

NEWS of SPORT

THIRTY ONE NATIONS AFTER THE DAVIS CUP

**Truly Universal Game—
Competition Established
Twenty-seven Yrs.
Ago — Canada Has
Played Nine Years.**

The number of nations that have challenged for the Davis Cup since 1900 has been increased to thirty-one with the receipt of the entry of Greece for the 1927 matches. Announcement was made yesterday by the United States Lawn Tennis Association of the arrival of this challenge, which was filed by Pan M. Pappadopoulos, whose official title is Hellenic delegate to the International Lawn Tennis Federation. This is the first time that Greece will play for the cup and it will compete in the European zone. During the twenty-seven years since Dwight F. Davis, now Secretary of War, offered the cup bearing his name, thirty nations had thrown their racquets into the international arena, representing Europe, Asia, North and South America, Australia and New Zealand. England has played twenty-one times, the United States nineteen times, Australia sixteen, France fourteen, Belgium eleven, Canada nine, South Africa, Spain, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Denmark and Japan each six times and these nations are followed by a long line of others which have participated to a lesser extent. The total playing years represented by the thirty nations which have competed since 1900 aggregate 185 years.

COBB ALMOST WITH GIANTS

New York, Dec. 23—Ty Cobb might have ended his diamond days in a New York Giants uniform but for baseball's latest scandal, the New York World says:

After Cobb resigned as pilot of the Detroit Tigers manager McGraw moved to negotiate with Ty to take the post of assistant manager held a year ago by Hughie Jennings. His overtures however, brought a warning from the office of Commissioner Landis to "lay off," according to the World.

President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburgh Pirates received a similar warning, when he attempted to secure Tris Speaker as an assistant to his new manager, Donie Bush.

PLAYED GOOD TENNIS.

Monte Carlo, Dec. 23—Allen Behr well-known tennis player of New York, caused a sensation at the opening of the Riviera tennis season yesterday by carrying Jacques Brugnon, of the French Davis Cup team, to deuce sets before the Frenchman defeated him. The score was 14 1-2, 8-6.

Jack—When is the best time to ask a girl's father for her hand in marriage?

Mack—I imagine when he has just received her dressmaker's bill.

OTTAWA STILL LEADING, GAVE RANGERS BEATING

**Defeat of the Montreal
Maroons by Boston an
Upset — Canadiens
Won in Hard Game at
Windsor.**

Ottawa, Dec. 23—Ottawa's Senators proved their strength as leaders of the international section of the National Hockey League by trouncing the American section leaders, the New York Rangers, in a titanic battle here tonight. A goal by the Senators' veteran forward, Cy Denneny, after a pass from "Dutch" Nighbor, gave the locals a one goal advantage 6 min. 40 sec. after the opening gong. The remainder of the stirring contest was scoreless.

Montreal Beaten.

Forum, Montreal, Que., Dec. 23—Boston Bruins provided a National Hockey League upset for Montrealers here tonight when they nosed out the Montreal Maroons 2-1 in as wild and weird a game as has been seen here this season.

Boston came to life in the latter part of the first period and developed a scrappy game which allowed them to overcome the Maroons early tally by Broadbent, Herberts and "Red" Stuart, culminating a fighting combination play with the goals that brought victory.

Eddie Shore drew the wrath of the crowd on his head for an attack on Nelson Stewart after he had floored the Maroon centre in a rush on the Boston goal. It brought a major penalty and a fine to Shore and a major to Stewart, the latter's third of the season, which places him under automatic suspension subject to the pleasure of the league president.

Canadiens Won.

Arena Gardens, Windsor, Ont., Dec. 23—A rough game went into overtime before Joliat sent home the puck to give the Canadiens a 3-2 victory over Detroit Cougars in a National Hockey League game tonight.

Morenz and Mantha scored the other goals for the Montreal team, while the Cougar tallies were the work of Sheppard and Oatman. There was a total of 19 penalties and much roughness. Morenz earned three stays in the box, one of which Referee Lon Marsh at first indicated at a major. He reduced the sentence, however, on consideration.

Pirates Beaten.

New York, Dec. 23—The New York Americans defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates, 2 to 0, tonight in a National Hockey League game which was marked by complete absence of penalties. Lionel Conacher, recently acquired from Pittsburgh was an outstanding star, his perfect pass making possible the first goal by Himes. The big defence player then beat Worters in the third session with a neat back-hand drive for the second goal.

"What is love," remarked the Man on the Car, "when a young fellow approaching marriageable age refers to his sweetheart as a brainless darling."

MARITIMERS IN MONTREAL BANK LEAGUE

**Temple Lane is Rugby
Football Player with
Commerce—Joe Lamb
With the Royal Bank
Showing Well.**

In the Bank Hockey League of Montreal, Temple Lane late of the Halifax Wanderers who played with the Montreal A. A. A. English Rugby team this year is with the Bank of Commerce. That team was beaten by Royal Bank. The Montreal Star has this comment:

The Commerce team was not greatly changed from last season with the young forward pair, Charlie Shirriff and Kenny Copeland, working on the attack and the husky Pearson on the defence. They produced an aggressive young centre player in Lane, from the Maritimes, and the forward trio worked well but the defence was the weak spot of the Commerce play.

Joe Lamb formerly of Sussex is with Royal Bank playing on a wing. He figured in two of the six goals made by his team, passing twice to let team-mates score.

FORMER SOO PLAYER NOW WITH N. Y. RANGERS

Montreal, Dec. 23—Eddie Gerard, manager of the Montreal Maroons, made it known today that Stan Brown, former Soo defenceman and previous to that a star with University of Toronto, has been signed by the New York Rangers to help out Abel and Johnson. Brown is raring and fast. He was with the Detroit minor professional team this season until that club disbanded.

Brown was sought by Cecil Hart for the Maroons when the Montreal Club was being organized two years ago but could not be talked into putting his name on a profession contract at that time.

RICKARD SUES GARDEN ABOUT TEMPERATURE

New York, Dec. 23—A suit to restrain George L. (Tex) Rickard and the Madison Square Garden Corporation from allowing the temperature of the garden to rise above 40 degrees while hockey games are being played there was filed today by the New York Hockey Club, operating the Americans, a National League team.

According to the complaint a temperature above 40 degrees prohibits the playing of the game with "accuracy, neatness and dispatch" and slows up the individual playing, causing the men participating in the game to become sluggish and to lose weight.

T. P. Gorman, business manager of the New York Hockey Club, alleges \$300,000 investments in his club are jeopardized because the games have not been up to the usual speed this year and consequently the crowd's have diminished. This he attributes to a high temperature. Colonel John S. Hammond vice-president of the Madison Square Garden Corporation, said the complaint "would not influence the Garden in any way." Last year the temperature during hockey games was 70 degrees, he said, and this year has been lowered to an average between 53 and 55 degrees.

"We will not drop the temperature below a figure which would in any way discommode the spectators" Colonel Hammond said.

COLLINS WITH ATHLETICS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics today announced that Eddie Collins former manager of the Chicago White Sox, had signed a contract to play second base for the Athletics.

KNOTTY POINTS ARE DISCUSSED BY REFEREES

**O. H. A. Prefers Stop-
Watches for Timers—
Straight Time if Not
Available — The Off-
side Rule.**

Toronto, Dec. 23—About fifty O. H. A. referees gathered at the Prince George Hotel yesterday afternoon and indulged in a two-hour discussion of the rules governing the games in the amateur association. President G. B. McKay of Kitchener was in the chair and Secretary W. A. Hewitt read the rules and led the discussion or some of the more complicated points.

The meeting disclosed that there was quite a difference of opinion among some of the officials as to the proper interpretation of several sections of the code, but all these points were dealt with and before the meeting adjourned a uniform interpretation was reached.

Among the points that came up for discussion was the question of what happens if, in the case of a tie game both teams agree not to play the full overtime period as laid down in the rules. The rules state that if one team refuses to play the extra period necessary the game will be declared a loss for that team. It is now agreed that in the event of both teams refusing to play extra time, each team will have a defeat scored against it.

Stop Watches Preferable.

An understanding was also reached governing the time of periods at games where the timekeepers are not provided with stop watches. Some of the referees in the past have ruled to play twenty-three minutes' straight time the only time off being for delays due to injuries or other unforeseen causes. It was the opinion of the meeting that all rinks be notified to provide stop watches for the timekeepers but in the event that this is not done referees should arrange with timekeepers to play a straight twenty-five or twenty-seven minutes.

Another point not exactly covered by the rules is in regard to the length of time a game can be delayed while substituting a goalkeeper. In the past games have been held up while the sub goaler donned his skates and the pads of the goalkeeper who started the game. It was decided to permit a delay of ten minutes only under such conditions. The question of allowing a goalkeeper to come back on the ice again after retiring from injuries or any other cause was also discussed. Some of the referees have ruled in the past that no further change can be made until the expiration of the period, but it was generally agreed that a goalkeeper be allowed back again any time play is stopped before the expiration of the period in which he has been forced to retire.

Offside Rule Explained.

The offside rule also provoked much discussion. The particular point raised was whether it is offside when the player carrying the puck is blocked by the defense, but passes the rubber ahead of him and one of his teammates who is behind him when he is blocked skates ahead and takes the puck. This was clearly shown to be an onside, although many clubs have disputed this ruling when referees have called it such. If the player recovering the puck is ahead of the player blocked, then it is an obvious offside, but not otherwise.

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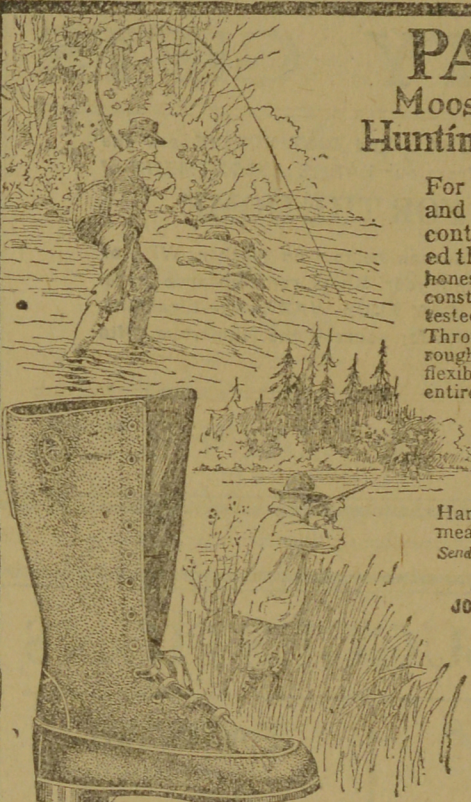
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