

# NEWS of SPORT

## IS PRO HOCKEY DYING IN SCENE OF ITS ORIGIN?

Experts Say Yes—Attendance Rapidly Falling Off—International League Buys Up Players.

Regina, Jan. 18—Is professional hockey pining out on the Canadian prairie? Is the salaried sport destined to die a natural death around the scene of some of its greatest triumphs?

Echo, unhappily, answers something that sounds suspiciously like an affirmative.

Through a combination of uncontrollable circumstances in three short years the Canadian West has been reduced from a stronghold of the best that was to be seen in professional hockey to a region fighting a valiant battle to retain the meagre mess of pottage that is submitting for the succulent feast that once gratified the appetites of vast assemblies of rabid railbirds.

The woeful attendance at the Regina Capitals' home games coupled with the well understood intention of the Patrick Brothers to revive pro hockey next winter on the Pacific Coast when they will be combing the prairies for a healthy percentage of their playing material casts a gloomy aspect over the salaried situation in this particular division of puckdom.

A little over six years ago, pro hockey first invaded the western plains. Trotting out a host of camouflaged senior amateur talent, Regina in company with Saskatoon, Calgary and Edmonton organized in the fall of 1921 the Western Canada League. Providing large galleries with "big game" hockey and later extending its scope to take in the Coast League the circuit functioned with great success until the spring of 1926 when a great crash shook it loose from its substantial moorings; for the National League the big power of moneyed hockey in the east linking up in an international alliance with several Yankee cities that craved more than a passing glimpse of the world's fastest game, flashed a basketball that bought up practically all the athletes of account and disrupted the league.

## YORK COUNTY LEAGUE STARTS

The York County League will get away to a start tonight at the Arctic Rink when the Devon Tigers will clash with the U. N. B. squad. In the second game Marysville and Fredericton the two other entries in the league will mix, the game to start immediately after the first game.

The league promises to be an interesting and very competitive four-some and for the past few years the rival teams have supplied the fans with some good hockey. The winner of the league will meet other N. B. intermediates in a playoff for the N. B. championship in the spring.

New York Jan. 18—Because it does not regard the Augsburg College team of Minneapolis as sufficiently representative the United States Olympic Committee today announced it had declined to approve its selection for competition in the Olympic winter sports at St. Moritz Switzerland next month.

## ARCTIC RINK

### TONIGHT! TWO GAMES

Devon Tigers vs U.N.B.  
Starting at 7.45 sharp  
Marysville vs F'ton  
Admission 25c and tax

## BROWNS MAY BE UP IN FRONT IN COMING YEAR

Mgr. Howley Has Nearly New Team For Tryout—Geo. Sisler Gone From Fold.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 18—Remodeled and rejuvenated by replacements the St. Louis Browns of the American League under the guiding hand of Manager Dan Howley will enter the race this season an untried and entirely unknown quantity in the junior circuit.

Gone from the ranks is George Sisler 1926 manager and star first baseman. One are Williams, Gaston H. Rice, Van Gilder and several other veterans who last season performed in the spangles of the Browns in their places will be untried youngsters, many of them new to the majors.

The task of replacing Sisler at first base at present stands between Lou Blue, obtained in a trade with Detroit, and Guy Sturdy a heavy hitter from Tulsa of the Western League. Otis Brannon and Oscar Mellillo will try for the Keystone assignment while Ralph Kress and Walter Gerber the latter the only veteran infielder back are scheduled to patrol shortstop. Frank O'Rourke will be pressed hard by Billy Mulvan for the opportunity to hold down the hot corner of third.

At present Heinie Manush, Ear McNeely and Fritz Schultz are the only outfielders on the roster.

The team should be strong behind the bat with three good receivers on the list.

With determined youth on which to build his hurling staff for the most part, Manager Howley faces his biggest problems in grooming mound men to foil opposition.

## CAPITOLS AWAY FOR FINAL TILT AT DAIRY TOWN

The Capitols left this morning for Sussex where they will play the final game of the first section with the Colts in the arena there. Although the game is of no importance as regards the final standing of the section yet it will prove to be the closely fought contest, if previous games have anything to tell for the two teams have always been the keenest of rivals in the ice game and the dairy town fans are likely to see a whale of a game.

Some changes have been made in the Green and White squad and several youngsters were taken for the final game for a test. Don Horncastle, Commercial League wing and Creighton, University player will be given a tryout on the ice tonight at Sussex. The Capitols are evidently making an attempt to strengthen the scoring punch of the outfit which has not shown much in the way of scoring throughout the first section although more than holding its own in the defensive side.

Following is the team which left for the final game of the first section:

Goal, Hickson; Defence, McKenna, C. Wade, Horncastle; Forwards, Keenan, Chalmers, Harrison, Creighton and Irvine.

### IS BIG BOY.

Basketball Player Is 7 Feet 2 Inches 205 lbs and 22 Years Old.

Chicago, Jan. 18—The tallest player in professional basket ball signed today to play with the Chicago Bruins in the American Basketball League. He is Milas Shoun, Southern college star and stands 7 feet 2 inches high, weighs 205 pounds and is 22 years old. He will make his debut with the Bruins against the Cleveland team Thursday night.

R. D. Reese of Toronto is in the city today.

## U. S. WRITERS PICK CANADA FOR STANLEY CUP

U. S. and Canada Met In 53 Games 4 Canadian Teams Have Won 34 International Games.

New York, Jan. 18—The chances of the Stanley Cup, emblematic of the world's professional hockey championship coming to the United States this season are not very bright, to judge from statistics on games played between Canadian and United States teams in the national hockey league for the first half of the season.

Ottawa now holds the premier hockey title. United States and Canadian sextettes have clashed in 53 games, the four teams from the Dominion showing an overwhelming superiority both in games won and goals scored.

The four Canadian teams have won 34 international games, the six United States teams 16, and 3 have been tied.

Nine of the international games won by United States teams were by the margin of only one goal and only four have been won by a margin of more than two goals all against the Montreal Maroons. Boston and Pittsburgh both have shut out the Maroons 4 to 0 and Detroit scored a 4 to 1 victory. Detroit also has a 3 to 0 whitewash of the Maroons to its credit.

The brightest spot in the performances of United States teams against their Canadian rivals was Detroit's 2-0 triumph over Les Canadiens of Montreal who are setting a dizzy pace. It is the only defeat suffered by the flying Frenchmen so far.

In scoring the Canadiens have an aggregate superiority of 56 goals having netted 144 shots as compared with 88 for the United States clubs. The Americans have held Canadian teams scoreless seven times as compared with six shutouts registered by the Dominion sextettes.

## N. B. HOCKEY GAMES IN NORTH SHORE LEAGUE

Newcastle Jan. 18—The Bathurst hockey team crossed sticks with the Newcastle sextette in the Dalton Arena here tonight and continued their string of victories in a hard fought contest by a score of 4-3.

Despite the weather conditions a large crowd turned out to witness one of the best games staged in this town for some years and although it did not require overtime the game was in doubt to the very end.

Those responsible for the Bathurst goals were Gordon Cribbs, Ken Carroll, "Dud" James and Dan Cribbs while Frank Fallon, Jack Butcher and Clyde Lindon were successful in netting the Newcastle tallies.

George Duncan of Chatham refereed the game in a satisfactory manner.

Campbellton 7; Chatham 5  
Campbellton, Jan. 18—Campbellton defeated the hard skating Catham squad here tonight by a score of 7 to 5 in a hectic battle of hockey featured by some of the most brilliant stickhandling and end to end rushes seen on local ice in several seasons.

The game opened fast with Campbellton pressing the Chatham goal.

When the visitors scored the contest at once hit up a fast pace and in the second period the speed was at times incredulous.

The first half of the last session was loose but both teams stuck in their best form for the closing minutes.

A late train delayed the visitors and the game did not get under way until 9.30 o'clock.

Mr. P. J. Neway of Moncton is in the city today.

## TIGER AND GENE MAY MEET IN JUNE OR JULY

Tex Rickard Would Have Pair Meet First—Winner Liable To Meet Sharkey In Fall.

New York, Jan. 18—One word from Gene Tunney a signature on the dotted line and the ballyhoo over two heavyweight championship fights in 1928, will be on in earnest.

That is all that is necessary Tex Rickard revealed today to start the "whoop-up" for Jack Dempsey's second attempt to regain the title and his third shot at the champion. But the picture is somewhat altered as compared with its original outlines for the promoter now plans to bring Dempsey and Tunney together first, at the Yankee Stadium in June or possibly July.

The winner will figure in the second title bout "sometime in September" preferably against Jack Sharkey if the Boston sailor can be rebuilt to challenging stature.

### Two Bouts Planned.

Tunney and Rickard already have come to virtual agreement on a program of two championship bouts the promoter disclosed in confirming published reports that he met the titleholder and a corps of lawyers in New York Jan. 7. The final draft of terms is expected to be signed at Miami, Fla. late this week. Rickard will start Wednesday for the South.

The chief stumbling block in the way of negotiations today appeared in Rickard's refusal to guarantee Tunney any such sum as the champion drew for his match with Dempsey in Chicago last fall.

"The racket will not stand two \$1,000,000 purses" in one year, Tex said explaining that Gene must sign a new contract agreeing to a straight percentage of the gate receipts. The option Rickard now holds on the champion's services calls for a guarantee of \$525,000 and 50 per cent of the receipts over \$1,000,000 for one match in 1928.

## BOWLING

The Crabbers took three from the Ramblers last night at the Palace Alleys. Blaine Pugh of the Crabbers rolled the highest total 326. J. Lawlor of the losers was second with 301.

### CRABBERS

	1	2	3	Ttl.
Allen	112	95	78	285
Miles	86	94	106	286
Gregg	83	83	101	267
Pugh	108	111	107	326
Keirstead	89	96	105	290
	478	479	497	1454

### RAMBLERS.

	1	2	3	Ttl.
Edney	101	81	97	279
Colwell	86	100	97	283
Richards	93	84	85	262
Davis	95	88	112	295
Lawlor	114	89	98	301
	489	442	489	1420

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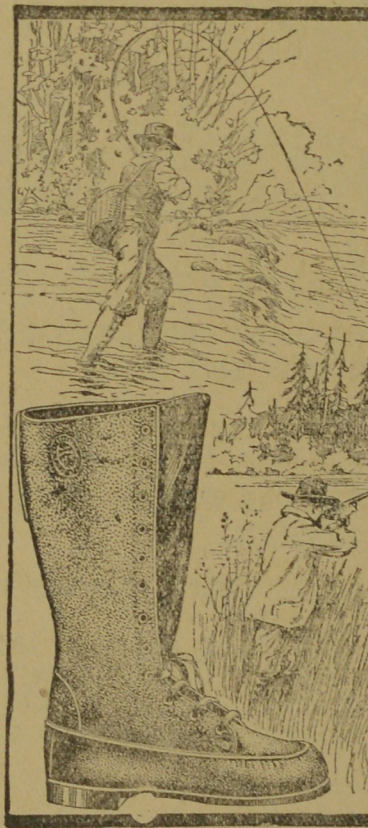
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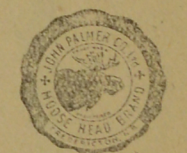
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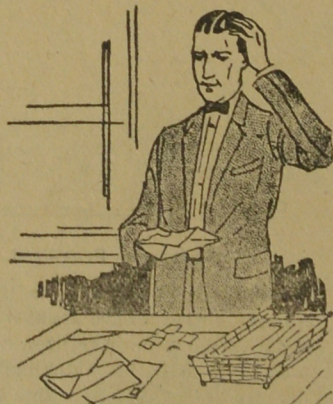
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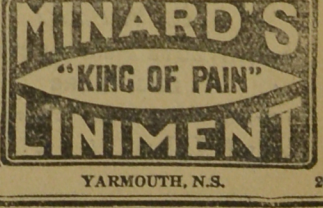
It is unwise to guess the weight of a letter to determine the amount of postage required. Such guessing often results in "Postage Due," which may cause delay in delivery, and, in the case of business letters, often results in a dissatisfied customer.

## Removes Warts

"ENGLISHWOMAN" writes to the Montreal Star:

"I read a letter in your paper asking for a remedy for warts, and as I found one that took an ugly one off the side of my forehead I will give it to you. I had a bottle of Minard's Liniment in the house that I use for rheumatism, and casually reading directions I saw it was a good thing for corns and warts, so being so simple I tried it. Just dab it on with the cork two or three times a day letting it dry on. Well it all went away in about two weeks, dried up and came off by degrees."

"Another also appeared on my cheek not so large, but I applied the same remedy and could pick it off like the other."



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