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(Special to The Guardian)

(By BURT HOXIE)

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 22.—The Abegweits, from far away Prince Edward Island have come and gone, leaving behind them a trail, which when their name is mentioned will recall a number of pleasant things.

It was expected that this would be their final and only appearance of the season. But an encore is in order it was recently announced, and the announcement is being hailed with delight by the rabid fans hereabouts. The fact that Boston College will be their opponents lends all the more color to the curtain call.

To go back to the initial appearance of the "Abys" as New Englanders find it easier to call them, there is a lot to say concerning them. They came here rather a mystery. When they left it was partly unsolved. And unsolved in this respect, that hockey fans hereabouts believe that the visitors had an effect on slowing up their speed. That they did so remarkably well speaks volumes in itself.

There was a feeling prevalent among the boys from the Island came to town that they were a bit overrated. Champions of the Provinces meant little to local fans. They seemed said territory rather small and not tenanted by any such class as advance reports indicated. They were considered in spite of the added reputation in their engagement against the Olympic team rather soft picking for the local contestants. At the start of this visualizing appeared warranted for it is not straying from the truth to mention that the entertainers proved slow in getting under steam.

Before going further it might be mentioned however that the gamblers had a hunch that advance press notices meant something. They made them the favorite to the tune of 2 to 1. Against the Boston Hockey club, as good as team as there is in the Eastern section of the United States Amateur Hockey Association they were given even money consideration.

It is easy to explain the why for Saturday evening through their showing against Boston College. These collegians are without doubt, in spite of their records for defeat, a better team than Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other large university teams. They have beaten McGill University, and the Hockey Club. Finding tough opponents for them is one of the problems of their coach. So in reality the Abegweits were facing as strong a hockey team as there is in the East. It is only among the colleges but the big league as well.

The Boston A. A. which administered the visitors second defeat made up nearly entirely of the members of last year's National champions. They are the leaders of the East whirl today, and will undoubtedly win the title again. And mention is made of these facts to bring out more forcibly what the "Abs" were up against. When they return to these parts it is fairly certain they will prove capable of giving B. C. as good as they send, and getting an even break if not better.

It is the general opinion of the newspaper fraternity that Roy Prowse who held down one of the wing positions in the squad is one of the best hockey players to visit Boston for quite some time. His work as a member of the Maple A. A. early in the season here was not of long enough duration to bring forth his real talents. Had he remained he would have made a valuable addition to that team occupying the cellar position. At any rate his reputation earned much sought individual would be a mess to make his hockey home here in the near future.

There were other members of the squad who cannot be overlooked, but Prowse in particular gets the gold margined diploma. It was very apparent in the Abbie's game that the squad were unused to a large surface. Even the fan unfamiliar with hockey and his steps to success could notice that there was considerable bunching when trips down the ice were attempted.

An outstanding feature of their visit was the turn out of hockey fans. Never has the Arena seen such a gathering. Even the aisles were tenanted. Special delegations from various lines of work were on hand to lend color and noise to the encounter. As the house seemed evenly divided the entertainment eclipsed anything previously seen in this town.

Another noticeable fact in these games was the condition of the visiting athletes. In that particular it was expected that the Collegians would have all the advantage. And last but not least it is fitting to bestow a few words of praise upon their cleanliness. To go through two games without perspiration is one thing. To pass through two such as those which came to pass is another. It must be admitted there were many causes for same.

Hockey at Summerside

On Friday last the Summerside High School took the Queen's Square boys, Charlottetown into camp by the one-sided score of 16-0. The Summerside boys played the game in fine style all through and it is a sure thing that in days to come, Summerside will still be on the map for producing fine "champions of the puck." The Charlottetown boys proved themselves to be fast many times outskating the puck completely. The second period was the only period that they showed any inclination of staying with the game, as Summerside scored only 2 goals in this frame. It is expected that a return game will be played shortly in Charlottetown.

HOLMAN'S LOSE TO "Y" 4-1

An excellent brand of Hockey was shown on Wednesday night when Holman's vs Y. M. C. A. crossed sticks the latter at the long end of a 4-1 score. 2 minutes from the face-off Johnson sagged the net for the "Y" and 5 minutes later Mountain scored the count both teams then "went to it" but neither side seemed able to get a shot for the nets and the first period ended 1-1. The second period opened with the "Y" determined to score but, although getting a number of shots, they were turned by Boulpitt, combination was much in evidence in this period but proved to be of no avail as no scoring was done. Ten minutes after the opening of the third period Johnson again scored and 1 minute later, Tanton sank the rubber for the third, and 1 min before the bell Tanton again scored game ending 4-1.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, Position. Includes Schurman, Nicholson, Andrews, Johnson, Tanton, Montgomery, Perrin, Crue.

"Battling" Siki in Jail Again

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 22.—Battling Siki, the Senegalese boxer, spent four hours in jail here yesterday after complaints had been made to the police that he had created a disturbance. No charges were preferred against him, however. He came here from Havana.

HOW SOME YANKS LOOK AT HOCKEY

This is how hockey looks to Bugs Baer, New York American sports writer:

"Big colleges are now spolling their winter athletics with ice hockey. Hockey is one of the finest games in the nation today. When they play roulette only the croupier has a stick. When they play baseball only the batter has a piece of wood. But when they play hockey everybody has a club.

"Hockey is played on puddles. Some wealthy grad donates the ground. Nature supplies the rain, and a note from the A. A. U. freezes it over.

"The game is ready to start. Somebody blows a whistle and clubs are trumps. Six players on each side wallop each other into a custard while they chase a bouncing vest button all over the cold plaza.

"The game is stopped every few minutes to check up the player. If any are missing, the next of kin are eligible to grab the club and bang away until somebody wins or loses.

"United States refuses to join the League of Nations until Canada takes the clubs away from its hockey players. The game is very popular up there because they get their ice direct from zero to consumer.

"They also prefer it to boxing and football. It's cheaper. When a player is knocked dead than an autumn leaf in hockey he is right on ice and the other funeral expenses are small.

"There is no neutral territory in Canada during the hockey season, as the whole country is frozen over from A. to Izzard. Anybody on skates has to defend himself at all times.

"Canadian hockey players grab big salaries for abusing one another or ice skates. They have been playing it up there for two hundred years, so nobody knows exactly just when hockey stopped being a sport.

"American colleges have been playing it for fifty years and getting good results from their clubs. But they made a mistake when Rutgers challenged Toronto University. The game was played in Toronto, and every Canadian player was armed with two clubs and an axe.

"A goal is scored when a player is knocked into the net. Time is called when a goalkeeper is wallopped off side or a cover point chooses the wrong exit.

"After two hours of this mob rule the game is stopped to allow the players to partake of iodine, arnica and other refreshments.

"All the players shake hands with broken arms and ask each other what Santa brought them for Christmas.—Ex.

Oyster Bed Driving Club Races

The Oyster Bed Driving Club held their second race on their course on Feb. 21st, a very large crowd gathered to witness the sport. The track was in excellent shape owing to the untiring energy of the track committee, each class being well-filled and hotly contested. Class A was won by Capt. H. J. Ginger Boy, Admiral and Cristie Dillon having to race off for second and third position. Class B had four entries and was won by Don R. Class C had six entries and was won by Stella Acquiri.

Table with 2 columns: Class, Name, Time. Includes Class A (Capt. H. Horn Bros, 1:11), Class B (Don R. Robinson, 1:11), Class C (Stella Acquiri, 1:11).

ABEGWEITS WILL CONTEST FOR MARITIME HONORS

At a late hour last night the Guardian was advised that the Abegweits would leave Monday morning to play the Sackville sextette, winners of the Central section of the M. A. H. A., in the first game of a two game play-off in the elimination for Maritime hockey honors, home and home games, goals to count.

The winners of this section to play the winners of the Western section comprising Sussex and Moncton which teams are now playing off; Moncton winning the first game last night by a score of 7 to 6.

Providing Moncton's winning out, the winners of the Abegweits-Sackville games will play off with the above for the hockey championship of the Maritimes.

ABBIE PRACTICE

The following players are asked to be on hand for practice tonight starting at 8 o'clock sharp: S. Diamond, C. Dougan, F. Kelly, R. Prowse, E. Cronin, J. McEachern, J. Gordon, F. Cronin, F. Cox, L. Campbell, F. Bradley, H. Harper.

CRYSTALS LOSE HORSE RACES TO TRURO 7-3

TRURO, Feb. 22.—The Crystal hockey team on their way home from Halifax where they defeated the Wanderers and Daubouise teams, stopped off at Truro last night and were defeated by the Truro team by a score of 7 goals to 3.

The game was somewhat slow throughout the Islanders plainly showing the effects of their long hard tour through the Maritimes. They occasionally showed bursts of speed that had Truro guessing but the fast pace would slacken where at times speed counted with the above mentioned result. Truro won 7-3.

The much postponed Charlottetown Driving Club races will take place this afternoon starting at 2 p. m. sharp. A new track is being constructed from the Ferry wharf to the Railway wharf (teams can get to it from the bottom of Prince St.)

Great praise is due to the volunteer workers who put the course in order yesterday, particularly Messrs Arbing, Essory and Abbott.

The new track will be capable of accommodating six horses abreast.

The classes to be run off today are the Class A Trot, Class A Pace and race for the P. S. Brown trophy. The dog race will be held between heats, starting at 2.30. It will consist of 220 yard dashes, best two in three. The officials will be: Starter—George McDonald. Judges—W. Brown, E. F. Acorn and A. Kennedy.

Timers—F. Hooper, James McEachern and D. M. McLeod. The officials are respectively asked to be on hand at sharp 2 o'clock as there is a large programme.

MONDAY'S RACES A meeting of the club will be held tonight at 8 p. m. sharp to arrange for the following classes proposed for Monday.

- Class B. Trot: Teddy, Captain H, Mickey B, The Pup, Canadian Belle and others. Class B Pace: Dingola Girl, Panzy York, Hannah Pratt, Abegweit, Soldier Boy, McInnis Pacer, Art McInnis, Pacer, Mary Grattan and McNevin Pacer.

Wanderers Defeat Crescents 6 to 1

(Canadian Press.) HALIFAX, Feb. 22.—The Wanderers defeated the Crescents 6-1 in City League hockey match here tonight.

Britain May Take Up Round Globe Airship Trip

(British United Press.) LONDON, Feb. 22.—Cancellation of plans for the round globe trip of the United States dirigible, Shenandoah has given a great impetus to the British movement to make an endeavor.

Commander F. M. Boothby, British airship expert has expressed his confident opinion that the R 36 is capable making the trip round the world by air in four days from Fulham aerodrome and he estimates the total cost of the trip to be about five thousand pounds.

Efforts made during the last few days to interest the Labor government in the scheme have been sympathetically received.

It is around the globe that seek help from others who had attended the dance.

The ghost, they say, appeared in front of them on the road, coming from behind a group of hills. It has most frequently been seen on that part of the hills, which was once the site of the important mediaeval town of Burton Dassett.

The remains of which are an old Norman church, a ruined farm-house and mill.

It is around the church and farm-house, between which lies a stagnant pool, that the ghost most frequently is seen. Practically every person living in Fenny Compton has seen it, as well as hundreds of visitors.

A theory that the light is due to marsh gas, and is merely the familiar "ignis-fatuus" or will-o-the-wisp, is discredited. There are no marshes in the hills, and the light is too bright to be the faint and indefinite glow of marsh gas.

CANADIENS WIN SUCCESSFUL ICE SPORTS FROM OTTAWA

MONTREAL, Feb. 22.—Canadiens defeated Ottawa Senators here tonight by a score of 3 to 1 in a listlessly played game. Ottawa showed the effects of their previous night's experiences aboard a snowbound train. They were never dangerous during the game, Clancy being the only player to show customary form.

Sprague Cleghorn was the hero of the Canadiens win, scoring two of the three goals on individual rushes and otherwise turning in a remarkable game.

Canadiens are resting comfortably in second place in the National Hockey League race now and their chance of entering the league play-off are now brighter.

Swept off their feet by the Canadiens' dashy play in the first period, Ottawa's representatives could not get started thereafter and were simply swamped by the fast-skating local squad, which commanded the game from first to last.

Canadiens' three goals came in the first period and their supremacy was never questioned by any of the 6,000 spectators who jammed the Arena for the second night in succession to witness the old time rivals in action.

GRANITES VISIT THE PRINCE

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Canadian amateur hockeyists who recently won the world championship at the Olympic games spent a delightful half hour with the Prince of Wales at St. James Palace this morning, where the Prince received them with his usual cordiality.

His Royal Highness again congratulated the Canadians on their fine performances on the ice in the Olympic hockey games at Champanix, France, and wished them a pleasant voyage and a happy return to the Dominion.

The Prince still wears his arm in a sling as he has not quite recovered from his accident recently when he was thrown to the ground by his horse falling while the Prince was putting him over a fence. However, he has consistently made light of his injury.

The Canadian hockey champions sail for home on Friday. They were given the privilege of sitting in the Speaker's Gallery in the House of Commons last night. They will attend a party tonight.

SACKVILLE WIN CENTRAL TITLE

AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 22.—Sackville defeated Springhill here last night by a score of 7 to 0 and thus won the championship of the Central League, after a week of disputes, protests and disagreements. While the ice was not extremely fast both teams maintained a speedy clip. Copp secured four of the goals for Sackville, while Rainnie, Pickard and McAllister had one each.

In the first and second periods there was some good fast hockey, but in the third Springhill went to pieces. The score at the end of the first period was 3-0 and at the end of the second period 6-0. George Trites of Moncton, referee.

Death Waits For Me

(By Dominion News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 22.—A poem written by a woman who had suffered for years from neurasthenia, shortly before she took her life by coal-gas poisoning, was read at a recent inquest.

Death Waits for Me To-night," the poem was as follows: Even now my murmured echoes from afar. And grave mists gather round my star; I am weary and am travel worn, My faltering feet are pierced by many a thorn.

This cruel world has made my faint heart bleed. When dreamless rest is mine, I shall not need The tenderness for which I long to-night.

The stanzas were found as she lay dead with her head in a gas oven, in the hand of Florence Martha Miller, a dressmaker of Shepherd's Bush, and after reading them the coroner said: "If original it is an excellent example of versifying."

(British United Press.) PARIS, Feb. 22.—The franc continued to show steady improvement during the day yesterday this afternoon being 23.10 to the dollar and 135 to the pound sterling.

While the shoe is on thy foot tread upon the thorns.

Large Attendance Witness Splendid Programme Put on by Boys of Queen Square School—St. Dunstons Win Hockey Game From Q. S. S. 8-4.

The Queen Square School ice aged to add another, while the sports held last night at the Arena ended with Saints victors 8 to 4. For the winners Campbell and of customers went away well pleased with the fine evening's entertainment handed out by the boys.

Every event was pulled off to a nicety and the exhibitions of speed skating was praiseworthy, especially the work of Cyril Ryan in the 880 yards dash and mile open. He carried the brigade in Charlie Gorman's style from start to finish.

A feature of last night's sport was the clown race which had for its entries Gerald Maddigan, George Connolly and Arthur Butler. The race unique in itself brought rounds of applause and laughter from the large assembly.

The "clowns" showed their stuff, "shorty" Maddigan finally winning the contest after a heart-breaking drive to the finish.

The hockey game between Q. S. S. and S. D. U. teams which was sandwiched between events, was won by the University squad by a score of 8 to 4.

The game which was played in three periods of 15 minutes duration, was fast and clean throughout with both lineups showing excellent skating and stickhandling.

In the first period Q. S. S. led their opponents 3 to 2 before resting time was called.

The second session was productive of a determined onslaught on J. Trainor of the Saints with the result that at the end of this stanza the latter were leading by a comfortable margin of 7 goals to 4.

The third period was perhaps the fastest of the three with both C. Purcell and D. Michael teams going good. The Saints managed to score 4 goals in the period.

Here is the way the northern izak Waltons angle during the winter months for the finny game when the lake is frozen over. There is no new trick in this, except that you must swear that there is no such thing as cold

AT ARENA LAST NIGHT

The following is the list of skating events and winners: 220 yards (10 years)—A. Arsenault, 2. G. McKinnon, 3. Urban Murnaghan.

220 yards (11 years)—I. E. Beaton, 2. R. McCabe, 3. J. Dauby. 440 yards (12 years)—I. J. Weaver, 2. J. Fitzgerald, 2. J. Costello.

440 yards (13 years)—I. J. Ledwell, 2. R. Lawler, 3. Jas O'Neill. 880 yards (14 years)—I. C. Ryan, 2. F. Rush, 3. W. Power.

One mile (senior)—C. Ryan, 2. E. Hornby, 3. C. Coyle. Obstacle race—1. R. Lawler; 2. F. Hughes; 3. A. Binns.

Clown Race—1. G. Maddigan; 2. G. Connolly, 3. A. Butler.

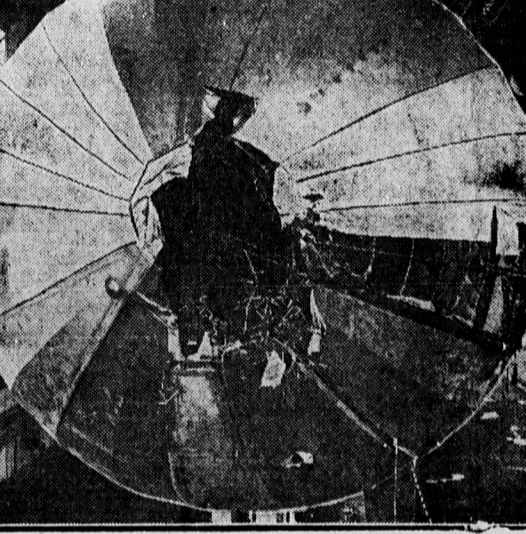
HOCKEY LINEUPS S. D. U. Defence: R. Dillon, A. Gillis, R. Doyle, L. Murphy. Forwards: D. Campbell, G. Connolly, J. M. Williams.

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