

Historical Roller Skating **OVERVIEW**

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100 Years Ago...

Charlie Chaplin was born — April 16, 1889



Chaplin as he appeared in a publicity still for "The Rink" in 1916.
(Gift of C.W. Lowe, Jr., 83.101.151)

FIFTY YEARS AGO.....

The world was on the brink of global war. The following article is taken from *The Billboard*, June 3, 1939.

International Hockey

by Cyril Beastall

Derby, England—At the 14th European championship in roller hockey on April 7-12 in Montreaux, Switzerland, the event was advertised as the second world's championship on the ground that Argentina and Canada were invited, tho they were not represented. The usual seven European countries participated, and England retained its unbeaten record and kept the title, which it has held since inauguration of the international series in 1924-'25.

In the previous two events Italy was considered the most dangerous opponent of England and tied with it on each occasion. This year Italy had a better goal average than England, and the last game of the series between these countries was the key match and provided the finest exhibition of roller hockey on view during the tournament.

Italy vs. England, the two leading countries started off sensationally. After two minutes' play Bob Hulme, English pivot and great stylist, made one of his solo runs down the center of the rink, beating man after man, finally drawing the Italian goalkeeper out of his cage and tapping the ball into the empty net to applause of a record attendance of 2,700 in Montreaux Rink. England ran out winners by 4-1. Buckley, the new Manchester international netting three. Tho Dr. Marcella Fabianai and his Monza boys had great hopes three times upset by England's triumph of taking the title and trophy back to Italy until they met England, they never resorted to unfair tactics when losing and proved their sportsmanship by taking defeat cheerfully. After the match they presented each British player with a souvenir medal.

A contrast to the brilliant display seen when Italy met England was provided when Italy clashed with Portugal. Some decisions of the Belgian referee. A. Souffle, Antwerp, were unsatisfactory to the Italians, who lodged an official protest with the FIPR after the game, which they lost 2-1. Awarding of a penalty shot to Portugal had drastic effect on their opponents and ended in several players and onlookers being involved in an unfortunate incident

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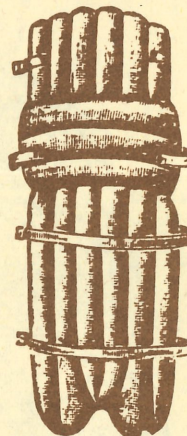
**International Game Regulation
Equipment****UNIFORMS**

JERSEY: Wool, cotton or silk. (Long or short sleeves optional)
SHORTS: Cotton or wool. (May be padded).
SOX: Ribbed wool, knee high. (Pad beneath, 2 cm. thick).

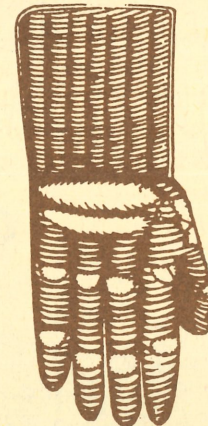
BOOTS:
Standard skating or
hockey style.

HEADGEAR:
Goal Keepers only.

SKATES: Standard.
Abdominal Support is
prescribed as
necessary.

**GOAL KEEPERS
SHIN GUARDS**

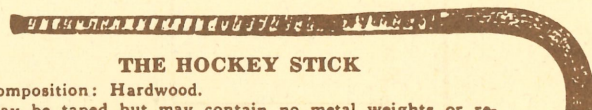
Size at shin, 30 cm.
wide.
Size at knee, 35 cm.
wide.
Overall height, 75 cm.
Thickness (max.) 4 cm.
(None for Forwards,
Half or Rear Guards).

**GOAL KEEPERS
GLOVES**

Not to exceed 25 cm. at
most in any dimension
when open or closed.
(None for Forwards, Half
or Rear Guards).

**THE BALL**

Weight: 5 oz.
Circum.: 23 cm.
Cover: Seamless
hard rubber.
Variety: "Dead"
(little resiliency.)
Color: Optional.

**THE HOCKEY STICK**

Composition: Hardwood.
May be taped but may contain no metal weights or re-
inforcements.
Measurement: Outer curve not longer than 115 cm.
Stick must pass through ring with inside diameter of 5 cm.
Weight not to exceed 500 grams.

wherein blows were exchanged. The FIPR ordered a replay and this resulted in Italy winning, 6-1. Tournament ended with England on top again with 12 points; Italy, second, 8; Portugal, third, 6; France, fourth, 5; and Switzerland, last 2. One point was given for tie and two for a win. Goal averages: England 30 and 9 against; Italy, 26-5; Portugal, 6-12; France 11-27; Germany, 13-14; Belgium 9-14; Switzerland 13-27. In all tournaments so far staged England has finished first, while second place has been filled by France seven times, Italy four times, Germany twice and Switzerland once.

Proof that even with the usual excellent arrangements associated with most European national controlling bodies and the FIRP still too much personal prejudice and favoritism play a part is evidenced in the make-up of at least one team and the fact that an unfortunate incident such as happened in connection with the Italy vs. Portugal game was allowed to be even a possibility.

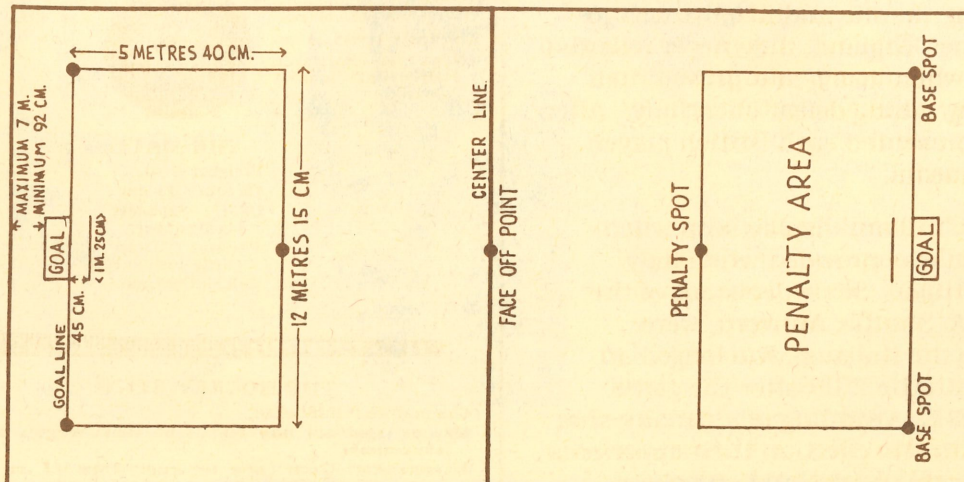
Players Equipment for the International Game

THE BALL IS USED IN PLAYING THIS GAME



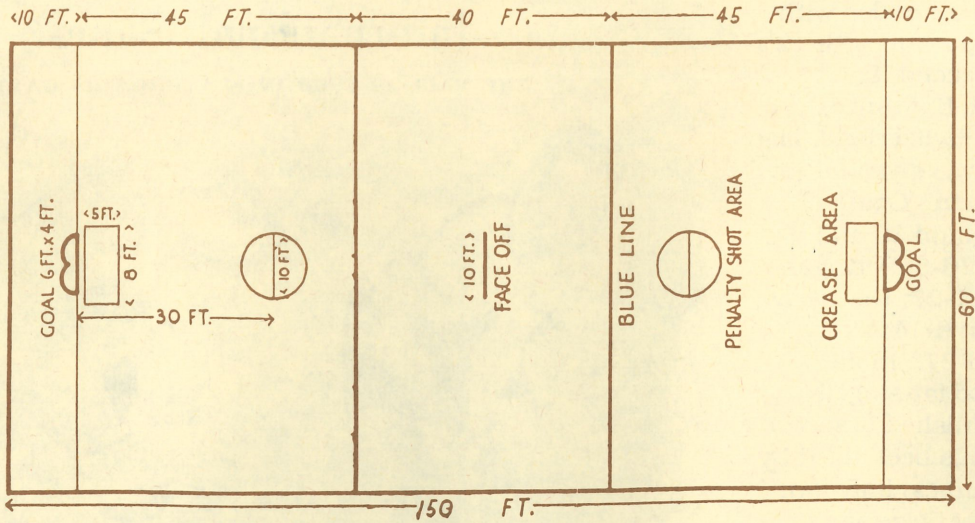
All photos posed for by an eligible amateur sportsman.

The Rink on Which the European Game is Played



Check All Linear Measurements Carefully

The Rink Upon Which the North American Game is Played



Players Equipment for the North American Game

THE PUCK IS USED IN PLAYING THIS GAME

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Two women's hockey teams taken at Lowe's rink, San Antonio, Texas, circa 1930's. Woman second from left identified as Babe Diedrickson Zaharias. (83.77.5)



Roller hockey club, circa 1930-40's (83.32.5)

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Hopkins Now Warming Up

BY WALTER DAVENPORT

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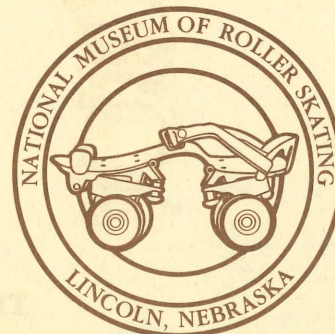
The Museum has a new director and curator as of April 3, 1989. I am truly excited and pleased to be here. This museum is a very special place with fascinating exhibits and excellent research facilities for the sport of roller skating. I hope each and every one of you will be able to visit here some day. I do wish to thank all the members of the museum for their patience.

Because of the change of directors, this edition of **OVERVIEW** is somewhat delayed. I hope that this has not caused undo inconvenience and I wish to thank you for your patience.

Some of you will receive a letter with this issue informing you of your membership status and asking you to renew your membership in the museum. Please fill out the renewal and send it in as quickly as possible so that I can have the membership list updated in time for the next issue of Historical Roller Skating **OVERVIEW**. I wish to thank you in advance for your help. The museum needs its members. You are very important to us.

The Museum is also looking for donations of skates and skating memorabilia. If you have anything you may wish to donate to the museum or if you know of someone who has, please contact me. If you have something special that you might like others to enjoy, consider loaning it to the museum so that we can offer a special viewing. The summer issue will publish a list of names of persons who have sent donations to the museum since December.

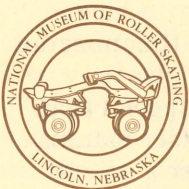
Thank you again for your membership renewal. The honorary members of this museum make it possible for us to preserve the past of roller skating and promote the sport for the future.



C.W. Lowe, Jr., at age 6 in 1935
(83.101.99)



*C. W. Lowe
6 years old
B. Ham Ala.
1935*



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