as brilliant now as it was 10 years ago. This is due principally to the fact that the war between the National and the American leagues brought a large number of half rip players into the business."

"These handicap the brilliant veterans by not being able to play their game, and incidentally make the entire sport look as though it had deteriorated. Some day we will have the old brilliant thinking game back again, but the evolution is coming in a decidedly hesitating way."

An International League.
Detroit, Mich., Jan. 7.—A move-
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