AWAY BEHIND THE RECORD

Four Teams Tied at Midnight at 1796 Miles 4 Laps, Over 68 Miles Slow.

McEACHERN THREATENED TO QUIT

Canadian and Partner Gained a Lap That Was Not Allowed.

New York, Dec. 12.—At 8 o'clock this morning there were five teams tied for first place in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. The leaders were then 36 miles behind the record. All thru the early morning hours the riders loafed around the track, falling far behind the record. They were tired, especially Lawson, who seemed to wobble all over the track at times.

The men are now working on two hour relays, except during an exciting sprint, when the changes occur every few moments. At 5 o'clock McLaren attempted a steal and succeeded in bringing the bunch around the fagged out Lawson.

McEachern's Saddle Broke.

In the spurt McEachern's saddle broke and he followed McLaren, shouting for Walthour to relieve him. Bobby came on within a few minutes, bounding over the track and on his machine in an instant. He picked up his unfortunate partner and started out after a lap, but failed to gain any material advantage. Tommy Hall of the English team stole a lap shortly before 8 o'clock. The riders were taking things easily when Hall shot out of fourth place and got ahead of the bunch. In a very short time he had made the coveted lap and was only three laps behind the leaders.

Sprinting for Laps.

The crowd had hardly stopped cheering Hall, when Chevalier, one of the Swiss team, which lost a lap last night, got ahead of the leaders. He made a wonderful spurt and gained half a lap, when Fisher, his partner, relieved him and made up the other half.

Samuelson tried to follow in the footsteps of Hall and Fisher, but he was too near exhaustion and failed to gain a lap.

At 1.45 p.m. Babcock and Turville gained a lap, which placed them on even terms with the leaders in the race.

Chevalier Severely Hurt.

Along in the afternoon a crash occurred between McLean and Chevalier. They fell from their wheels and Chevalier was severely hurt. An instant later Fisher, who had been hastily mounted on his wheel by his trainers to take the place of his partner, was riding at full speed about the track, when Fredericks, who seemed to be very weak, struck the rear wheel of Fisher's bicycle. Both riders were thrown to the track and Hall ran into the fallen riders and was thrown from his wheel. He escaped injury, however, Fisher lay like one dead for several minutes. When his trainers reached his side he was lifted up and was about to be carried to his quarters, when he became wild and fought them, kicking one of them in the stomach.

Fisher's Shoulder Fractured.

Later in the afternoon it was announced that Fisher and Chevalier would be unable to continue in the race. Fisher sustained a fracture of his shoulder, while his partner sprained his wrist.

Four miles were added to the totals during the sprint when the accidents occurred, but the effect of the wonderful efforts of the men was clearly shown on their faces. Several of them were so weak that they seemed hardly able to remain on their wheels.

Manager Winesett of McEachern and Walthour was very angry that the judges refused to allow his team a lap, which he claimed they had made and threatened to pull the team from the track.

McEachern Threatened to Quit.

Shortly before 6 o'clock McEachern, dressed in citizens' clothes, appeared on the track and announced he would not ride any more unless the lap he claimed was restored, and allowed. He walked off the track, with his partner, Walthour, who was on his wheel, shouting to him to come back and not desert him. To these appeals he paid no heed. Maya also said he would quit the race unless justice was done his team. But while the matter was under discussion and officials were trying to induce McEachern to return to the track, Maya went on and relieved his team mate, Wilson.

At last, after three-quarters of an hour of argument with McEachern on the part of the officials, he conceded a point and agreed to return to the race temporarily.

8 a.m.—Score: McEachern and Walthour, Butler and McLean, Newkirk and Munro, Maya and Wilson and Fischer and Chevalier, 1525 miles 9 laps; Babcock and Turville, 1525 miles 8 laps; King and Samuelson, 1525 miles 7 laps; Lawson and Julius, 1525 miles 6 laps; Hall and McLaren, 1525 miles 6 laps; Fredericks and Jaaks, 1525 miles 5 laps.

The noon score: McEachern and Walthour, Butler and McLean, Newkirk and Munro, Maya and Wilson and Fischer and Chevalier, 1538 miles 3 laps; Babcock and Turville, 1538 miles 2 laps; King and Samuelson, 1538 miles 1 lap; Lawson and Julius, 1538 miles; Hall and McLaren, 1538 miles; Fredericks and Jaaks, 1537 miles 9 laps.

The score at 2 p.m.: McEachern and Walthour, Butler and McLean, Maya and Wilson, Fischer and Chevalier, Babcock and Turville and King and Samuelson, 1631 miles 7 laps; Newkirk and Munro, 1631 miles 6 laps; Lawson and Julius, 1631 miles 3 laps; Hall and McLaren, 1631 miles 1 lap; Fredericks and Jaaks, 1631 miles 1 lap.

The midnight score was: Butler and McLean, 1796 miles 4 laps; Newkirk and Munro, 1796.4; McEachern and Walthour,1796.4; Maya and Wilson, 1796.4; Babcock and Turville, 1796.4; King and Samuelson, 1796.2; Hall and McLaren, 1795.8; Lawson and Julius, 1795.5; Fredericks and Jaak, 1795.6. The riders are 68 miles and 8 laps behind the record.

Early in the evening the trainers of McEachern and Walthour agreed to withdraw their protest against the referee's decision, which refused them the lap they claimed to have gained during the afternoon and for which decision McEachern threatened to quit the race.

ON THE WINTER RACE TRACKS.

Summaries and Entries for the Day at New Orleans and Oakland.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—St. Cuthbert and Dorothy Lee were the only winning favorites to-day. Summary:

First race, selling, 1 mile 70 yards—Pirate's Queen, 99 (Otis), 9 to 1, 1; Star Cotton, 97 (Hegelson), 50 to 1, 2; Major Mansir, 107 (D. Mitchell), 9 to 1, 3. Time 1.48. Monos, Life Line, Princess Mai, Miss Conrad, Sara Gamp, Woodstick and King Elkwood also ran.

Second race, selling, 6 furlongs—St. Cuthbert, 108 (Cochran), 6 to 5, 1; Semicolon, 108 (Dade), 10 to 1, 2; Little Jack Horner, 107 (Slack) 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.15. Lady Kent, Master Mariner, Horseshoe Tobacco, and Ed Gartland II. also ran.

Third race, 5 furlongs—Lingo, 100 (Rice), 12 to 1, 1; Semuelson, 103 (Harshbergen), 30 to 1, 2; The Boston, 105 (Nutt), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.02½. Cadet, Cast Iron, Ernest Parham, Dolce Far Niente, Buzz, Orla, Lady Brockway and Wild Rose also ran.

Fourth race, 1 mile, handicap—Malay, 106 (Blake), 10 to 1, 1; Henry Bert, 106 (Weis), 10 to 1, 2; Menace, 100 (Gormley), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.43. Andes, Barbara Fritchie, Schnell, Laufer, Johnny McCarthy and Strangest also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 1¼ miles—Joe Doughty, 103 (Gormley), 15 to 1, 1; Swedsman, 103 (Dominick), 1 to 2, 2; Prince Blazes, 108 (Nutt), 6 to 5, 3. Time 1.57. Mr. Phinizy, Robert Bonner, Criton and Bombshell also ran.

Sixth race, selling, 1 mile—Dorothy Lee, 101 (Nutt), 11 to 5, 1; Masterful, 101 (Gormley), 5 to 1, 2; Annie Thompson, 100 (Coburn), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.44. Shut Up, Syncopated Sandy, John Bull, Add, Waifa and Rondele also ran.

Good Outlook at Fort Erie.

Nashville, Dec. 12.—Walter O. Parmer, manager of the Highland Park Circuit, was seen to-day by your representative and asked to give his opinion of the result of the recent meeting of the Western Jockey Club, held in Chicago, and if the action in admitting the Cella-Adler-Miles combination of St. Louis would affect the meeting at Fort Erie next summer. Mr. Parmer, who has just arrived in the city, said that he was unaware of the proceedings of the meeting in Chicago, and had learned nothing excepting what was printed in the newspapers. Continuing, Mr. Parmer said:

"The St. Louis horsemen and the Western Jockey Club, from what I can learn, reached an agreement that if St. Louis accepted a membership in that body all horsemen, horses and other racetrack followers who were outlawed for racing over the American Turf Congress tracks should be restored to all privileges of the Jockey Club tracks, and I am sure that all differences have been adjusted satisfactorily to both sides and so arranged that racing will be conducted in the future on a higher plane, and everything will be run in peace and harmony.

"It will not injure the Fort Erie track in any way; in fact, the outlook for good racing across the border from Buffalo next summer was never brighter, and, from present indications, I think people in Buffalo will be afforded an opportunity of witnessing the best racing in the history of the track."

The usual stakes and purses for next season will be offered. Mr. Parmer said the lease of the Highland Park Jockey Club does not expire until after the next racing season, and the renewal of the lease will be taken up at the annual meeting, to be held at Detroit next month. From what Mr. Parmer said, it was evident that he believes the contract for the track will be renewed.

Results at Oakland.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—First race, ¾ mile—Lon Logsdon, 40 to 1, 1; Pat Morrissey, 8, Midnight Chimes, 3. Time 1.15½.

Second race, 1 mile—Windward, 7 to 2, 1; Monteagle, 2; Expedient, 3. Time 1.44.

Third race, ⅝ mile—Miles, 5 to 2, 1; Bendara, 2; Arthur Ray, 3. Time 1.16.

Fourth race, ⅞ mile—Bedeck, 9 to 10, 1; Rollick, 2; Grafter, 3. Time 1.28.

Fifth race, ⅝ mile—Andrias, 7 to 2, 1; Byron Rose, 2; Our Lizzie, 3. Time 1.14.

Sixth race, 1 mile—Whaleback, 15 to 1, 1; Meadow Lark, 2; Bagdad, 3. Time 1.44. Romany finished first, disqualified for foul.

Card for To-Day.

New Orleans entries: First race, Maidens, ¾ mile—Missile, The Way, 112; Harry Beckman, Crescent City, Mame Wastell, 109; Grah My Chree 107, May J., Si Ah, Henry A., Miss Anna Stevens, Winnora, Eliza Dillon, 104.

Second race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Mr. Rose, Precursor, 110; Joe Gammage, Frank Ireland, Chancery, Edwin Lee, Crosby, Star Cotton, Lady Ezell, King Elkwood, 107; Phildias, Mattie Bazaar, 102.

Third race, steeplechase, handicap, short course—Dick Furber 148, Bussol 141, Goldcu Link 129, Rosi, Divertisement, Robert Morrison, 130.

Fourth race, handicap, ¾ mile—B.G. Fox, Tom Kingsley, Burnie Bunton, Tom Collins, 110; Leunep 108, The Rush 103, If You Dare 100, Frank Kenney 98, Four Leaf Clover 95, Haidee 90.

Fifth race, selling, 1½ miles—Barbee 101, Dr. S. C. Ayres 97, Azim, Empress of Beauty, 94; Delcraine 90, Carter Ban, Phil ma Paxton, Lizzie A., 88; Uncle Tom 86.

Sixth race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Pay The Fiddler 109, Prestome, Helen Paxton, Doubtor, Frank McConnell, Bequeath, Jim Breeze, 107; Moroni 105, Prairie Dog, Myth, Deponan, 102.

Oakland entries: First race, selling, Futurity course—Clarando 113, Pencil Mc 104, Carilee 109, Dawson 97, Courtier 109, Almoner 113, Billy Lyons 109, Katie Wolcott 113, Rosy Cross 97, Gold Baron 113, Nona B. 113.

Second race, mile, selling—Reina de Cuba 113, Favorite 114, Position 114, Censor 108, Sidelong 104, Meadow Lark 114, San Venado 117, Montcagle 114, Tony Lepping 108, Elmer L. 108, Frank Duffy 114, Fridolin 105, Commonwealth Attorney 114.

Third race, Futurity course—Porous 118, Landseer 115, Shell Mount 115, Discovery 118, Dean Swift 118, Flourish 115, Tufts 115, Montoya 118, Ishiar 115, The Giver 118, Sister Jeanie 115, Huachuca 118.

Fourth race, mile—Brutal 110, Imp, Royal Flush 122, Goldone 122, Rushfields 119.

Fifth race, ¾ mile, handicap—Frank Bell 104, Janice 100, Princess Titania 86, Cougar 85, Fitzkanet 106, Articulate 107.

Sixth race, Futurity course, selling—Ned Dennis 113, King Dellis 116, Dangerous Maid 113, The Hoodoo 109, Coming Event 113, Gibraltar 116, Vantine 113, Hungarian 113, Evander 97, Scallywag 109, Abba L. 109.

Chess Experts at Manchester.

Manchester, Dec. 12.—Champion Lasker and D. Janowski, the Parisian expert, the first of whom has taken up a permanent residence in Manchester, have been playing a series of exhibition games of chess during the earlier part of the week. Yesterday they started a match of two games for a purse given by the Manchester Chess Club, the first of which was won by Lasker, the French champion resigning after four hours' brilliant play, following an Evans' gambit opening.

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TENPIN MATCHES PLAYED

Five Home Teams Won Their Games From Visitors—Good Scores Made.

LIEDERKRANZ HAS CLEAR LEAD

The Insurance Bowlers Made Top Score of Night—The League Standing.

The five scheduled games in the Toronto Tenpin League were played last night, and once more the whole five home teams won their matches. Good scores were generally made, the following being the figures and standing:

—At Liederkranz.—

Insurance.		Q.O.R.	
Boyd	600	Darby	574
Boyce	623	Keys	582
Hubert	547	White	540
Welsh	590	Libby	525
Macdonald	635	Nelson	527
O'Donohue	599	Jennings	646
Total	3601	Total	3396
Liederkranz A.		Grenadiers.	
Belz	608	Phillips	584
Endress	585	Craig	592
Marret	627	Doherty	601
Dawson	561	Lang	506
Sutherland	593	McBrien	611
Holtman	581	Fellow	594
Total	3550	Total	3538
—At Armouries.—			
Q.O.R.B.C.		Merchants.	
Allison	476	Collins	533
Niblock	578	Belz	473
Meadows	614	Palmer	499
Bailey	507	Williams	434
Armstrong	533	Gibson	432
		Franks	404
Total	3283	Total	2795
Munson's.		Highlanders.	
Archambault	606	Davidson	380
Selby	583	Stuart	623
Meade	605	Noble	539
Napolitano	565	Wright	479
Wells	539	Latremoule	494
Walton	561	Stuart	493
Total	3459	Total	3008
—At Munson's Alley.—			
Indian.		Liederkranz B.	
Lorsch	577	Hamley	558
Harrison	564	Cooper	530
Good	588	Roberts	523
Walker	539	Carpenter	510
Keys	621	Matthews	434
Munson	572	Corbett	465
Total	3461	Total	3020

—Standing of the Clubs.—

	Won.	Lost.
Liederkranz A	3	0
Grenadiers	2	1
Munson's team	2	1
Indians	2	1
Q. O. R. B. C.	2	1
Insurance	1	2
Highlanders	1	2
Q. O. R.	1	2
Merchants	0	3
Liederkranz B.	0	3

Next week's games: Q.O.R.B.C. at Merchants, Highlanders at Munson's, Insurance at Q.O.R., Indians at Liederkranz B, Liederkranz A at Grenadiers.

ONTARIO RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION.

Amendments Handled, and Officers Elected at To-Morrow's Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union will be held to-morrow at the Rossin House at 2 o'clock, when the annual report, election of officers and passing of amendments will be handled. Each club that has a senior and intermediate team will be entitled to two delegates, while clubs with only one team will have only one. The principal offices will probably be filled by acclamation to the present incumbents, as no one has signified his intention of running against either Secretary McMurrich or President Ballantyne, and it would be hard to find two better men for these positions.

There are not many amendments, and it is likely they will all carry, even that of adopting the snapback game, as most of the clubs favor it. The following are the amendments:

1. To amend rule 13, page 67, and make it read: That in the junior series all players in the town where the secretary of the union resides should make their declaration before him, and that no only should witness the signature of the father, mother or guardian of the player, and that in all other towns where there is a team in the junior series of the O.R.F.U. the secretary shall appoint a resident man personally known to him or to members of the executive, who shall perform the same service, and this appointment shall be confirmed by executive and shall be final.

2. To abolish the age limit in the junior series altogether.

The recommendations to the Canadian Union are:

1. That the number of men constituting a Rugby team be reduced by at least three players.

2. To do away with the scrimmage rule and adopt the snapback system.

The treasurer's statement is one of the best the union ever had and shows a balance of $150. As some of the clubs have not yet settled, there is about $100 away, which will increase the balance to $250.

No Delegate From Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Ottawa will not be represented at the annual meeting of the O.R.F.U., Saturday, a proceeding which is the first step in the Capitals' decision to go loose from that body, and the Ottawa club has decided that it is not dependent on the O.R.F.U. for football existence.

Scorched the Shamrock.

New York, Dec. 12.—Sir Thomas Lipton's cup challenger Shamrock II. narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire to-night. Only the strenuous efforts of the firemen who kept streams of water pouring over her saved the yacht. As it was the Shamrock was badly scorched. The fire burned the boiler shop of the J. M. Robins Company at the Erie Basin drydock, Brooklyn, where the Shamrock was laid up for the winter. The damage done by the fire is estimated at $100,000.

Granda Cigars.

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Another Swimming Record.

New York, Dec. 12.—At the Knickerbocker A.C. to-day two world's records were made in aquatic sports. W. C. Miller of New York lowered the swimming record for 25 yards to 12 3-5 seconds. The former record was 14 4-5 seconds, held by W. C. Johnson of Manhattan A.C. David Brattan of New York, in plunging for distance, set a new mark at 58 feet.

Buy Your Own Present.

If you want to buy a Christmas present for yourself call at Archambault's tailoring establishment, at 125 Yonge-street, and order a sixteen-dollar overcoat or a suit. These garments are made to order in the very latest style, fit and finish, and are equal to any clothing made anywhere in America.

Walkers at Rochester.

Rochester, Dec. 12.—In the six-day go-as-you-please race to-day, little change in positions had occurred, with the leading five contestants. Score at 12 o'clock, midnight: Golden, 243.15; Fahey, 238.2; F. Hart, 228.8; Herty, 220.19; Cartwright, 209.15; Loeseseln, 196.13; Unknown, 194.4; Moore, 174.13; McGraw, 154.17; Guerrero, 127.5; Martin, 93; Cooper, 82.12; Clark, 58.

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Lacrosse Hockey League.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Lacrosse Hockey League to-night at the Central Y.M.C.A. promises to be one of the largest gatherings of hockeyists of any minor organization playing hockey in Canada. Nearly all of last year's teams, along with several new ones, will be represented. All delegates are requested to be at the meeting at 8 o'clock. An invitation is extended to prominent O.H.A. officers to attend.

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NIAGARA DISTRICT HOCKEY.

Twelve Teams Form League—Officers Elected.

St. Catharines, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—A meeting of the hockey enthusiasts of the district was held in the Grand Central Hotel last evening, when the Niagara District Hockey Association was formed.

The following teams will compose the league, and they will be divided into two or three divisions: Five St. Catharines teams, Welland, Beamsville, Port Dalhousie, Thorold, Jordan, Niagara Falls and Port Colborne.

The league officers are: President, R. T. Kelley, St. Catharines; vice-president, Harry McEvoy, Port Dalhousie; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Moore, Welland. A meeting to draw up a schedule will be held next week.

Hockey Club Organize.

At a meeting of the Central Business College Hockey Association, held in the college Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, the following officers were elected for the year 1901-02: Honorary president, W. H. Shaw, jr. C.B.C.; hon. vice-president, P. Mackintosh; president, A. W. Robinson; vice-president, D. Morrison; secretary, G. L. Doyle; treasurer, H. W. Phelan. The members of the association have secured the Victoria College Rink for the season, and will have a team on the ice the beginning of the new year.

At a meeting of the Wiarton Hockey Club officers were elected as follows: Hon. president, G. Kastner; president, S. J. Cameron; vice-president, Dr. Hough; captain, F. Acheson; secretary-treasurer, W. Ashley; manager, F. Walmsley; committee, F. Johns, G. Dixon and A. Sinclair. It is the intention of the club to enter the Listowel League, and as there is first-class material here for a working team, some very interesting and exciting games may be looked for during the coming winter.

At a well-attended meeting, the Dufferin III. Hockey Club of Orangeville organized with the following officers: Hon. president, S. S. Landon; hon. vice-president, J. E. Booth; president, James Torrie; first vice-president, Marshall Green; second vice-president, F. Dowling; third vice-president, Mr. Dunkely; treasurer, Fred Morrison; secretary, G. S. Jackson; captain, Fred Wright; committee, G. Matthews, H. Hassard, G. Cooper.

HARTFORD AND SPRINGFIELD.

Old Eastern Baseball Cities Join Connecticut League.

New Haven, Dec. 12.—The directors of the Connecticut Baseball League met in this city yesterday afternoon and decided upon an eight-club league, the circuit to include this city, Hartford, Springfield, Bridgeport, Norwich, New London, Meriden and Waterbury. Tom Reilly takes the Meriden franchise, Dan Shannon will have the Hartford team and Jimmy Conor of Waterbury will take Springfield. Bristol and Derby, who were on the league last season, were dropped, because these towns were not very productive of financial profit last year. That left room for Springfield and Hartford to come in. The players of the Bristol and Derby teams revert to the Connecticut League. The directors today elected State Senator Scurgiss Whitlock of Huntington president and James O'Rourke secretary and treasurer.

Jumps From American to National.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Jim Hart's persistent pursuit of the gold Jones seems to have netted a rich reward, for the Rockford lad, one of the best natural batsmen in the land, and a splendid outfielder, has jumped from the American League camp to the Chicago team. Jones led the battery of the Three I League last season with a percentage of .384, and gave signs of great promise during the short season in the American. Jones, Slagle and Dexter could not be improved on for an outfield by the Chicago club, and would do better than two or three other trios which will be staged by other National teams.

The idea of displacing Peter Childs to play Jack Doyle on second base next season is meeting with unqualified praise from the local fans. Childs made good last summer, and the cranks want to see him stick with the team. Doyle and Harry O'Hagan will probably fight it out for first base, and it may even come to pass that the once great Jack Doyle will have to sit on the bench in the capacity of a utility man.

The news that Ned Hanlon is to handle the New York team sent waves of astonishment thru the bones of the baseball devotees in this city. How the crafty but assertive and plainspoken Brooklyn leader will get along with the overbearing Freedman is beyond any mortal man's imagination. Hanlon's transfer, against the wishes of the Brooklyn club owners, is probably a foreshadowing of a similar shift for the best players of the Brooklyn team.

Crouch Start the Best.

Dr. Caldwell of Dundas, the well-known University sprinter, has an interesting article on the art of starting in the current number of Varsity. He says:

The distinguishing characteristic of a sprint race is that it is run from pistol to tape at absolutely extreme pressure, therefore the ability to spring instantaneously from the mark and immediately develop full pace is most essential to success.

The average sprinting pace among runners may be reckoned as about ten yards per second, or one yard in one-tenth of a second; it is then quite clear that, in races where winning is often a matter of inches, it is hardly advisable to waste even a tenth of a second in moving off the mark or in getting up speed.

There are several kinds of starts practised by sprinters, but in this article, where space is limited, only the two most important will be considered, viz., the standing or dab start, and the crouch start.

In the former, the runner places his left foot flat on the ground, with the toe flush with the mark. About eighteen inches back of this foot, he excavates a little hole large enough to contain the toe of his shoe comfortably, and with a solid wall at the back. At the word "set," the right foot is ensconced in the hole, the weight thrown on the front leg, which is bent at the knee as far as possible without raising the heel from the ground, and the body strained forward. The left arm is bent at the elbow, and points almost to the front, while the right arm is raised to a position level with the shoulder and held straight behind the body.

As long as the heel of the left foot is held down, the runner is firm in spite of his forward tendency.

The moment the pistol goes off, the left heel is raised, and, to save the body from falling, the foot is "dabbed" forward a few inches; simultaneous with the dab, the rear leg is straightened out vigorously, projecting the body forward in a long, running stride, and the runner is right away in full speed.

No one can start quickly, unless he is straining forward to the very verge of motion. Standing on tip-toes, one cannot do this, there being the constant danger of overbalancing and stepping over the mark, which means being put back a yard.

The "crouch" start or handspring, as it is sometimes called, is, perhaps, the thing considered the best start for a sprinter to use. It has the advantage over other methods, of giving the runner full confidence in himself to strain forward, and still hold the mark for any length of time without going over. The muscles of the back help the spring of the thighs, and the runner gets into position for running quicker than where the dab start is used.

In this start a hole is dug in the track for the front foot about five or six inches back of the mark, a second hole is made for the back foot, almost directly behind the first, at a distance that, when both feet are in the holes, should the runner kneel with the right leg, the knee comes to the hollow of the front foot.

On the command "get on the mark," the runner puts his toes in the hole and kneels on the left knee. On the word "set," the body should be raised so that the knees are well up from the ground, the weight on the front leg and the arms, and the body strained forward against the hands, the fingers resting on the mark, thumbs pointing forward. On the report of the pistol, the right leg tips the body forward so that the spring is received almost entirely from the left leg and back, the right foot striking the ground first, about four feet beyond the mark, throwing the runner into stride immediately.

The writer would strongly urge all young sprinters to try the crouch start in preference to all others, remembering that the ability to start fast can only be acquired by systematic and persistent practice.

Public School Football.

Secretary Armstrong of the Public School League deserves credit for his successful work in the league. He has done as much as any one man could have done, but there is room for some improvement. It would be more satisfactory for the league if it had 3 or 4 more men like their secretary to form a good management committee and get the committee to appoint a regular staff of referees and see that they are supplied with whistles and also make them understand that they are to see that the goal posts are up properly and that they have proper touch lines and goal and touch-line umpires. Last season's refereeing was left to 6 or 7 managers. Mr. Smith of Dufferin and Mr. Carr of Rose-avenue and 3 or 4 more teachers have refereed constantly and have refereed 5 or 6 games in succession, tho they should have been elsewhere, but they of course didn't like to see the league broken up. Some occasional referees came to matches without whistles and had to wave an umbrella or anything that was handy, whenever a foul was called. If a staff was appointed one man would only have to referee two matches.

A number of persons interested in the league think it advisable to do away with the age system and to introduce a weight system. An average weight could be set, all under to be juniors and all above seniors, which would be fair to everybody. Very often when a small team has to play a large one the small ones will kick the ball anywhere rather than let the larger ones get it. And whenever teams like the above play they play a very disorderly game. If the weight system was introduced a more scientific game would be played, because the teams would be better matched.

Best Average for Sutton.

George Sutton, formerly of Toronto, tho finishing in fourth place in the recent New York billiard tournament, had the best single and best grand average. Schaefer made the best run. The table showing the work of the contestants follows:

	W.	L.	Best Run.	High Ave.	Single Ave.	Grand Ave.
Schaefer	5	0	68	12 16-32	8.89	
Slosson	3	2	45	10 1-32	7.59	
Berutel	1	4	42	8 32-46	6.18	
Sutton	2	3	64	13 23-29	9.26	
Morningstar	1	4	24	9 22-42	3.21	
Howison	0	5	35	6 9-38	4.84	

In their match game, 1800 points at 18-inch balk line, 2 shots in, Sutton was ahead of Howison, the first day, 600 to 580.

West End Y.M.C.A. Basketball.

The basketball games at the West End Y.M.C.A. last night resulted in McGuire's team beating Quinn 25 to 7, and McKenzie winning from Craig, 34 to 7, leaving the record to date as follows:

	W.	L.		W.	L.
McKenzie	3	0	Piper	1	3
Patterson	3	1	Craig	1	3
McGuire	3	1	Quinn	1	3

Next Wednesday, McKenzie and McGuire meet, and the winner will have a clear lead.

Sporting Notes.

Four big pool rooms and about a dozen little ones are doing business at New Orleans.

Manchester, N.H., Austin Rice of New London and Patsey Haley of Buffalo fought 15 rounds to a draw Wednesday night.

The spring meeting of the new Memphis Jockey Club will open March 31 and continue for 21 days, closing on April 23. Ten stakes will be opened.

The veteran cricketer, George J. Fuller, has just returned from Russia, where he filled a three-years' engagement at a salary of $6000 a year, teaching the young Russians how to train and drive cricketers. He owns a farm with his sons, Charley and Frank, a fine farm near Nashville, Tenn., where he will now make his home.

Griffith of the Chicago club was the most successful of the American League pitchers, winning 24 out of the 32 games in which he officiated. Young of Boston ranks second, with 32 wins out of 42 games, and Wiltse, late of the Eastern League, third, with 14 won out of 18.

The inter-university Rugby football match between Oxford and Cambridge was played at Queen's Club grounds, Kensington, Wednesday afternoon. Oxford won, scoring one goal and one try (5 points) against Cambridge's 0.

Billiard balls are more sensitive and delicate than babies. Audience at billiard tournament last night ground and swel tournament last night ground and swel tournament temperature appropriate to a Turkish bath, because, if the room was ventilated, there was danger that the spheres might get "cramps in their stomachs."—Brooklyn Eagle.

At a meeting of the Barrie Curling Club Mr. Grasett presented a silver cup for annual competition among the rinks. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the bonspiel to be held in January, and it was further decided to enter the Northern League, which will be composed of Barrie, Newmarket, Churchill, Orillia, Midland, Penetang, Collingwood, Meaford, Owen Sound and Markdale. Each club will contribute $5 towards a trophy.

The following story comes from Peterboro: While Mr. J. E. A. Fitzgerald was paying a visit to his wood camps in the vicinity of White Lake, he found a deer frozen in the ice. The poor animal had evidently been crossing the lake at this point and went thru. It failed to get out on the surface again and died, no doubt from exhaustion. The deer was chopped out of its position and taken to the shanties.

GRENADIERS' SERGEANTS AT HOME

Function Was Well Managed and Proved the Usual Success.

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The attendance of guests was large, and an excellent concert formed the first portion of the entertainment, to which the following ladies and gentlemen contributed: Major E. Piggott, Messrs. Mosier and Doan, Miss Pearl O'Neil, Col.-Sergt. D. McHugh, J. Alexander, Miss May Mawhinney, Miss Pearl Nesbitt, William McKendry, H. N. Shaw, Mr. McClellan, Miss Minnie Dukes, J. J. Gillogley, Mr. Lon Till and the Musgrave Trio. The comedietta, "The Mouse Trap," was presented by Miss Pearl O'Neil and Mr. Ivan Wright.

The visitors included Sergt.-Major Wid-

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