

Rugby Canadian Annual

Basketball

Results on Saturday

Turf Trotting Running

Sporting Gossip

The Toronto public have been slow this year in warming up to "hockey," which may be attributed to the many games, but those who follow the senior game on Friday night, between Cardinals and T.A.C.C., and the two junior games Friday night, especially the one between Argos and Panthers, missed the last two days of play-offs, missed again Friday night at Mutual, and those who miss the match are no lovers of hockey.

Varsity will have its initial bow into Senior O.H.A. competition Saturday night, when they play O.A.C.A. and Varsity will be on hand. Varsity, it is said, will play all first-class games on their card at Mutual-street, one game on Thursday night, between champion St. Michaels' team and Argos-Panthers. This game will be the initial appearance of Michael's star, Toronto Manager Frank Dissette, says they have another good team, and "and we are not superstitious either," added Frank, "or else we would not have started the season on the twentieth." Montreal and the Argos will finish the regular hockey on Saturday with the first game here in the Interprovincial League.

The indoor baseball match here Monday night at Riverview Park, between Christy Mathewson's All-Star team and the local pros, is arranged to interest the general public, who are not so anxious to see the game as they are to get a glimpse of the famous week-end players, which includes the great first baseman in the game, and Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs reported to be the best second-base-man playing baseball to-day.

The second series of the different boxing leagues ended last week in earnest, and while nothing of importance was done to be recorded, yet some very good scores were made, and the next series of all-new contests would compare favorably to this paper, but to themselves, if they would send in their scores early, and also the standing of the leaders. The Sunday World boxing owners should bear this in mind, particularly on Friday night, and a glance over the hockey and baseball games on Friday night will explain the reason.

The postponed trip of the M.A.A.A. baseball group to Toronto will take place next Saturday, when they visit Toronto, along with their hockey team, when no doubt the local contingent will give them a few pointers on the game, as well as a good time.

The fifth annual competition of the Canadian Life cycling trials, next week, will be held Tuesday night, when the preliminary round will be played. This, next to the Ontario Trials, is the culminating event of the year, and there is no doubt that this season's entry list will be larger than ever.

They have more troubles of their own in Ottawa than half a dozen other places. First it was glaucoma that they were going to force early retirement; now comes the report that Peter Green is behind a rival N.L.U. lacrosse team. There is no telling what they will do next in Ottawa, and one would like to know where he is signing the Dominion Senate for King Clancy's Rugby team.

The Toronto Baseball Club received an offer Saturday morning from a big league club for Myron Grimshaw, the heavy hitting outfielder and first baseman. However, President McCaffery will hardly let him go, altho \$2500 is a tempting offer.

Cincinnati fans, by the way, are congratulating themselves upon the fact that Joe Delahanty has joined the Reds. Funny how some teams or some individual players are regular hoodooes. There was Delahanty, for instance, who never did anything but lose when he came against the Cincinnati bunch. Woodward-Magee was another pet aversion of the Reds, and what they have been doing since Griffith's return sure around. "Needn't be mentioned." What might have been was the plaint of numerous Mount Mullers and permanent members of the Phils, and the Phils gave way to something easier—and all because of those two boys, Delahanty and Magee.

Now that Joe has been shifted to Toronto, Redland fans are recalling the wonderful ball he invariably put-up there. Delahanty made two sensational catches last night, and the Redlands are meant more than a mere robbery of a double or triple for that game, too, for the first happened early in the season, when Delahanty was still on the bench. The second, on the first ring of the base hit percentage column, Delahanty watched the ball speed on its way for a split second, and a double, which had been stuck in his mitt a mile or so, and Hains had an engagement on the bench. The catches took the sand from the pitcher's crew, and he was able to get his hitting started up again afterward.

Two of the big league catchers have very queer occupations for men who figure in the high-life branch of society. The Philadelphia Dodger, the Phillies' mifit man, goes before audiences on the vaudville circuit, and warbles a bit. The Boston fan of Dickey is the other man. Beekle, as he is known to the Tiger fans, is one of the chief lieutenants of Tammany Hall, the winter, and his friends in this time of peace, when all goes well with the big New York political organization.

NEW HAMMER THROWING RULE.

Secretary-Treasurer James E. Sullivan of the Amateur Athletic Union Saturday announced the new official hammer throw hammer-throwing contests. The new rule reads as follows:

"The head shall be solid steel and the shank shall be made of wire, such wire must be best grade spring steel wire, not less than one-eighth of an inch in diameter, or No. 1 piano wire, the diameter of the wire must be such that a loop grip is used, it must be of rigid construction. The length of the complete implement should not be more than twenty inches and weight not less than sixteen pounds."

HERRIMAN TO MEET SEMI-PROS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 8.—Chairman Herriman of the National Board of Commissioners will lead the Chicago-to-morrow semi-pros to meet representatives of the various semi-pro teams of that city, with a view of wiping out the last barren ledger of national agreements between jumpers. "These independent Chicago teams are the only paying baseball organizations where disabled players can find refuge," said Mr. Herriman, "and negotiations are now being made to bring these teams into the fold, thereby making a general pathway among players in the semi-pros."

The Career of Thomas J. Lynch President of National League

New President Has Been in Sport a Long Time, Starting in 1885—Broke in as Umpire in New England League.

Thomas J. Lynch, the king of umpires in his day, is the seventh man to be elected to the presidency of the National League. He is the second person in Connecticut to hold this all-important position. The other National League presidents furnished by the National Society of Umpires are: Builekay, once a member of Connecticut, and later a United States senator. Builekay was a Hartford man, while Lynch is native to New Britain.

A Modest Letter.

"Dear Sir—I have received your letter, and in reply to it would say that I don't think there is any reason why I should be interested in being elected president of the National League, and as far as my personal life is concerned, I am not so anxious to see the game as they are to get a glimpse of the famous week-end players, which includes the great first baseman in the game, and Johnny Evers of the Chicago Cubs reported to be the best second-base-man playing baseball to-day."

When Lynch was umpiring, the National League each season had a regular plan to render the arbitration of cases of interference from the players. His interference was square deal for all."

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in touch with the players, or with the umpires themselves occasionally,

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