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Beavers Held Off Hawks Bravely

SOME SCIENCE AND SLIVERS OF BASKET BALL DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS

Cy Peterson, in Phila. Bulletin Discusses the Lesser Known Phases of the Game

One of the more significant answers to the failure of certain winter sports, is this college basket ball. What I mean is just this: out west they are considering elastic field houses in which to accommodate the crowds.

The game is unquestionably the No. 1 winter sport in those mid-western States which coast one or two major league universities. And if they don't have a first flight varsity, most of them point with pride to one, two or maybe half a dozen fresh water college fives which at one time or another have whipped the pants off the heavy calibre outfits.

I have talked at a lot of basket ball games both here and out there. Seven or eight years ago I was grossly disappointed in the eastern game. Today it has assumed more prominence; some teams can give any section an equal battle.

But Western Conference basket ball as played between teams of the Big Ten, is such a fascinating spectacle that crowds under 5,000 are considered disappointing and the expert who picks half of a night's schedule cor-

rectly, struts about imperilling the tenure of his vest buttons next day.

Purdue's Crusher Hits Indiana

Why is it that the Big Ten provides such smashing play? Why are the results so unpredictable? Why, after Temple rooters sat pop-eyed at the Hoosier Machine from Indiana here recently, marvelling as they crushed the Owls under a barrage of mid-floor goals, is that same Indiana quintet sent to overwhelming defeat by Purdue, 47 to 13?

I think the answer is emphasis upon the game. Basket ball in the west is a game second only to foot ball, self sustaining I believe in all the major colleges. In the State of Indiana, incubator of the court game, there are at least half a dozen teams which would rank high anywhere in the country.

Each Play A Picture

I happened to see Wisconsin and Marquette in a non-Conference tilt last December. That's early in the season. Yet a more dazzling game indoors one couldn't ask.

Marquette's veteran handled the ball like the old Celtics, and while they were not of course as resourceful as the famed professional team, their movements had all the grace of fellows who knew without looking, where to pass the ball, how to make each pivot and shot.

The game attracted 8,000 and before it ended with a 2-point advantage for the Badgers, the rooters, almost half of whom went from Milwaukee to Madison to pull for their team, were in each other's laps.

Throughout the play, I kept trying to see why the game had me by the ears, whereas I had not been particularly excited over basket ball in years. And in a measure, I found out.

Each play stood out, a picture to itself. There was no multiple passing or haphazard running up and down with random shots at the hoop. The boys moved with precision, there was checking and deception with a man ever moving in for the next maneuver. Countering this offense, the defense players operated with equal eye toward their objective, recovery of the ball.

Nor was this style maintained throughout; the game fould shift at intervals, a short passing system supplanting the quick-break and shot for goal. The dribble was practically gone—they just don't let you dribble any more.

But more noticeable of all, the officials while watching closely for personal fouls, permitted the teams to charge up and down with only occasional resort to the whistle. Mostly, it was a technical violation, halting the surge only long enough for a sideline takeout and throwin.

Score Was 2-1 at Saint John Last Night—The Abbies Pull Surprise Win Over the Wolves on Island, 3-2.

Saint John, N. B., Jan. 27—Two well flung drives by Sammy McManus speedily left wingman, gave Moncton Hawks a bitterly fought 2-1 victory over Beavers at the Forum last night. One of the largest crowds of the season was on hand. A solo dash by Kenzie McNeil, stocky rear guard of the losers, in the opening minute of the second period opened the night's scoring. Just before the same verse ended McManus deadlocked the match in the heat of a five man Moncton assault. Mid-way through the closing period, the Hawks caged the rubber again during a furious scrimmage in Saint John territory. Beavers were frantically trying to send the puck far down the ice to ease the pressure, when an ineffectual hoist by McNeil put the rubber in the winners' possession and Wilson missed an easy one. Beavers were playing shy one man at the time.

Seven penalties were imposed, the majority in the last twenty minutes. Bill Gill, big left defenceman of the Moncton sextet, was the chief offender, fouling three times.

UPSET THE WOLVES

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 26—Speeding through the puzzling, strategic manoeuvres taught by Coach Chester Gregory, Charlottetown Abegweits crushed Halifax Wolverines to a 3-2 defeat in a hectic battle here tonight and blasted the visitors' tenuous hold on first place in the Maritime Hockey League. Through its loss tonight Halifax was forced to relinquish its grip on the leadership, clinched so long in company with the recovering Moncton Hawks. And was pushed back to second position as Hawks won at St. John, 2-1.

The battle was one of the most spectacular ever fought on local ice and one time in the second period threatened to develop into a "free for all" when irate spectators crowded onto the ice in resentment of Referee Grimley's action in waving off Currie and Graham. The incident occurred at the close of the period and burly police officers soon cleared the ice and players continued to the dressing rooms.

CANADIAN OPEN GOLF

Toronto, Jan. 26—The Canadian open golf championships today were set for August 2-4 at the Lakeview Golf and Country Club, Toronto. The event will immediately follow the annual tournament of the United States Professional Golfers' Association at Buffalo.

Style of Play Varies

"They don't slow it up if they can help", I was told. "The premium upon shooting has increased vastly, too. Goals are made from 'way out, although the threat of a drive under the basket always is there. But you cannot hold a team like Purdue simply by limiting their advance. Against Indiana they shot 20 field goals—most of them from out near the circle."

Styles of play, as much as in foot ball, characterize these teams. Purdue, ever proficient in shot making under Piggy Lambert, depends upon a long pass and high shot, with a tall center ever lurking near the goal for a slip-in shot.

Now in general these teams play a much more unrestrained game than we get in the East. The referees are inclined to let 'em roll. After all, it's all even—one side can charge and block as much as the other. And that means less lining up at the foul line.

There is too much of this foul shooting in basket ball. If they cut it out, the game speeds up and becomes what the fans of today demand, a contest hard and fast. And after all, it's fans who make the mare go.

WILL "RED'S" ACT OF GALLANTRY BE REWARDED?

Fiery "Red" Tellier May Be Reinstated For His Brave Act—A "Hot" One.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 26—Edward "Red" Tellier's manly, yes, gallant, act of surrendering blood in hope of saving the life of a teammate on the Atlantic City hockey team brings to light the fact that the will doubtless be again placed in good standing by the Canadian Rugby Union shortly.

Tellier was expelled from foot ball matches in the lost game of the 1930 season, the year Winged Wheelers won the Dominion championship without suffering a single defeat.

His offense was that of striking an opposing player, a member of the Regina team, finalists that cold, wintry day of December 5, 1930. It went into the records as an act of poor sportsmanship not in keeping with the spirit of the pastime. It was adjudged a contravention of the laws of sport. "Tellier must be punished", governors of the C. R. U. decreed. He has been punished by being barred from the sport he likes best, football, for two past years.

Much Disagreement

He was unsportsmanlike, it was decided, though there has been much disagreement and discussion as to whether or not Tellier was first tormented by his opponent.

Yet, Tellier gave his blood willingly in a vain to save his life of a team-mate, Andy Ritchie, of Toronto. If there ever was a sportsmanlike gesture, it was this, an act which may expedite his reinstatement by the Canadian Rugby Union, regardless of whether or not Tellier wishes to play football again.

It is not generally known and was not officially announced, but the minutes of the last meeting of the Interprovincial Football Union, held at Ottawa, show that every team in the Union heartily endorsed the reinstatement of Tellier before next season. Big Four delegates and executives, to a man, are of the opinion the player has served an ample sentence.

Red Tellier is as individualistic as athletes come. There never has been a greater fighter, a more loyal player to a team, a gamer and fearless player. Perhaps it's not uncommon for athletes of this type to be of every nature, excitable, with a temper hard to control.

The Interprovincial Union will formally ask reinstatement for Tellier by the Canadian Rugby Union.

QUAKERS LOST IN EUROPE

Praha, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 26—The speedy Praha lawn tennis club's hockey team had a victory over the Saskatoon Quakers, Allan Cup finals of last season by the narrow margin of one goal scored in a close struggle.

It was the second defeat in eight games of the European tour of the Quakers. Their opponents were the only team so far managing to mar the record of the other Canadian team, the Ottawa Shamrocks, who won every match in 18 starts with the exception of one in which the lawn tennis club held them to a tie here.

SHORTER SPORT:—Another hockey meeting of the Intermediate hockey heads last night.... fans are becoming impressed with the showing of the Fredericton Cubs and some of the faster skaters on the other clubs.... The Gorman-Lawlor-Walker combine is looking after the junior hockey-ists with zest.... the playoffs nearing.... High School hockey, U. N. B. hockey and basketball are comparatively tame this year.... seems little interest or enthusiasm....

:- TURNING THE DIAL :-

CURLING IN SPOTLIGHT

The outstanding sporting event of the coming week is, of course, the provincial curling bonspiel, coming to this city on February 6 (Tuesday) and in which no less than eight provincial clubs will compete. It is the first bonspiel here in over five years, according to Mr. Arthur McF. Limerick, one of the committee in charge of arrangements. The event will commence on Tuesday and last Wednesday and Thursday. It will be incidentally, the first time in quite a period that the local curling rink will be brightened with one of these colorful events. The rink will probably be decorated and specially lavished upon for the occasion. Not the least of the attractions is expected to be the numerous social functions and luncheon which are attendant on such occasions of sport and jovial good fellowship. There is no game in the world, which engenders the spirit of companionable merriment like curling. And one can always count on the Scottish traditions to bring out the best in brogue and jokes for such prime occasions.

The clubs competing will be: Fredericton, St. Stephen, Moncton and the Thistles and St. Andrew's clubs of St. John; Campbellton, Bathurst, and Newcastle. The Ganong Challenge Cup and the McKenna Cup will be up for competition, as well as the Blair Trophy. The local committee who are looking after the bonspiel, and its quite a job, are N. C. Dougherty, H. P. Webb, and Arthur McF. Limerick. Altogether the coming bonspiel should add something to the winter sport spectacle here and furnish entertainment, exercise and the thrill of homely old competition.

tion to more than fifty provincial curlers.

COFFEY PLANS SOMETHING NEW

The ingenious Mr. Ted Coffey, who nourishes U. N. B. athletic programs during the interims of securing further knowledge by open mind, has something new up his sleeve for some of his outdoor clients among the undergraduates. The stunt is a ski and snowshoe meet open to the students of the college and the first event of its kind to be held in this province. The present winter with its generous snow supply has made the hill portion of the city ideal for such a venture and Mr. Coffey's has taken quick staged tomorrow afternoon, beginning this afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock.

The snow affair will have six events featuring a six mile cross country race—the distance being from the campus to the university forestry camp, about three miles; a solom ski race, which partakes of the nature of an obstacle race; ski jumping, something of a more hazardous and meticulous nature; two snowshoe races and a coeds' ski race. The director expects an enthusiastic list of competitors for his novel program. And if the weather remains clear today's snow tourney should be entered as record breaking in the annals of U. N. B. sport.

N. B. Utilities Board postpone verdict on Fredericton Electric Rates until February—Press Report. Slower than cold molasses in January.

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