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HALIFAX SPORT WRITER GIVES VIEWS ON MATTE

Kentville, Jan. 16—In securing the services of Joe Matte of Montreal, for years a big league hockey star and a man who has played on at least probably as many hockey teams as any one in Canada the Halifax Wolverines will have a coach who from years of experience knows every word of the hockey alphabet.

The writer first became acquainted with Matte back in 1915. Jos at that time was living in Vaudreuil, a suburb of Montreal, where he was supposed to be working at the plant of the Canadian Explosives, Limited, the C. K. L. having quite a hockey team at that time.

If memory serves us right, Joe also "worked" that winter at Canada Cement, Dominion Bridge, the Bank of Montreal and several other places, altogether he played on thirteen different hockey teams during the winter.

His engagements often called for two, and sometimes even three games a day, including Sundays. His "spare time" he generally put in practicing with Les Canadiens, with whom he was under contract. Not even the players on the Wanders and the Canadiens, Montreal's representatives in the N.H.L. at that time, were better known in the metropolis than was Joe that winter.

Of a pleasing personality, and a mighty efficient hockey player, Joe was popular with French and English fans. Joe, who was only twenty-one at that time, was the most sensational performer in Montreal amateur hockey. Not so very big in his street clothes, he looked like a giant on the ice, and the way he could spill opponents and make sensational rushes made him a most colorful player.

We well remember seeing Joe playing in a game with the Stars of Ireland of Quebec one Sunday night in the old Jubilee Rink, Montreal. The team that Joe happened to be playing with at that time simply had to win the game to stay in the running for the League title. The score was 3-1 against the Montrealers, with only five minutes to go, when Joe, playing on the Defence, made one of the sensational end-to-end rushes for which he has long been famous, and scored. Right after this fete he was handed a three minute penalty by "Newsy" Lalonde, who was handling the whistle. The fans booed, but Joe had to go off. Then, with only a minute to go, he "arned and deadlocked the score

KERR GIVEN GREAT CREDIT FOR EAST WIN

Washington, Pa., Jan. 16—Home from a four-week jaunt to the Pacific coast, where he led a victorious All-East football team against an All-West combination at San Francisco December 29, Head Coach Andy Kerr, of Washington and Jefferson, is enthusiastic over the glowing in his praise of the game played by the college stars from East of the Mississippi.

The East team as it appeared in the Frisco Stadium and played against the pick of the Far West, was a better team, he says, than either Georgia Tech or California, as these teams displayed their wares in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena on New Year's Day.

The East team, in Kerr's opinion, is the best All-East eleven that ever invaded the Far West for this Shriners Hospital benefit combat. "The development of team play," said Kerr, "was little short of remarkable. With players gathered from so many schools and accustomed to varying styles of play, it is unusual that they should have combined to display a unity of action on the offense that they showed at Frisco.

"Our boys looked at times like a good college team in late November and they gave a better demonstration of unified football in that game than either Georgia Tech or California at Pasadena three days later."

The excellence of the line play and particularly the smooth functioning of the forward-passing game proved the big factors in the All-East's victory, according to Kerr.

Miller Signed.

Detroit, Jan. 16—Ray Miller, leading contender for the lightweight crown of Sammy Mandell, who scored a knockout over Tommy Grogan Friday night, has signed a contract to meet Bruce Flowers, New Rochelle, negro, here Jan. 25.

Under the late Tex Rickard everything improved in the boxing business but the boxing.

with another rush. In the overtime he combined with a teammate for the winning tally.

Not satisfied with this performance, Joe went back on the ice fifteen minutes later and lined up with another team in a strenuous City League game.

NEW YORK BID FOR OLYMPIC GAMES OF 1930

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16—Plans to have New York state bid for the winter events of the 1932 Olympic games with the events to be held at Lake Placid were discussed with Governor Roosevelt yesterday by Godfrey Dewey, Lake Placid. During the discussion Dr. Dewey gave to the governor a letter from Graeme H. Hammond, president of the American Olympic Association, urging this state to bid for the winter events of the games.

Lake Placid already possesses everything needed for the events, except a bobsled slide, Dr. Dewey told the governor. It was announced after the conference that Assemblyman Fred Porter, of Essex County, would introduce a bill tonight for the construction by the state of the needed slide, so that the state would be in a position to bid for the Olympic games.

ARCHIE COMPSTON NAMED FOR RYDER CUP TEAM

London, Jan. 16—The British Ryder Cup golf team for matches with professional golfers from the United States at Leeds in April was named yesterday with George Duncan as captain. Others nominated are: Percy Allis, Stewart Burns, Aubrey Boomer, Archie Compston, T. H. Cotton, Abe Mitchell, Fred Robson, Charles Whitcombe, and Ernest Whitecombe.

The United States team to defend the cup, held as a result of the 1927 victory at Worcester, Mass., has not been named, but it will be captained by Walter Hagen and will include as a matter of course, Leo Diegel, the P. G. A. and Canadian champion, and Johnny Farrell, the open title holder of the United States.

Biddy Bishop.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17—Max Bishop has been a local headliner since the spring of 1924, but we still are finding out news about him. Cy Banks, who played on the same Baltimore City College team with Max and Alphonse Thomas, the Chicago White Sox ace, says he never knew Bishop's first name until they were both out of dear old B. C. C.

"He was 'Biddy' around our ball

NO MIXED POLO TOURNAMENT FOR YEAR 1929

Washington, Jan. 16—There will be no British-American military polo tournament this year, the Army Central Polo Association announced yesterday.

The British War Office has advised the military attache of the American embassy in London that its Army Council is forced to decline an invitation to send a polo team to the United States in 1929.

The Army Council, it was said, "realizes the many advantages that accrue from these friendly contests," but feels that "it would be quite impossible to spare the services of the officers who would be needed for a representative team for the length of time that would be involved."

A series of championship polo matches between Army teams representing England and the United States was started in 1923 by General John J. Pershing and General the Earl of Cavan. Since 1925 no matches have been played.

Sporting Splashes

Word of the release from Sussex of St Keenan flashy young hockey player now attending the University of New Brunswick, will be received with joy in local hockey circles. "St" when he recovers from his illness, will be a valuable asset on the front line of the Capitol squad and his speed, together with his greatly improved shot, should add 50 per cent strength to the forward corps. Keenan will probably team up with Hanrahan and Miles for the rejuvenated front line.

Noticed Arthur Finnamore (he of the lingering speech) at the Capitol-Fusillier feud on Tuesday evening. Art was warmly greeted by his many old friends here. This old warrior of sport is now a resident of the Winter port, and in the summer gets his recreation by playing baseball, even though he is considerably past the forty mark.

club," avers Cy. "We never called him anything else. I don't know why. It was just his name, 'Biddy' Bishop."

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