

SOUTH END LEAGUE LOOKING FORWARD TO BANNER SEASON

FOUR TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE PENNANT RACE

Portlands, N. B. Champions, to Represent Water Dept.

Having experienced two highly successful seasons, during which extended improvements were made to the grounds and the class of ball steadily improved, the South End League is looking forward to an even stronger and better year this summer with some of the best amateur talent in the province competing. Under the energetic leadership of S. C. Payne, the grounds committee has already discussed plans for a grandstand and other improvements and has also definitely settled on the number of teams that will compete, the Trojans, champions of 1924, the Saint John's Royals, close runners-up, the Royals, and the Water Department. The last-named takes the place of the Gardiner team and its advance line-up comprises several of last year's Portlands, New Brunswick champions, including Goodgrass and Charlie Gorman, who remains in town for the summer. As most of the members of the Gardiner team still have several good seasons left in them yet, they will have no trouble in catching on with the other teams and this will thereby strengthen the league considerably.

Royals Strengthen Team.
Another point that will make for faster ball this year, apart from the individual improvement of each player through experience, is the fact that the Royals have been quietly bolstering themselves and will put up sterner opposition than heretofore. Under the dashing leadership of Earl Nelson, the colored boys took on a sport in the dying moments of last year's season that tied matters up in a knot and forced the championship into overtime play. Few fans who were present will forget those games he pitched the Royals to victory over the Trojans and Saints when both teams meant pretty near the title for them.

Trojans Line-Up.
The champion Trojans will present a strong line-up this year, according to reports. "Eddie" Cox will captain the team and with him, Walter Bartlett, Leslie Kerr, batting champion of the league, is expected to turn in several wins for the Royals and Black, Wiley, Walter Bartlett, Fred MacGowan, Nixon and other standbys will be back along with some new blood.

Dalton, Saints' Star.
If there is one team in the league that can be counted on to scrap for this year's title from the drop of the hat that bunch is the Saints. After dropping seven straight games in a row at the opening of last year's season, they staged a sensational comeback that drew them to within striking grasp of the title. The outstanding work of last year's season was done by Dalton, who was a boy with a great future in the game and he should have an even better year this year. Realizing that those last games at the opening of the season really beat them out of the title, the Saints have been marshalling their forces for an impressive barrage at the opening of the league schedule. They have several of the Garrison players on their list and should register of the break-up of St. Rose's prove correct, the South End Saints will probably have a few of the Fairville stalwarts to help the good work along.

Taken all together, the South End League should enjoy a season of unprecedented success this year—the greatest since the advent of pro ball several years ago.

WRESTLING
Promoter Fitzsimmons Offers Purse of \$60,000 For Heavyweight Bout.

CHICAGO, April 2.—Billy Sandow, manager of Ed "Strangler" Lewis, champion of the world's heavyweight wrestling, signed an agreement with Floyd Fitzsimmons, Michigan City, Ind., promoter, for Lewis to wrestle Wayne (Big) Munn, also claimant of the title, at Michigan City on May 30 for a purse of \$60,000.

Fitzsimmons posted a \$30,000 forfeit in a Chicago bank. Munn has not yet been signed but Fitzsimmons said he expected to close a contract by Monday with Gabe Kaufman, Munn's manager.

COAL MINE CRICKET.

Derbyshire, Eng., April 2.—Derbyshire coal miners started playing cricket with a shovel as a bat and a piece of coal as a ball. The first drive hit a spectator in the eye and the cricketers were fined.

BADMINTON

City Tournament Gets Away to Good Start—Play to be Continued Tonight.

The City Badminton tournament got away to a good start on the Armory courts last evening. Play started at 7:30 o'clock, and continued until 11:30. There were 120 entries, and many of the players drew byes during the first round. The tournament will be continued this evening and some class playing is expected to develop in the finals. There was 11 clubs represented in the tournament, the Saint John Garrison, Trinity, Stone, St. Andrew, St. James, St. Paul, St. Jude, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., C. W. L. Senior Girls and Centenary.

Dwellings which are supposed to date back to 7000 B. C. have been discovered by workmen digging along the shores of the Lake of Zurich.

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Along The Sport Trail

By RAY HANSEN

IT WILL BE A surprise to many baseball fans to learn that Honus Wagner is still in the game. After years with the Pittsburgh Pirates he passed out of the major leagues to make room for a younger man. Despite his age he has never really given up the game and each spring he dons a uniform and appears on sandlots about Pittsburgh. This season he will take to the road with a team of Elks in the Allegheny County (Pa.) League.

JOHNNY DUNDEE, former world's featherweight champion, who surrendered his title when he realized that he could no longer make the required weight and still be strong enough to defend his title, has applied to the New York Boxing Commission for reinstatement. It will be recalled that he was put under the ban when he unexpectedly withdrew from a match with Fred Brentnall in Paris. From the inner circle an intimation has leaked out that he will in all probability receive favorable consideration. He is keen for a bout with Louis (Kid) Kaplan, who is recognized as his successor, and if this materializes it will in all probability be staged in Madison Square Gardens on May 5, thus giving the veteran Italian the distinction of participating in the last match at the old arena. Dundee's case will be dealt with by the Commission next Tuesday.

THE WORK OF Eddie Collins, manager of the Chicago White Sox, Bob Shawkey of the Yankees and "Bullet" Joe Bush of the St. Louis Americans will undoubtedly be watched with keen interest by local ball fans this season. It will be recalled that these three American League stars paid a visit to New Brunswick last fall and enjoyed a hunting trip as a guest of Joe Page, passenger traffic representative of the C. P. R. Many local fans had the pleasure of meeting these celebrities of balldom and found them dandy sports and likeable chaps. As a result they will naturally be anxious to see them make good again this year.

GRANTLAND RICE, a well known sport writer in the States, was recently asked if he had his choice between Frankie Frisch of the Giants or Rogers Hornsby of St. Louis, which one he would pick. He said he would take Hornsby above any man in the National League, infielder or outfielder. There is no doubt that Mr. Rice is entitled to his own opinion, but if the question was put to a vote among fans it would not be surprising if Frisch was the popular choice. The Giant's star has a shade on Hornsby in several departments of the game, although the latter is undoubtedly a better hitter. Last year both participated in 144 games. Frisch had 381 put-outs, 387 assists, 27 errors and a fielding average of .972. Hornsby had 301 put-outs, 317 assists, 30 errors and an average of .968. Hornsby hit for .428 while Frisch ended the season with .328. However, Frisch scored as many runs, 121, had 22 stolen bases to his rival's five. Frisch also has the advantage of youth and is versatile, being able to play any infield position. It is a safe bet that McGraw would not trade Frisch for Hornsby and he should have a pretty good idea which is the better man.

OFFICIALS IN CHARGE of the Boston marathon have introduced some stringent rules this year. The race is to be held on April 20 and an order has been issued that all bicycle, motorcycle and automobile attendants for contestants will be banned. It is proposed to follow the Olympic plan of having relief stations along the course. These will have a Red Cross worker and each will be an official check station. Two state motorcycle officers will patrol the last half of the course to give aid to runners in distress. Any runner who receives aid from any source outside the relief stations or police patrol will be disqualified. These mandates seem fair and should be acceptable to the runners. In addition, however, all vehicle traffic should be stopped along the course until the race terminates. It is not an uncommon thing for contestants to be struck by passing automobiles and forced to retire as a result of injuries. Canada's representative will be Victor McAuley of Windsor, N. S.

FIFIELD - GRADWELL SETS NEW RECORD BOUT IS POSTPONED

Copulos Establishes World Mark by Running up 50 Point in 22 Innings.

GUS COPULOS of Detroit, present leader in the National Championship, "Three - Cushion" League, again surprised the season when he shattered the world's record for best game recently in a game against Johnny Layton in Detroit. Copulos completed his fifty points in 22 innings, one inning better than the former mark which was held by Robert L. Canepax, the present titleholder. Copulos has been playing a sensational game all season and is now favored to win the world's title.

Shortly before Willie Hoppe engaged in the special three-cushion match, Copulos defeated Hoppe in a special three-cushion match in Detroit by 200 to 171. Previous to that match Copulos had lost a 200-point test to Hoppe.

Connie Mack's Team On Batting Rampage

The Mackmen went on a batting rampage yesterday in their exhibition game against Richmond, collecting 19 hits for a total of 38 bases, and defeating the Southerners 12 to 1. Welch, Simmons, Lamm and Fox contributed circuit drives.

FINISH TRAINING.

Monte Gerow, trainer of Roy Grattan, 201-8-4, and the other horses owned by the Carbons, Me, Driving Club, will finish their spring training at the State Fair track at Lewiston.

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SAINT JOHN BOY ACCIDENT VICTIM IN MALDEN, MASS

Hartley Wheaton Run Over by Auto—Heads Bowling League

Bowling fans in Saint John will regret to learn that Hartley Wheaton, of Malden, Mass., formerly of this city, met with a painful accident recently when he was knocked down and run over by an automobile. He had his left leg quite painfully injured. Writing to a friend he explained that the injury has forced him to lay up and will prevent him participating in the wind-up of the S. J. Pierce & Company League.

Establishes Record.

Wheaton is a good bowler and this season established two league records, 165 for a single string and 384 for three strings. He had an average of 134.54 up to the time of his injury and was leading the league.

Coming on Visit.

Prior to leaving here he was a member of Black's team in the City League and was one of the five high average men. He also was a member of the Fredericton quintette that participated in the Brunswick-Bank-Quintet trophy tournament. He expects to be home this year for a vacation and promises to go after some of the local alley records.

Shots Of King Pin

Results of Candle Pin Bowling on Local Alleys.

Two Man League.

In the Two Man League on the Y. M. C. A. alleys, last night, Jarvis and Cosgrove defeated the Purple and Sinclair.

City League.

Last night on the Imperial alleys, in the City League, the Nationals and Lions split even with two points each. The individual scores were as follows:

Modern League.

In the Modern League series on the Y. M. C. A. alleys, last night, the G. E. Barbour Co. team won all four points from the Workmen's Compensation Board team.

C. P. R. League.

The Checkers took all four points from the No. 2 Steamship team and the No. 1 Steamship team took three points from the Maritime team in the two games of the C. P. R. League played last night on Black's alleys.

Commercial League.

The Pacific Dairies team took three points from the Post Office team in the Commercial league game on Black's alleys last night. Tonight the Vasele and John C. N. R. Round House teams will roll.

City League.

The City league game tonight will be on Black's alleys, and the Beavers and Wanderers will roll.

Lanky Recruit Pitcher Only Allows Four Hits

The St. Louis Cardinals won 8 to 0 from the Seals at San Francisco. Charles "Pink" Heben produced what was considered the best twirling of the Cards' training trip. The lanky recruit allowed only four hits and set the opposition down in order for six innings.

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Orphan Admirers See Babe Ruth Fan

NEW YORK, April 3.—Babe Ruth muffed a real chance to add to his heroic proportions yesterday, when a thousand enthusiastic kid fans, all orphans, crowded the stands at Nashville to see the Yankees play the Dodgers. Four times Ruth approached the plate determined to keep his promise to hit a homer, and each time fate intervened. Twice he grounded out, once he got a single, and the last time he fanned gloriously, retiring sadly from the game.

SEEK FRANCHISES IN HOCKEY LEAGUE

Neway Lalonde May Operate Team in Montreal—Ottawas After Joliet and Boucher.

MONTREAL, April 3.—The Gazette in its sport columns today says: Definite applications for franchises in the proposed new professional International Hockey League were received by the promoters of the venture yesterday from Montreal and Ottawa interests.

The Montreal application was signed by Neway Lalonde, who proposes to operate a team in Montreal, composed largely of French-Canadian players. Lalonde claims to have proper financial backing.

The Ottawa application came from an association, which is said to have obtained the privileges at Day's arena, where it is planned to install an artificial ice plant. The Ottawa club is said to be after Arrel Joliet and Billy Boucher, the Canadiens, and are confident of landing them for their team next season.

In Toronto arrangements have been completed to install an artificial ice plant at the Coliseum, the deal for which has been closed. The Coliseum, when remodelled, will have a capacity of 10,000.

ON ENGLISH TURF

Experts Say Horses Are Sent to The Stud Too Soon.

It has been suggested that one of the causes of the dearth of high-class stayers on the turf in England may be found in the fact that the best young horses are hurried away too quickly to the stud. It is certainly the exception rather than the rule nowadays to find classic winners remaining in training after they are four-year-olds, and in some cases even after they are five.

Many hunters are sent to the stud at an early date, it is admitted, for the simple reason that it is no longer possible to train them on account of the trouble in the aggregate as sound as they were in the old days. Probably it is true that when a high-class performer evinces symptoms of a break-

World Series Heroes Meet

WALTER JOHNSON, LEFT, AND STANLEY COVELESKIE.

TAMPA, April 3.—The world series idol of 1924 greets the hero of 1920. Here we have Walter Johnson, baseball's greatest character, also pitcher, extending a welcome to Stanley Coveleskie, former star of the Cleveland club.

Johnson reached his greatest heights by his remarkable pitching in the final game of the 1924 classic, while Coveleskie's peak was staged in the world series of 1920, when he won three games for Cleveland, enabling the Indians to beat Brooklyn for the title.

Washington secured Coveleskie in a trade for Pitcher Byron Speese.

Beyond admitting that it was true that a new pacer was coming here, others interested in the syndicate were loath to discuss the matter today. They asserted, however, that the newcomer was a green pacer and that his acquisition was the introduction of a policy of developing speed instead of buying it ready-made. It is understood that those interested in the new purchase include some of those who were prominently identified with the purchase a year ago of Chesley H. Seery, 2:00 1/4, which represented the Fredericton Driving and Sporting Club in the free-for-all until put out of action by an injury sustained during a race at Presque Isle, Me., from which he is slowly recovering.

Members of Truro Team Given Gold Wrist Watches

TRURO, N. S., April 3.—The members of the Truro Hockey team and the manager, W. A. Fleming, were presented with gold wrist watches last night by the citizens of Truro, in honor of the team having won the Maritime amateur hockey championship.

Lewiston Girls To Have Baseball Team

LEWISTON, Me., April 3.—Lewiston high school is to have a girls' baseball team, and in response to a call for spring baseball and basketball practice, about 40 young women reported at the armory recently. Coach Linwood Kelley of the basketball squad, is to have charge of the girls' team, both baseball and basketball. Captains and managers will be chosen, and candidates for baseball will be given training for a schedule of inter-class games during the season. It is expected that the majority of the students will take up either basketball or baseball this season. The proposition as to whether or not Lewiston high will have a real girls' baseball team depends upon the attitude other schools take towards the sport as a girls' game. Girls' baseball is played with 10 position instead of nine, the extra position being in the infield.

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