

LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD OF SPORTS

Coverpoint's Philosophy

They are after racing in Texas now. We did not get the viewpoint right on this Texas thing, being under the impression that only gunplay and lynchings went there. However, they must have had racing, and will make amends. So spreads this moral wave.

Long shots are going over with great regularity at Los Angeles. They want to get all of the floating coin before the jig is up.

That six-day grind goes on steadily with the teams breaking the records almost daily. The racers' combine could not have been working this year, as it was some years ago.

No less than 250 thoroughbreds were bought by Canadians this fall in the United States. This is the largest number ever purchased, and looks as if the breeding industry will be given the grand uplift in this country. It probably means more horses for us to lose our money on.

A number of Cleveland baseball fans simply will not go near the grounds next year if B. Johnson does not fire the whole Washington team, and prevent Umpire Egan from coming along there to officiate. This looks awful. The Washingtons had the temerity to defeat N. Lajoie's yellow streaks, and Egan gave them the worst of a decision once. This baseball game is "sump'n fierce."

Johnny Evers, the crack second baseman of the Chicago Cubs, is going to be a real editor, and write out the baseball for a spell. The profession is being added to daily, some of the brightest minds in captivity joining in the great uplifting side of sport. Among the notables are Addie Joss, Rube Waddell, J. J. Corbett, and many other gits.

If Ingersoll lands Marshall, they will have some team in town.

R. Waddell has been heard from again. There has been an impression abroad that something was wrong with the sporting pages, and it has now developed that our old friend, the demon athlete, fireman, actor, south-paw, and other aliases too numerous to mention, was not on the pages. Now he has come back. As may be imagined, he is at his old occupations, tending bar, and also helping himself.

The McGill University hockey team will no more die at old Harvard, because the Mounties did not take their best team down to Cambridge. Had they done so, they would simply have slaughtered those dear American college boys.

There is an egg famine in New York, and the choirsterlines along the Gay White Way are happy, oh, so happy.

Joe West and Bill Karrys were there last evening in Toronto, and jolted Messrs. Capps and Sutherland good and plenty. They have won two out of the three times they have met, establishing the fact that the London duo are just as good as they are made in the trundling line.

President Dovey, of the Boston Nationals, declares that he would sooner have Joe Kelley as gatekeeper in his Boston plant than give him one dollar in back salary. Dovey is a cute one.

A baseball 48 years of age has been handed to Harry Herrmann, of the Cincinnati Reds. Gerry ought to be used to getting handed old ones now. Chubby Charles Murphy, of the Cubs, handed him a few, and then built up a championship team with what he got.

A dispatch from Philadelphia conveys the intelligence that T. Longboat is not discouraged. And mark ye, this with a bundle of bolts, that would be the envy of Job, the boil magnate.

T. Burns and J. Johnson will battle for a fine bundle of sovereigns in a little over two weeks' time. It looks as if there is nothing to it but Burns. By the attitude of American sporting writers on the subject it is beginning to look as if they will not out their usual excuse when Burns wins: "Well, Tommy is sure the kingpin at picking out lemons." Johnson will be a dub when Burns hicks him, sure.

Gotch, the champion "rassler," is on his way home from England in the high dudgeon. Frank's own valuation of himself was not accepted, and he got sore.

Now that the Merkle incident has been the cause of a great discussion, it is proposed to amend the baseball rules that automatons like the Bonehead may play the game, and not be found out.

If the Roman gladiatorial games had anything on a six-day bike race we would like to have been in on it.

Now some American sporting editor comes through with the statement that the Burns-Johnson fight is a fraud. The Burns-Johnson fight is a popular with the Yankees, and this is but another evidence of their heartiness. T. Longboat is getting his also in good style.

Fast Games in the "Gym" Tonight

Two good games of basketball are scheduled for the Y. M. C. A. Senior League on Thursday night. Some pretty good sport is looked for in the first game, when the Shamrocks and Wizards meet. The Shamrocks are still smarting over the reversal of form which they showed last week, when they let the Wizards break into their good reputation for victories, and promise to show their true form against the Wizards. The latter team, with Casselman, "Tiny" Sage and Skinner on, are a tremendously heavy team. It looked like a sure victory for them last week, when the fortune of war allowed the Wizards to nose them out by one shot in the last minute of play.

In the second game last week two winners, the Tigers and Midgets, will hit up for a hustling game. Harold Wood, who has been trying hard to score against a game of plourity in the house lately, is out again, and will be back on the lineup of the Midgets. The Tigers' winning team will likely remain unchanged, and may be depended upon to put up the usual good game. All of this team are good shots and they practically play five forwards all of the time, carrying the fight continually into the enemy's camp.

Mr. Wicklett will be the referee, and will choose his own umpire, so that the players will be held down to hard work all the time.

Ketchel Through With Middleweights

London, Dec. 10.—Stanley Ketchel has practically decided not to fight as a middleweight again. He says that while he can make 155 pounds it requires too much hard work and is also injurious. Ketchel, therefore, will relinquish the title of champion middleweight which he won from Bill Papke recently and will take a rest until next summer, when he will be ready to fight at about 170 pounds.

Then, he declares, he will be ready to fight Burns if the latter defeats Johnson. Perhaps Ketchel may be induced to meet Kaufman, however, for the winner of such a mill would be in line to battle for the heavyweight championship with either Burns or Johnson. With Ketchel out of the middleweight class, the championship title will probably go to the winner of the Papke-Kelly mill, which will take place in Los Angeles next week.

St. Thomas Curlers Defeat Thistles

The local curling season started at the Thistle Rink in real earnest last night, when four rinks from St. Thomas succeeded in carrying off the honors from London by a majority of four.

Considering that it is almost the first time the stones have been used, the match was an exceedingly good one, and very closely contested throughout.

London was outscored by St. Thomas in three of the four rinks. Mr. Glover's rink alone making head against the visitors. It was due largely to the good work of this rink that London's defeat was not yet more decisive.

Despite the defeat the London curlers are in high spirits, and are looking forward to a great season.

Last night's scores are as follows:

St. Thomas.	Thistles.
J. E. McNea	J. R. Coffey
Dr. Scott	B. Marlatt
C. A. Ross	L. E. Tate
W. Fulton, sk. 9	A. A. Drake, sk. 10
W. Boughner	R. J. Butler
W. Bentley	R. M. Anderson
A. M. Heaman	Fred. Daggett
J. N. Allan, sk. 9	J. Carrie, sk. 11
J. J. Cayley	Geo. S. McColl
A. Talbot	F. G. Williamson
W. Bartlett	Geo. Ellison
S. D. Swift, sk. 14	W. Cameron, sk. 16
R. D. McDonald	R. Emelle
C. H. Tune	W. Ross
Dr. McDonald	C. A. McCorkill
B. W. Glover, sk. 13	J. Rivard, sk. 7

Total.....45 Total.....49
Majority for St. Thomas, 4.

GROCCERS DEFEATED BY THE STARS

The Stars succeeded in pulling out a win from under the very nose of the Groccers yesterday evening at the Ideal Alleys. Waterworth holding the honors for the occasion with high individual and high aggregate score.

The scores were as follows:

Stars.	Groccers.
W. Brown.....145 161 148—454	Millson.....164 127 119—410
Oliver.....178 137 183—498	Collins.....147 178 171—496
Leyman.....130 158 146—434	Nopper.....180 141 138—459
Russell.....156 161 133—450	Ranahan.....152 163 125—440
Waterworth.....190 184 184—658	Grandage.....154 177 180—511

Total.....739 737 732—2208

The All Stars of the Ideal Alleys go to St. Thomas to play the Midgets of that place.

On Friday afternoon the Stratford team, against whom London played a hard game in Stratford some two months ago, winning out with a small margin, will at last line up for their return match. Quite a crowd is expected, and the game will be one of unusual interest.

WEST AND KARRYS WIN AT TORONTO

Take a Sudden-Death Game From Capps and Sutherland Last Night.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—A sudden death game was played at the Brunswick Alley tonight between West and Karrys of London, and Capps and Sutherland of this city, the former winning out by a margin of 175 pins.

The London men showed remarkable form in consideration of the somewhat poor condition of the alleys. The scores were as follows:

Karrys.....	1884
West.....	1848
Total.....	3732
Capps.....	1772
Sutherland.....	1785
Total.....	3557

DRISCOLL DEFEATS KANGAROO GRIFFIN

Briton Ends Battle in Eleventh Round With a Right Cross to the Jaw.

Boston, Dec. 10.—Jem Driscoll proved his worth here tonight by knocking out Charley Griffin, of Australia, in the eleventh round, after the latter had made a game uphill fight against the English crack. A right-hand cross flush on the jaw did for Griffin, and up to the moment he got it he seemed to have a good chance. Driscoll had been waiting for him all during the bout, and the moment the opening presented itself, down went the Islander for the fatal count.

Driscoll straightened Griffin up first with a stiff left, and then brought over the punch that settled the argument that has been long standing between the pair.

Griffin made a good showing in the third and eighth rounds, and had Driscoll rocking several times. The English lad seemed to fear Griffin's punches in the first few rounds, and took no chances, using his wonderful ability as a boxer to offset the mad rushes of the Kangaroo.

It was a pretty fight to look at, and when the men left the ring they were cheered to the echo, Griffin getting the bulk of it, though he had just been fanned back into the land of the living. Driscoll will go right after Attila now, as he announced before the fight in case he won.

EVERS LEAVES CUBS BIG BLOW TO MURPHY

Crack Second Baseman of the World's Champions To Be an Editor in Troy.

New York, Dec. 10.—John J. Evers, show man, Evers, keynote of last season's set of world's champions and all round good fellow, will be missing from the team which was awarded the bunting by the directors of the National League in the annual meeting today.

President Murphy of the Cubs was prepared for the shock from Evers' departure, but had no time to get in condition for the second blow.

Johnny came down from Troy and sprung the news on the rotund boss, who, in his speech of acceptance, a few minutes before, had imparted the cheering intelligence to the rest of the moguls that nothing could stop the Cubs from winning the fourth straight year. Then came the blow that made the boss look groggy for a minute or two.

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WEST WINS ROUND FROM MARTINSON

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Walter Martinson, of Toronto, won the return half of the match against Joe West, of London, by a score of 74 pins. The game was played in the Brunswick Alleys.

West evidently did not exert himself as he had to play again in the evening, but only did enough to keep him well a head in the round.

GRINDERS SLOW UP PAGE IS KILLING

Too Great a Strain and They Drop Behind Miller's Record.

New York, Dec. 10.—The killing pace which has been maintained by the riders in the six-days' bicycle race which began at Madison Square Garden just after midnight Monday morning already has proven too great a strain for six of the sixteen teams. Even those who had withstood the fearful grind, and had kept steadily ahead of old records until early today, began to slow down, after 7 o'clock, with the result that at 10 o'clock the leaders had fallen four miles behind the mark set by Miller and Waller in 1899. This was a loss of about five miles.

The standing of the eight remaining teams at that time was as follows: Rutt and Stoll, 1.58 miles 9 laps; MacFarland and Moran, 1.563 miles 9 laps; Hill and Demara, 1.563 miles 9 laps; Walthour and Root, 1.563 miles 8 laps; Collins and Mitten, 1.563 miles 7 laps; Galvin and Wiley, 1.563 miles 6 laps; Anderson and Vanoni, 1.563 miles 5 laps; Demovitch and Drobach, 1.563 miles 1 lap.

In 1899 Miller and Waller covered 1,567 miles 9 laps in the same number of hours.

Some of the men who retired from the race during the early morning had ridden out the last ounce of their strength. Gordon Walker, of the Australian team, who had been clinging on through a trying sprint, toppled from his wheel on the high bank of the Madison avenue turn and fell unconscious within a few inches of the rail. His collarbone was broken and he was badly battered and bruised. He was rushed to a hospital.

VETERAN PLAYERS THE REAL STARS

Men of Today Have Nothing on the Cracks of Twenty Years Ago.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—After having turned a deaf ear for season after season to the claim that the great national game has not advanced in speed but only in some phases of science since the way-back days, our old friend Addie Joss suddenly looms up with a pretty panegyric to the players of today, coupled with the claim that the man in uniform in the 80s and 90s was a little shy in all-around ability to the fielding, batting and pitching champions of 1908. Now, I regard Addie as one of the most wonderful pitchers the game has ever known. Indeed, were the pitching distance the same as it was in the 80s—forty-five feet from batter to twirler—it is doubtful if Joss would lose more than two or three games in a season. But enthusiasm for the wonder of today must not blind ourselves to the great work of the early exponents of the game. Wonderful indeed is the work of the pitchers of today—Joss, Walsh, Donovan, Brown, Johnson, Ruelbach, Mathewson, Plank and all the rest—but wonderful, too, was the work of the great pitchers of the 80s and 90s.

Why it was only twenty-two years ago that Jim McCormick—whose Cleveland career is not a distant memory—won twenty-four straight games for Chicago without ever a tie to cloud his record. No other catcher that ever lived can claim the record that Charley Bennett holds for the twelve consecutive years he caught in fast company. During these years he was behind the bat in 786 games and had an average of .944. He led the league in nine of the dozen seasons. Could the so-called great batters of today—there aren't many of them—hit the cannonball delivery of Radelbourn, those overhand shoots of Buntingham, the "teasers" of Clarkson? Maybe so, but it is only speculation.

The work of today—better than did the Ewings and the Kellys and the Bennetts and the Sydneys of old—have nipped the fleet Harry Stovey in the years when he plied 150 bases? Basestealing is almost a lost art nowadays, not because there are better catchers, but because, somehow, the baserunners have forgotten how to get their start.

And as for batting, one has only to compare the records of today with those of the days when the players—even with the pitchers close up—had their eyes on the ball. Adrian C. Anson, in the sixteen seasons between 1876 and 1897 played in 1,582 ball games and made 2,352 hits in that time. His batting average for the entire sixteen seasons was .344. Mike Kelly in 1,155 games covering twelve consecutive seasons had a batting average of .321. Dan Brouthers in 971 games in ten consecutive years had a grand average of .354. Roger Connor in 1,071 games in ten consecutive seasons had a grand average of .325. No. Addie, it is no reflection on the wonderful ability of the players of today to admit that there were other wonderful players in the days when you were throwing roundhouse curves up in old Wisconsin.

Tabriz, that unhappy Persian town of daily revolution, is one of those cities that flourished ages before authentic history began to be written, and has lived long enough to bury her ancient glories. There are no buildings in the place older than the reign of the Moguls, and yet it was probably at one time a place of as high importance as Babylon and Bagdad. Its name was anciently Taurus, the mountain city. The plains around the city are said to furnish the nearest resemblance in their summer luxuri-

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LEAGUES TO FIGHT THE BETTING

National and American To Wipe Out All Wagering in the Grand Stands.

New York, Dec. 9.—With meetings of the National commission and the National and American Baseball Leagues in session, today was one of hard work for men active in the management of the national game. At the session of the National commission the demands of the Eastern League and American Association for higher classification and greater privileges, were laid over for consideration at the annual meeting in Cincinnati on Jan. 1.

The postponement was decided upon to allow the minor leagues opposed to the Eastern League's demands ample time to present their arguments.

At both the second day session of the National League at the Waldorf-Astoria, and the initial meeting of the American League at the Hotel Wolcott, the Eastern League-American Association committee, Messrs. Powers and O'Brien, and their attorney, Henry J. Killilea, of Milwaukee, formerly presented their requests, as outlined on Monday, before the National committee.

Neither meeting took action in the matter, it being stated by the authorities of both leagues that the decision of the National committee would be awaited.

The American League magnates accepted the drafting clause which the National League had favorably acted upon the day before. That was the clause which limits the drafting period for major leagues to Sept. 1 to Sept. 15, which is one of the requests of the American Association-Eastern League combination. That request has now been accepted by the National commission and National and American Leagues, and will therefore be in force from now on.

At the National League meeting clubs were urged, in view of the anti-race track betting legislation, to take extra precautions in enforcing the laws of the league against betting in the stands.

President Pulliam's suggestion as to postponed games was referred to the committee on legislation and his suggestion that the ground rules of the world's championship series be made the ground rules of the National League was made a special order for the spring meeting.

The time limit for return of players to clubs on waiver was reduced to five days during the playing season. Outside of that the former ten-day limit will obtain.

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HOCKEY.

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Address all challenges to the manager.

APPLE MARKET STOCKED.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—J. A. Roy reported to the trade and commerce department from Birmingham, that the apple market is stocked, and prices are low. He criticizes the 500-barrel shipment of a well-known Ontario shipper as very small, spotted and in an advanced state of decay.

LEMIEUX ACT INVOKED.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—The employees of the John Ritchie Shoe Company have voluntarily applied for a board of arbitration in their dispute with the company, which also agrees to the board being appointed. This is the first time employees of a private firm have invoked the Lemieux act.

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