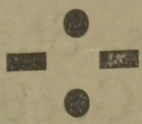


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# SPORT NEWS

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## UNITED STATES NOT EXPECTED TO EXCEL IN HOCKEY

Canadians Living in that Country Best  
Exponents of Game There—Played  
Under Handicap

(New York Telegram.)

It is doubtful and improbable that hockey will ever assume the importance in this country that it has in its home—Canada. To imagine such a thing would be like reversing the conditions of baseball, with the exception that baseball is becoming more and more popular across the border with the advent of each season.

There is one great difference, however, and a difference that has a pronounced effect upon conditions—baseball needs an open field; hockey needs ice. Aside from small ponds and artificial rinks there is little chance for the youth of this country to play the winter sport.

Considering the handicap under which the teams labor in the United States, the quality of hockey played is excellent. In the games that have taken place between the leading teams here and the best amateur teams of the Dominion, the showing made by our representatives has been commendable.

A MAJOR SPORT IN COLLEGES.

Whenever one of this country's seven is successful in defeating a septette from the Dominion, Canadians are wont to point to the fact that the majority of our players of ability are Canadians. This is true in part. But it is also true that, gradually American players are being developed in our colleges, universities "prep" schools and amateur clubs who are becoming more and more proficient.

By persevering, those who have recognized and appreciate the real value of the game as a sport are succeeding in accomplishing things which several years ago were deemed almost impossible.

Colleges and universities in the United States have manifested growing interest. At some institutions the sport has been promoted from a minor athletic pastime, for which the players received only an individual insignia, to a major sport, for which they receive the cherished varsity letter.

This has proved an incentive for increased activity among the general student bodies and as a result the squads have increased annually from a scant two sevens to four and five sevens, and even more players, who have had some experience while serving their terms in the "prep" schools.

## FRESHEST YOUNGSTER EVER IN BASEBALL

Walter Regh, the Pittsburgh ball player is said to be the freshest youngster that ever broke into the major leagues. He was the man who had the temerity, when he came up to bat as a pinch hitter and Umpire Klem asked him how to spell his name to tell that martinet of the diamond to whistle it.

They tell this story of the youngster which has a local color: In a game at the South End, Mike Donlin became peeved because Max Carey missed the hit-and-run sign from Mike, causing the latter to lose a hit.

"Go whiz!" complained Donlin on the bench. "I don't know what was the matter with Carey. Why, everybody in the park except Max got the sign."

"Sure they did, and a fellow outside got it too," broke in Regh. "See that fellow?" and he pointed to a painter on a scaffold. "He got it and is painting it."

## OVERALL GOING AFTER COMMISSION STRONG

Los Angeles, Dec. 27—"I'm going after the National Commission tomorrow good and strong," declared Orvie Overall, one time pitcher of the Chicago Cubs, today.

"I intend to telegraph that body asking just where I stand in baseball. I want to play next season. I would not play in Chicago for any money, but I want to know why I cannot play in some other city. I intend to play ball next season with some big league club and I want to know why I cannot be allowed to."

Frank Jones says he owns a 4-year-old trotter that can trim Barney Gibbs. Goers has driven the youngster a mile in 2:10 this fall.

## BIG CROWDS SAW PRO HOCKEY GAME SATURDAY

Toronto Teams Both Lost—Quebec Beat Ottawa—  
Games Were Fast—Little Rough Work Observed  
—Toronto Teams Expected to Improve

Toronto, Dec. 28—Erratic shooting coupled with poor work in goal by Manager Nicholson, lost Tecumsehs probably the best chance they will have this winter to beat the Wanderers of Montreal in their opening N.H.A. game at the Arena tonight before the largest crowd which ever attended a match in Toronto, their being close to 4,400 present. The score was seven to four in favor of the Easterners. The line-up:

Wanderers—Goal, Cadotte; point, Roal; cover, O. Cleghorn; centre, Russell; right wing, Hyland; left wing, Robertz.

Tecumsehs—Goal, Nicholson; point, w. McNamara; cover, H. McNamara; centre, Strike; right wing, Gaul; left wing, Lifton.

Referee, Russell Bowie, Montreal; judge of play, A. Anglin, Toronto.

CANADIENS, 8; TORONTO, 5.

Montreal, Dec. 29—Experience combined with considerable luck won rather a decisive victory for the Canadiens over the Torontos by a score of eight to five in the opening of the hockey season at the Arena on Saturday night. Manager Kennedy took no chances and put on his strongest team, including Payan, who was in the city on a visit.

Nearly 5,000 enthusiastic turned out to see the game and were very favorably impressed with the showing of the impressed with the showing of the visitors. The game was teplete with rushes on the part of both teams and during the three periods the visitors kept the more experienced stepping all the time to stand off the rushes. Toronto showed the greatest weakness in checking. Two men would go off after one of the local team's wings, leaving the centre open, which afforded many opportunities for passes which proved disastrous to the visitors.

The line up was:—

Canadiens	Goal	Toronto
Vezina		Holmes

## SPORTS OF ALL KINDS

Earl C. Ainsworth, a right-handed pitcher, who was purchased from the Youngstown, O. club of the Central League by the Boston Americans last season, has sent in his signed contract for the season of 1913. Ainsworth's home is in Wilmerding, Penn. He made a fine showing last season, and gives promise of becoming a great pitcher when he has gone through a course of seasoning.

How many lickings is Sam McVea willing to take at the hands of Boston's "Tar Baby"? There ought to be a limit to what a man can stand from Sam Langford's stiff punches.

Howard Fancy of Dartmouth College, who was signed by the Philadelphia Athletics when the college season closed last June and who was recently turned over to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League, is more than pleased with his transfer.

Mayor Rockwell of Akron, O., says the boxing game as conducted in that city is all right, and he will continue to issue permits.

Jess Willard, the Western "hope" who is talked about considerably, is said to have a "glass jaw." If he has, the boxing game is no sport for him to indulge in.

Charley Ledoux, the French bantam, who is on his way back to France, may not box again for two years, as he will have to enter the Army when he returns.

A meeting of the delegates of the St. John High School, Rotheray College and the Fredericton High School will be held at the Y.M.C.A., St. John, this evening, to draw up the schedule of the Interscholastic Hockey League. The St. John High School will be represented by Lee Waring and Bryden Milledge. Rotheray's delegates will be Messrs. Coster and Starr, while Fredericton High School will be represented by Lto Doan and Royden Barbour.

The senior basket ball season will likely open at St. John on Wednesday afternoon, when a team picked from the St. John U.N.B. students will meet the Y.M.C.A. players. Melrose and Benderi will be in the Col-

Point	Davidson
Dubuea	Cameron
Laviolette	Wilson
D. Smith	McGiffin
Lalonde	Foyston
Piere	Pulterd, Ottawa,
Referee Harvey	Judge of play, Jack Marshall, Mon-
treau.	

QUEBEC, 7; OTTAWA, 3

Quebec, Dec. 29—By a score of 7 to 3 the Quebec hockey team, defeated the Ottawas last evening in the first game in the championship series played here this season.

Although the play could not be considered first class, yet for an opening match a good article of hockey was put up, both teams evidently playing with a determination to come out victorious.

While the match was strenuous, it was by no means rough, and any penalties inflicted were for minor offences. The referee and assistant kept the game well in hand, not the slightest infringement of the rules escaping their notice. They were particularly strict on offside. The skating rink had a capacity audience.

Ottawa	Goal	Quebec
Lesueur		Moran
Lake		R. Power
Shore		Hall
Ronan		Malone
Broadbent		Marks
Darrah		Smith
Mummery		Power
Benedict		Lesueur
Referee J. T. Brennan;		assistant, Charles McNamars.

lege line-up and other players will make up the team. The Y.M.C.A. will have Willet, Thorne, M. Latham, Burton, Boone and Knodell on the floor. The officials will be G. Barton, referee, and C. Howard, umpire. The game will be started at four o'clock.

"Cycloae" Johnny Thompson says that he now weighs 190 pounds and will enter the heavyweight division. He will challenge the winner of the Al Palzer-McCarthy bout.

Jack McGuigan of Philadelphia has matched his protegee, Sam Robideau, to box six rounds with "K. O." Brown, the New York lightweight at Philadelphia on Jan. 4.

George Horton, holder of the World's record for the high jump, gives credit for his wonderful form to Eddie Beeson of the University of California. He did not adopt the side run until he saw Beeson jump and he so mastered it that only once last season, up to the time he fell off in form at the Eastern tryouts, did he fail to clear at least 6 feet 2 inches. Horine goes farther and says that Beeson was always a most generous competitor, going so far as to assist him with advice, even in competition.

Jim Thorpe is naturally the leading citizen of Prague, Okla., since his return home from Carlisle. His companions on one of his first hunting trips were the leading banker and the most prominent manufacturer of the town.

The outfield of the Boston Nationals should be stronger next season because of the return to perfect condition of George Jackson, who all last season was a sick man and did not by any means do himself justice in any department of the game.—Boston Globe.

Roy Robertson of Marysville is going to win that pearl pin for highest string at the Queen Hotel Aleys unless somebody steps in pretty soon. The constst ends on Tuesday and that string of 114 which Robertson put on some time ago still stands and looks good for a win.

According to the Milwaukee Senti-

## LAVIOLETTE MADE BIG HIT WITH TORONTO FANS

Canadian Cover-Point the Strong Fa-  
vorite—Pitre Said to be Surpassed  
by Him

(Toronto News)

There is one player on the Canadiens who has already become very popular with the fans at the Arena, and that is Jack Laviolette, the dashing cover point of the team. Laviolette by his clean, effective playing had more to do with the victory than any other man and his good checking and spectacular rushes were applauded all through the game. In the two games Laviolette has played here this season he is head and shoulders over Lalonde and Pitre who are rated as the stars of the Canadiens. Pitre was a lot better last night than on Saturday and will improve as soon as he gets in condition. Pitre is a speed merchant and has a wicked shot.

(Toronto Star)

Laviolette was the star of the Canadienne team. The crowd liked his clean, fast work and cheered him all night. Pitre, the \$3,000 beauty woke the crowd up with his cyclonic rushes and marvelous dodgings, but he got roasted in lively fashion for slashing Don Smith on the other wing proved himself one of the most useful men on the team. He was always up for a pass in front of the nets, and started many a rush on his own hook. Lalonde did not over exert himself, but he was Johnny on the spot a lot of times. He had a dozen shots on the nets and every one was dead on, but Holmes beat them all but one. Vezina was good in goal. Referee Jack Marshall of Montreal handled the game in masterly style. He was right on top of them all the time and nipped anything that looked like dirty work, in the bud. "Play the puck and not the man if you want to get along with me," was his warning given to the players at the start. The official fined the players about \$35 in all.

(Toronto Globe)

Pitre and Laviolette were the stars on the Canadienne line-up. The latter is one of the biggest men on the team, but is exceptionally fast on his feet. Although in poor condition he worked hard all the time and was instrumental in scoring most of the goals. His individual rushes were spectacular. After securing the puck rom behind his own goal he would carry it down the boards and then draw Holmes from his get. Laviolette, as on Saturday night was the star. His clean, fast playing again caught the crowd and he was cheered repeatedly. He received two or three hard bumps which laid him out, but gamely continued, and finished the game with a burst of speed. But for the good work of Vezina in goal the story might have been different. The French net guardian time and again came out of his net to cack the on coming man. His playing was the best seen here in a long time, and with the net guardians changed Torontos would have won.

## MURPHY'S TEAM TO HAVE STRENUOUS SPRING

Chicago, Dec. 26—Pres. Charles W. Murphy of the Chicago National League Club left tonight for Florida to select a training camp for his team. He plans to visit six or seven cities which have offered sites for the camp. Arrangements have been made, it was announced for the team to play 30 or more exhibition games on its trip Northward.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30—Marty O'Toole, the \$22,500 pitcher of the Pittsburgh baseball club, was married today to Miss Rose K. Heffernan of Saxonville, near this city. The wedding took place this morning in St. George's Church, Saxonville. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Bermuda.

nel, Arthur Bues, the slugging Milwaukeean, who is slated to play third base for the Boston Nationals next season, is in no hurry to sign, the contract sent to him by the club. While he is not a holdout, the contract is not, it is said, worded to his liking, and he intends to have some correspondence before he puts his name to the parchment. He is not expecting a hitch with the management, as the conditions to which he objects are of minor importance.

Mofo gained a dozen 2.30 trotters this year. In the published lists the name of Uleara, 2.28½, is omitted.