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Fredericton Loomed Big In Sport During 1925

Glory Brought in Athletics by University and High School Teams—City Sport Not of High Order — Opportunities For Working Up Hockey and Baseball.

The year 1925 closes with Fredericton holding a place in sporting circles somewhat more prominent than she had previously. The prominence, however, is largely collegiate and scholastic, for it was University of New Brunswick and Fredericton High School which brought victories to the city. City sport with the exception of a fair showing in hockey was not of a high order.

Hockey.

The year opened with hockey the outstanding sport. Fredericton Hockey Club put on a season the high light of which was the showing against Sussex, that team holding the Maritime title at the time. Sussex was beaten here the first game and in the second was played to a tie only to have the home team go to pieces in overtime. The showing against Sussex, however, indicated that the city was developing hockey players. Fredericton High School played St. Francis Xavier Academy for the 1924 Maritime Interscholastic title and lost by a narrow margin of a goal. The 1925 still was to be played. The Yellow and Black won the N. B. Interscholastic League handsily not losing a game. The fifteen-year rule came into play and barred Steen the most valuable player. The athletic authorities were not so keen for rules in other directions and forced the local team to play at Moncton against a team which was not a High School team. Fredericton High lost and the title was awarded to "Moncton Schools" that being the best title which could be found for the winning team.

The University of New Brunswick put on its greatest hockey season with material which was practically unknown quantity. Six games were played all of which were won but one which was tied. The team won the Maritime Intercollegiate title with the emblematic Halifax Herald Cup and also the Summer Cup. Much of the Fredericton material was out of this team.

The suspension of three members of the Fredericton Club on professional charges was a disagreeable feature of the late season.

Curling.

Fredericton Curling Club the senior club of New Brunswick had a remarkable season in the fact that not one foreign match was played. This was because after bitterly cold weather in December and January the weather became mild and ice uncertain. The club had a successful season of home games and inside club games nevertheless.

Basketball.

In basketball the glory again was won by the University and High School. U. N. B. won the Intercollegiate League against Mt. Allison and Acadia, the only college organization in the Maritimes. The Red and Black also was able to take one game away from the Saint John Trojans, Maritime title-holders. Fredericton High won the Interscholastic League with Normal School also in the league.

Track and Field Events.

Track and field events came first in the spring. The University won the Maritime college meet handsily from St. Francis Xavier and Acadia. The Fredericton High School entry to the Interscholastic track meet was turned down on a technicality. Otherwise the Yellow and Black would have shown well. The usual meet for junior athletes was held under Rotary auspices and was highly successful. It is of great value in developing athletes.

Baseball.

Locally baseball in 1925 was in the usual position in which local ball finds itself after a surfeit of professional ball. The amateurs had a hard row to hoe but a team was organized and played some outside

games. There is baseball material in Fredericton which only needs working up. The same is true of the neighboring towns.

Harness Racing.

Harness racing in Fredericton did not touch the high mark of preceding seasons but attracted keen interest. Chesley H. Searcy the local tree-for-aller did not recover from his injury sufficiently to race but is reported now to be ready for 1926. Successful meets were held although there were no head-line attractions.

Rugby Football.

A rugby football season was put on which gives Fredericton the right to claim to be the Maritime centre of that fine game. The only drawback was the failure of the effort to reorganize a Fredericton City team. Again University of New Brunswick was to the fore surpassing the excellent performances of recent seasons. The team captured the Western Intercollegiate title by shutout scores and the Maritime college title with only one try scored against them. The culmination was the winning of the MacTier Cup and Eastern Canadian title at Moncton, November 14th. The possession of this challenge cup means matches with challenging teams here next autumn. Unfortunately the Maritime title was not decided. Fredericton High School again showed itself a great rugby football school. The N. B. Interscholastic title was won with out a defeat and the New Brunswick title won at Sackville from Mt. Allison Academy after Newcastle High was beaten here. The Nova Scotia winner refused to play under M. P. B. rules as to age and defaulted the Maritime title to Fredericton High. The school also had a strong second team which defeated Provincial Normal School.

Other Sports.

The Fredericton Golf Club operated during a successful season. The chief feature was the Maritime Golf Meet on the Fredericton course late in the summer. The Fredericton Tennis Club also had a good season. The winter came on again with an extra early start for hockey Moncton Atlantics being beaten here in an exhibition game on the 22nd inst. the record date for early hockey. The victory of Fredericton at Chatham on the 29th augurs well for season 1926. Unfortunately the University of N. B. hockey future is clouded in uncertainty and is not expected that the showing of last season can be made. The same is true of High School but not to like extent.

YOUNG STRIBLING NOW MARRIED

Macon, Ga., Dec. 30.—W. L. (Young) Stribling 21, who began his boxing career as a Macon schoolboy and Miss Clara Virginia Kinney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Kinney, were married here at the home of the bride by the Rev. T. D. Davenport of Reynolds, an uncle of Miss Kinney. The time and plans for the wedding had been kept a close secret since the engagement of the couple was announced several days ago.

They were revealed for the first time this morning when a newspaper reporter overheard Stribling making arrangements for railway accommodations for himself and bride to leave for New York on an extended honeymoon trip, which will take them to several Eastern and Middle Western cities before their return.

Getting up on a winter morning is about the oldest sensation people of all ages have in common.

CANADIENS SURPRISED FANS WITH VICTORY

**Beat Montreal 7 to 4—
New York Barely Beat
St. Patrick's 2 to 1.**

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Canadiens uncorked the surprise of the local N. H. L. season when they trimmed the smart Montreal Maroon team here tonight 7 to 4 in a game which bristled with action, much of it of the strenuous and unorthodox hockey which occasionally breaks out when the two local teams clash. Billy Boucher was suspended after the game and a spectator was arrested.

In the second period Montreal worked out a 3 to 1 lead on goals by Munro and Kitchen. But then the great Maroon machine cracked, and Canadiens started a flashy offence which could not be stemmed and while they were about it they rubbed it in, going to the very last with Morenz, Joliat and Leduc starring.

With Munro weakened by former injuries the Maroon defence was away off its former standard, and they were skated into exhaustion by the Canadian speed demons.

New York 2, St. Pats 1

New York, Dec. 30.—A green tide that continuously threatened was finally turned back by the New York Americans in their national hockey league clash with Toronto St. Pats tonight after eight minutes of overtime play, when "Shorty" Green netted the puck to break a tie and gave Rickard's boys a two to one victory over the Irish.

Pirates Shut Out

Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—The strong Ottawa sextette, leaders of the National Hockey Professional League, clearly demonstrated their superiority over Pittsburgh when they trounced the latter here tonight to the tune of 5 to 0 in a game replete with plenty of action, thrills and bitter fighting.

SUSSEX LOST TO SAINT JOHN IN OVERTIME

Sussex, Dec. 30.—Playing a great game of hockey, Saint John registered their first win on Sussex ice 10 to 4. Hallisey who played a stellar game for the winter port team, put four counters past Roach, while Kylie notched three of the ten counters. Lane and Hallisey starred for Saint John.

The Sussex made-over team played well but lacked the condition for the final punch, although in the first ten minutes' overtime they had much the best of the play. It looked several times as though the Dairy Kings would notch up a counter for the winning goal with score 4 to 4. The first ten minutes of overtime went scoreless, although the Sussex Colts were stepping their limit and had the better of the game. The second overtime saw the blowup. Hallisey scored twice in quick succession, Lane came through with a nice one and Brad Gilbert made nice rush and went right in on top of Roach.

Boulder, Col., Dec. 30.—President George Norlin of the University of Colorado tonight protested against the spread of professional football saying: "Football is a sport solely for schools and colleges." He does not believe the average college football player would fare as well financially as "Red" Grange in the professional game. He described Grange as "an exceptional figure to capture public imagination."

William McGlone star tackle of the Colorado eleven last week declined an offer to join a professional team in Florida.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR CHANNEL SWIM IS OFFERED

**Helen Wainwright is
Given Inducement to
Make Effort Next
Summer—She is Now
in Florida.**

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 30.—As a spur to her effort to swim the English Channel next summer, Miss Helen Wainwright, world's champion all around mermaid, advised that a prize of \$2,500 is to be one of her rewards if she succeeds in making the crossing. D. P. Davis, local millionaire patron of sports this afternoon posted the big sum to be turned over to Miss Wainwright in the event of her success abroad.

The champion swimmer and diver is leaving New York for Tampa to spend the winter as instructor of aquatics at Davis Islands, in Tampa Bay. In his telegram to Miss Wainwright at her home Mr. Davis informed the water queen that every facility would be provided her during her stay here to complete her training for her attempt to swim the Channel.

Miss Wainwright was scheduled to make the trial last spring under the auspices of the Women's Swimming Association of New York, but at the last moment was forced to abandon the trip owing to a strained hip ligament. For a time Helen was out of competition, but upon turning professional last July she proved that she still maintained her championship form by breaking two world's records at 250 and 500 yards.

Since her summer engagement Miss Wainwright rested until a week ago when she resumed training for her assault on world's speed standards at Tampa this winter. She will go after a new mark every other week.

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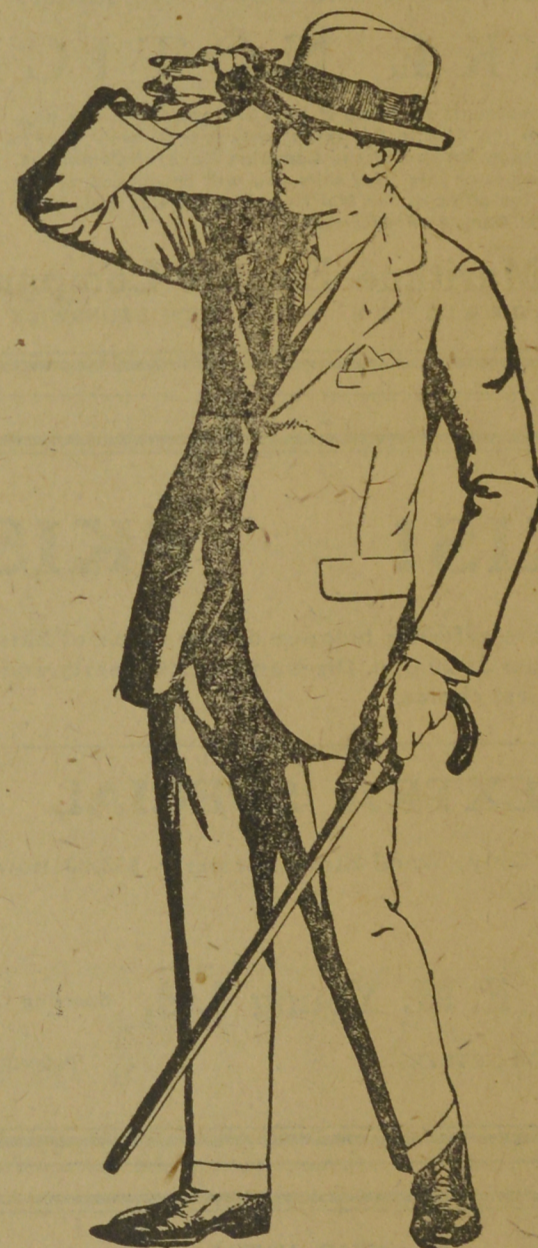
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