

SNAP-SHOTS

AT VARIOUS SPORTS

The City Hockey League is floated at last, and all sensible local hockey enthusiasts are "as happy as clams" in consequence. The boys were a little slow in getting together, but there was no stopping them after they did get going. The opening game rings next Friday evening.

According to all accounts there were great doings when the Pittsburgh hockey outfit stacked up against the Yankee Soos the other night. It all came about because Hod Stuart objected to Melnik for referee, and refused to play. The Pittsburgh Dispatch says, under the caption "Probably Stuart's Pittsburgh Finish." Sensational features marked the opening of the Pittsburgh-American Soo hockey season here tonight. The game was the most bitterly fought ever seen at either Soo and ended in a fight, during which the referee, Melnik, ran off the ice, calling the game. Hod Stuart was out of the Pittsburgh lineup, refusing to play with Melnik as referee. The game will not count in the league race and will probably be played over. Late in the afternoon it was announced that Melnik had been directed by President Fisher to referee the game. Stuart immediately set up a "yell" that he would not stand for Melnik who, he said, was unable to control the players. He said if Melnik referred he would not go on the ice, and tried to get the other members of the Pittsburgh team to stand with him. They refused, calling him a quitter and said they would go on and do the best they could. Business Manager Danahy tried to argue with Stuart, but the latter was obstinate. All he would say was that he would not play if Melnik went on the ice. The news spread around the town and the general feeling was that Stuart was afraid of being hurt. Others said he was losing his nerve and wanted to get away to Canada. Eddie Hogan, whom the Pittsburgh Club brought down from Quebec to play on the forward line, said he would take Stuart's position and do his best. It was thought Stuart would change his mind, but when evening came he refused to leave the hotel.

Seventy-five cents for the choice seats of the grandstand sort of puts a crimp in the bank roll of the average youth who introduces his lady friend to the O. H. A. dress parade. There's a dollar a half pried off his week's salary, besides the usual tribute to the Toronto Street Railway. And games come sometimes three times a week. The raise in price of seats will certainly put a damper upon the ardor of the average Saturday night wooer. In a nutshell, the hockey played here, though fairish, does not justify the advance and should remain as before, viz., 50 cents per head. When Toronto has a big arena people will gladly pay any price to get at the rink side, but at the present time isn't 75 cents perhaps a little lofty?—Toronto Telegram.

With the six-day bicycle grind recently run off in New York and the 12-hour bowling tournament in Toronto, fresh in our minds, we should not be surprised at anything new in that line. For example, a season's continuous hockey, without wrangles or referee-baiting might be in order. Tonight the Tigers will engage in a battle with a well-filled banquet table at Hamilton. Members of the O. R. F. U. executive will be on hand to preserve order and to reply to the toast "A Diamond Ring for Ours, or Bust."

Soo News: Enthusiasts here are more anxious to see the team clean up on the Toronto bunch. Toronto is the big knocking center of the Province, so far as professional sport is concerned, and so many unkind things have been said in that quarter that it would be some satisfaction to have the team from here show the people of that burg faster hockey than they ever witnessed before. Harold McNamara, of the Marlboroughs, is in receipt of an offer to play with Calumet. He has been in uniform as spare for each game. "The players," says Hod Stuart, "must go on to the ice filled with the spirit of the sport, and without any thought of their salaries or of the game as being work, or little can be expected of them."

The Soo scribe's analysis of Hogtown is correct. In Toronto the prevailing motto is: "Knock and the (newspaper) World knocks with you, boost and you boost alone."

How would an aldermanic hockey team do for a change? They're good stickers, at all events.

The Central Y. M. C. A., of Toronto, will hold its annual New Year's swimming tournament on Tuesday. Something on that order wouldn't do a bit of harm in this man's town.

Pollock, in the New York World, offers the following comment on the greatest of English boxing clubs:

Although Battling Nelson has declared that he might engage in a few battles while he is in England, it is doubtful if he will get the chance to show the English sporting men how he fights. There are two things which will stop him from fighting over there, the first being that the National Sporting Club, of London, would not offer him any more than a \$2,500 purse at the most to box for, and the second that the demand which his manager, Billy Nolan, would make for his services would be so exorbitant that Peggy Bettinson, manager of the National Sporting Club, would lose no time in telling Nolan that the club could afford to do without the Dane's services.

That the National Sporting Club, the premier fighting club of Europe, no longer gives away the big purses it did before it lost so much money on the boxing carnival, which the club brought off during the Queen's Jubilee several years ago, was proven a short time ago, when Jack Palmer and Gunner Moir battled for the heavyweight championship of England for a purse of \$17,500, which was considered a big purse by the club. Can you imagine how Nolan would look if the club offered Nelson that purse or even \$2,000 to box for?

In a recent interview, Battling Nelson has been quoted as leaning towards Kid Herman in the Gans-Herman battle. Why? There is only one reason for such a deduction of the Dane's part, and that is that he doesn't like the negro personally. In my opinion, Herman has as much chance of beating Gans (always providing the bout is on the square), as a snowball has of lasting an hour in H—Hamilton.

WINNING TEAM HAD 300 SHOTS TO THE GOOD

Toronto, Dec. 28.—The 12-hour grind, which concluded at 12 o'clock last night on the Toronto Bowling Club alleys, was won by Arthur and Frank Dissette, with a total of 10,514 pins. They were 273 pins ahead of the second team, Charles Good and George Cappe. They were the only teams to get over the 10,000 mark.

The conditions of the event called for a continuous performance, and it was hard work for the pin boys, the scorers, the foul line judges and the contestants. Everybody was on the jump, and it was a constant rush. Big crowds thronged the alleys after supper, and it was a safe to say that no more popular event in the bowling line was ever pulled off.

The following is the standing of the teams, the first five receiving prizes:

A. Dissette and F. Dissette.....10,514

C. Good and G. Cappe.....10,241

E. and A. Sutherland.....8,824

F. Johnston and M. Campbell.....8,601

W. Hall and C. Keller.....8,543

B. Moran and W. Adams.....8,489

A. Anglin and W. Seager.....8,469

M. Cree and W. Mansell.....8,259

T. Payne and C. Poole.....8,233

A. Johnston and A. Leslie.....8,067

E. Elliott and A. Chapman.....8,073

L. Adams and G. Adams.....8,273

K. Kelly and Durham.....8,194

Wilson and Harnam.....7,871

INDIVIDUAL STANDING.

Games, Pins

E. Sutherland.....49 7,335

INGERSOLL PLAYED BETTER GAME, BUT LOST AT HOCKEY TO PARIS

Saints Dropped One to Tillsonburg—Berlin Won From Varsity.

Paris, Dec. 28.—In the opening hockey match in Paris the Ingersoll Juniors lost by 5 to 4 this evening after a fast and keenly-contested game. Although at no stage of the game was the match a tie, or Ingersoll ahead, still the visitors played better hockey and were by far faster skaters than Paris.

All Paris needs, however, is more practice. Thickenell, Lovett and Gill, for Paris, showed up well, while Hay was the star on the Ingersoll team. The half time score was 3 to 2. There were two disputes over a goal scored on each side. The line-up:

Ingersoll—Goal, E. Noe; point, J. Clark; cover, G. Beck; rover, G. Hay; center, E. Gregory; right wing, A. Muirhead; left wing, F. Kelly. Paris—Goal, A. Stewart; point, R. McGee; cover, J. Thickenell; rover, T. Lowe; center, G. Locke; right wing, J. Lovett; left wing, G. Gall.

Referee, Mr. Irving, of Toronto; timekeepers, Mr. Beaton, of Ingersoll, and Mr. Stuart Jones, of Paris, and Thomas Nelson, timekeeper for referee.

SAINTS LOST BY A GOAL.

Tillsonburg, Dec. 28.—In the first of the intermediate O. H. A. games in this district, Tillsonburg defeated St. Thomas 5 to 4. The score at half time was 3 to 0.

Whittaker and Johns were hurt during the game. The former was cut over the eye and the latter struck over the eye. Despite this the game was clean and very fast.

The work of Referee Munroe, of Simcoe, was good.

The teams lined up as follows: St. Thomas—Goal, Ward; point, Johns; cover, Parker; rover, Whittaker; center, Cameron; right wing, Manning; left wing, Mackenzie.

Tillsonburg—Goal, Ward; point, Weatherhead; cover, Vance; rover, Hogarth; center, Crossett; right wing, Oatman; left wing, Andrews.

Referee, W. L. Munroe, Simcoe.

BERLIN BEATS VARSITY.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Berlin scored another victory tonight by defeating Varsity in an exhibition of hockey at the Auditorium with a score of 8 to 5.

The visitors were on the aggressive in the first half, scoring 3 to Berlin's 1, but the second half the home boys scored in their usual manner, doing the trick easily. The game reminded one of the famous Argonaut game last season.

The second half looked as though Berlin was to have a hard proposition, both teams scoring three goals in the first 20 minutes, making the score 5 to 4 in the visitors' favor. The last ten minutes Berlin scored 4, the visitors adding another.

The game was witnessed by 1,500 people, and all manifested keen interest in this wake-up game.

ONE-SIDED SCORE.

Bracebridge, Dec. 28.—The Junior O. H. A. match was played here tonight between Gravenhurst and Bracebridge, resulting in a victory for the home team. Score, 10 to 3.

JUNIOR GAME AT BROCKVILLE.

Brockville, Dec. 28.—Brockville Crescents defeated Frontenac of Kingston by the score of 5 to 1, in the Junior O. H. A. game tonight.

TILBURY TRIMS CHATHAM.

Tilbury, Dec. 28.—Tilbury and Chatham hockey teams played the first game of the season here tonight. At half time the score was Tilbury 2, Chatham 1, and at full time Tilbury 5, Chatham 2.

The line-up:

Chatham—Goal, Camp J. Campbell; point, Robert; cover, Brundage; forward, Bailey, Johnston, Pickett, Lawry, Tilbury—Goal, Sloan; point, Cowley; cover, Keith; forward, Stevenson, Mori, Smith, Sloan.

Referee—E. R. Dromgole.

Timekeepers—Chatham, M. Shillington; Tilbury, D. Richardson.

OXFORD - WATERLOO SCHEDULE.

Ayr, Dec. 28.—At an executive meeting of the Oxford-Waterloo Hockey League, the following schedule of games was arranged for the ensuing season:

Jan. 2—Plattsville at Ayr.

Jan. 4—Tavistock at Drumbo.

Jan. 10—Ayr at New Hamburg.

Jan. 11—Drumbo at Plattsville.

Jan. 17—Plattsville at Tavistock.

Jan. 24—Tavistock at Ayr.

Jan. 31—Ayr at Drumbo.

Feb. 1—Tavistock at Plattsville.

Feb. 7—Drumbo at Tavistock.

Feb. 7—New Hamburg at Ayr.

Feb. 12—Drumbo at New Hamburg.

Feb. 14—New Hamburg at Tavistock.

Feb. 15—Ayr at Plattsville.

Feb. 22—Tavistock at New Hamburg.

Feb. 26—Plattsville at Drumbo.

Feb. 28—Ayr at Tavistock.

March 1—New Hamburg at Plattsville.

March 5—New Hamburg at Drumbo.

OTTAWA ARRIVED LATE.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—In consequence of the late arrival of the Ottawa hockey team the game arranged for last night with the Winnipeg Strathconas was postponed until Monday or Tuesday night. The Ottawas play the Kenoras on Saturday night.

CALUMET ALL THE WAY.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 28.—In one of the finest games of hockey ever witnessed in Michigan, Calumet defeated Portage Lake last night on its home ice at the Amphidrome, by the score of 7 to 0. It was Calumet's game from start to finish, and at no stage did Portage Lake have a look-in.

GODERICH'S OFFICERS.

Goderich, Dec. 28.—A meeting of the Goderich hockey team was held last evening for the purpose of electing officers. Mr. E. Davis was re-elected president. Mr. E. V. Campion was elected secretary-treasurer, and J. Campbell was appointed captain. It is expected that all last year's team will be able to play, although the turnout at practices has been rather small so far. Their first game is with Clinton here on New Year's night.

MORE REGISTRATIONS.

The following players were registered yesterday at O. H. A. headquarters, Toronto:

Senior.

Guelph (seniors)—H. C. Anderson, H. S. Murray, A. H. Booth, J. A. Ouellet, Norman Barber, A. G. Buchan, D. Effe, N. Foster, Oscar Wagner, Cecil Deyman, G. L. Christman, R. Dixon, A. C. Hamilton, Jas. Castelfield, N. E. Irving, R. W. Hodson, D. M. Johnson, Alex. Rundle, Kenneth Campbell, C. T. Carnie.

Intermediate.

Meaford Victorias (intermediate)—W. Pillgrem, A. M. Pillgrem, F. Hehn, H. Jay, R. L. McGirr, R. F. White, V. A. McGirr, D. D. Buhart.

Midland (intermediate)—James Morgan, Ross B. Allen, Roy Wagg, George Morgan, Leo Hamilton, Milton B. Hastings, Maxwell Van Sicker.

Smith Falls Mac-Macs (intermediate)—Fred Gilleau, Robert May, Bert MacArthur, H. T. Spadon, Harry V. Dunn, Howard M. Ringer, George V. Poulin, J. J. Morrow, George Bonnett, R. W. Pearson, J. Clark Keith, Roy T. Graham, Jas. H. Leaver.

Junior.

Frontenacs, Kingston (junior)—Gordon Dick, Wm. Gravelle.

FOUR CLUBS ENTER THE CITY LEAGUE

Five Applied for Admission, But It Was Decided to Limit Membership to Four.

Four clubs have been admitted to the City Hockey League. They are: The Orioles, the Hermitages, Hortons and the Waterloos. Five entries were received in all, but it was decided to keep the league down to a quartet of teams.

Beginning next Friday night, two contests will be played each week until the close of the schedule; both games being played the same night.

All arrangements with the rink management will have been made before the first game is called.

Practice nights have been allotted as follows: Dec. 31, 6 to 7, Orioles; Jan. 1, 10 to 11, Hortons; Jan. 2, 6 to 7, Hermitages; Jan. 3, 10 to 11, Waterloos.

Second week—Monday, Hortons; Tuesday, Orioles; Wednesday, Waterloos; Thursday, Hermitages.

The members of the executive present last night were: President, Archie Black; secretary, J. Harry Fowler; W. McLennan, S. Milroy and W. R. Vining.

Harry Peel and Archie McMahon have been appointed official referees. The schedule arranged is as follows:

Jan. 4—Orioles and Hortons, Waterloos and Hermitages.

Jan. 11—Waterloos and Hortons, Orioles and Hermitages.

Jan. 18—Hermitages and Hortons, Orioles and Waterloos.

Jan. 25—Waterloos and Hermitages, Hortons and Hortons.

Feb. 1—Orioles and Hermitages, Waterloos and Hortons.

Feb. 8—Orioles and Waterloos, Hermitages and Hortons.

Feb. 15—Orioles and Hortons, Waterloos and Hermitages.

Feb. 22—Waterloos and Hortons, Orioles and Hermitages.

March 1—Hermitages and Hortons, Orioles and Waterloos.

LONGBOAT OUT OF THIS RACE

Indian Not Entered for the Ten-Mile Race at St. Kits on New Years.

St. Catharines, Dec. 28.—Following is the list of entries for the Martin electric annual race to be run here on New Year's Day. The list is the largest in the history of the race:

W. A. Cranston, unattached, Hamilton.

C. H. Streeter, St. Catharines.

Fred Sanguine, Y. M. C. A., St. Catharines.

J. P. Scott, International Athletic Club, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Thos. Kaies, Oriole Club, St. Catharines.

Alber Pat McNab, unattached.

A. A. Butler, Silver Star Club, St. Catharines.

Russell Connell, unattached, Hamilton.

Robert Connell, unattached, Hamilton.

Wm. Sharon, Park Baseball Club, St. Catharines.

Percy Diaper, Y. M. C. A., St. Catharines.

Russell Smith, Y. M. C. A., St. Catharines.

John W. Langford, N. S. A. C., St. Catharines.

Wm. Day, Y. M. C. A., St. Catharines.

Gordon Cameron, Y. M. C. A., St. Catharines.

Thos. Coley, M. A. A. Merritt, St. Catharines.

A. F. Donald, International Athletic Club, Niagara Falls.

W. J. Hughes, Oakdale Athletic Club, Niagara Falls.

H. Brellinger, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

John Rose, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Harry Lawson, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Albert Sellers, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Claude Pearce, West End Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

George Adams, Antelope Athletic Club, Hamilton.

W. F. Cummings, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Leo Read, unattached, Virgil.

W. H. Wood, Y. M. C. A., Brantford.

Edward Seymour, St. Mary's C. C. and A. A., Toronto.

Charles Cook, unattached, Hamilton.

Geo. H. Demore, unattached, St. Catharines.

Geo. H. Goeding, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

Charles E. Petch, Jarvis Collegiate Club, Toronto.

N. Henderson, Alliance, Ohio.

O. Smith, Alliance, Ohio.

Four first-time runners will be registered in C. A. A. U. thirty-four miles in the effort. The course is ten miles, most part being paved streets.

Blue Ribbon Tea

It is nature's own strength restorer. It gently stimulates the nerves, and sets the blood moving.

BLACK, GREEN, MIXED—25c to \$1.00 a lb.—ALL GROCERS.

Club, Hamilton. W. F. Cummings, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto. Leo Read, unattached, Virgil. W. H. Wood, Y. M. C. A., Brantford.

Edward Seymour, St. Mary's C. C. and A. A., Toronto. Charles Cook, unattached, Hamilton.

Geo. H. Demore, unattached, St. Catharines. Geo. H. Goeding, Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

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DANE GETS SCARE AS HE SAILS AWAY

Loses Grin When Wag Suggests That Danish Army Will Impress Him.

New York, Dec. 29.—The sky was very clear yesterday morning when Battling Nelson, the lightweight fighter, started for Europe, on the White Star liner, Maestricht, bound for Liverpool. But that portion of the sky which hovers directly over Battling had assumed a very azure hue. For Nelson was worried, and that deeply, too. Just before the big liner started to pull out of the dock one of the ambitious reporters shouted from the dock: "I say, Bat, you were born in Denmark, weren't you?"

"Sure," answered the fighter. "Well, then you stand a chance of being impressed into the army."

"Gee, I never thought of that. It would be funny if they tried it, wouldn't it? I wonder if they can force me to shoulder a gun."

"Better stop off and see the Danish consul," suggested the reporter.

"Mr. Captain, stop the ship," cried the Dane. Then turning around to the dock he yelled when the ship was at such a distance that he could hardly be heard:

"Well, I'm the bully boy with the gun all right. Hold up your eyeglasses and I'll split them here."

But the reporter departed hastily. A small group of friends was at the dock to see Oscar Battling Matthew Nelson, as he is known on the birth records, leave this country. Nelson is accompanied on the trip by Cal Morton, a well-known sporting man from Kansas City, Tim McGrath, Billy Rodenbach and C. W. Hloppe were in the group on the pier and gave the Dane a cheer as the steamer drove away.

Nelson and Morton are going straight to London, where they will stay at the Savoy Hotel. Just before sailing time Nelson sent a cable to his manager, Billy Nolan, to the National Sporting Club, London, saying he had sailed on the Maestricht. Nolan went to London two weeks ago.

Dressed in a blue serge suit, and wearing a black derby hat, long gray overcoat and a lavender-colored silk handkerchief wrapped round his throat, Nelson was early at the dock, and proved to be in very good humor.

"Yes, I'm going to join Billy Nolan in London," said Nelson, "and with Cal Morton and Billy we are going to have a good look over Europe. I expect to reach Copenhagen in about six months' time, and then I shall send for my father, who is now at Hegewisch, to come out."

"Are you going to fight while you are away?" he was asked.

"No," he replied, "I'm going on pleasure simply."

The little fighter was then asked for his opinion as to the winner of the Gans-Herman fight which is scheduled to take place at Tonopah, Nev., on New Year's Night.

"There's nothing to it but the nigger," said Nelson. "That is, if he fights on the level, but he's such a fakir that he can't tell. If the nigger liked, he could put Herman away. In a round or two, he's bound to land on his jaw, but it's just likely he'll let him stay ten rounds, to win some money."

Tim McGrath, who is leaving New York tonight for Tonopah to act as one of Herman's seconds, shared Nelson's opinion.

THE TURF.

WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At New Orleans—Judge Burroughs 12 to 1, Kohnoor 13 to 5, Pity 20 to 1, Dixie Flat 9 to 5, Sir Mincemere 7 to 1, Lucky 9 to 1.

THE KENNEL.

RECORD PRICE FOR DOGS