

Organize Trapshooters' League ★ Shamrocks Are Confident of Win

STARTS AS THREE-CLUB CIRCUIT

Woodstock, London and Tillsonburg
Start the Organization
Going.

SHOOT FIRST IN MAY

Sam Vance, Canadian Olympic Representative Prime Mover in Novel Idea of League.

TILLSONBURG, March 24.—Tonight at a meeting following a friendly shoot at the traps the Southern Ontario Trapshooters' League sprang into existence, with this town, Woodstock and London as the first entrants. The executive committee of the new league, which is a novelty in its way, were appointed as follows: Tom Baker, London; G. Marr, Woodstock, and Sam Vance, Tillsonburg.

The first shoot will be held in Woodstock about the middle of May, the exact date to be determined upon later. Heretofore trapshooting has never been organized in leagues, though in several parts of Western Ontario towns hold inter-club affairs, which have created good competition. However, it is expected that the idea of league organization will have a still better effect on the sport, and so many good gun clubs scattered over the southwestern peninsula of Ontario the Southern Ontario League has every prospect of growing to be a big organization within a very short time.

Much of the credit of organization is due Sam Vance of the Dominion as one of the finest trapshooters Canada has ever produced.

In the afternoon a friendly shoot was held. James Payne of Tillsonburg was first, with his townsman, Vance, second. W. Staples of Woodstock was next, Gordon Marr of Woodstock fourth, and F. Grigg of Woodstock fifth. A banquet followed the afternoon's sport.

One or no outs with runner on second base or any base. "A" contends that it is good baseball for runner to fly base when batter hits time out or fly ball, until ball is caught or missed, and had baseball for him to take any lead off base before ball is caught or missed. "B" contends that it is good baseball to take lead off ball until ball is caught, sufficiently far to return to bag in case ball is caught.

Who is right? The base runner must have in mind two things in the case you cite. He must protect himself from being doubled up in case the ball is caught. Likewise in case it falls safe, he must be in a position that will enable him to make the greatest possible advance. Taking into consideration his own speed, and the strength of the throwing arm of the fielder making a play on him, he must decide just what is the proper lead to take off the bag.

WOMEN BARRED IN CANADIAN SENATE

MONTREAL, March 25.—The department of justice has issued an official ruling that no woman senators can be created in Canada without an amendment to the British North America act.

The official declaration is "that under the British North America act as it now stands, it is not competent for the governor-general to summon any female person to the Senate." The ruling was made in response to an inquiry made by the prime minister, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, who had received a request from the franchise committee of the Montreal Women's Club asking that in view of the admission of Lady Rhondra's claim for a seat in the House of Lords, Canadian women might be admitted to the Senate and whether an amendment to the British North America act would be necessary.

The official ruling of the department of justice was conveyed by the prime minister to Mrs. J. Holmes McIntyre, secretary of the franchise committee, Montreal Women's Club.

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What is more, I look for pitchers to go back to the curve ball stronger than ever the coming season. For the last five or six years the fast ball has been the pitcher's one best bet.

The use of certain styles of delivery by pitchers goes in cycles. I am sure the coming season will mark the passing of the fast ball and to an era of curve ball pitching. With the curve will be the well-known change of pace.

With fast ball pitching the batters have been resorting to the slash-away or slugging style at the plate. The curve ball is death to the free swinger.

Since a majority of the hitters are taking a healthy cut at the ball it is up to the pitchers to fall back on the curve ball. If used, it will turn the trick if used. If such proves to be the case we may look for a revival of the run-and-hit style of the sacrifice. One run under such conditions will mean something.

"Bill Martin" Lived At Hotel, But Always Paid His Way

WINNIPEG, Man., March 24.—"Bill Martin," the newest species of liquor law violators, was behind police doors last night. Bill is a convenient chair, equipped with a liquor cabinet which opens at the back under the seat, and was, it is explained, in a local hotel for the benefit of thirsty citizens. Whenever occasion demanded, it is charged, that the chair was sent up and the room registered as occupied by "Bill Martin." William Hogan, proprietor, yesterday paid a \$500 fine for breach of the Manitoba temperance act.

Gerard of Ottawas To Aid Crippled St. Patricks Team.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(By Canadian Press).—St. Patrick's chances successfully to defend the Stanley Cup were materially strengthened tonight, at least in so far as the local viewpoint is concerned, when it became known that Eddie Gerard, captain of the ex-champion Senators, would play for the Irishmen for the remaining games of the championship. Eddie himself announced tonight that he had been approached by Manager O'Donoghue of the Toronto team, and after being assured that Manager Patrick of the western invaders had expressed willingness to permit an "outsider" to replace Harry Cameron, who was painfully injured on Tuesday last, expressed pleasure at being able to help keep the historic trophy in the senior Canadian hockey league.

PEG ROYALS LOOK DANGEROUS CREW

Meet Toronto Dominions in First Game For the Title Today.

TORONTO, March 24.—Great interest is being taken in tomorrow afternoon's game at the Arena, which brings together Royal Bank of Winnipeg and Toronto Dominion Bank in the first game for the Bogert Cup, and the bank hockey championship of Canada. The game is on Monday night with total goals in the two to count. Royals arrived from Winnipeg yesterday, and lost no time in getting down to practice at the Arena in order to get acquainted with the artificial ice. They worked out again today, and today's practice was a very best. With such good players as Conacher, Burch and Rodden of the Aurora Lee seniors, Jeffrey of the Aurora Lee juniors, and the application of Aurora Lee's Junior O. H. A. team, and Reeves of the Aurora Lee O. H. A. intermediates, the dominions have a well-balanced outfit.

Sport Flashes from Southern Camps

In every major league camp there is much discussion as to what style of play will be most advantageous the coming season.

The campaign of 1921 was an era of swat. Every ball player sought to emulate the deeds of Babe Ruth as best he could. The clubs were taking a healthy cut at the ball.

The wild attack with which the baseball player received the home run deeds of Babe Ruth caused the other players to feel that if they were to continue in popular favor they must hit a few home runs.

The players realized they were battling against the very best ball that was ever manufactured. It was not a rabbit ball, but rather a ball that was lively because the material and workmanship was of the best. If you hit it fairly it would carry.

On the whole the pitching of 1921 was not quite up to the major league standard. In addition the batters had to have to worry about the so-called freak deliveries. There was no mental hazard to overcome.

These things all tended to make for free hitting and big scores. Extra inning games last year were very much the exception, due to the fact that extra innings were usually decided by a matter of light hitting and air-tight pitching.

The era of swat which held sway during the campaign of 1921 naturally relegated the steal the squeeze, the bunt and other one-run plays to the rear. The clubs were constantly playing for clusters of runs rather than one.

I seriously doubt if the ball of 1922 will be as lively as the one we used the greater part of last year. I am inclined to think that it will be considerably toned down.

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BROOKLYN DODGERS RATED STRONGER TEAM

PITCHING ACE AND TWO RECRUITS



INFILDER YOST. CATCHER DEBERRY. PITCHER GRIMES.

SCHOOL BASKET FINALS ARE CLOSE

District No. 2 and Aylmer Bye To Be Decided Yet By April 1.

The two basketball tournaments during the week of the Easter vacation are arousing great interest among the secondary schools of Western Ontario. During the past week the championship of District No. 1 has been decided. St. Thomas Collegiate Institute has been victorious in both the boys' and girls' series. The Essex County boys' basketball.

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The winners of the district have arranged an elimination series with Aylmer High School. The winners will be decided by April 1. In District No. 2, Galt Collegiate Institute plays Kitchener to decide the district championship in the girls' series on March 29 and April 1. Brantford Collegiate and Kitchener are playing off for the boys' championship. The winner of the boys' series will compete with the strong Stratford team in the elimination series.

In District No. 7, Windsor has had wonderful success. The following games have been played and won by the girls of the Windsor Collegiate Institute: Windsor 29, Leamington 17. Windsor 29, Kingsville 2. Windsor 17, Leamington 6. Windsor 29, Leamington 5. In the boys' series the Windsor Collegiate won two games from Leamington by scores of 33 to 9 and 29 to 19. The two Windsor teams will give a good account of themselves on April 17 and 21.

LONDON NORMAL TEAMS TRIUMPH

The Stratford Normal School cage ball teams were defeated by the local Normal School basketballers last night at the Normal School. The local girls' team won the game 11-1, and the boys' team won 11-1.

The game was fast, and the score was no indication of the play. Miss Mary McKay scored seven of the winners' points. The other girls who scored were N. Tait (6), G. Crane (1). For Stratford Miss N. Wilhelm scored their only tally.

The boys' game was exciting. The lads from Stratford were away off form in shooting. The locals had some rapid shooting. Deely, a former L. C. I. boy, was good for the winners, scoring eight of their baskets. Wilson was a knock-out, but failed to get the best of the school teachers' points. Crowe with four and Washington's two finished the scoring. Langford, Kinkaid and Campbell each scored two for the losers.

The teams: Stratford Nor. London Nor. Langford, Centre, Deely, Campbell, Centre, Wilson, Fisher, Washington, Deely, Centre, Crowe, Stewart, Guard, Crowe, Kinkaid, Sub, Whitman, Horwood, Y.M.C.A. Scorer—Kay.

BYNG WILL VISIT SARNIA, APRIL 18

SARNIA, March 23.—Governor-General Lord Byng, accompanied by Lady Byng and two members of the staff, will visit Sarnia on the afternoon of April 18, remaining in the city until evening. Notice of the visit came by official documents to Mayor George Crawford. An address of welcome on behalf of the city will be made, and a public reception will also be held.

MUTT AND JEFF.



I PLAYED HOCKEY TODAY. THE GRIND OF THE DAILY BASE BALL PRACTISE GOT ON MY NERVES. SO I DECIDED TO SLIP ONE OVER ON THE BOSS!

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY FISH BUT A GOOD FISH. I'LL THROW A JEALOUS FIT WHEN I TELL HIM!

LISTEN, JEFF:—

MUTT, YOU CERTAINLY MISSED IT TODAY. THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVE CALLED THE B.A. PLAYERS TO A SWELL LUNCHEON, SO THE BOSS DECLARED IT A HOLIDAY! SOME FEED!

AFTER LUNCH THEY PILED US INTO AUTOS AND DROVE US ALL AROUND THE CITY. THIS EVENING THE ELKS GAVE US A SWELL FEEL AND BALL IN OUR HOUSE. I HAD TEN DANCES! AND—

I HOPE THIS AIN'T A DUD!

ARMORIES WILL BE PACKED FOR TILT

Queen City Girls Sure To Play Desperate Game on Foreign Court.

WERE FIRST WINNERS

Colleens, However, Not Tired Yet of Looking at the Lady Beck Cup.

Shamrocks meet Toronto Girls tonight at the local armories basketball court for the provincial girls' championship, and are determined to emerge winners for a second time of the Lady Beck trophy.

The Colleens were only beaten out of a win in the last few moments of play in the Queen City last Saturday, and were forced to end the argument at a 16-16 count. They should win on their own court and with the home folks cheering them on. The won't be settling down before the evening of course, to accept the safe-keeping of the cup for another year. The Queen City girls are much heavier than the locals.

Toronto fans who jammed the West End "Y" in Toronto last Saturday night were more than surprised at the sort of basketball the two teams put up, and tonight's game should see both teams playing at top form, as it marks the last chance for one of them.

Two hundred and fifty seats which were reserved for the game have been disposed of, and it looks like a packed house of basketball devotees. Commex and Hawks and Techs against Aylmer High School five will furnish the preliminary events of the evening.

Following the presentation of the Lady Beck Cup, at which Mayor Cameron Wilson will officiate, a dance will be given the spectators.

as to this play made an impression on me. Some day some modern manager is going to try it out.

It is his idea for the runner on third the moment a fly ball is hit to the outfield to assume a crouch position such as used by sprinters waiting for the crack of a gun. The runner is to pay no attention to the ball.

The catcher at third is to do this and act as starter. The runner, crouched on his feet and hands, is to simply wait for the word go. This word is to be given by the coach at the moment the ball strikes the hands of the fielder.

I am positive such a scheme for starting would add at least a step to the base-runner. That is often the distance for some manager who believes in innovations to try it out.

100-TO-9 SHOT WINS TURF CLASSIC

Liverpool, March 24.—The Grand National Steeplechase, run here to-morrow, was won by Hugh Kershaw's Music Hall. Joseph Wildger's Drift was second, and J. C. Bullitt's Taftitus was third. Thirty-two horses started.

The betting on Music Hall was 100 to 9 against, on Drifter 18 to 1, and on Taftitus 66 to 1 against.

The only other horses to complete the course were Sergt. Murphy, the American entry, and Double Escape.

Music Hall won by twelve lengths. The three favorites in the betting, Shaun Spadash, Southampton and Clashing Arms, fell early in the race.

Billy Evans Says

A play that always creates trouble in baseball is when a base-runner is compelled to hold his base on a fly ball that is caught before he tries to advance.

Hundreds of times during the summer arguments arise over this play. As a matter of fact, every time a runner advances a base on a fly ball that is caught, his right to do so is questioned.

If the runner happens to be on third at the time, he is able to score on such a hit all the more attention is paid to the play.

I know one major league manager who evidently has instructed his players to return the ball to the base a runner left every time a play comes up, and appeal to the umpire for a ruling.

A number of times I have had players on his team make an appeal to me when it was apparent that the runner had not left too soon.

It is a difficult matter for the umpire to decide just when to start. It is also a difficult matter for the umpire to determine whether or not the runner left too soon. Likewise it is a difficult matter for the umpire to keep his eye on the runner and also the player making the catch.

Recently I had a talk with a famous sprinter about beating the gun. He told me that such a thing usually happened. In our conversation the play in which a runner scores from third on a fly ball to the outfield was discussed.

The sprinter pointed out that it was possible to get away quicker, and get into your stride easier from a crouch position than standing. His suggestion

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