

THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

The report that Hackenschmidt is playing the part of the lion in 'The Wizard of Oz' is untrue. Knockers at work again.

Joe Jeanette, who defeated Sam McVey in Paris Saturday night, is the colored heavyweight who has met Jack Johnson no less than five times with Johnson even, and his victory over the man who is said to have all the French capital by the ears, in 50 rounds, will be a reason for the demand of one more go with the champion.

If Jim Jeffries is taking off a pound a day, how much will he weigh when he meets Johnson?

Four fighters want to tackle Jack Johnson. If we were Jack we would let the first one lick us and fool the other three.—Buffalo Hammer.

President Powers will take a day off from the Marathon game on Wednesday morning to inspect a committee to consider how to handle rowdy players and others in starting the season on Thursday. He has invited the eight managers to the session in the Flatiron Building in New York.

That was a happy thought on the part of the Inter-City League officers in electing the manager of an express company vice-president. There is no danger now of the players having to walk home.

The winning number in the drawing for the Morris chair for the benefit of the Maple Leaf baseball team is 15. There was a large sale of tickets.

Toronto Telegram: Seems natural to kick in football, and more especially in the soccer game, where the hands are barred. So you don't wonder that some local men are kicking against the Ontario League even after the latter has granted them practically everything asked—except the office they yearned for. But there will hardly be a new Ontario league. The candidates for office do not constitute a majority—even of the Toronto body.

From Toronto files: No Hamilton players, or any other players, can be reinstated by the C. L. A. till next April. The hour of grace was at the annual convention, and when that passed the opportunity was gone for a year.

Replying to the question raised concerning the conditions of the record of 95 by Mr. K. D. Young, Mr. E. G. Brewer, honorary assistant secretary of the Montreal A. A. A. Revolver Club, writes: "For Mr. Rutherford's special benefit, and any other revolver shots who may be interested, I would be glad if you would state that Mr. K. D. Young's record target was shot on May 23, 1907, in the regular weekly match of the M. A. A. Revolver Club under match conditions."

"Any person acquainted with the ethics of shooting must readily know that when an officer of a recognized shooting club places before your readers a record made by one of its members that this record may have been made in a match, under match conditions."

CRICKET MATCH AT TORONTO.

Toronto, April 19.—The first cricket game of the season was played on Trinity College Campus Saturday afternoon between the college team and Zingari cricket team. The weather was the very finest, but the lawn was somewhat heavy, owing to the earliness of the season. The play was fairly even throughout, each inning lasting about two hours. The score of runs when the last Trinity man was bowled stood 129 to 97 in favor of the visiting team. The line-up and score was as follows:

Table with columns for batting order, names, and scores for the Zingari Cricket Team and Trinity College team.

MATINEE AT H. G. C. GROUNDS

On account of the threatening weather the matinee shoot of the Hamilton Gun Club was not very well attended, but those that were there enjoyed the sport very much and witnessed some very fine shooting. Mr. J. Jennings, of Toronto, making the beautiful score of 98 out of 100. Mr. R. Day and Geo. Beatty coming next with the scores were as follows:

Table listing names and scores for the matinee shoot.

FOR THE SOCCERITES.

Meeting of Hamilton District Executive.

Committee Named to Confer With Toronto.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hamilton District Association Football League was held in the office of President Nelson, on Saturday night, to consider the proposition made by President Parsons, of the Toronto district—that an Ontario Union be formed and affiliated with the British Soccer Football Union.

Some of the English members were very enthusiastic over the proposition. Mr. Nelson steered that Secretary Woodward, of the O. F. A., was in the city on Saturday and promised to place Hamilton teams in any district that they desired. He said he did not know that Hamilton had been given the cold shoulder in the past. Mr. Nelson also stated that if the proposed union is formed that Dundas will enter a team, although the town would not enter in the O. F. A. or W. F. A. series.

After considerable discussion it was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the committee which will be appointed by the Toronto and the Niagara districts. The committee named is composed of J. W. Nelson and Dr. Burnett.

The Executive will meet again next Saturday night to receive the report of the sub-committee.

ROU AT A GAME.

Glasgow, April 19.—The final soccer football game for the Scottish Cup ended in a riot yesterday. Sixty thousand spectators charged upon the playing field and tore up the goal posts and set fire to the entrance gate fence and ticket booths. More than forty persons were injured, and taken to hospitals. The game was between Celtic and Glasgow Rangers, and the score was one goal each.

When the firemen attempted to extinguish the blaze the crowd cut the hose and a stone the firemen, rendering their useless. Mounted police then charged the rioters, and in the face of a hail of rocks, bottles and other missiles succeeded in keeping them from the grand stands and the pavilion, in which the players had taken refuge. These structures alone were saved from the flames.

The trouble arose because the teams refused to play extra time to settle the tie. The injured for the most part are policemen.

GAMES OVER HOME.

London, April 19.—Saturday's games resulted as follows, the name of the home team being given first in each instance:

Table listing soccer game results between various clubs like Arsenal, Tottenham, etc.

STANDING OF THE LEAGUES.

The English Association season is nearing its end. Next Saturday the final matches will be played in the various leagues, and the big event will be the final for the English cup between Bristol City and Manchester United, which also will be played at the Crystal Palace.

Newcastle United are the winners beyond doubt in the First Division of the league, while Nottingham have a cinch for first place in the Southern League.

In the Second Division of the League the fight is a very close one, West Bromwich Albion, Tottenham Hotspurs, and Bolton Wanderers all running neck and neck. It may be that all three will finish the season with 50 points apiece, in which case the championship will have to be determined on goal average. The standings are:

Table showing league standings for various teams like Newcastle United, Tottenham, etc.

Knocking Down the Pins

Two matches in Class A were rolled at the H. B. & A. C. alleys on Saturday evening. The club team won two games from the Steel Plant No. 1, and the Hamilton Gun Club took two games from the H. B. C. Following are the scores:

Table with names and scores for bowling matches.

The bicycle races on the programme are attracting the many Toronto and Hamilton riders, while a few of the cracks from Buffalo will be along. Two excellent prizes will be given to the winners in these two events, as the bicycle game every encouragement this year, and has promised prizes. Hamilton will be well represented, not only in the bicycle races and open events, but the large number of walkers brought out by the revival of the game last fall, will be on hand. The meet on May 15 looks like the classiest event of the year, and, with fair weather, a monster crowd is expected.

SIMPSON QUIT.

Svanberg, the Swede, Scored a Hollow Victory.

New York, April 19.—In a match race at the full Marathon distance, 26 miles 385 yards, which was run on Saturday at Celtic Park, Long Island City, John V. Svanberg, of Sweden, scored a hollow victory, covering the course in 2:41.44.

His opponent, Fred Simpson, the Ojibway Indian, quit after running six and a half miles. He was suffering from a stiff right knee as a result of a cold which he caught while racing against Fred Appleby in a twenty-mile match ten days ago.

Svanberg's time is 34.5 seconds behind that made by the Frenchman, Henri Saint Yves, in the Marathon Derby at the Polo Grounds here two weeks ago. Saint Yves ran over a rain-soaked field, while Svanberg had a good clear track on Saturday, so that the Frenchman's performance was by far the better.

FRENCHMAN BEAT IRISHMAN.

New York, April 18.—Henri Saint Yves, of France, who won the Marathon Derby at the Polo Grounds, two weeks ago, won a fifteen-mile race from Patrick White, of Dublin, Ireland, at the Clifton racetrack, near Passaic, N. J., on Saturday.

White, after leading on sufferance for the first mile in 5:27, had to fall behind the Frenchman, who gained a lap on him in the fourth mile. At ten miles Saint Yves was two laps to the good, and White dropped out at 10:12 miles, saying that his ankle, which he sprained in his race against Maloney, had gone back on him.

Saint Yves finished out the full fifteen miles in 1:27:03.45. The track was chiefly composed of soft dirt and clay.

WALKER COMING TO CANADA.

R. E. Walker, the South African sprinting champion, intends a London Sporting Life correspondent, will sail for England on the Armada Castle April 29, and is due to arrive at Southampton on May 22. Walker intends to compete at one or two meetings prior to the A. A. A. championships, but will not be very busy until the championships are over. After then he intends, if he has time, to run at one or two continental meetings, and will leave England for Canada about the middle of August.

The Americans are very keen on getting Walker to run Rector in the States, and every inducement has been offered for a match, but all the South African wants to be assured of is a square start. He has been warned a good many times of Yankee outness, so states that he will run Rector anywhere with Mr. C. L. Lockton or J. Heppelwhite as starter; but will not risk losing his laurels by trusting his reputation to any but a skilled and thoroughly impartial starter.

Walker considers he has improved fully three yards on his last year's form, and should be equal to tackling the best at the furlong now as well as shorter sprints.

Bob Kerr MEET.

It is stated that Toronto will send a large delegation to the athletic meet for the benefit of Bobby Kerr at Britannia Park on May 15. In addition to

IT LASTED 50 ROUNDS.

Joe Jeanette Won From McVey.

Paris, April 19.—In the greatest fight witnessed in France since John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell drew at Chantilly, in 1888, Joe Jeanette, of New York, on Saturday night defeated Sam McVey, of California, in the fiftieth round of a finish fight. A great crowd witnessed a game exhibition of heavyweights, the contest lasting for three hours and a half. McVey had the better of the fight up to the fortieth round, and in both the twenty-first and twenty-second round he had the New Yorker so groggy that he barely could keep on his feet. Jeanette bore the punishment bravely and recuperated in a wonderful manner. McVey had almost worn himself out after forty rounds, and by this time the New Yorker fighter was coming back. By effective fighting he gradually beat the Californian, and practically had him knocked out when the fight ended. McVey's seconds throwing up the sponge.

Jeanette was the favorite in the betting, and the purse was \$6,000. It is understood that Jeanette now intends to issue a challenge to Jack Johnson for the championship of the world.

LANGFORD SHOWED CLASS.

Philadelphia, April 19.—In one of the best fights between heavy men seen here in a long time Sam Langford, of Boston, the colored man who may get a chance at Jack Johnson, the world's champion, on Saturday night defeated Al Kubiak, the Michigan giant, at the National Athletic Club. No decision was permitted, but the referee would have awarded the fight to the Boston man had a decision on points been allowed.

Langford forced the fighting in every round, and punished Kubiak severely. The latter, however, was game, and gave his opponent a good battle. He did his best work in the closing rounds, and although he was tired he kept coming back at Langford, and was cheered for his willingness to mix it up. Langford showed himself to be a fighter of the first class, giving a very clever exhibition of boxing.

DELANEY CHANGED HIS MIND.

New York, April 19.—Billy Delaney suddenly changed his mind yesterday about accepting Johnson's offer to box Kauffman before the fight with Stanley Ketchel takes place in California next October. Johnson, after a talk with Delaney, offered to take Kauffman on for twenty rounds in Paris, twelve rounds in Boston, ten in this city or six rounds in Philadelphia. Johnson said he was ready to meet Kauffman right away, but Delaney demurred, saying that Kauffman had broken his hand in the recent battle with Tony Ross. Delaney, however, declared that he would make a match with Johnson as soon as the latter returned here from England. As Kauffman will be taken abroad, though, in the near future, it is thought he will hook up with Johnson in Paris some time during the summer.

The ten-round bout between Sandy Ferguson, of Boston, and Harry Barry, of Chicago, which was scheduled for tonight at the Marathon A. C. in Brooklyn, has been postponed for two weeks at the request of Barry, who says he wants that length of time to get into proper condition.

SUNDAY BALL.

Pittsburg Defeated Chicago by 1 to 0.

At Chicago—Chicago played the first extra-inning game of the season on Sunday and also suffered the first shut-out. Pittsburg defeating the home team with fielding on both sides cut off budding scores in several innings, and all in all it was the best contest played on the home field this year. Abstem led off in the twelfth with a fly just out of Brown's reach, was sacrificed to third, and scored on Tinker's fumble.

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At Cincinnati—The largest crowd that ever attended a baseball game in Cincinnati Sunday saw Cincinnati defeat St. Louis 5 to 3. Lash, the visitors' pitcher, was wild in the early stages of the game and was hit hard. Moore, who succeeded him after the fourth, did not allow a run, and Colonel Albert A. Pope, the manager of bicycling in America, has donated a racing bicycle as second prize.

In order to attract riders from all parts of the country and make the first bicycle Marathon the national event of 1909, special prizes will be awarded newcomers, letter carriers, schoolboys, messenger boys, members of the militia, etc., so that it will be possible for one rider to win several prizes. The Roy Wheelmen, of New York, who are promoting the event, have secured Val Valiani to manage the detail, and entry blanks may be secured by addressing him at No. 1947 Broadway, New York. The race will be open to amateurs throughout the world, and arrangements are being consummated to bring over the champions of Germany, France, Italy, Denmark and Holland.

SHORT ENDS.

A meeting to organize the Junior E. E. Baseball League will be held at J. W. Nelson's store to-morrow night. The following clubs are requested to send delegates: Alerts II, Blue Labels II, Hurons, Seminoles, and King Edwards.

Little Rock, Ark., April 19.—A bill prohibiting the playing of football in Arkansas has been introduced in the House of the Arkansas Legislature. The bill provides that any violation shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$500 and a year's imprisonment in jail.

In the intercollegiate eight-oared race at Boston on Saturday Harvard defeated Columbia by six lengths. Leland Stanford University won from California University at California.

Speaking of corn and beans, would a man rather be a has-been than a has corns?

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