

NEWS of the SPORT WORLD

Interscholastic Semi-Finals Today

Vocational School, Saint John, at Home to Moncton High School—The Winner Will Play Off With Fredericton High

Saint John, Oct. 29—Vocational school fifteen, champions of the Little Three section of New Brunswick's Interscholastic English Rugby League, will be at home this afternoon to the powerful squad representing Moncton Aberdeen High School, in the sudden-death rugger match of the interscholastic provincial semi-final round. They meet at Allison Athletic Field, the kick-off slated for 2.15 o'clock. Aberdeen captured eastern group honors from Mt. Allison Academy without having to form one scrum. The "Cads" defaulted because of ineligible men in their line-up.

Ross Corbet will referee the big contest, it was announced last night.

Both teams are in fine fettle for the game here and the winner will not only battle Fredericton High, Big Three champions, in the final round but will have the advantage of playing at home to the Yellow and Black, present holders of the provincial title.

Senior Match Follows

Following the school tussle the Larks and Outcasts will oppose one another in their City League senior encounter, shoved ahead a week because of the Trojans' inability to meet Larks today. Trojans have three men, McAlpine, Northrup and Burke, running in the Dunlop race this afternoon and arranged with Outcasts to substitute for them. They were to play Larks today but will next week.

INTERNATIONAL FLEA BOBS UP IN BELGIUM

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28—Trebitsch Lincoln, the man without a country who has been nicknamed "The International Flea" by passport agencies in various parts of the world, is reported to have reappeared in Brussels.

The world has been Lincoln's playground since the beginning of the Great War. He delights in being called a spy and wrote a book about his adventures entitled "Revelations of an International Spy." For the past ten years he frequently has been heard of in various parts of the Orient. He adopted Buddhism in China and became a monk. From China he went to India and then to Ceylon. He lived in Ceylon, so he claims, for a year without the knowledge of British officials.

Lincoln was born a Hungarian but went to England when he was 20 years old and became naturalized there. He is now about 50. He was an itinerant missionary in Canada for a time, became a curate in the Church of England and had a parish in Kent near London. He was elected to the British Parliament as a Liberal.

Six years ago Lincoln gave officials at the State Department a surprise by showing up there unannounced and calmly telling them that he was in this country illegally and would like to remain a few months longer. His request was denied and he disappeared within a few days.

At that time he said he had been living in San Francisco for a year, organizing a circle of Buddhists, and wanted more time to complete his work. He was modishly dressed and seemed prosperous. He told of having been an adviser to high military leaders in China.

Although Lincoln talked freely about visits to various countries from which he is known to be barred, he refused to make any explanation of how he managed to evade passport controls.

SIMPSON IS PLEASED OVER HIS AMERICANS

New York, N. Y., Oct. 28—Joe Simpson yesterday officially became manager of the New York American Hockey Club, thus dispelling what little doubt remained over the leadership of the star-spangled sextet. Only Eddie Powers stood in his way, and Powers will go to New Haven to handle the Americans' farm team.

The manager's post is by way of reward for Simpson's long service with the Americans, and the fine work he did in leading the New Haven club into the playoffs last season. This move by Owner William V. Dwyer is being hailed with delight on all sides. Simpson always has been a favorite with the New York fans since he arrived here from Edmonton with the original American team. But as tickled as are the fans, the players' joy is unrestrained. Ever since the days in the West when Joe was a more spectacular rushing-defense man than King Clancy, he has encountered nothing but harmony with his co-workers, and last year when he went to New Haven thorough co-operation put over a team which on actual talent did not measure up with many others in the Canadian-American League.

Justly Rewarded

The stock handlers simply played their heads off with Simpson, and Dwyer, taking cognizance of this loyalty, decided that New York was the place for this veteran of the ice. And Joe, while he doesn't want to boast, feels that he will be able to get everything possible out of the team which he has been gathering together quietly for the last few weeks.

Simpson intends to work on the theory that fifteen good players working every second of the sixty minutes in a game are better than a few superstars who play only in flashes. He believes in aggressiveness, and under his regime the American will not be a defensive unit. It will be fight every minute with the star spangles this year, and those who shirk the job will have to get out.

As yet Simpson has not laid any definite plans on his line-up. That will be decided after several days in the training camp at Oshawa. But it is known that he intends to offer a mixture of youth and experience. It's almost certain that Roy Worters, Red Dutton and Bill Brydger will be back on the defense.

These Forwards

Normie Himes naturally will be the keystone of the attack, but Simpson also is backing heavily on George Patterson, Bert McInenly, Rabbit McVeigh and Johnny Sheppard to add stability to the younger members of his team. And while not revealing any names, Simpson is highly enthusiastic over the younger players on his list. In fact, he is tackling his new job with considerable zest, and while he isn't saying where the team will place he declares that the rest of the league and the fans will be in for a surprise.

"Most persons lose sight of the fact," said Simpson last night just before he left for camp, "that the leading player of other days no longer are at their peaks. Many of them started to slide last season and this year I look for some fellows who heretofore were mainstays of their teams to be dismal disappointments. Hockey players, once they start to go, crack fast. I know from experience, and I'm not figuring any team on what it did last season. This is going to be a funny race, with the favorites collapsing and the dark horses coming through. That's why I'm so optimistic about the chances of the Americans, who in the pre-season dope, rate just about the blackest dark horse that ever stepped out in competition."

HOW SCORE A KNOCKDOWN ASKS WOOD?

(By Wilbur Wood in New York Sun)

What price knockdown? Is one knockdown sufficient to overcome a steady advantage gained by the recipient in several rounds? Or is a knockdown only enough, no matter what the circumstances, to win the round in which it occurs, as is prescribed by the rounds-won system of scoring supposedly enforced by the Boxing Commission? Or is a knockdown even sufficient to do that, at times?

All these questions are being debated among the learned men of the stock market as a result of the fight between Frankie Battaglia and Chick Devlin in Madison Square Garden Thursday night.

After having taken but one round until the eighth according to a consensus of expert opinion, Devlin floored Battaglia for a nine count with the first punch of the eighth. The Winnipeg scallan went down on his back and it did not appear that he would be able to get up. But he did struggle to his feet at nine. For two minutes he covered and stalled, with Devlin unable to get another clean shot. In the last minute of the round Frankie began to fight back. He then took the ninth and tenth.

However, one judge awarded the fight to Devlin and another called it a draw. The referee, Patsy Haley, a former boxer, voted for Battaglia. Apparently the only factor that influenced the judges was the knockdown. Otherwise it was a one-sided fight in favor of the Canadian.

The question of just how much influence the knockdown should have in determining the decision developed a wide difference of opinion among those who took part in the informal debate. On this, as on so many other factors in the scoring of a fight, there never has been and never will be any unanimity of opinion.

Although only one qualified judge of boxing maintained that the draw decision was fair to Battaglia, and this one man could be disqualified because he had at least a sentimental bias in favor of Devlin, more than one considered the knockdown to have wiped out two or maybe three of the more undecisive frames credited to Battaglia.

'Nine-tenths Of Knockdown'

The argument was advanced that, because Battaglia was unable to get up until the count of nine and because the count of ten constitutes a knock-out, Devlin scored nine-tenths of a knockout and therefore was entitled to a heavy score.

In this case it was true that the fallen fighter was unable to get up

—TURNING THE DIAL—

Young "Bus" McLenahan has had a varied rugby career. He played with the city team against U. N. B. a few years back and was the outstanding threat the city had, with his trained toe. Now he is the U. N. B.'s only real threat against the brilliant Green and White team of 1932. Barring McLenahan's right leg, the city should gallop to the provincial rugby championship and get a shot at the McCurdy Cup. We are going to stress the value of bringing up kickers of this stamp, but on happier thought we hazard that kickers are usually "naturals" and are made when they start kicking. They either are or they are not. In Babbitt, Paul Fraser, and now McLenahan, U. N. B. had three of the finest kickers in eastern Canada.

In United States, the big game of

HIS HONOR URGES SUPPORT FOR THE POPPY SALES

G. Earle Logan, of Saint John, provincial president of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, is in receipt of the following message from His Honor the Lieutenant Governor:

Dear Sir:—

It gives me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to support the appeal being made by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League through the sale of poppies, which will take place this year during the week in which Remembrance Day falls. Everybody who buys a poppy confers a twofold benefit. In the first place, these poppies are made entirely by disabled returned soldiers and through the money earned in this way they are able to retain their status as self-supporting and good citizens of the country. Equally noteworthy is the fact that the entire proceeds of the sale of these poppies is placed in a fund administered by The Canadian Legion for the relief of poverty and suffering among ex-service men and their dependents.

The appeal has my sympathetic and unqualified approval and support, and it is my hope that it will be received generously by all the people of New Brunswick.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Hugh H. McLean,
Lieutenant-Governor.

OPERA RENOVATED

Paris, France, Oct. 28—Thirty tons of scaffolding and 150 workmen will soon be removed from the Paris Opera having completed four months' work of repairing on the historical monument. The washing of the giant edifice is about completed and directors are contemplating redecoration of the vast interior.

HOG HIT BY CAR

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 28—A 550-pound hog was thrown 126 feet when it was struck by an automobile driven by William Hupp, of Cedar Rapids, on a road near Fairfield, Iowa. Hupp was traveling 65 miles per hour, and his car turned around twice and jumped an embankment.

As the economist sees it, the only difference between war and peace is that a different group of patriots robs the public till.

any earlier than he did. But, it was said in rebuttal, a miss is as good as a mile. In baseball a drive that comes within a foot of being a home run is not a nine-tenths of a home run if the ball is caught, but just another time at bat charged against the hitter.

Nor is a nine count always nine-tenths of a knockout, even on the argument advanced. A boxer who could very easily arise at two often stays down for nine, merely because that is his privilege.

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