

BIG LEAGUES ARE TO OPEN THEIR 1925 CAMPAIGNS TOMORROW

RECORD CROWDS EXPECTED TO ATTEND GAMES

Hot Contests For Gon-falon Will Probably Mark The Races

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—The big league pennant races open tomorrow, and it is expected that thousands of baseball fans will welcome back their favorites with open arms. Anticipation of last year's great contest in both leagues, particularly the American League, in which the Washington Senators finally won out, will help to crowd the ball parks in the big cities where the opening game will be played.

In the American League the opening day games are as follows: Cleveland at St. Louis, Chicago at Detroit, Boston at Philadelphia and Washington at New York. The American League clubs are entering this season with the memories of one of the hardest and most closely-fought pennant races in the history of baseball just behind them. There is going to be little let-up, according to pre-season prospects, which should please the fans immensely, for the race last year was one to stir the enthusiasm of the most disinterested follower of the game. One or two clubs may fall by the wayside and be counted out before the second half starts, but the rest give promise of staying in the thick of the conflict. Any analysis of the American League clubs has generally started with New York, and for the sake of old times, rather than estimated pennant strength, the Yankees again receive the honor. Somehow the mention of the Yankees in baseball circles this year fails to bring about the usual enthusiasm. The word has lost some of its charm on account of the brilliant victory of the Washington Senators in 1924. Last season the mere mention of the word "Yankees" made the ordinary fan enthusiastic and it will take another defeat of the Yankees to give the fans a permanent relief from the sincere respect which they have long held for the pennant aspirants of the team led by the versatile M. J. Huggins.

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Twelve Teams Entered For Maritime Bowling Tourney

Twelve teams have entered for the Maritime championship bowling tournament, which will be held on McDonald's Alley in Moncton on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. All of the teams have been making high scores in their home towns and a keen contest is expected. A novel feature is introduced into the tournament this year in the arrangements for having the results of Tuesday's game announced from the C. N. R. radio station at Moncton.

Famous Toronto Club Decides To Dissolve Through Failing Membership

Along The Sport Trail

By RAY HANSEN

IT IS GETTING pretty tough when a bowling team runs up a total over the 1500 mark and is only able to capture one point. This was what happened a few days ago when St. Peter's met the Nationals in the City League. The scores today are higher than ever before. It may be partly due to better and more consistent rolling, although it must be confessed that modern innovations to the alleys and an enlarged pin are partly responsible. There is one thing certain, the old records made on Black's alleys will never be equalled. It would not be fair to give any person credit of bettering the late Vincent Kelly's single string of 176, made some years ago in a regular league game with a foul judge on the line, under present conditions. This is true to records made by Art Burke, Tommy Wilson and others. Modern records may be established, but it looks as if the old ones are there to stay.

THE MARITIME Bowling Tournament, starts in Moncton tomorrow and next week the big New Brunswick and Maine classic gets under way at Eastport. Considerable interest is being manifested in both these events.

AS HAS ALREADY been pointed out in this column there is one professional baseball team actually organizing in Saint John. So far there is no talk of a second, although there has been an intimation that the Vets. were contemplating placing another team on the diamond. Thomas Mallet, who was formerly manager of the Alerts, is working hard to organize a team, which is to be composed exclusively of local players who are to be paid on a percentage basis. If a second team is banded together it is proposed to stage a series of games, the winners to receive 60 per cent. of the net receipts and the losers 40. It is also proposed to take turn about in bringing visiting teams here for Saturdays and holidays.

ALTHOUGH LENT is over the members of the Commercial Bowling League are said to be still fasting. They are not doing this for penance but in anticipation of the good things coming at their annual banquet Thursday evening.

ACCORDING TO reports from Mexico, Paavo Nurmi is not the fastest human. There are tribes of Zuni Indians there who are credited with being sensational long distance runners. In competition with ponies members of these tribes have shown amazing speed and endurance. Some are said to have run a mile in 4 minutes and 10 seconds. Nurmi's best time for the distance is 4 minutes and 12 seconds. A promoter in Albuquerque has sent a challenge to Nurmi asking him to compete with one of the Zuni Indians.

WITH BABE RUTH and Ty Cobb contracting the "flu," Rabbit Maranville breaking one of his legs and other players suffering arm and leg injuries it would look as if the "flu" trailed the major leagues around the southern climes this spring.

IF PRESENT PLANS materialize a Commercial Baseball League will be formed here this season. It will be recalled that several years ago employees from local firms organized a league and played a series of games on the old Shamrock grounds. This year the C. N. R. express boys have started a movement to form a league and it is understood that employees of M. R. A. and other firms are eager to enter. It is expected that preliminary steps to organize will be started this week so that everything will be in readiness to start play next month.

Y. M. C. I. TO ENTER BOWLING TOURNEY

At a regular meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Institute yesterday afternoon it was decided to enter a team in the New Brunswick and Maine bowling championship tournament to be held in Eastport, Me., on April 21 and 22.

COOK BEATS LAWSON

BOSTON, April 12.—George Cook, of Australia, won the judges' decision over Bob Lawson, Troy, at a bantam-weight in a slow ten-round bout here last night. Cook had the better of the infighting.

CELTIC WINS

GLASGOW, April 12.—Celtic won the Scottish cup Saturday afternoon when they defeated Dundee in the final by a score of two goals to one.

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AURA LEE CLUB ACCEPTS OFFER FOR GROUNDS

Club Has Developed Many Prominent Hockey Stars

TORONTO, Ont., April 13.—Announcement was made here that the Aura Lee Club of this city which has been a decided factor in senior and junior amateur hockey in Ontario for many years has been dissolved. Owing to the falling off in the membership the club was conducted at a financial loss each year and finally the trustees made an offer to the University of Toronto of their club house, equipment and grounds about three acres in the centre of the city, as a gift for the use of the University of Toronto and the board of governors accepted the offer.

R. R. Roach, goal-tender, with the St. Patrick's N. H. L. club, Vernon Forbes of the Hamilton professionals, Cecil Dye of the St. Patricks, William Burch of Hamilton, Charles Dismore, Cain and Canton Scott of the Montreal Maroons, Lionel Hitchman of the Boston Bruins, and Lionel Conacher of the Pittsburgh Yellow Jackets, were at one time or another members of the Aura Lee A. C. and played for its hockey teams.

TROJANS CAPTURE PROVINCIAL TITLE

Local Intermediates Overcome 17-point Lead and Beat Moncton.

By overcoming a 17-point lead that Moncton Pavees' Intermediate basketball team had established in the first game of the series for the provincial title, the Trojans, intermediates earned the right to play off for the Maritime intermediate title when they defeated the Moncton outfit on the Young Men's Catholic Institute floor Saturday night by a score of 68 to 49.

The locals deserve a great deal of credit for the fine showing they made, faced as they were at the commencement of the game by the heavy lead of their opponents from the Railway City. Their feat of coming out three points to the good on the total of the two games says words for their pluck and ability to come back.

Second Period Winner.

It was in the second period that the game and the series was really won. The score at half-time being 31 to 29. In the second half the locals rang up 38 points to their opponents' 20.

Four of the Moncton players were removed from the game for exceeding the foul limit. Harold Williams, referee.

The line-ups follow:

Trojans: P. Jones, Turner, f., Trites, f. Wiltshire, f. Van Buskirk, f. Malcolm, c. Kerr, c.

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End and Machine Gun Smith of the West End, middleweights, will also clash.

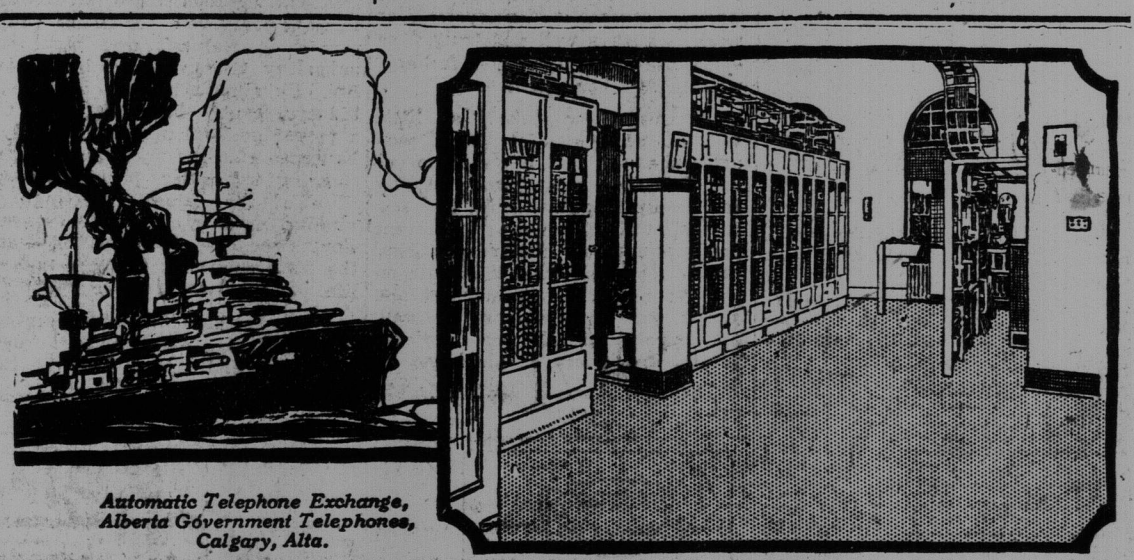
O'BRIEN BEATS CARBONNE. HALIFAX, N. S., April 12.—Teddy O'Brien, formerly of New York, now

YELLOW JACKETS WIN HOCKEY TITLE

PITTSBURGH, April 12.—The Yellow Jackets, by their defeat here last night of the Fort Pitt Hornets, 2 to 1, won for the second consecutive season the United States Amateur Hockey League title. Both teams represent Pittsburgh, the Yellow Jackets being the western division representatives in the league and the Hornets the eastern.

BABE RUTH IMPROVED.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The condition of Babe Ruth was improved today, it was announced by Dr. Edward King, his physician, who has been attending the American League star home run hitter since he was taken to a hospital Thursday suffering from an influenza attack. His patient was still running a slight temperature, Dr. King said.



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