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Ralph Rose, One of World's Greatest Athletic

Dead Californian Made Great Record as Collegiate and Olympic Competitor--All Round World's Champion Weight-thrower--Some of His Remarkable Exploits

The "perfect man" is dead.

When Ralph Rose, the young California giant, died yesterday in San Francisco after a brief illness of typhoid fever the athletic world lost the greatest of all shot-putters, for Rose held about every record with the light, medium and heavy shots that he went after.

He broke world's records apparently with the most ridiculous ease and only his retirement from active training prevented him from placing the figures forever beyond the reach of the modern athlete. Indeed, it is doubtful if his put of 51 feet for the 16-lb. shot will not long stand as a record to perpetuate the memory of the herculean Californian.

Ralph Rose proved himself to be of value to the athletic teams that represented the United States in the Olympic meetings of the past. Nine years ago he won his first Olympic championship at St. Louis, when he created a new record of 48 feet 7 inches for the 16-lb. shot-put, and in London and in Stockholm he was a tower of strength to his team-mates.

Rose was great outside his specialties too, for although little was ever heard of him except as a shot-putter, he was more than an average sprinter and he was capable also of broad jumping more than 20 feet.

HAS HISTORY.

Born on his father's ranch, near Healdsburg, California, twenty-nine years ago, Ralph Rose grew to be a massive boy and even when he attended Healdsburg High School he took to high jumping rather than the shot-put and he won the interscholastic championship of his state with a leap of 5 feet, 10½ inches.

Later he took up shot-putting and in his first venture he established a record of 5 feet, 8 2-5 inches with the 12-lb. shot, which was within three feet of the long-standing record of George R. Gray of the New York A. C. He had also put the "16" 45 feet 6½ inches, only a foot and a half behind Gray's world's record.

He was only eighteen then and his father, Judge Rose, decided to keep him at the farm a while longer. He practised with the shot and hammer continuously, however, and at nineteen entered the University of Michigan. Great things were prophesied for this young Hercules from California. He stood 6 feet 6 inches and weighed approximately 250 pounds. At his first conference meet he won three events, shot, discus and hammer.

IN THE EAST.

It was in New York, December 31, 1903, that Easterners had their first view of the wonderful young Californian. On his first attempt he put the 20-lb. shot 38 feet, 2 inches, breaking Gray's record of 33 feet, 11½ inches, which had stood twenty years. Easterners then believed that Rose was the marvel the west would have us believe.

To further substantiate his claim to greatness, Rose, as a member of the Michigan team, equaled the world's record of 48 feet, 2 inches for the 16-lb. shot-put at the Penn relay carnival in Philadelphia on April 23, 1914, and then established another world's record by pushing the ball out 48 feet, 3½ inches.

But within a month he improved upon his record at Chicago, putting

the sphere 48 feet, 7 1-5 inches, which was not allowed. However, at the St. Louis Olympic games on August 31, 1904, he verified his Chicago performance by winning the event with a put of 48 feet, 7 inches for a new world's record.

He created a new record for the 24-lb. shot in New York December 31, 1905, by putting it 38 feet, 2½ inches, and a few months later made a new indoor record for the 16-lb. shot-put at Milwaukee with a put of 48 feet, 5½ inches. He again broke his outdoor record for the "16" at the Jamestown Exposition on September 7, 1907, by a put of 49 feet, 6½ inches. He had previously broken the 12-lb. record by a performance of 55 feet, 6½ inches, and his 67 feet, 7 inches for the 8-lb. weight put him in line for the London Olympic games, in 1908, when he won the shot-put with a performance of 46 feet, 7½ inches.

He had already put the 14-pounder 50 feet, 6½ inches at Travers Island, N.Y., September 14, 1907, and upon his return from England he prepared to add to his records in the 8, 12, 18 and 21-lb. shots, that of the 16-pounder. Upon his first appearance upon his return he put the shot an even 50 feet in an exhibition, which, of course, was not allowed. Next he added 1½ inches to that mark, but that too, was disallowed.

His accepted record at that time was 49 feet, 10 inches, and in an exhibition at Paterson, N.J., September 13, 1908, he sent the sphere 51 feet, 7 inches, but because the event was not upon the program the record was not allowed by the A.A.U. On August 14, 1909, at the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championships, Rose put the shot 50.26 feet and it was accepted, but a week later, at San Francisco, he placed his record at an even 51 feet, and the figures still stand.

AT STOCKHOLM.

Rose then retired from active competition for a time and he grew to massive proportions. Before beginning training for the Stockholm Olympic games last year he weighed almost 350 pounds and he never was quite able to reduce to anywhere near his normal weight, yet he won the 16-lb. shot-put, both hands, with a total distance of 90 feet, 11 inches, although he was beaten by Pat McDonald at the best-hand put.

Ralph Rose, big and good-natured, was a character. He managed to get into trouble with the faculty while a student at the University of Michigan and was suspended for competing in a set of games in New York. He was re-instated but he never finished his course and he figured in all sorts of boyish pranks from one end of the country to the other.

Rose was at one time spoken of as a fitting opponent for Jim Jeffries, when that worthy was nearing the end of his reign, but the stalwart Rose always disclaimed any knowledge of fistie prowess.

TOM LONGBOAT BOUGHT A FARM

Toronto, Oct. 16—Tom Longboat, according to reports, has sold out his cigar store and house and has purchased a farm near Deseronto. "The peaceful life for me," said Tom, while Harry Rosenthal, the erstwhile manager of the erratic redskin, prophesies that Tom is through as a runner. The Indian has had a stormy career and just how fast the bronze wonder might have travelled had he not experienced too much early prosperity, will always remain a doubt.

Pitcher Harry Gasper, the former Cincinnati slasher, has signed with the Sioux City Western league team for next season.

CANADIENS TO TOUR EAST NEXT WINTER

Maritime Provinces Brand of Hockey Compares Well With That of French Canadian Club

(Montreal Herald.)

George Kennedy is planning on touring the Maritime Provinces with the Canadian hockey team this winter. He says that he will endeavor to have the N.H.A. schedule drawn up so that during the season his team will have time to invade the lower provinces. If the schedule cannot be arranged in this way without inconveniencing some other team, Mr. Kennedy says the Canadiens will make the trip anyway, but not until the last of the season.

The Canadiens invaded the Maritime Provinces in 1911, playing two games in Halifax and one in Moncton. Although not defeated, the Kennedy aggregation had three close games, and were surprised with the Maritime hockey. The M.P.H.L. is bigger now and the brand of hockey is even better than in 1911, and Mr. Kennedy believes that the Canadiens will draw even bigger crowds this winter than in 1911.

Last winter and in 1912 efforts were made to have the Canadiens go east but the N.H.A. schedule was so arranged that they could not get away. Mr. Kennedy does not know yet what teams will be entered but feels sure that two games will be arranged with New Glasgow or Truro, probably the latter if there is a team in that town this winter.

SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

Outfielder Orville Woodruff of the Milwaukee team, has been on three different pennant winning teams in the American association. He was with Indianapolis in 1902, Louisville in 1909 and Milwaukee in 1913.

Every club in the National league suffered one or more shutouts at the hands of the Boston Braves during the season just closed.

The sale of the Indianapolis club of the American association to J. C. McGill and Jack Hendricks of Denver has been declared off.

Chief Bender, Eddie Plank, Danny Murphy, Harry Davis and Christy Mathewson have cut in on world's series money on four different occasions.

KING'S COLLEGE**BEATEN 21 TO 1****BY MT. ALLISON**

King's Halves Were Weak But Forwards Were Superior to Mount A--One-sided Game

Sackville, Oct. 17—Despite the soft condition of the grounds an excellent brand of football was supplied here today when the huskies of King's University clashed with the Mount Allison team, the boys of the garnet and gold winning a decisive victory over the visitors by a score of 21 to 0. Special mention might be made of the splendid work done by Chester Sears of Moncton, and Captain Godfrey. Time and time again they made spectacular runs. Appleby also put up a good game, while Hutchings did some stellar defence work for the home team. The play was clean and fast, the kind that will always keep the old game popular. Although the Mount Allison goal was only once in danger, the King's boys played a hard game and were in it until the whistle blew for time. King's had rather the advantage in scrim work, but the work of their halves was weak. The Mount Allison forwards followed up well and the half line worked splendidly to a man.

Duput played a steady game for King's and X'th better backing might have changed the figures somewhat.

The following is the line-up: Mount Allison—Forwards, H. B. Wilkinson, Pickup, Pool, Freestons, McDonald, Durant, Carter; quarters, Appleton, Malcolm, Mersebau; halves Godfrey, Appleby, Eaton, Sears; fullback, Hutchings.

King's—Forwards, Byron, Wilkinson, Mason, Jones, Warburton, Jones, Campbell, quarters, Bell, Halbert, Harley; halves, Hulbert, Hurney, Dupuy, Teed; fullback, Murray.

Dalhousie College will play Mount Allison on the college campus Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Ray Chapman, the Cleveland shortstop and Otto Knabe, of the Phillies, lead their respective leagues in sacrifice hits. Ray made forty three sacrifices and Otto thirty-four.

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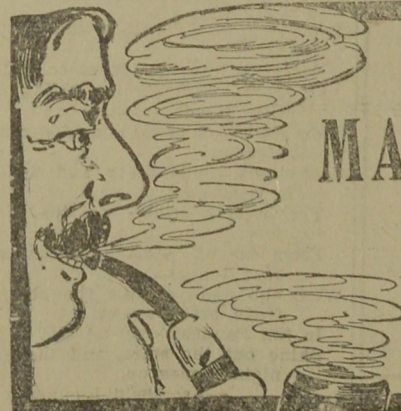
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