

SPORTS NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

SENSATIONAL RACING MARKS OPENING OF INTERNATIONAL MEET

Gorman and Moore Divide Honors in Great Skating Classic.

Charles Gorman, National and International champion, and Joe Moore of New York divided honors at the International Indoor Skating Championships, which started in the Arena last night. The local prize won the 220 yards with a sensational burst of speed, and was leading on the last lap of the mile when he lost his balance and before he could recover he was passed by Joe Moore and Duke Donovan. He was after them like a flash and was right at their heels when they flashed across the line.

The races were attended by 3,500 fans, and the thrills provided kept them keyed up throughout the entire programme. It was Gorman's night, and the thousands of fans continuously proclaimed their admiration of the newly crowned International Champion and cheered him to the echo. Time after time he showed his superiority over the other competitors and his tremendous bursts of speed drove the fans into a frenzy. Had he not met with the slight mishap on the last lap of the mile there is no doubt he would have carried off premium honors and taken a big lead for the indoor title.

The other contestants also shared in the plaudits of the enthusiastic fans and they were loudly cheered as they vied for honors. The good work of the officials was not overlooked, and the able manner in which they handled the big meet won the highest commendation from all present.

All of the events were well filled and the contestants fought hard for victory. The senior 220 yards was one of the most thrilling of the evening and it gave Gorman a chance to demonstrate his wonderful burst of speed.

One Mile Race.

In the mile race the heats were fast and interesting. Gorman did not exert himself in his heat. He only kept with the bounds of qualifying for the semi-finals. He finished third in his first heat. In the semi-finals he limbered up and broke the tape ahead of Garnett and E. Reed a close third. Donovan and Moore took their time in the semi-final heat, Moore coming in second but qualifying. In the final heat, which was a grueling final of the one mile race, Moore, Donovan, Garnett, Reed, Gorman and Allen composed the line up. The lap prize went to Reed. The other skaters seemed quite satisfied to allow him this honor practically uncontested. Reed, Donovan, Moore, Allen, Garnett and Gorman next formed the order of procession as lap after lap rolled up until the tenth. When the pace quickened, Moore spurred. So did the others. Gorman, who was still skating in fifth position, stretched those wonderful legs of his. He crouched a low and, a short after Moore, Donovan caught the spirit of the race and pursued his opponents.

Three Keep Positions.

The three skaters kept this position to lap twelve. Then Gorman closed the small gap between him and Moore. Donovan kept pace and held his own. The crowd settled back almost breathless. Lap thirteen saw the three men taking the corners at the fourteenth, the last lap—and Gorman slowly pulled past Moore. Exactly half of the race was over and Gorman slipped, slightly. It was enough to give Moore the chance he had waited for during those grueling fourteen laps and he slipped ahead of Gorman. Donovan also seized the opportunity to pass the champion. Gorman recovered his balance and tore after his feeble opponents. Inch by inch he gained as he neared the tape. It was too near, and Moore snapped the yarn as Donovan stuck to his heels with Gorman but a few inches behind him.

A slight diversion from the grind of fast skating was caused by the excellent exhibition of fancy skating presented by very talented performers. The act by Reynolds and Le Maire, in which they opened with an interpretation of the March of the Wooden Soldiers, was loudly applauded. Bobby Hearn of New York, was up to his old stunts and following his elimination in the senior mile, took on the task of entertaining the crowd which he did greatly to the amusement of the whole gathering. Joe Moore, who two years ago lost the local prize in an upstart, through his stunts, had a hand in the fun also.

Junior Events.

Of the Junior events, the final of the 220 yards, in the 12 year class was the sensation of the evening. In the trial heats, the performance of Frankie Logan of St. John and Jackie Marr of Toronto, in their respective heats, gave promise of a great race for honors in the final. When the race was called the crowd was on its toes in anticipation, and their hopes were fulfilled. With the crack of the pistol, Frankie and Jackie were away with flying starts. Logan took the lead, and although Marr did his best he could not cut down the slight margin. The last lap almost neck and neck on the first lap. As they turned into the stretch Marr began to creep up, and Logan in a grand effort to win lost his stride and neck while Marr piled on top of him. Marr was up like a flash, but Richard Lee who had trailed along in third position, had crossed the tape. Marr however took third.

J. O'Neill Farrell, Chicago, Junior International Champion, and Willie Logan of St. John, runner up for that honor at Lake Placid, were the stars of the eighteen year class. Farrell won both his races, the 880 and 440 yards, while Logan, took a third and a second, as also did Snodgrass of St. John, Smythe of Moncton.

The only other outside skater who showed up at all in the Junior events was Smythe of Moncton. The West-Island county boy, who only passed his fourteenth birthday last week, led the field in the final of the 440 yards.

KING OF SPAIN ENTERS RUSSIAN IN THE GRAND PRIX AT MILAN

Milan, Italy, Feb. 26.—The King of Spain has entered Ruban, winner of the Grand Prix de Madrid, 1922, for the Milan Grand Prix, to be run here June 22. The Italian entries already, have reached sixty-five. The race is for 800,000 lire, the promoters offering this big purse in an effort to find an Italian thoroughbred equal to the great horses that have won the prize abroad. Frederico Tosi, the great Italian breeder, has five entries from his stables. Also, two from Hungary, twelve from Germany and Spain also were represented. It is announced that Town Guard of England is among the entries, and it is rumored but not confirmed, that Papyrus, the English Derby winner, will be entered.

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Final—1, J. O'Neill Farrell; 2, Willie Logan; 3, E. Snodgrass. Time 44 4-5.
18 Years, 880 Yards.

First heat—1, Logan; 2, Cassidy. Time, 1:41 2-5.
Second heat—1, Farrell; 2, Snodgrass. Time, 1:37.
Third heat—1, McAlpine; 2, Bickers. Time, 1:41.
Final—1, O'Neill Farrell; 2, E. Snodgrass; 3, Willie Logan. Time, 1:37 2-5.
12 Years, 220 Yards.

First heat—1, Lee; 2, Myles. Time, 27 2-5.
Second heat—1, Logan; 2, Maxwell. Time, 26 2-5.
Third heat—1, Jackie Marr; 2, Toronto; 3, Coughlan. Time, 26 2-5.
Final—1, R. Lee; 2, E. Snodgrass; 3, Jackie Marr. Time, 26 1-5.

LADIES

220 Yards.
First heat—1, Sybil Beattie; 2, Annie; 3, Logan. Time, 27 2-5.
Second heat—1, Mildred Mead; 2, Marion Logan. Time, 28 2-5.
Final—1, Sybil Beattie; 2, Mildred Mead; 3, Annie. Time, 27.

ST. JOHN DOG WINS HIGHEST AWARD

Ridgeway Gamefeather,
Owned by Keltie Wilson,
Victor in Boston

Ridgeway Gamefeather, a St. John dog, owned by Keltie Wilson, at the twelfth annual show of the Eastern Dog Club, held in Boston on Feb. 21, 22 and 23, was awarded winners, being the best pointer bitch in the show. Among the dogs defeated by the St. John entrant was Landowne Prairie Queen, owned by R. F. Maloney, of Pittsburgh, an imported dog which never before had been beaten in the St. John show. She was brought from Europe last August.

Ridgeway Gamefeather also won the first novice, limit and open classes at Boston.

Mr. Wilson returned last week from the New York show where Landowne Prairie Queen went winners, bitches. Ridgeway Gamefeather was not entered in the New York show. LeBaron Wilson, Mr. Wilson's father, attended the Boston show. C. H. Davis, of Bakersfield, Pa., a professional dog handler, who acted as judge in the St. John kennel show a few years ago, looked after Ridgeway Gamefeather in the Boston show, which Keltie Wilson did not attend.

The local dog's win is regarded as a notable one. The best sporting dogs in the country were shown in Boston, as the surrounding country has a great one for pointers and setters, Mr. Wilson said.

Ridgeway Gamefeather is by Top Duke, ex Jenny Lind. Top Duke is a dog imported by Allan McAvity from Ireland. Jenny Lind has won many awards in St. John and in the United States.

BIG BASKETBALL GAME TOMORROW

Trojans Will Meet Moncton
Celtics for Provincial
Title.

The final game for the provincial basketball title will be played at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow evening between the Trojans and the Moncton Celtics. The game will start at 7 o'clock sharp so that those attending will have time to see the skating championships at the Arena. The Moncton team will come here with a big handicap to overcome in order to win out in the two-game series. The Trojans will have their regular line-up with Les Kerr back at defence.

DEMPSEY IS EAGER TO DEFEND CROWN

World's Champion in New York—Had Interview With Coolidge.

Enthusiastic over the distinction of having an audience with President Coolidge last week, Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, has returned to this city, prepared for a fight or a continuation of his vaudeville tour, but with a decided preference for his own trade. Dempsey, it is known that he is not averse to another trip to Europe, either, in the event that fight plans, for the coming outdoor season do not materialize.

The titleholder was as happy as a child with a new toy over his meeting with the nation's Chief Executive in Washington and kept repeating the pleasure he felt over the few minutes he had with President Coolidge.

"It was one of the greatest events of my life," said the champion, "I wouldn't have missed it for \$50,000. It's something I'll never forget. Another thing, I think the President likes boxing. At any rate, he impressed me that way during the few minutes we were together."

Dempsey's plans for the immediate future are uncertain. He seldom knows in advance what he will do, and right now he is more undecided as to the future than ever before. He leaves all details of his public, money-making activity to Kearns, doing his manager's bidding whenever a fight is arranged or a vaudeville or exhibition tour is scheduled. Kearns, while more familiar with negotiations and proposition which are made the champion, nevertheless asserted he was as undecided as Dempsey with regard to the champion's future activity.

Neither, however, made any secret of the fact that Dempsey is eager to defend his title, without particular interest as to the contender. Dempsey's eagerness to be working at his trade amounts almost to impatience. By nature he is active, of necessity he is a theatrical attraction, but by preference he is a fighter, and he wants to be following the activity at the top of his lungs without long periods of interruption, according to his own assertion.

Kearns is negotiating for at least two bouts for Dempsey this year. It is possible that three matches will be closed if developments are favorable. But it is reasonably certain that the champion will be seen in two bouts, and both of them return engagements.

Kearns is dickering with Promoter Tex Rickard for a bout between Dempsey and American Lion, who was defeated by the champion in the last night of the spring. Rickard is proceeding slowly with this proposed match out of a desire to feel out the public's response to the fight. It is possible, too, that Dempsey will defend his title against Harry Wills, negro challenger, if this bout can be conducted without danger of official interference.

Under present plans, Dempsey will have the Gibbons match as a "warm-up" battle. The champion is eager for another battle with the St. Paul light heavyweight, who enjoys the distinction of surviving 15 rounds with the champion. Dempsey, making allowance for the fact that he felt below his usual fighting standard in Shelby, Mont., last Independence Day, and for the superb boxing skill and speed of Gibbons, nevertheless is confident he can dispose of the St. Paul boxer, and is eager for another bout to demonstrate this confidence. With regard to the fight with the St. Paul light heavyweight, Dempsey also is confident that he can retain his title against the South American and do so in more impressive manner than he did last September. The champion asserted that he would welcome a meeting with Wills, and added that he felt sure he could dispose of the negro challenger hands.

"I don't know what's in store for me right now or in the immediate future," said Dempsey. "All that is up to Kearns. But I know what I'd like to do above everything else. I can't think of anything I'd like better than to be kept busy fighting against the fellows who think they can win the title of course. I know I cannot last as champion indefinitely. I must be beaten some time the same as those others who have held the title before me. But I don't see that the time for my defeat has come yet. No. I seem like it's a long way off. In the meantime nothing would suit me better than to be kept busy. If I had my way I'd be giving the boys plenty of action. But I'm satisfied to listen to Kearns when he tells me what I will do. He's the doctor."

BATTLING SIKI'S GENEROUS WHIM AGAIN LANDED HIM BEHIND BARS

Havana, Feb. 25.—Battling Siki, French Senegalese boxer, arrived in Havana recently for a series of exhibition bouts. He came over from Key West, where he had missed a previous bout by reason of getting in jail on charges of creating a disturbance. It was Siki's sudden impulse to buy suits for two rather scantily clad Ke West negroes that caused the disturbance, according to George Law, a promoter, who with manager Levy, accompanied the French negro. A crowd of other negroes followed and a policeman, who could not break up the gathering, too Siki in tow, but no charges were filed and after a few hours he was released.

CARPENTIER TO MEET TOWNLEY

Will Head Card in a Big
Boxing Carnival to be
Held in Vienna.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Vienna is to have a boxing carnival on April 27. Georges Carpentier will meet Arthur Townley, the English light heavyweight, in the star battle.

There also will be bouts between Paul Fritsch and a Czech fighter named Hermann Cizolnik and Johnny Sullivan and Ernest Grimm, of Germany. Fritsch is the European lightweight champion. He won the Olympic featherweight title in 1920. Sullivan is a young Englishman who for some time has been under the management of Francois Deschamps, Carpentier's manager.

ABBIES DEFEAT SACKVILLE.

Sackville, Feb. 25.—The Charlotte-tobles Abbe defeated Sackville here tonight in the semi-finals for the M. A. H. A. championship by a score of 8 to 1. Sackville opened the scoring one minute after play started. Hosler evented it up eight minutes later, the period ending 1-1. The second period was the fastest of the game, Kelly scoring the only goal on a pass from Gordon, in nine minutes. Both teams used good combination work.

WESTERN HOCKEY RESULTS.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 26.—Vancouver defeated Seattle six to nothing in a Pacific Coast League game here last night.

Calgary, Feb. 26.—Calgary defeated Regina one to nothing in a Western Canada League game last night.

Edmonton, Feb. 26.—Edmonton and Victoria played a one all overtime game here last night in a scheduled inter-league game.

REICH NEXT FOR FIRPO

Buenos Aires, Feb. 26.—It is announced that after his bout with Zermine Spalla on March 7, Luis Firpo will fight Al Reich of New York at a charity festival here. The date for the fight has not yet been fixed. Reich is now on his way to Argentina.

NEW HAVEN BOUTS

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 26.—"Spark Plug" Russell of Newark, was given the decision over Jim Bones of Bridgeport, in a ten round bout here last night. Eddie Corbett of Bridgeport, knocked out Joe Russe of Hartford in the fourth round.

WENT TO DRAW.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—K. O. Philkapan of New York, and Mike Dempsey of Rochester, fought a draw here last night in their six round bout.

YANKEES SELL MANY PLAYERS

World's Champions Have Also Signed on Fifteen New Members.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Yankees have disposed of fourteen players and have obtained fifteen new ones during the past year, a comparison of the 1923 roster with the one just announced reveals. Of the thirty-six players now on the world's champions' roster twenty-one were with the club this time last year.

The newcomers are Catcher Martin Autry, purchased from the Austin club of the Texas Association; Pitcher Adolfo Arguido, drafted from the Corsicana club of the Texas Association; Outfielder Earl Combs, purchased from the Louisville club of the American Association; Pitcher George Dunant, purchased from the Atlanta club of the Southern Association; Infielder Michael Gaezella, former star at Lafayette College; Infielder Henry Gehrig, formerly of Columbia University; Pitcher Milton Gaston, a semi-professional, formerly of the Paterson (N. J.) Silk Sox; Infielder Ernie Johnson, formerly of the Chicago White Sox; Pitcher Fred Newberry, purchased from the Macon club of the Southern Atlantic League; Pitcher W. L. Owen, a former semi-professional player from Washington, D. C.; Pitcher C. E. Olsen, purchased from the Des Moines club of the Western League; Infielder George H. Redfern, formerly of North Carolina State College; Pitcher Ben C. Shields, formerly of Oak Ridge College; Pitcher Henry Swenson, a former semi-professional from Cedarhurst, L. I.; Catcher L. J. Urban, recalled from the Buffalo club of the International League.

The players who were on the Yankees' roster a year ago but have since been disposed of are: Pitchers Elbert Johnson, Carl Mays, Pat McKinstry, Fred Spates and John Suggs; Catcher George Arant, Infielders George Anderson, Frank Baker, Rafael Quinana and John Wighe; Outfielders Barney Acton, Elton Langford, Henry Laville and Elmer Smith.

Those names on both the 1923 and the 1924 rosters are: Pitchers Joe Bush, Waite Hoyt, Sam Jones, Herb Pennock, George Kippars, Oscar Roettger and Bob Slaters; Catchers Bernard Bengough, Fred Hoffmann and Walter Schang; Infielders Joe Dugan, Mike McNally, Walter Pipp, Everett Scott and Aaron Ward; Outfielders Henry Haines, Harvey Hendrick, Robert Meusel, Babe Ruth, Oliver Tucker and Lawson Witt.

ROVERS DEFEAT EAST END GIRLS

The Rovers of the Y. W. C. A. last night defeated the East St. John girls' basketball team 23 to 7 at the Y. W. C. A. Recreation Centre. The Rovers have played practically every girls' team in the city and have an unbroken record of victories. On Friday night they will play the senior team from the Moncton Y. W. C. A. at the Recreation Centre. The Moncton team will meet the Fairville Amazons on Saturday night. The preliminary game at that time will be between the High School boys and the Intermediates boys' team from Fairville.

RESERVED SEATS FOR MCGILL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE GAMES

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JACK SCHAEFER CONFIDENT HE WILL REGAIN 18.2 TITLE

New York, Feb. 26.—Young Jake Schaefer is confident that he will be crowned world's champion next season. The former titleholder has been on tour with Willie Hoppe, the present champion, and has been playing remarkable billiards. After his 3,200-point match here against Hoppe, in which Schaefer came from behind to win, he said: "I have regained my form; I have shaken the Hoppe jinx and I feel confident that I will be able to win back the title." Schaefer plans to leave for the Coast as soon as the tour ends and in order to be at the top of his form when the international tournament is played here next fall.

BIG BADMINTON TOURNAMENT TODAY

Championship Event Attracts a Large Number of Players.

More than 100 men and women will compete in the city championship badminton tournament today at the Armories. Some of the clubs that are entering are new at the game. There are many skilled players, however. The games will be run with military precision, as there are so many to compete. It will be necessary for every one to be ready to step into line as soon as his or her name is called. The play will begin in the evening at sharp 7 o'clock in the men's singles and doubles. The mixed doubles and finals of all the events will be played off following these plays.

Eight beautiful cups will be presented at the close of the tournament to the winner of each event. The players must be ready to play immediately their names are called or lose their game by default. Refreshments will be served in the officers' mess.

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

Cunningham, of the Opticians, made a single in the Commercial League game on Black's alley last night that made a record for the league. It was 137. The Opticians took three points from the Canadian General Electric team. The scores were:

Opticians	Can. Gen. Electric	Total
Cunningham	72	83
McNeil	79	71
McDonald	80	77
Stanton	84	88
Whitaker	82	84
	407	486

Can. Gen. Electric: Total. AVE. McNeil 72 81 75 228 76 Dixon 74 78 82 234 84 2-3 Manning 73 82 80 235 78 1-3 Gorman 72 82 82 236 78 2-3
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NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR RACING THROUGH

Different arrangements have been made, which will greatly facilitate the handling of the crowd at the doors of the Arena. Tonight the middle door will be open to all ticket holders, and they can go direct to their sections without having to push their way through a mass of humanity congregated near the door. The main entrance door will be open for the sale of rush and reserve seats.

EXPECT CROWDS AT BASKETBALL GAMES

The seat sale for the McGill and University of Maine basketball games with the local Trojans opened at Bond & White's yesterday and a large number of the best seats, particularly in the first McGill game, were picked up by early buyers. From present indications the big games against the Trojans next week will be witnessed by capacity houses.

ST. JOHN TEAM MAY PLAY FRIDAY

The St. John hockey team, looking for other worlds to conquer, has wired to Dartmouth and the Halifax Wanderers and other teams, and will endeavor to have one of them here on Friday night. It was hoped that they might have Moncton to contend with on Friday, but at the present time hockey superstars from Moncton could not see their way clear to come.

The Granites, the Canadian Olympic world champion team, and Sussex are to play in the Arena the first of next week.

SYDNEY CURLERS WIN MARIE JEAN JUNIOR TROPHY

Windsor, N. S., Feb. 25.—Sydney curlers won by one point, the Maritime union curling trophy from Windsor in a match played here tonight. The skips and scores follow:

Windsor	Sydney
A. Mounce	14
G. P. McElhiney	12
G. A. Coffin	16
G. B. Smith	20
L. Harrington	14
Totals	46
Totals	47

RUTH SUCCEEDS AT GOLF

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 26.—Babe Ruth, New York Yankees slugger, came within two strokes of tying the medalist, J. Bour of Chicago in the qualifying round of the spring golf tournament here yesterday. Ruth, with an 88, finished third, one stroke behind Emory Carey, of Hutchinson, Kas. Bour turned in an 87. Ruth is paired in the first round of match play tomorrow with S. Pfeiffer, who turned in a card of 88 yesterday.

STRIBBLING LOST DECISION.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Young Stribbling, of Macon, Ga., contender for Mike McTigue's light heavyweight crown, lost a six-round decision to Jimmy Slattery, of Buffalo, at the Broadway Auditorium tonight.

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