

SPORTS AND PASTIMES



At last the Crescents have got what they have been looking for for a long time, and they have been taken into camp in very decided style by both the Orients and St. Gabriels. They had been so accustomed to defeat everything in the district series with ease that they had gradually become to regard themselves as being invincible and paid little or no attention to practice and condition. The result was that when they met the Orients they had no staying power and they were whipped. Then they tackled the St. Gabriels, and although the score was only three to two, they got a defeat which they are not likely to forget for some time. The same carelessness that characterized the work of the previous week was noticeable in the preparation, or rather want of preparation, to meet the St. Gabriels, and the same ignominious defeat awaited them. The Saints, on the contrary, were in excellent shape. They have a remarkably good twelve, and at times play a hard, fast game, the strong point being the field, the weak point the home, and the defence fair to good. But they are not equal to continuous effort. They were good enough to play all round the Crescents for all that, and made things so exceedingly warm that the once invincible maroons hardly knew what happened them. Perhaps they will now recognize the fact that mere reputation does not win lacrosse matches, but it looks very much as if that fact had come home to them too late, and leaves the probability that the St. Gabriels will have the honour of playing for provincial honours. The Crescents were short of two such good players as Breslin and Crosby, and their absence was distinctly felt.

By the way, what has become of that investigation? Were the suspected parties guilty? If not it is due to them that the finding should be made public. If there were any guilty parties it is strange there have been no expulsions. Or is it just possible that, like the lady in hysterics, who started in to confess, and who confessed too much, some of the players might have been seized with a desire to tell all they knew, which might have been inconvenient? At any rate, the matter seems to have been dropped for the season.

It has often been said that the ways of some lacrosse clubs are devious and dark, and verily there is much truth in the saying. It will be remembered that when the Cornwalls were playing in Ottawa on July 1st, Turner, who is a very valuable man, was among the Cornwall team. Turner had been doing considerable flitting about, and had not been a member of the team he was then playing for sufficiently long to qualify him to play. I am told on pretty good authority that the visitors acknowledged this and asked the Ottawas if they intended to protest him, in which case he would be taken off. The understanding was come to eventually that no protest would be entered, and on this assurance the Cornwall captain put Turner on his team. He was a little surprised a few days afterwards to read in the papers that a protest had been put in. It taught him the lesson that others have already learned this season, and that is to be very careful in future as to any dealings with the Ottawa people. The next chapter in the story is the meeting of the executive of the four club league, which was held on Friday night last. The delegates of the Shamrock and Cornwall clubs were present, but not a soul put in an appearance to represent either the Capitals or the Ottawas. With only two present there could be no quorum, and of course no business could be transacted, so the matter was let drop. Perhaps the Ottawas were suddenly attacked with a spasm of charity and brotherly love and repented of their peculiar action, and perhaps again Dame Rumour, which has been pretty busy recently, used her influence to some extent; for people do say that whenever the Ottawa clubs start an investigation as to the mores in other people's eyes, these other people will discover a beam or two in the Ottawas, and it would not be the least bit surprising if the knowledge of the existence of these beams was accountable for their present considerate action.

Once more have the Cornwalls demonstrated their superiority over the rest of their fellows in the four-club league, and this time the match was against the Capitals on the latter's grounds. To those who saw the first match of the season, as I did, between these two clubs this result may be somewhat astonishing. True, the Cornwalls won the first game and beat out the Capitals, but, as every unprejudiced man present will acknowledge, it was more good luck than good lacrosse that did it. The match was one of those peculiar exhibitions where snap shots and chance passes cover up a multitude of sins, and Cornwall happened to be hedged around with all these possibilities and won a match which, by some odds, should have gone to the Capitals. The showing made at this time was an unpromising omen for the Factory Town, and later developments have proved that Cornwall recognized the fact. In the opening part of the season there was a very palpable and very lamentable lack of practice; the men were not in anything like trim. They seemed to have gone on the principle that let well enough alone was good enough for them, but when they were forced to run along the narrow edge of the precipice of defeat their eyes were opened, and they recognized the fact that to win meant really hard work. This hard work was put in in the shape of practice, and the results were sufficiently developed in the grand games played with the Shamrocks and the Athletics of St. Catharines. The Capitals had apparently reached their top notch early in the season; the Cornwalls had only just begun to climb. Under these conditions it was to be expected that when both teams met last Saturday in Ottawa the Factory Town would be the victors; but it was not to be expected that they would have quite so easy a thing of it. Four games to one was the score that Cornwall achieved, which, to all intents and purposes, gives them the championship of their league. The Capitals' defence showed good play and pluck in a losing game; their home showed enough selfishness to lose a game for any club; the home men all were possessed of an insane desire to score and work up an individual record. The intention was good enough, but it was not the best sort of play to reach results. A little judicious passing would have accomplished better things, and the score would not have been so one-sided. When the Capitals get a little more experience they will come to the conclusion that no one man is fit to cope with the defence game which the Cornwalls are capable of putting up. Not individual play, but team play, close, fast, and unselfish, is the only combination that will ever get through such a defence as is made by men like Carpenter, Crites, Adams and Hughes. The summary following tells the story of the match:—

Games.	Winners.	Scored by	Time.
First.....	Cornwall.....	Black.....	19 mins.
Second.....	Cornwall.....	Black.....	20 "
Third.....	Capitals.....	Whitelaw.....	11 "
Fourth.....	Cornwall.....	Danaher.....	10 "
Fifth.....	Cornwall.....	Danaher.....	6 "

Cornwall.	Position.	Capitals.
Carpenter.....	Goal.....	Patterson
Crites.....	Point.....	Whitelaw
Murphy.....	Cover Point.....	Quinn
H. Adams.....	Defence Field	Devine
Hughes.....		James
J. Adams.....	Centre.....	Morel
Riviere.....		Mulligan
Danaher.....	Home Field	Barry
Turner.....		O'Brien
Lacey.....	Outside Home.....	Murphy
Black.....		Green
See.....	Inside Home.....	Ketchum
McLennan.....	Captain.....	Egan

Referee—W. Pollock (Cornwall). Umpires—Joseph Kent, Col. McDonald and H. Carson (Ottawa). Time-keepers—H. Black (Cornwall) and J. P. Dunne (Ottawa).

The American cricketers have some reason to congratulate themselves. The international match was won from a weak team and another Canadian eleven took revenge in a fair shape, but before they left the Germantown players had the satisfaction of whipping Hamilton by an innings and four runs as the following score will show:—

First Innings.	Second Innings.
Dixon, c Clark, b Patterson..... 1	c Van Rensselaer, b Clark..... 0
A. Martin, b Patterson..... 8	b Clark..... 0
Gillespie, b Patterson..... 8	b Clark..... 0
Fleet, b Clark..... 22	b Patterson..... 0
McGiverin, c Clark, b	

Thompson..... 5	b Clark..... 0
K. Martin, b Patterson..... 15	c Van Rensselaer, b Patterson..... 0
R. B. Ferrie, b Patterson..... 12	b Patterson..... 1
H. Boger, c Thompson, b Clark..... 0	b Patterson..... 0
Hamilton, c Thompson, b Patterson..... 6	c Van Rensselaer..... 3
W. Marshall, b Clark..... 5	b Clark..... 1
A. Harvey, b Patterson..... 0	not out..... 1
C. W. Ricketts, not out..... 0	b Clark..... 0
Total..... 82	Total..... 21

Germantown.

G. S. Patterson, b McGiverin..... 9	
A. G. Thompson, b Fleet..... 9	
E. W. Clark, jr., c K. Martin, b Fleet..... 1	
F. H. Bohlen, b Fleet..... 0	
W. B. Etting, c A. Martin, b McGiverin..... 20	
W. W. Jones, b Fleet..... 0	
L. A. Biddle, not out..... 32	
C. Bohlen, b Fleet..... 14	
H. W. Middleton, b Fleet..... 2	
A. Van Rensselaer, c McGiverin, b Fleet..... 10	
C. A. Curry, lbw, b McGiverin..... 1	
Extras..... 8	
Total..... 106	

The match between the Ottawa and Montreal Cricket clubs resulted, as was expected, in a comparatively easy victory for the Ottawa men, who, up to date, have proved themselves the best cricketing combination in the Dominion. They left the field with five wickets to spare. The score tells the story:

Montreal.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
W. J. Leatham, c Little, b Bristowe..... 12	b Turton..... 1
Shrewsbury (pro.), std. Warden, b Bristowe..... 20	b Turton..... 9
W. Phillpots, b Bristowe..... 4	b Turton..... 9
A. Browning, c and b Bristowe..... 3	lbw, b Bristowe..... 37
P. Barton, c Palmer, b Turton..... 3	c Steele, b Turton..... 0
W. F. Hamilton, b Turton..... 0	b Turton..... 3
A. Hodgson, b Bristowe..... 2	b Little..... 0
F. W. Southam, b Bristowe..... 0	b Little..... 0
F. C. King, run out..... 1	b Little..... 2
J. B. Bell, b Bristowe..... 4	lbw, b Little..... 0
H. C. Godin, not out..... 0	not out..... 0
Extras..... 2	Extras..... 5
Total..... 51	Total..... 66

Ottawa.

First Innings.	Second Innings.
P. D. Bentley, b Phillpots..... 0	c Hodgson, b Phillpots..... 6
W. C. Little, run out..... 13	lbw, b Shrewsbury..... 13
T. H. Warden, c Southam, b Shrewsbury..... 5	b Phillpots..... 4
L. Coste, c Leatham, b Shrewsbury..... 8	b Leatham..... 15
M. Bristowe, b Godin..... 12	lbw, b Shrewsbury..... 0
G. L. Bourcher, c Phillpots, b Leatham..... 23	not out..... 9
E. Turton, b Shrewsbury..... 2	not out..... 5
V. H. Steele, c Hamilton, b Phillpots..... 0	
A. G. Palmer, b Shrewsbury..... 2	
F. B. Emery, b Shrewsbury..... 2	
P. B. Taylor, not out..... 0	
Total..... 67	Total (5 wickets)..... 52

In a previous number attention was called to the fact that in aquatic honours Montreal would probably have to depend on the Grand Trunk Boating Club's representation at Barrie, when the championship races were rowed. The statement was not far astray. The Lachine Boating and Canoeing club are sending a junior four, and it is to be hoped that better luck will attend them than during the last five or six years. On the other hand the Grand Trunk men are going to make quite an imposing showing, and they will have a goodly field of entries. With such men as the G. T. R. Boat club are sending along it looks as if Montreal might surprise herself by owning a championship or two when the races are over. The trial races have been productive of good results, and the following oarsmen will undoubtedly give good accounts of themselves:—Senior fours, A. Green, T. Green, R. J. Kell and J. Beattie; junior fours, J. A. Stewart, R. Starke, W. Nixon, R. McLean and R. J. Hunt, with F. C. Moore as spare man; junior doubles, J. A. Stewart and J. Beattie; junior single, A. Green.

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