

News and Gossip From the World of Indoor and Outdoor Sports

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

Dude occasionally find their way into baseball—even into International Leagues.

THE Y. M. C. A. COMPETITION for class B championship begins tonight at the "Y." The local Y. M. C. A. athletes last year won the title and are very desirous of retaining it.

MR. WREATH IS MOST CONFIDENT that the International League will go through, and it undoubtedly will, despite the handicap placed upon it.

IT IS ALL RIGHT FOR TOM FLANAGAN to bring athletes from Ireland, but it's time to call a halt when he starts importing them from "furrin parts" like Hamilton, Toronto Telegram.

ALTHOUGH THE INTERNATIONAL season does not open until May 22, almost every day between May 7 and that time has been filled with exhibition games. Among the teams which will play exhibitions here are the Cuban Giants, Guelph, Niagara Falls and the Cuban Stars.

"I WOULD PREFER NOT to say anything about the men I have signed up yet," said Mr. Wreath today. However, the London fans can rest assured that the best team that can be procured will be placed here.

THE EAST END LEAGUE this season will set a precedent in the matter of early openings. The latter

part of April sometimes savors of winter in these parts.

Worried Lizzie: "Rube Kerr has not yet signed up with the Frankforter League of Coney Island. As a matter of fact he will probably be seen working out at Tecumseh Park along about the first of May.

Sporting Editor Adviser: Will you kindly decide the following wager and oblige?

A bets B that he (A) can order up an opponents in a four-handed railroad euchre game without having a trump in his hand. B holds that A cannot order up an opponent unless he has trump in his hand. W. DUNN. Ans.—According to Hoyle, a player can order up an opponent at any time he sees fit.

What is Longboat?

Once again does this perplexing, evergreen, eternal question pop up to annoy the denizens of the athletic world. The question can never be satisfactorily answered until Longboat turns professional. This continued harping on the same string makes doubters of many people. The man on the street is in doubt. Athletes subject to doubt, and opinions on the subject come as variable as the weather. Nobody cares very much, however, so long as Thomas Y. allowed to compete in the Marathon race. This continuous questioning of Longboat's status is unreasonable, and it is almost sure to have a bad result. Who will be to blame if his entry is refused?—Toronto News.

Glints From the Diamond

Jimmy Sheppard is captaining the world's champions in the absence of Chance.

Hobe Ferris seems to be adapting himself to third base all right in the Browns' games in the south.

George Upp, the new pitcher of the Reds, is said to have a quick motion that is very much Patsy Flaherty.

Bunk Congalton, who has been holding out for some time, has finally signed his contract with the Columbus team of the American Association.

Jimmy Collins is down to weight, according to advices from the south. He tipped the scales at 165 a few days ago.

The many resolutions made by baseball players at this time of the season soon will be unnecessary if the prohibition wave keeps on waving.

Some minor league magnates are offering prizes to fans for new names for the teams. In about three months the fans will be naming the teams without prizes being offered.

Sam Crawford was largely responsible for Ty Cobb's coming to terms with Detroit. Fielding Yost, the Michigan football coach, also helped to persuade Ty to sign.

Connie Mack is still gathering in pitchers. The latest recruit to the Athletics ranks is Connie Carter, who pitched several seasons for Syracuse in the New York State League.

Fred Clarke admits that the retirement of Hans Wagner, if it comes to pass, will be the most severe blow that could possibly be dealt the Pirates' chances this coming season.

When Detroit plays in Chicago this season for the first game, a band of fifty pieces will be playing welcome. The White Sox Rooters' Association will provide the music.

College players will be barred from athletics if they dabble in the Union League, the new outlaw organization formed in the east. Several club managers were after Georgetown University players and then a general edict was issued.

The usual spring series between the Browns and Cardinals, which will be played in St. Louis in April, has already started the Mound city fans figuring on the probable result of the games. The American League adherents are depending upon Rube Waddell and Harry Howell to start the Cardinals on the run.

The teams training in Florida write

back north that there never was baseball like that played between the regions in that section. Sometimes a dozen umpires are used, they being chased over the fence at the first close decision.

Clarence Ritchey declares that while no amount of money would tempt Wagner to break his resolve to rest a year, a few scores will start the baseball blood flowing through the big Pirate's veins.

A mastoid abscess is such a dangerous thing that Mike Powers' friends will avail with anxiety word from his sick bed. The Athletics' catcher is very popular with the fans all over the country. He enters into a game at all times as if his heart was in his work and always plays clean baseball.

"Germany" Schaefer, according to Wild Bill Donovan, did more to clinch the pennant for Detroit than any other player. "He went into the game many days when he should have been in the hospital," says Donovan. "It was not so much his playing as how he kept the others up and going."

The Yankees will be 60 per cent stronger in the box this year than at any time since they have been in the American League. Of the veterans (Chesbro, Orth, Newton, Hogg, Doyle and Glade are all reported as doing nicely. Then there are several promising recruits in Neff, Lake, Zeller and Manning. All have shown the earmarks of major league caliber.

It will be a pity if Jesse Tannehill has to retire from baseball on account of his arm. He has been one of those superior artists that his fellow ball players have always admired and have delighted in talking about. He had an easy style that made the fans sometimes think that he was not trying. The opposing batsmen knew better. I sat with a famous ball player one day, when Jesse was having an easy time with an opposing team, and he remarked he had many a time fanned Tannehill when he felt that he ought to knock the ball out of the lot, but as a matter of fact he had only on rare occasions had any success against him. I hope Jesse gets into shape again.—Boston Herald.

Profits to the state from the tobacco monopoly in France amounted last year to \$60,000,000, as compared with \$2,500,000 in 1911, the first year of the monopoly.

CITY HALL BOWLERS WIN

The denizens of the city hall are the real things. Saturday on the National alleys they won the third and deciding match against the Scribes in rather hollow fashion, and today there is gloom in Newville.

Platt had high individual score, while Jimmy Bell walked off with high aggregate.

Summary:

City Hall Team.			
D. Platt	209	116	104—429
C. R. Turner	141	113	90—344
L. Clark	136	135	183—454
O. Ellwood	81	138	112—332
J. S. Bell	160	125	169—454
Totals	727	627	659—2013

Newspaper Team.

W. Laut	86	81	146—213
Miller	120	100	121—341
G. J. H. H. H.	14	14	14—374
Gilbert	110	169	141—420
Lung	129	154	125—409
Totals	570	613	673—2156

SIX-NIGHT ROLLER GRIND AT HAMILTON

Hamilton, March 28.—Entries for the six-night roller grind which begins tonight, are coming in rapidly. There are several London entries among those in.

Those already received are: Harris and Schaefer, Hamilton; Linkert brothers, Hamilton; Smith and Christie, Burlington; A. McMaster and McMichael, Hamilton; J. Dragan and P. Abell, Hamilton; David and Martin, Hamilton; Kretschman and Jamieson, Hamilton; Hamburg and D. McMaster, Hamilton; C. Basore and S. McKormack, Lockport, N. Y.; Folsberg and Waterford, Hamilton; and Crispin and Lucy, London. Each man will be numbered and a record kept of the miles they have traveled, so that spectators can easily acquaint themselves with the respective positions of the racers.

ED GEERS HAS SPEEDY ONES

Memphis, Tenn., March 28.—Though not usually given to gloating, veteran Ed Geers, the king pin driver of the harness world, has allowed his enthusiasm to bubble forth in more noticeable fashion this spring than in former years. The famous reinsman has several green trotters in his charge that have gone miles in 2:30 to date, and there are three listed in the string of over thirty the Silent Man is training to give promise of miles in 2:10 or better, before the coming campaign is closed.

Plenty of sunshine with the noted "two minute" course at Billings Park in splendid shape for fast or slow workouts has enabled the small army of harness horsemen preparing for the coming season to get the big and forthright struggles on the big and little circuits to administer any variety of work they care for to the pacers and trotters.

Geers as usual has the choicest array of material in charge. With Higball, Baron Grattan, The Harvester, the highly-touted and costly green performer in his charge, Geers has attracted most attention from the spectators, trainers and railbirds in general who flock to the course at this time of the year to inspect the preliminary performances of the trotters and pacers that usually go from here to make harness horse history on all tracks.

BASEBALL.
At Philadelphia—University of Pennsylvania 9, New York University 9.
At Princeton, N. J.—Ursinus 3, Princeton 5.
At New Haven—Yale 3, Manhattan 2 (12 innings).

THE MANHATTANS.

Stratford Herald: Football talk still holds the day in London. Prospects for a team in W. F. A. are bright and encouraging, while the city football sports there, have organized themselves into a nine-team league. Now it behooves Stratford to get in line and get the City League circles moving.

There is nothing to prevent the champions-to-be of the coming season from taking a crack at the London champions. They might do as well as the Manhattans.

It is said the betting at Benning's this week was so light that some of the bookmakers did not take in enough money to pay expenses. One of the leading layers, handled only \$148 on the Benning Handicap. According to many turf veterans, betting in the States has been falling off steadily in recent years, as is the case in England. Rod McMahon, the well-known one-eyed chaffer, says: "Betting is growing lighter each year. Bookmaking was a profitable business a few years back, but it's a hard game now. The play centers on one or two horses in each race and there is really no longer a percentage in the layer's favor. It's an open and shut case of speculation between the public and the bookmaker nowadays."

As a matter of course the match between Gotch and Hackenschmidt, which will take place April 3, will be the beginning of a series between the same pair of "gladiators."

With the Tigers in the South

Ira Thomas is complaining of a sore knee, the result of a foul tip. It is rather stiff but is nothing serious.

Jennings will not dispose of a single player until after the season opens, he says, as he wants them all to use in the exhibition games.

Half of the team wanted to see Charlie Schmidt's Yanigan team lose so they could "kid" him. The rest wanted the Tigerettes to win because they figure on another clean slate for the spring trip.

In the absence of a game, the Memphis rooters, or the most violent ones, passed through the hotel corridor and shook hands with the "we-ah" man until he sprang upstairs and went to bed.

Between reading "Three Weeks," trailing lost trunks, playing nurse for Dave Jones, and rubbing the athletes on one more game next week with Little Rock, probably on Tuesday or Wednesday. The rest of the time he will

spend in an endeavor to break his record of piling on work in practice.

Friday afternoon the club leaves for Louisville, where games are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday. Louisville still remembers the red head boy, and good crowds are expected.

Bill Coughlin, Charley O'Leary and Herman Schaefer are going house-keeping in Detroit, they announced today. They are hunting for a nice flat that they can furnish and live in while playing in Detroit. Hotel life is tiresome, and they want to establish bachelor quarters somewhere.

Philadelphia played in Memphis last week and the local fans were not greatly impressed. They say Connie Mack's crowd looks slow this year, and Harry Davis is not in the best of health. Jack Combs, the pitcher, will probably be made an outfielder to take Seybold's place.

The Tigers succeeded Boston as an attraction. Eddie Cloutier made a big impression here.

WINDSOR BEATS TORONTO

Latter's Indoor Baseball Team Wins Home and Home Series.

Toronto, March 28.—The Windsor indoor baseball team maintained its reputation tonight by defeating the Toronto Queen's Own team in the first game of a home and home series at the armories by a score of 18 to 3.

The lineup:
Windsor—Catcher, Ponting; pitcher, Payne; first, Carmichael, Capt.; second, Brydon; third, Delaney; right, Thaburn; left, Delaney; left, shortstop, Graham; right field, E. Bryan; left field, Downey; spare, B. Bryan.
Queen's Own—Catcher, Pat Downey; pitcher, Bob Young; first, W. Cadman; second, A. Cadman; third, H. Taylor, Capt.; right shortstop, Murtfield; left shortstop, W. Walsh; right field, Bob McWhirter; left field, Beemer; spares, G. McWhirter, Charlesbois.
The Queen's Own will play the return game on Friday or Saturday night of next week.

SHERRING LIKELY TO GO

Favorably Considered as a Trainer for the Olympic Team.

Toronto, March 28.—At a meeting of the Irish-Canadian Athletic Club executive, the proposal to send Will Sherring, the Grecian Marathon winner, to the English Olympic with the Canadian team, was introduced for discussion by Manager Tom Flanagan, and the matter was thoroughly reviewed.

"He is a well-known handler of running men, and field athletes, and a chap whom all the top notch Cana-

SOMEWHERE.

Somewhere in this world today the sun is shining bright.

Spreading o'er the bosom of the earth its mellow light.

Somewhere in this world the breeze is sighing through the trees.

Filling many joyous hearts with baseball melodies.

Somewhere fans are cheering for the idols they adore.

And upon their gleeful yelps and scowl peans pour.

Somewhere it is summer now and clear blue skies hold sway.

Somewhere in this world today it's warm enough to play.

Somewhere in this world the sun is shining fierce and hot.

Smiling on the boys at play upon some baseball lot.

Somewhere in this world the ump is yelling loud and strong.

Bringing to each soul content and to each heart a song.

Somewhere birds are chirping and the daisies nod and swing.

In the lap of summer or upon the breast of spring.

Somewhere kids run barefoot, or beneath the shade trees sprawl.

Somewhere it is warm enough to play a game of ball.

—Exchange.

ALLEY BOWLING HAS CAUGHT ON

Splendid Pastime Has Taken a Wonderful Hold on Londoners.

It used to be, "Are you a Mason?" Now the popular slogan is, "Can you bowl?"

Undoubtedly the bowling season now drawing to a close has been the most remarkable in the history of London.

Apparently everybody bowled, or took a live interest in the game, and as a result the patronage fulfilled the utmost expectations of all local alley-owners.

When the season opened, leagues popped forth, seemingly, from every nook and corner of the city. There was the City League, the Liberal Club League, the Y. M. C. A. League, and in fact leagues of all descriptions. One could drop into the National or the Ideal alleys any afternoon or evening and find almost every pin boy on the jump. Old-time bowlers, who were raised with a ball in their hands, could be seen busily engaged in trying to locate the elusive headpin, and avoid the all-too-ready split. Young men who had never before tossed a wooden sphere at a group of ten-pins were there learning the rudiments of the game, and incidentally keeping the pinstickers in good humor.

Three or more nights a week at the Ideal alleys were devoted to the City League and friendly competitions between local and outside clubs.

Rolling Every Night.

Over at the National alleys the merry click of the dropping pins could be heard at almost every moment of the day. The Liberal Club trundlers were at it every spare moment, while the Y. M. C. A. ten-pin and five-pin artists were as busy as a hive of bees every night.

And much of this activity was due to the sportsmanlike spirit exhibited by the management of the two premier alleys, the National and the Ideal. Teams were sent from both to the Toronto tournament. Uniforms were provided, the expenses of the bowlers were paid, and everything possible done to condition them for the big struggle. That the teams brought back little in the way of prize-money was no discredit, for there were competitors present from all corners of the map, and to win one had to be almost a world-beater.

The teams made good showings, and while more could be desired, more could not be asked for, or expected.

Credit to City League.

The City League has done much to keep up and increase interest in the game, and it would not be surprising next year to see two such organizations in the field.

With but few exceptions, the real bowlers in this city graduated from the City League ranks, and to this body must go the credit of being the father of local bowling.

TUTHILL PICKS GIANTS TO WIN

Thinks They Will Be National League Contenders For World's Championship.

Memphis, Tenn., March 28.—If Harry Tuthill's dope works out right, none of the games of the next world's series will be played in Detroit, scene of all of the battles of the last two years, and of a majority of the games of last fall. The trainer was talking about this matter the other night, and remarked:

"When the veteran players of the New York Giants were going south a few weeks ago I went down to say good-bye to them. While I was talking with Mathewson and Devlin and a few of the other standbys, one of them said: 'Don't say good-bye to us. We'll see you in Detroit in the fall.' And their calculations look all to the good to me."

Among baseball men generally the opinion is almost unanimous that the Cubs will continue their remarkable record by grabbing off another flag, and setting into a third world's series. In figuring on their opponents, opinion is divided, with Detroit, Chicago and New York the teams that are named. New York does not gain in favor as the spring advances, but an opinion that was expressed in these columns a long time ago, that the team that beats out the Sox will win the flag, does gain in popularity.

A magnificent stable, containing 30 of the finest box stalls that can be built for his show horses, is in course of erection at Alfred G. Vanderbilt's farm in Portsmouth, R. I. The building is copied after the stables of King Edward, with a courtyard in the center.

The greatest achievement of the administration of Sir William Trevelyan, who lately retired from the lord mayoralty of London, was the raising by lot of \$300,000, with which to establish a home and a school for young cripples. To secure money for the fund, he sometimes employed very unconventional methods. He once attended a prize fight, wearing his robes of office, and solicited donations from the crowd.

There is only one cotton mill in Egypt, in this respect is behind all other cotton-raising countries, where the tendency is for the cotton mills to go to the cotton fields. The anomaly is due to taxes and to the insufficiency of official help.

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H. Wagner, ex-ball player, chicken-raiser and Tech baseball professor. Quite a versatile fellow!

We welcome Tommy Burns to the ranks of the literati. Tom has written a book on the science of hit-stop-and-get-the-money, which his now selling like 'ot kykes her pigs' trotters hat half the blooming book stalls in London hat two bob the copy. Hit his profusely illustrated with the author's photograph. Blime!—Exchange.

LONDON WILL BE THERE.

The association football clubs are coming to life and preparing for the convention at Stratford on Good Friday.

Berlin, Clinton and Brantford delegates have already challenged for the Hough cup held by Galt.

Berlin will play intermediate. Preston today entered a junior, and devotees trust to see London come into the intermediate division.—Stratford Beacon.

LIKE SOCCER BALL.

The good old game of football has taken root recently here and the prospects for a successful season are very bright.

Good players have recently taken up their abode in Brantford. Last sea-

son the game made great strides, and this year with a good fast team representing Brantford in the league, the boys would be sure of receiving good support.—Brantford Courier.

NO SUNDAY RACING.

Orders have been issued by Inspector of Police W. J. O'Connor that horse racing on Sunday must be discontinued in New Orleans. He declared that squads of patrolmen will be stationed at the two half-mile tracks and various picnic grounds to carry this order into effect.

It has been the custom for years to conduct racing during the summer on the Sabbath, a score of benevolent organizations having this feature in connection with their annual picnics. The half-mile tracks near City Park and in Jefferson parish have also operated on Sundays. Police action was taken as the result of reform sentiment now prevailing here.

BRANTFORD BASEBALL.

It would be impossible at this stage of the season to give the prospective lineup of any team in the league. Each club, however, has a nucleus of players upon which they are counting, and upon which a team will be built. The problem confronting the Malleable is a battery, the same with Waterloo, while Vertys need a couple of men for the infield, and the Beavers, well there is no telling! There is enough material on hand to require another organized and well-balanced plan.—Brantford Expositor.