

THE STANDARD'S PAGE OF SPORTS

SOME MINOR LEAGUE TEAM WILL GET THIS YOUNGSTER



HAROLD LADD.

This husky six-footer from Warren, Me., and Jack Coombs is his hero. Ladd went from his home to Alexandria, La., to join the Naps and get his first big league experience. Incidentally, he travelled to Cleveland, carrying his luggage, carefully packed by his mother.

Ladd isn't going to break into the American league this year. He will be

placed with some minor league, to get experience, the only thing he seems to lack, for he has the physique, the ability and the head to make a great catcher.

With this downcast in the Naps camp, which is composed chiefly of southerners, argument was warm. His "own" and Texas Jack Adams "cajoled" caused amusement. "Ah, who can't see how you all back east understand each other," said Adams, after trying to figure the Maine boy's pronunciation.

HOW CHAMPION FRANK GOTCH WAS DISCOVERED

If there is anything in being Johnny on the spot when opportunity comes ambling along, then Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, is the man to look to. What Gotch has done in the long list of aspiring grapplers, including the Russian lion, George Hackenschmidt, is ancient history. He met them one and all and when the winning number was posted Gotch was the lucky individual.

The champion broke into the game in a very peculiar manner. About eight years ago Farmer Burns, one of the great wrestlers in those days, was barn storming through the west, and to convince the public that he was the real noise in his line, offered to toss any ambitious athlete within fifteen minutes. Many climbed up on the different theatre stages anxious to fight with the Farmer for a double purpose. One was to show their friends that they could wrestle, and the other was to earn the sum posted by Burns for the lucky man that could pin his shoulders to the mat.

One evening Burns struck the town of Humboldt, Iowa, where Gotch lived. In his village Gotch could throw any of his rivals in jig time. When the Burns show loomed up at the town hall and the deaf of the stage was announced on large posters, Gotch decided that he would try. Frank and his friends were squatted in the first row the evening of the show. Burns announced on large posters, Gotch decided that he would try. Frank and his friends were squatted in the first row the evening of the show.

When Burns strutted to the edge of the stage and in defiant tones announced that he would give \$25 to the man that would face him and not get thrown within fifteen minutes, Gotch clambered on the stage. For the space of a quarter of an hour the pair grappled.

ST. ANDREW'S TEAM DEFEAT Y.M.C.A. MEN

In the basketball match at the Y. M. C. A. last evening between St. Andrew's and the Y.M.C.A. Intermediates, the St. Andrew's team won by a score of 8 to 7, making the third successive game in which the St. Andrew's have been victors. The play was fast and exciting, and the result was in doubt throughout, and only their clever combination saved the day for the Saints.

The line up follows:
St. Andrews. Forwards. Y. M. C. A.
Finley Haines
McAllister McKel
Centre.
Megarity Slocum
Defence.
McQuade Knight
Referee—Frank Robertson
Piled goals—Finley 2, Megarity 2, Haines 2, Slocum 1.
Penalties—Haines 1.

ATHLETIC TEAM FOR CORONATION SPORTS.

New York, March 14.—The most notable athletic meet of the year in England will be the amateur sports carnival in connection with the coronation festivities, according to notices received at the offices of the Amateur Athletic Union here. The meet will be held under the auspices of the Council of the Festival of the Empire in the Crystal Palace, London.

The programme follows: Athletics.

Lightweights Are in the Limelight



PROFESSORS SCOFFED AT CURVE BALL

Charles H. Morgan, of Cleveland, despite United States marks, wore the second catcher's mask ever made while playing on the Yale team in 1875 and caught Henry Avery, Yale pitcher, in an exhibition to show Yale professors that it was possible to curve a ball.

"Yale professors laughed when told that Avery could throw a curve," said Morgan. "They claimed it was against the law of gravity."

"We showed them. I stood behind a table, with Avery 10 feet away. He couldn't see me, and I couldn't see him. He curved the ball around the table and I caught it. That didn't satisfy them. They said something was wrong but they couldn't tell what it was."

"Mann, a Princeton pitcher, was the first college player to use the curve. Batters thought he was crazy. They couldn't figure out at first why they couldn't hit the ball."

"A man named Tingo who caught for Harvard, invented the mask. He made two and sent me one to try. I sent it back to him. I decided I'd rather run the risk of being hit than wear it. It was made of wire iron bands. I could hardly see through the holes, and it was too heavy to take off when a pop foul was made."

"Tingo reduced the size of the iron bands and the mask catchers wear today is the result. He experimented several years before he got what he wanted."

"The rules were a lot different then," said Morgan. "A batter took first on nine balls instead of four, and there were four strikes. The two first balls over the plate were called strikes. The third was called a fair ball, and the fourth was called the third strike."

HOW TORONTO 'VARSITY' BEAT THE U.N.B. MEN

The Toronto Globe speaking of the U. N. B. team's game with Toronto Varsity says:

"University of Toronto beat Varsity, New Brunswick, in the local gymnasium yesterday afternoon by 55 to 36. The half time score was 27 to 19. The contest was fast and clean, and one of the best exhibitions of the popular game ever seen on the local floor. The result justifies to some extent, at least, the claim of the Varsity team to eligibility to the final of the Canadian championship. New Brunswick won the championship of the Maritime Provinces. The only Canadian team to win Varsity was Central Y. M. C. A. and the blue and white are waiting for a chance to get even with a game on their own floor."

"Mel Brock of the winners featured the game with his splendid shooting and Simpson with his exhibition of ball handling. Brock also shot well. The New Brunswick team played much the same style of game as Varsity, getting in under the basket before shooting. Dixon and Wood played accordingly and their defence was strong at all times. Fred Smith, of Central Y. M. C. A. refereed. The teams:

"Varsity—Boddy and Brock, forwards; Simpson, centre; Wood and Dixon, defence.

"New Brunswick—McKnight and Kinghorn, forwards; Alexander, centre; Dolan and Rigby, defence."

WITH THE CHESS PLAYERS

San Sebastian, Spain, Mar. 14.—Before the beginning of play today in the 14th round of the international chess tournament, it was announced that Duras beat Marshall yesterday in the 13th round. It had been erroneously reported that the two had played a drawn game. The results of today's play were as follows:

Duras beat Burn: Niemzowitsch drew with Marshall; Maroczy drew with Vidmar; Capablanca drew with Teichmann; Spielmann drew with Rubinstein. The games between Leonhardt and Tarasch, Schlechter and Bernstein were adjourned. Janowski had a bye.

Adjourned games will be played tomorrow. The 15th and final round is scheduled for Thursday.

GOOD WORK BY LEAGUE PIN PICKERS

There were two games of bowling on Black's alleys last night. In the Commercial league the C. P. R. team took three points from O. H. Warwick with a total pinfall of 1290 to 1209.

In the City league the Tigers walked away with the four points, the total score being 4346 to 1224. The individual score is as follows:

CITY LEAGUE.

Tigers. 98 85 66 259—86 1-3
McKiel. 82 88 88 258—86 1-3
Belyea. 116 90 77 283—94 1-3
Mitchell. 74 80 98 242—81
Bailey. 83 107 103 393-101

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COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

O. H. Warwick.

Ramsey. 86 74 90 254—82 1-3
McLeod. 82 94 79 255—78 1-3
McDermott. 70 88 79 237—79
Burton. 69 80 82 231—77
Codner. 89 98 65 252—84

C. P. R.

Griffith. 76 86 66 248—82 2-3
Coleburn. 82 94 79 255—78 1-3
Johnson. 78 80 81 239—79 2-3
Jack. 79 91 90 260—86 2-3
McKean. 100 74 77 251—83 2-3

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HOOF PRINTS

Urban is at Memphis. Grand Elder, 2084, is dead. The Harvester has wintered well. The Toronto fair circuit is good. Columbus has quit the grand circuit.

Ross K. 2014, will not be raced this year.

Hawthorne, 2064, has a colt by Axworthy.

Rody Patterson has shifted Lawrence, 2124, to the track.

The \$10,000 charter oak will be for 214 trotters.

Dr. Jones, 2124, to wagon, has been sent to Tom Murphy.

Bert Shank is going to try Jack McKernon, 2074, on the pace.

A Sunland Bourbon pacer with a fast trial has been sent to Geers.

Edna R. 2124, has a filly at her side by Hedgewood Boy, 201.

Word comes from California that the Havlis James horses are doing fine.

Walter Cox is in Nova Scotia, where he has extensive timber interests—Boston Globe.

Patchen Wilkes farm has named 216 mares in the Horse Breeder's Futurity.

Sterling McKinney, 2064, either has "shuler" "buffaloed" or the public fooled.

The Michigan members of the grand circuit will give \$170,000 in purse money this summer.

The Memphis rail birds say that the Geers stable has more good trotters than ever before.

Four years ago Frank Delehanty sued the Cleveland club for salary withheld while under suspension. He has just settled with the club out of court, saying he needed at least some of the money to pay the lawyers.

The Chicago Cubs have won 529 games in the past five seasons, four pennants and two world's championships. In 1906 the team won 116 games. In 1907, 107 games. In 1908, 99 games. In 1909, 104 games and last year 104 games.

Johnny Evers is the latest man to be up in arms over the story that Harry Steinfield of the Cubs, is to be succeeded this season by a youngster. Johnny says that any new man would have to be at least 25 per cent. better as a player than Harry to make up for the latter's knowledge of the Cubs' style of play.

Louis Brockert has signed to pitch for the New York Highlanders, and will leave Sunday for training quarters. Brockert was pitcher for the same club in 1906. He has been living on a farm and has rounded into good health. He was for years a member of the Buffalo team.

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CANADIAN TEAMS TO VISIT HUB

Boston, March 14.—Two big Canadian games are on the card for the hockey fans this week, the Amherst Ramblers of Nova Scotia coming here tomorrow night to play the Victorias, the crack local team, and on Saturday night the Montreal A. A. will make the trip to face the Boston Hockey Club.

These two games should furnish some of the best hockey sport of the season, as the victors are celebrated teams in their own country, and will force the home sevens to go their limit to win out.

The visit of the Amherst Ramblers is of especial interest, for it is the best team in the Maritime Provinces, winning the Starr trophy this year over the Crescents and Wanderers, the other Halifax clubs, besides putting to rout numerous other opponents.

Some idea of the strength of the Ramblers can be secured from comparison with the Crescents, who played the M. L. T. and Boston Hockey clubs here, winning from the first named team by a spurt in the second period and giving the classy Boston seven the greatest battle of the winter before acknowledging defeat. The friends of the Ramblers up in Nova Scotia raised a hubbub over the Crescents posing as the best team from that end of the Dominion, and ever since have been urging the Amherst boys to journey to the Hub and show the people here what they really can produce in the way of great hockeyists.

According to Montreal reports the Montreal A. A. team that plays Boston on Saturday night is one of the fiercest fighting teams on the ice and one that will reflect credit on the former Montreal citizens who will attend the match. This organization is similar to the Boston A. A. and other leading athletic associations in the United States and the game will prove a big intercity attraction.

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HERE'S REAL "COME BACK" IN WHITE SOX LINE UP



JIMMY CALLAHAN.

Once more in regular harness, Jim Callahan, boss of the Logan Squares of Chicago, promises to make things interesting for outfield aspirants in the Comiskey camp this year.

Callahan was a pitcher once upon a

time, but he won't work on the mound for the White Sox. No, he'll cavort around center, the place vacated by Fielder Jones when that brainy leader forsook the game and listened to the call of his timber interests.

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