

REGINA IS SWINGING AROUND COAST HOCKEY LOOP THIS WEEK

HAROLD RUBY, NEW INDIAN INFIELDER, IS NATURAL PLAYER



WHILE the closing year of 1922 will be remembered long as a year of upsets and go backs, it was also a year of some comebacks.

Many kings of sport became ex-kings and quite a few former leaders in their line came back to the top.

Comebacks are always more interesting because they are so few. It's easy to drop out of the race, but it's hard to get back in.

Willie Hoppe, who had reigned from the time he could reach the ball until late in 1921 as the king of hilliards, came back and his return to the throne was the most popular accession of the year. Hoppe was defeated last year by Jake Schaefer and in coming back as the champion this year, he removed all doubts as to his ability by finishing first in a field of six of the world's best players.

Perhaps he isn't as great as he once was. Certainly he is not the sure, confident artist of years ago, but still he is the greatest player of them all.

Jack Scott, the big North Carolina burner, was the most remarkable comeback of the baseball year. Scott was slung out of the National league and headed for the scrap heap on the assumption that he had a bad arm. He worked the arm back in condition, got a berth with the New York Giants, won eight games for them and was one of the stars of the world's series.

"Red" Russell, the old pitcher for the Chicago White Sox, was another come-back. The Rebel discovered he could bat and catch flies and he came back as a sensation in the outfield with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

One could talk of Ty Cobb's great comeback if he had ever gone back. Leads like he never will go back.

Miss O'Dowd gave the ring a notable comeback when she came into partnership of the mid-weight championship, by winning from Dave Rosenberg. The New York boxing commission recognized Rosenberg as the champion and it now remains for Miss O'Dowd to win the title holder.

O'Dowd's comeback may help to clarify the situation caused by the suspension of Johnny Wilson. Wilson, it may be recalled, once said: "I will be a chess champion and an awful fighter, but there is one thing that I can't do and that's O'Dowd." Wilson said it twice and he may do it again. It wouldn't be a surprise to see him go after O'Dowd.

Joe Lynch also pulled a comeback by regaining the world's bantam-weight championship.

If her downfall at Forest Hills in 1921 could be taken as a "go back," Miss Suzanne Lenglen, the French tennis star and world's woman champion, was also a comeback. She gave Mrs. Molla Mallory, the American champion, a terrible trimming in the British championships and established herself again as the greatest of all women players.

SUGGESTIONS for two radical changes in the baseball rules came recently from St. Louis.

It was suggested that a free ticket to the bases be issued on three balls instead of four balls, as at present, and that three fouls on the third strike should constitute an out.

While there is nothing particularly wrong with the suggestion, any adoption of the changes probably would be opposed on the theory that they are not needed.

Reducing the number of balls to three would only work a handicap on a pitcher and pitching is under enough handicap now with the lively ball, the freak rules, etc.

Making it an out for three fouls on the last strike would not be of much importance. Joe O'Brien, Jack Dunn and some of the old timers tell how John McGraw and the old Orioles used to knock fouls "by the hour" to weaken the opposing pitcher, but it is done today because the batters are not able to do it.

CLUB owners, privately if not for publication, know that pitching is under too much of a handicap and it is understood that the umpires may be instructed to permit the moderate use of resin next year on the ball. Many pitchers used it last season when they could get away with it and some of them did consistently.

When the pitching was too good, the popular demand was for hitting and now there is such an excess of slugging that the fans are beginning to howl for some old-time pitching.

GOPHERS WILL PLAY HASKELL

Next October the University of Minnesota will play the Haskell Indian school team.

SCOTT TO PLAY

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 13.—The Scott high school team of Toledo, Ohio, champions of the East, have accepted the challenge of the Corvallis high team to play here New Year's day for the high school championship of the United States, according to an announcement here.

PASSING MARK CLAIMED FOR GONZAGA STAR

Prairie Champions to Open With Vancouver

Regina Has Powerful Club Again, Headed by Dick Irwin and Barney Stanley; Play Here Wednesday and in Victoria Friday



BY LEO H. LASSEN
Vancouver, B. C., tonight the Regina Capitals, champions of the Prairie league, will make their coast debut, swinging around the circuit before going back to their own stamping grounds. The tourists meet Seattle here Wednesday and wind up their visit in Victoria Friday.

The Regina team is built around Dick Irwin, crack forward, and Barney Stanley, new manager of the team, who is playing on the defense. Both Irwin and Stanley saw service with Vancouver several years ago.

Laird is in the nets and Traub is filling in on the defense with Stanley. Moran is under suspension now and when he returns Stanley will be shifted back to the forward line.

Sparrow, Hay, McVeigh, Battell and Dutkowski, all new names to Seattle hockey fans, are on the forward line along with Irwin.

The Regina team is playing its second game on the coast tonight. Last year the Caps beat Vancouver in the B. C. city in the playoff, but cracked on their home ice.

Champion Dog Sold for Cigaret when Puppy

"Oakland Honey" Overcomes Handicap of Undersize and Wins Waterloo Cup Race; Queen Greyhound is Most Valued Dog in Dogland Now

BY GENE COHN
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 13.—"Oakland Honey," sleek lined and slender, fleet-footed greyhound, was sold for a cigarette when she was a puppy.

Today she's worth a small tobacco factory—and more. For she has turned out to be the fastest dog in the land, recent winner of the famous Waterloo cup.

The story of "Oakland Honey" is the story of blood that told; of the "under dog" that made grim gameness surmount physical obstacles.

Altho her mother, "Oakland Dandy," had produced a long line of speedy steppers, "Honey" had seemed in puppyhood to be the least prepossessing.

One day John Goularte, street car conductor, met a friend to whom he had promised one of "Dandy's" offspring.

"Gimme a cigaret," said Goularte. "Gimme a dog," said the friend.

And thus, in an exchange of unromantic commonplaces, was Honey started on her career. At an early age she showed signs of distemper.

It may have been that her high-strung nature was hearing the first call of the courting track. Anyway, she was sold for \$50 to the George Heints kennels. Heints knows dogs. That's his business. He took Honey

in hand, trained her and gave her expert care. She stepped gamely out to minor victories.

"You're game, old girl," Heints would tell her. "But you're undersize. If you only weren't so doggone small, if you only had a little more weight—you'd show 'em all."

And Honey, being an intelligent dog, knew pretty well what he meant. She weighed but 41 pounds; she was an unfortunate accident in a famed family—born with the blood but not the bulk of the mother.

Nevertheless Heints sent her to the Waterloo cup races in Mississippi. There were 123 entries, including the best that Ireland and England could send.

They tell the story of how she "showed her heels" to Passing Moss, Western Parton, Oakland Hal, Buck-saw, Reporter—the best greyhounds in dogdom. Just game—that's "Honey."

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BY HENRY L. FARRELL
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—With the departure of Penn State, tomorrow, the East will be moving in a good-sized mass upon California in what has become an established annual invasion.

Three large inter-sectional games remain to put the shroud on the Far Western gridiron that was applied to Eastern fields several weeks ago.

West Virginia and Gonzaga, the "Notre Dame of the West," will furnish the first game, at San Diego, on Christmas day.

West Virginia is one of the few undefeated teams of the East. The Mountaineers scored 232 points and allowed their opponents only 21.

Pittsburg, Washington and Jefferson and Indiana were their most important victims.

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In a game against the University of Wyoming Stockton kicked nine consecutive placements after touchdown. Gonzaga won the game, 77 to 0, scoring 11 touchdowns and kicking 11 goals after touchdown. Jack Garrity, Stockton's running mate at halfback, kicked the first, and Marlon Ashmore, tackle, drop-kicked the final attempt.

Incidentally this performance may give the Gonzaga team a record.

STOCKTON IS BULLDOG HOPE

Around this same Stockton is the hope of the Gonzaga eleven in its game with the wonderful West Virginia team at San Diego Christmas day. The Spokane Catholics leave soon for their post-season battle with the undefeated West Virginians.

SPEARS WAS DARTMOUTH OACH

Coach Spears, of West Virginia, who has had a wonderful year with his team this season, is the same fellow who was coaching Dartmouth when the big green team humbled Washington in the first game in the Stadium two years ago. Seattle fans won't forget for a long time the great passing formations Spears had built up around Robertson, his backfield ace.

HARRY WILSON IS STAR

Harry Wilson is the big star of the Penn State team this year, and he's the baby that U. S. C. must stop in their game with the Lions at Pasadena New Year's day. Wilson has another year's play at Penn State, and Hugo Bezdek expects him to be the greatest half in the country next year.

GONZAGA IS ON WAY TO BIG BATTLE

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 13.—Gonzaga college eleven entrained today for San Diego, Cal., where it will meet the crack University of West Virginia team Christmas day.

With the exception of Cyro and Ashmore, both tackles, the former with a collar and the latter with a wrench on the back suffered in practice, the squad of 30 men is in prime condition.

Coach Dorais and Graduate Manager Gadau are chaperoning the players. Old Man Confidence is with the bunch, riding on free transportation.

BAKERSFIELD WINS HONORS

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 13.—Bakersfield high school won the championship of Southern California by defeating the local high school grid team, 17 to 6, here Saturday.

BOBBY ROTH WITH BLUES

Bobby Roth, former big league outfielder, has been signed for next season by the Kansas City Blues of the American association.

SKATING PLANS TO BE DEVISED

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The Western Skating association will hold its annual meeting here tonight to perfect plans for the year's skating contests.

MANY SEEKING WISCONSIN JOB

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 13.—Athletic authorities are flooded with applications for the position of football coach. At least 30 men have applied.

CRIGUI SIGNS TO BOX CHAMP

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Eugene Crigui, featherweight champion of Europe, today was signed to meet Johnny Kilbane, world featherweight champion, next Decoration day in New York city, his manager announced.

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The referee shouldn't blow his whistle until the ball has reached its highest point, after which it must be tapped by either of the centers before touching the ground in order to be put in to play.

CENTERS

What is the proper thing for the referee to do if the ball, after being put in play in the center, touches the floor without either center having touched it?

The referee shall simply put it in play again in the same manner at the same place.

BALL IN PLAY

How is the ball put into play after it goes out of bounds?

That is up to the player. He can either throw, bounce or roll the ball to another player within the court.

OPPONENTS' BALL

When a ball goes out of bounds, how does the referee designate who shall put the ball in play?

It is customary for the referee, when the ball goes out of bounds, to select an opponent who is near the spot where the ball left the court.

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San Diego Youngster Promising

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BY LEO H. LASSEN

FROM all accounts Seattle has picked up a pretty nifty youngster in Ruby, the kid third sacker from San Diego, Cal.

Several clubs were after him, but Nick Williams beat the rest of 'em to it and signed him to a contract for the Indians recently.

Ruby is still a youngster, just getting out of high school in June. He may be too young and inexperienced for Coast league work yet, but as each team must carry two recruits next season he may be one of the duds.

According to Jo Grossman, sporting editor of the San Diego Sun, Ruby is a natural born ball player, fielding well and being quite a hitter for a young fellow. He played third base for the prep team down South, his club winning the national prep championship from West Tech, of Cleveland, two years running.

In Southern California they are hailing Ruby as a second Willie Kamm. He will get plenty of attention from Manager Wolverton in spring training as he comes well recommended.

SEALS TO HAVE STRONG STAFF

The San Francisco Seals had one of the swiftest pitching staffs in the minors this year and they will have the same bunch back again next season. Today they announced the purchase of Al Courtney, crack southpaw, from the Chicago White Sox. With a corps composed of Courtney, Scott, Altan, Mitchell, Geary, Hodge, Shea and McWhanney the Seals are sure to be contenders again.

JANVREN BOUGHT BY REDSKINS

Harold Janvren, veteran big league infielder has been purchased by the Seattle Indians for next year. He is slated to play second base for the Tribe. He is said to be fast and a good hitter.

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