

Canadian Olympic Hockey Team Surprise Everyone and Very Popular

CHAMONIX, Mont Blanc, Jan. 29.—
(Special Cable to The Montreal Star by
"Billy" Hewitt, Manager Canadian
Olympic Hockey Team).—The Olympic
Hockey Tournament began Monday
morning. Sweden defeated Switzerland
nine to nothing. The winners are power-
ful skaters and good forwards with a
tricky attack.

Switzerland played a ragged game.
Sweden scored three goals in each per-
iod. They play Canada today. The Uni-
ted States beat Belgium nineteen to
nothing. The winners were good. Drury
and McCarthy were the best scorers.
Abel starred on the defence. Canada
played Czecho-Slovakia and used the
regular team. Cameron at goal and Mc-
Munn and Slater as substitutes. Canada
scored eight goals in the first period.
Watson made five and Smith three. It
was splendid combination and lightning
hockey. Canadians were great favorites
with the crowd.

In the third period Canadians scored
eight. McCaffrey took three, Watson
two, McMunn two, and Munro one. The
final score was thirty to nothing. The
Canadian's team-play was a revelation.
The opponents were bewildered by the
combination work and defending all the
time. Cameron had nothing to do.

In the second period Canada scored
fourteen. Watson six, Munro three,
Ramsay two, Slater two, and McCaffery
one.

The last period was played by elec-
tric light on account of sudden darkness.

Cecile Smith, of Toronto, skated her
first school figures on very short notice
and without breakfast. There were sev-
en competitors and it was bitterly cold.
Miss Smith was benumbed and unable to
show her best. She skates again today.
The Austrian woman competitor is a
marvellous skater and likely winner. A
Swedish youngster performed sensation-
ally. Rogers skates today. Gorman sails
from Liverpool Friday. He did well con-
sidering his condition. Thunberg, the
Olympic speed champion left for Paris
with the American speed skaters. He
expects to make a trip to America. He
visits Toronto at the end of February.

CHAMONIX, Jan. 30 — (Associated Press Cable.) — Canada's team maintained its place as favorite for the world's championship in the Olympic hockey contest here today, defeating Switzerland by a score of 33 to 0, in a match that was the greatest walk-over of the several very one-sided matches that have marked the contest so far.

Great Britain's team, which includes four former Canadian stars, defeated Belgium in convincing style, the score being 20 to 3. The result of this match makes the old country aggregation practically certain of finishing second in the lower end of the draw. This, under the somewhat complicated draw system that was adopted following the withdrawal of Austria from the contest, will make Great Britain Canada's opponent in a semi-final match. The Canadian team having won all three of its elimination matches, will not play again until Friday, when this semi-final against the team finishing second in the lower half is scheduled.

U. S. ALSO WINS.

The United States team also continued its winning stride today defeating France, 22 to 0. The general expectation is that the final will be between the United States and Canadian teams with the odds favoring the boys from the Dominion. On the showing made in the elimination matches the Canadian aggregation is declared to have the edge on Uncle Sam's representatives in all features of play. Their combination work, particularly, is superior to that of the United States puck chasers.

In today's game Harry Watson had a banner day on the scoring line, shooting the puck past the Swiss goalkeeper 13 times. McCaffery, the other Canadian wing, was second with eight goals; Reg Smith and Duncan Munro scored five each, and Beattie Ramsay two.

The Canadian manager, William Hewitt, has decided to keep his men on edge for the semi-finals Friday and the finals on February 3 by daily practice. He obtained permission from the officials to use the curling rink for an hour this afternoon and for a similar period tomorrow morning and afternoon.

PLAY IN DETAIL.

The game with Switzerland was played in zero weather on perfect ice. After the face off Watson dashed down the rink passing to McCaffery, who scored. A few seconds later Watson scored again, and this was followed by a rush to the other end by the Swiss players, but Cameron saved. "Hookey" Smith tallied the next point. Watson and Smith combined splendidly and were responsible for the next two goals.

Play dragged along for a moment or two until Captain "Dunc" Munro livened it up by manoeuvring his way from end to end and neatly landed the puck in the net behind Savoie, the Swiss goal tender. The Canadians were again playing at top speed, continually attacking the Swiss goal. Savoie made a few stops, but McCaffery finally got one past him and Watson repeated shortly afterwards.

Some wrangling took place in front of the Swiss goal and in response to the cry of "Camurade," made by the goaltender the Canadians slackened up a bit in their play. The Swiss forwards then went into attack and Cameron was called upon to save his goal, which he did satisfactorily. Play then returned to the vicinity of the Swiss goal, where Savoie stopped four shots that looked like sure counters. The period ended with the score 8 to 0 in favor of the Canadians.

The second period opened with the

Canadians taking the attack. Munro secured the puck and making another of his end-to-end rushes, evaded the Swiss forwards and scored. Smith, on a pass from McCaffery, shot and went in and scored on the rebound. Watson scored twice on passes from McCaffery. The Swiss goalkeeper was being peppered with bullet-like shots and established a reputation for bravery. In the minds of the spectators, for standing before the avalanche. The antics of a cinema operator who was trying to take pictures of the play distracted the attention of both teams for a moment, but Watson, the first to come to, sent in a hot one to let the Swiss goalie know that the game had not been finished. McCaffery then hit the bull's-eye taking the pass from Watson. Watson then scored, poking in a pass from Ramsay. McCaffery landed another goal, with Watson and Munro also scoring in the last minutes of the period. Score at end of second period: Canadians, 19; Swiss, 0.

The cold feet of the spectators who were watching the game in zero weather in an open air rink were proving of as much interest to them as were the bull's-eyes of "Hookey" Smith, McCaffery and Watson, at the opening of the third period. The boys themselves had to work hard to keep warm. Smith, the Canadian's centre, who had been following in for rebounds throughout the earlier periods, made two scores in quick succession on rebounds off Savoie's pads. Savoie, evidently suffering from puck-shock, allowed Watson to bore in two more. Munro indulged in another of his end-to-end rushes and bulged the Swiss net. Watson took the pass from McCaffery, and added one more goal to his total. The scoring machine was reversed in the next minute of play, McCaffery taking a pass from Watson and slipped the puck past the bewildered Swiss goal tender.

SLATER GETS ONE.

Harold McMunn, Winnipeg, went on to relieve McCaffery for a few minutes and took part in the scoring festival, scoring on a pass from Watson.

The shooting was fast and furious and Savoie was the target for hot shots delivered from all angles. "Sig" Slater, of Montreal, one of the Canadian subs, made his debut in the game three minutes before the close and succeeded in getting one goal to his credit. Beattie Ramsay and Munro, the defence pair, on the Canadian side, each scored before the whistle blow and the period ended. The final score was 33 to 0.

Having defeated all their opponents in section "A", the Canadian team will meet the winner of the second place in section "B" in the semi-finals, with the leading team in section "B" meeting the second team in section "A". Little doubt exists here that the Canadian and United States teams will meet with any serious opposition in the semi-finals and that these two teams will meet in the finals for the hockey championship of the 1924 Olympiad.

TWO CANADIANS COLLIDE.

Munro and Ramsay came together in a head-on collision in the final period. Although they were shaken up considerably, neither was injured. Cameron who played in goal stopped five easy shots.

Cameron, nearly frozen from his enforced idleness between the Canadian posts, took short excursions down the ice to get his blood in circulation.

Savoie, the Swiss goalkeeper, was peppered with bullet-like shots throughout the three periods today. On coming off the ice he said with a grim smile he would about as soon face a machine gun as a hot one off Watson, Munro or McCaffery.

In defeating Belgium today Great Britain's sextet put up a snappy line of hockey and the result of the match never was in doubt after the first rush down the ice by the Britishers.

They scored six goals in the first period, six in the second and eight in the third, meanwhile playing well within themselves against the weak Belgian team.

The match had a strong Canadian

flavor, as four of the men of the British sextette, C. G. Carruthers and E. Carruthers in the forward positions and H. B. Pitblado, formerly of Winnipeg, and H. Sexton, at defence are Canadians living in Great Britain. Furthermore the only Belgian to score was Popilmont, the center, who learned his hockey while homesteading in the Canadian West.

The United States team scored 12 goals in the first period, one in the second, and nine in the third, in its victory over France.

CHAMONIX, France, Jan. 31.—(Associated Press Cable). — The United States Olympic hockey team defeated Great Britain today, 11 to 0, clinching first place in its end of the draw and reaching the semi-finals. The Yanks tomorrow play the second team in the upper half, probably Sweden, while the Canadians, winners in the other half of the draw, meet the old country team.

The United States players opened with a rush, Drury scoring from a pass from Rice 50 seconds after the period began. The British attack opened against Small at right defense, but he hooked the puck and took it down the ice from in front of his own goal, scoring unaided.

CHANGE LINE.

Britain then moved Pitblado and Holmes into the forward line, bringing back E. Carruthers and Sexton. This stiffened the Britishers' defense that it was only after five minutes of play that Rice, in combination with Drury, was able to cage the third goal. He repeated a minute later on a long shot of 20 yards off. Drury then scored from a mixup in front of the British goal.

Abel ended the tallying for the period with a brilliant rush straight down the ice. Frank Sinnott, of Boston, replaced McCarthy at right wing two minutes before the whistle.

During the second period the British presented their original line-up, while Lyons substituted for Rice as left wing on the United States team. After five minutes of play, Pitblado, British left defence, was knocked out in a collision with big Abel. The former Canadian star was replaced by Clarkson.

WARNED BY REFEREE

Sexton, the British right wing, was warned by the referee for slashing. The referee, Lacroix, of France, no relation to the United States player, was having his hands full keeping the players under control. The two Carruthers, British centre and left wing, were playing a great game in the forward line. Finally Drury, United States centre, scored on a mix-up.

The United States puckchasers at this age were still indulging in too much individual play, lacking cohesion in their work. They also seemed to have slowed up from weariness after the fast first period. The Britishers looked to be in superior condition and at times outskated and outplayed their opponents, but their offensive power was weak when nearing the goal, their shooting being poor, although Lacroix was called upon time and again to save the goal from peculiar twisting shots sent at him by the Britishers.

Small, right defence, finally added one goal to the United States scoreboard after a concerted rush by the three forwards and two United States defence men down the length of the ice.

HADDOCK'S INSTRUCTIONS

After the second period Manager Haddock instructed his men to pay more attention to combination play. This advice was fruitful, and short quick passes, McCarthy to Drury, to Rice, resulted in McCarthy scoring after three minutes.

The British then backed four men into their own goal and succeeded for several minutes in keeping their net undented, thanks especially to Harrie, the British goal tender, who time and again, playing with the sun in his eyes, stopped remarkable shots all labelled for scoring markers.

In the third period the Britishers showed the best hockey played here, aside from the work of the Canadians and the United States players, and their good team work had the United States puckchasers in difficulties. Long runs down the ice were scarce. Finally, after seven minutes of rough work Sinnott, a substitute, scored the tenth goal for the United States, diving straight into the net with the puck and carrying Harrie, net and all, off the ice. Drury marked the eleventh goal a few seconds before the final whistle.

The United States combination showed improvement over its form against France yesterday, but the team was still short on condition and seemed unable to go a full hour at top speed. In this respect the United States players are outclassed by the Canadians, who are playing as hard and skating as fast in the last minute of play as the first.

CLOSE CALL FOR U. S.

The United States team had a close call from being scored on by the Britishers. Badly aimed shots twice struck the goal posts, rebounding outside the net after Lacroix had missed them cleanly. Abel did not show his usual strong game on the defense, the fast British forwards, especially the elder Carruthers, former Canadian star, eluding him several times, leaving the British player with nobody between him and Lacroix. The British shots, however, were always either faulty or were stopped.

The teams lined up as follows:

U. S.	Position	G. B.
Lacroix.....	goal	Harrie
Abel.....	left defense..	Pitblado
Small.....	right defense..	Holmes
Drury.....	centre..	C. Carruthers
Rice.....	l. wing	E. Carruthers
McCarthy.....	r. wing	Sexton

CANADIANS 2-1 FAVORITES.

The Canadians are 2 to 1 favorites for the finals on Sunday. A victory for the United States team over the second team in the upper half of the draw is regarded as probable, while it is considered certain the Canadians will win from the old country team, leaving Canada and the United States competitors for the ultimate honors.

The United States Olympic skating team has booked passage on the Berengaria, sailing from Cherbourg on Feb. 6. Special facilities will be available on the liner to enable the skaters to keep fit for the tournament at Lake Placid.

France defeated Belgium, 7 to 5, ending the elimination contests in the second half of the draw. The results in this half were:

United States first, won 3, lost 0; Great Britain, second, won 2, lost 1; France, third, won 1, lost 2; Belgium, fourth, won 0, lost 3.