

Shamrocks Turn Down Challenge To Play For City Cage Title

GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES SEEMS UNLIKELY THIS YEAR

Shamrocks Twice Refuse To Meet L. A. A. Quintet—Second Reply Leaves Little Opening For Future Negotiations.

Shamrocks' second refusal to play L. A. A. girls' five for the city championship was received by the latter's basketball officials yesterday afternoon.

The second retort courteous was as emphatic a "No," leaving practically no opening for future negotiations.

Apparently the challenge of the L. A. A. team was inspired by two motives: to satisfy the many basketball fans of London who have expressed a desire to see this series played to decide a winner in a city which has been a center of girls' basketball for several seasons now, and from a purely sporting angle of seeing which was the better team.

L. A. A. girls' team challenged last year, and after a lot of controversy Shamrocks finally consented, and incidentally conquered.

Now they are challenging again, and Shamrocks' refusal seems quite final.

The negotiations by correspondence, which follow, need little comment:

The Challenge.

London, Ontario, April 14, 1924.

The Manager, Shamrock Ladies' Basketball team, London, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—The L. A. A. ladies' basketball team, City League champions, hereby challenge the Shamrock ladies' basketball team to a series of two games, the winner to be recognized as city champions.

We suggest that the team scoring the greatest number of points in these two games be declared the winner, and the games to be played if possible at the arena or at the local armories, dates and financial arrangements to be decided by agreement of the managers of the two teams.

In issuing this challenge we feel that the basketball public of London are looking forward to seeing these teams in action, one against the other, and are convinced that the series would be a great drawing card.

We hope that you will see fit to give this challenge your earnest consideration, and will expect a favorable reply at an early date.—Yours truly,

EDNA HOLLAND, Manager, L. A. A. Basketball Team.

No?

London, April 16, 1924.

Miss Edna Holland, Manager, L. A. A. Ladies' Basketball.

Dear Miss Holland,—Your letter of the 14th instant has been handed to me for reply.

Would say the matter referred to has been thoroughly discussed by the members of our team, and it was decided not to accept the challenge.

We have had a busy season, and do not see the benefit of playing such a game.—Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) MARY T. CLARK, Secretary-Treasurer, The Shamrock Club.

Another Try.

London, Ontario, April 19.

Miss Mary T. Clark, Secretary-Treasurer, The Shamrock Club.

Dear Miss Clark,—In reply to your letter of April 16, while we appreciate the fact that you have had a very busy and successful season, we do not feel that on that account you should refuse the challenge of the L. A. A. basketball team.

Many citizens have been asking when the Shamrocks and the L. A. A. would play home and home games, and our officials volunteered the reply that home and home games would be played after your season had closed. For the last three years you have played games with a home team at the close of the season, and we naturally expected your reply would be an acceptance for home and home games this season as in the past.

Newspaper reports this morning intimate that you are closing your international series, and tonight's game, and we therefore ask you to reconsider our challenge of April 14, and let us have your decision at or before noon, Tuesday, April 22, 1924.—Yours very truly,

EDNA HOLLAND, Manager, L. A. A. Ladies' Basketball.

We Mean No!

London, April 21, 1924.

Miss Edna Holland, Manager, L. A. A. Ladies' Basketball.

Dear Miss Holland,—With reference to your communication of recent date, the matter has again gone before the members of our team, and again it has been decided finally not to accept the challenge.—Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) MARY T. CLARK, Secretary-Treasurer, Shamrock Club.

Rugby Scores

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 22.—Following are the results of rugby matches played in the Old Country today:

Bristol 21, London Welsh 9.

Bath 28, Leicester 3.

Treherbert 31, Birmingham 0.

Cross Keys 17, Northampton 10.

Lydney 5, Gloucester 15.

Cardiff 14, Headingly 11.

Coventry 0, Bedford 0.

Swansea 8, Mountain Ash 9.

Neath 11, Barrow 11.

Newport 20, Plymouth 3.

NORTHERN UNION.

Leith 29, Barrow 6.

Halifax 8, Rochdale 0.

Keighley 16, Bramley 5.

Leeds 21, Warrington 11.

RUGBY UNION

Pontypool 6, Blaenavon 3.

Llanelli 27, Amman United 2.

Harrogate Old Boys 6, Old Mill-hillians 32.

PATTERSON IS VICTOR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Melbourne, Australia, April 22.—Gerald L. Patterson, captain of the Australasian Davis Cup team, won the Geelong Easter lawn tennis championship, defeating J. B. Hawkes, a member of last year's team, 6-3, 6-1.

VILLA WILL MEET FRANKIE GENARO

World's Flyweight Champ Signs for Bout in Brooklyn This Spring.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, April 22.—Pancho Villa, world's flyweight champion, today signed to defend his title against Frankie Genaro, 112-pound champion of the United States in a 15-round match at the Nostrand A. C., Brooklyn, the latter part of May or the first of June according to Tom McArdle, matchmaker of the club.

Genaro has not yet signed but McArdle expects no difficulty in completing the match. Terms have not been fixed.

The pair have fought three times before, Genaro holding two decisions over the Filipino while their other encounter was a no decision affair.

WRESTLER DRAWS IRE OF FANS IN MONTREAL

International Tournament To Run For Three Weeks At Mount Royal Arena.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, April 22.—The international wrestling tournament that will, it is stated, run here for the next two or three weeks, commenced at the Mount Royal Arena last night with four matches on the program. The first was between Gohar, Hindu wrestler, and Chick Koranick, Lithuanian, with 235 and 194 pounds weight respectively. It ended in eight minutes, with an easy win for the Hindu.

Wladek Zbyzsko, and Joe Boganz, Hebrew, wrestled to a draw, with the latter the butt of the crowd for his violent tactics. Boganz indulged in biting, fighting and ignoring the repeated warnings of the referee.

Frank Hudson, of Harvard University, and Reginald Siki, of Abyssinia, came next, and this bout also ended in a draw. The ability of both men to take severe punishment was evident, although Siki writhed in agony at one time, and there were cries for medical assistance. He resumed the match, however.

The match of the night, between Nicholas Lutze, of the United States, and Larry Stevens of England, was scheduled to last two hours, but actually ended in 55 minutes, when Stevens defeated Lutze with a head scissors hold.

CANADIAN HORSE TRAINER, RAYMOND BROWN, KILLED

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, April 22.—Raymond Brown, 466 Henry street, aged 42, Canadian horse trainer of King of Dew, and known as Spinks at the Devonshire race track, and a native of Niles, Mich., was instantly killed here, when he received a fractured skull from a kick given by a horse in the stable of the Detroit Creamery.

George Brown, living on North Bay street, Hamilton, and William in Toronto are brothers. Brown was a returned Canadian war veteran.

TAYLOR TO GET A CHANCE AT ABE GOLDSTEIN'S CROWN

Chicago, April 22.—Bud Taylor, Terre Haute, Ind., bantamweight, will meet A. Goldstein for the world's championship in New York either May 25 or June 23, according to Eddie Long, Taylor's manager, who returned from New York yesterday.

Sammy Mandell of Rockford, Ill., has been tentatively matched to meet Johnny Dundee for the world's junior lightweight title May 23, Long said.

DOUBLES BOWLING RECORD MADE BY CHICAGO WOMEN

Associated Press Despatch.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 22.—A new world's record in the doubles was set up yesterday at the women's national bowling tournament in progress here. Mrs. Gene Acker and Mrs. G. Smith of Chicago, with a score of 1,124 established the new world's mark.

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Committee Chairmen Chosen By L. A. A. A.



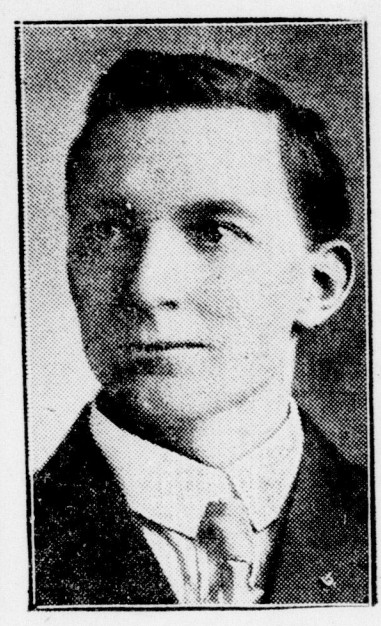
J. M. WATT
(Girls' Basketball)



"CAP" GRAHAM
(Hockey)



GORDON MARR
(Rugby)



FRANK HORNSBY
(Baseball)

Selections Announced Last Night Should Be Popular Ones With Players and Fans Boosting Amateur Sport Activities in London.

The above have been approved of by the general executive of the L. A. A. A. as chairmen of the sports designated.

It is a choice which will meet with the approval of the fans generally who are interested in the promotion of sport for the general good of the city at large. In line with the policy of the L. A. A. A. of getting as many citizens as possible interested, these chairmen will enlist the aid of enthusiasts for each individual game, on their committees.

Frank Hornsby as chairman of the baseball committee marks a popular choice. He has been mixed up in amateur baseball circles for years, and has the confidence of fans and players alike.

J. M. Watt has been one of the most enthusiastic workers for the L. A. A. A. since its inception. He was chairman of the girls' basketball committee this past season, and next year, with important developments under way in this pastime on a provincial basis, this department is going to be more important than ever.

Gordon Marr as chairman of the rugby committee has a big job ahead of him. Rugby is one of the popular sports, which has had a varied career in London, but it's a sport in which London cannot afford to be absent. Last season was one of the most successful in years in London from an attendance standpoint.

Bill Duffield, as a former rugby and basketball star, is widely known through the city. He was manager of the L. A. A. A. entry in the O. H. A. and considering the late start, the team did well. There should be a big basketball future ahead of London.

"Cap" Graham, president of the Manufacturers' Hockey League for many seasons past, manager of the hockey committee last year, is probably one of the most widely known officials in amateur sports. He is a convert to the idea of central control of all athletics, so that all major sports may be developed to their fullest extent.

Shamrocks were already under a dark cloud in being suspended from the L. O. B. A., and their action in refusing to play the L. A. A. girls' five doesn't add any noticeably large splash of silver lining to the color scheme.

Fans who have withheld their judgment on the L. O. B. A. controversy, which resulted in Shamrocks being cast into the outer darkness, may begin to waver now that the local situation has been defined. Shamrocks, who have played a series of games with U. S. teams, which in the last analysis meant less than nothing in the way of proving anything in girls' basketball, have run out on the local fans who made these games possible with their attendance. They do not even vouchsafe a reason for not playing a series for the city title.

Their short and sweet "No" is scant courtesy to the big body of fans who patronized Shamrock games, but who are not by any stretch of the imagination partisan supporters.

If the fans were convinced, after seeing both teams in action, that Shamrocks were as superior as their attitude and curt reply would infer, the action of the Collectors might be more readily understood. The fans who know the game and only want to see good competition for sport's sake know that the teams are very evenly matched, and therefore would like to see the city title decided.

Shamrocks only played one real competitive game that meant anything throughout the season. The fans kept up their patronage, even though invading teams from the States, despite advance notices and a loud boo-hoo, displayed no better form than several little-heralded Ontario teams were able to show.

Shamrocks won the series with Toronto fairly enough.

But, through bad advice—at least the fans prefer to take this lenient view—Shamrocks drew themselves a suspension when they sought to win an ordered play-off on a ludicrous technicality. Whether Mrs. Smallman was right or wrong in her action, there was only one course for Shamrocks, or any other team in any other sport being administered by an organized association, and that was to obey instructions and argue afterwards. When Shamrocks tried to win the series under a ruling which gives a 2-0 score on defaulted games, having had a four-point lead already in the series, they put themselves utterly in the wrong from an official point of view, and undertook something to which there is no precedent in sport of any kind.

One dose of bad advice should have been enough.

A CONVERT.

The fact that Eddie Rae of Hamilton has proved himself the best of Canada's five-mile runners and a sure Olympic candidate for that distance, does not mean that the little Scotsman will compete over the short route in Paris.

Indications today are that he will try to catch a place on Canada's marathon team.

Eddie realizes that he will have to do a lot better in the Olympic games than he has shown in Ontario to get "anywhere" against the Finnish speedsters. Their time for five miles is far better than Rae's, and while Eddie is showing improvement in every race, he can hardly hope to hold his own with the Finns. Rather than trail the foreigners, Eddie is said to be eager to try his hand at the longer route.

Billy Sherring, Olympic hero of almost 20 years ago, is in a way responsible for Rae's decision. Billy believes that the Hamilton boy has "everything" to make a high-class marathoner. He has watched him carefully, and feels quite certain that, with proper conditioning for the "grind," he could defeat the best of Canada's distance men.

"That boy has speed, the proper gait, and plenty of courage," said Billy today.

Sol Mintz, who managed Tom Longboat in his palmy days, is another who thinks Rae a fine long-distance prospect.

While the Olympic games are only a few months off, the time is not too short to convert Rae into a marathoner, both say. And they have offered their services.

BRITISH SOCCER.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 22.—Huddersfield defeated Burnley 1 to 0 and West Ham won from Tottenham Hotspurs, 1 to 0 in the English football association first division matches today.

London, April 22.—Games played by clubs in the Second Division of the English Football Association today resulted as follows:

Coventry, C. 0, Derby C. 1.

Leicester C. 2, Nelson 1.

Stoke 0, Fulham 0.

Crystal Palace 2, Clapton O. 1.

London, April 22.—The following games were played in the Southern Section of the Third Division today.

Aberdare 0, Methy 0.

Northampton 1, Watford 2.

Newport 3, Brentford 2.

DETROIT SWEEPS ST. LOUIS SERIES

Yankees Break Even by Taking Last Game From Senators.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, April 22.—New York broke even in the series with Washington by taking the final of the series today, 6 to 3. Errors by Rice paved the way for half of the visitors' runs. Hoyt proved strong in the pinches after the first inning.

New York 041 010 000—6 14 1

Washington 200 100 000—3 7 3

Hoyt and Schanz; Zahniser, McGrew, Wingfield and Ruel.

TIGERS SWEEP SERIES

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, April 22.—Earl Whitehill was effective today and Detroit made a clean sweep of the series of three games by defeating St. Louis, 8 to 4. Wildness by Bayne and Lyons helped the Detroit offense.

St. Louis 010 000 003—4 7 3

Detroit 101 000 023—8 8 1

Bayne, Lyons, Vergit and Collins; Whitehill and Bessler.

INDIANS BEAT SOX.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, April 22.—Sherrerd Smith smashed one of Thurston's slow pitches for a single, after two were out in the tenth, and Cleveland got a 7 to 6 victory over Chicago. The Indians batted Blankenship hard in the eighth inning and took a commanding lead, but the locals played an uphill battle, drove Coveleskie off the mound and tied the count in the ninth.

Cleveland 000 000 060 1—7 15 9

Chicago 001 023 0—6 15 2

Coveleskie, Smith and Myatt; Blankenship, Thurston and Crouse.

HAMILTON RUNNERS WORK OUT IN PHILLY

British and Canadian Athletes Plan Hard Practice For Penn. Carnival.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, April 22.—Franklin Field today was turned over to the British and Canadian athletes here to compete in the Pennsylvania relay carnival next Friday and Saturday. Members of the Cambridge University track team and Eric Liddell, the university of Edinburgh sprinter, had their first jump around the oval yesterday. Today they will be joined by the Canadian teams from Hamilton Collegiate Institute and Hamilton Technical High School. All three squads planned hard workouts.

Doubt was expressed today as to whether Captain Bristowe of the Cambridge squad would be able to run in the spring medley, Friday. He is troubled with an attack of rheumatism suffered on the voyage from England and has not been able to leave the grounds of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, where the team is making its headquarters.

The influx from United States colleges and schools was expected to start tonight, but more than 4,000 athletes representing 600 institutions, are entered in the various events.

FARMER LODGE GIVES K. O. TO THE OKLAHOMA KID

Memphis, Tenn., April 22.—Farmer Lodge, St. Paul heavyweight, knocked out Oklahoma Kid Harvey of Memphis, in the first round of a scheduled eight-round bout here last night. Lodge sent Harvey to the canvas four times before he took the count.

Harvey was not revived until fifteen minutes after he had been counted out. He was outweighed about 30 pounds.

BRITISH BILLIARDIST'S RUN THOUGHT WORLD'S RECORD

Moose Jaw, Sask., April 22.—Claude Falkner, the British billiardist touring Canada, made what is claimed to be a world record for fast scoring when he ran up 88 points in one minute and 20 seconds here yesterday, when playing against a local man in an exhibition game. The break was unfinished.

CHANGE IN TRAIN SERVICE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 1924.

New train will leave Chicago, 12:45 p.m., arrive London 12:30 a.m., arrive New York 5:45 p.m.

New train will leave 6 p.m. daily, Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Coaches, standard sleepers, compartment club car, parlor and dining car service.

New train will leave 5 a.m. daily, arrive Chicago 2:50 p.m.

Train now leaving London 11:40 a.m. for Windsor and Detroit, will leave at 11:12 a.m.

Train now leaving London 11:50 a.m. for Sarnia, Port Huron and Chicago will leave at 11:20 a.m.—A 21,23.

STRATFORD PLANNING THREE TEAMS IN O. H. A.

Hockey Committee Formally Organized At Meeting in Classic City.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, April 22.—The hockey committee of the S. A. A. A. formally organized here tonight. Roy Brothers heads the committee which will have full charge of hockey activities for the season. Members elected were Charles V. Lloyd, H. G. Rankin, Fred G. Kille, R. J. Eason, Jr. Lorne Robertson. Later in the year players will also select a representative. The committee was given power to make the necessary arrangements to handle three teams in the O. H. A. next year, the general idea being practically separate organizations under direction of this executive.

There was a good attendance at the meeting and keen interest in the hockey prospects for next year.

BALTIMORE NINE TAKES FINAL FROM SYRACUSE

Associated Press Despatch.

Baltimore, April 22.—Thomas held Syracuse to five scattered hits and Baltimore won the third and final game of the series here today, 7 to 3. Thomas struck out 13 men, but was a trifle unsteady in the early sessions, walking eight.

The score: R. H. E.
Syracuse 001 010 100—3 5 1

Baltimore 000 232 00X—7 9 1

Reinhart, Barnes, Montgomery and McKee; Thomas and Cobb.

Baseball

AS BIG LEAGUERS PLAY IT.

AT BAT:

THIS →
GO IN AFTER THE BALL

NOT THIS

What is a good batting position for a beginner to adopt?

Answered by JACK BENTLEY

Pitcher, New York Giants: Known as a terrific slugger. Purchased from Baltimore for approximately \$65,000—and worth it.

I like to see a young player adopt the habit of not pulling away from the plate when the ball goes past him. If you are a player who likes to get long hits, stand with feet together. If you like to place your hits, stand with feet well apart. I think it is a good idea to hold the bat as far back towards the catcher as you can.

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