

THE WORLD OF SPORT

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF L. A. A. COMMENDABLE

Annual Meeting of Civic Sport-Governing Body Billed For Tonight.

IS OPEN GATHERING

Tonight the annual meeting of the L. A. A. will be held.

It's an open meeting, and if the proper spirit is abroad, every man interested in sport in London will be present whether or not he is a holder of an L. A. A. membership card. The members wouldn't any more than comfortably seat such a gathering. Facing facts, however, tonight's meeting will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Still if these accommodations are filled, a good deal can be accomplished for sport in London.

The L. A. A. has a fine record of accomplishment in its two years of existence, despite much distorted propaganda, street corner and otherwise.

The first task the L. A. A. faced was providing hockey for the fans of London the winter before last when the prospect of no rink accommodation created a dismal outlook.

Made Hockey Possible.

The L. A. A. tackled the problem which would have put ordinary organizations out of their depth, and the result was the alterations to the Westminster rink, which made hockey possible.

Following that up, they put senior baseball on the map in London last summer. The baseball situation resolved itself into many who had identified with the game being placed on the sub-committee and administering the game with the support of the executive. At the same time, the L. A. A. took the winners of the Interclub League over as Intermediate O. B. A. representatives, and financed their play-offs.

Rugby had been an orphan sport fostered from year to year by enthusiasts, who were willing to face the inevitable financial loss entailed each season to see the game kept up. Last fall the L. A. A. took over the sport.

Foundation Laid.

While the season was not a financial success, the foundations for future rugby development have been well laid.

The officials who have been prominently connected with the L. A. A. program of the last two years have carried on in the face of many discouraging circumstances, believing that they were working for the best ultimate interest of London in sport. They realize the mistakes that have been made as well as the critics, but still believe the principle for which they are working is the right one and the only one which will produce any semblance of community pride in athletics in London.

Tonight should tell whether there are many others of the same belief.

Short Jabs

Charlie Conkle, former world's welter wrestling champion, has undertaken to manage Bobby Eber, judging by what has happened in the past, that is a real "he-man's" job, but Charlie has undertaken great tasks before and was usually successful.

It has been known for some time that Eber and Walter Obernesser were at the breaking point. Obernesser proved a great trainer and on several occasions had Eber in wonderful form, especially when he met Midge Smith and Johnny Curtin at Hamilton and Patsy Wallace at Toronto. He devoted practically all his time to the little bantam and when left to a good government job to make sure that Eber was getting every possible attention.

It turns out that he had no contract with Bobby, one which left Eber open to make a change any time he so desired, so that Obernesser can do no more than say farewell to his former charge.

Eber has felt for some time that Conkle was the proper man to handle him, which means that Charlie is going to have better control over him than some of the men who undertook to manage him in the past. He has plans mapped out which call for a strenuous course of training, and he counts on having Eber ready for action within four or five weeks. Eber leaves the hospital, where he is undergoing treatment at the present time, Conkle will take him to the "beautiful land of somewhere," but just where that spot will be Charlie refuses to divulge. However, he admits that it will be in the country, where he figures that fresh air and hard work will help condition his new protege.

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Golf

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THIS TYPE CLUB GIVES BETTER CONTROL OF THE BALL. IVORY IS TOO SMOOTH TO GRIP BALL PROPERLY.

Which is better, a wooden or ivory faced driver? Why?

Answered by JOHN BLACK.

"The Carpenter of Troon," whose great gamesmanship and mastery of golf make him feared at all tournaments. Particularly competent on approach shots.

The best kind of a face for a driver is the natural wooden one, because once you disturb the face by inserting either ivory or fibre you can never get the same "smack" as solid as wood gets. Wood also gives one far more control of the ball than ivory. I believe that ivory is far too hard and smooth to grip the ball properly. (Copyright, 1924, Associated Editors.)

HOPPE HAS BIG LEAD IN BILLIARD CONTEST

Champ. Enters the Third Phase Confident—Horemans Is Plainly Nervous.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, April 10.—With two blocks of the 182 balk line billiard championship match already won, Willie Hoppe, world's champion, enters the third and last phase of the contest tonight with an overwhelming advantage over Edouard Horemans, the Belgian challenger.

The champion's lead for the first two blocks is 1,000 to 440. He won the second block last night by 50 to 16 which was one of the outstanding victories in the history of the game.

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REAL BOXING BILL COMING

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It is possible that Tuesday night's final amateur fight card at the Armories may be topped off by Cy Pook meeting Evan Shute, the Varsity light heavy intercollegiate champion. This mangle would have been one of the big attractions of the Ontario "champion" himself for the Dominion trials.

Toronto experts thought Shute had more than an even chance to make Cy grit his teeth in the resin, but Cy, who wants to help the show out and was one of the first to volunteer his services, showed how much he valued this opinion when he suggested Shute yesterday.

Charlie Watling of the Elgin Regiment A. A., on his way to the Ontario championships yesterday, said that he was anxious to meet Shute here, and he was going to do everything he could to persuade Shute to come here Tuesday night.

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Toronto, April 10.—Four Western Ontario boxers won their initial bouts in the provincial boxing championships here tonight, three of them being from Kitchener and one from Guelph, while Christie of London was defeated. Christie, who had entered in the 118-pound class, was unable to make the weight, and had to go up to the 126-pound class, and here he met J. Censner of Kitchener, who had the advantage of weight and reach. Christie was the better boxer, but was too slow in leading, and Censner was the aggressor throughout. Christie lost his chances to continue by waiting for the Elgin Regiment A. A., on his way to the Ontario championships yesterday, said that he was anxious to meet Shute here, and he was going to do everything he could to persuade Shute to come here Tuesday night.

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TECS STARTLE THREE RIVERS

Town Extends Welcome When Chief Gets Right Line On Strangers.

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Three Rivers, Mich., April 10.—The inhabitants of this picturesque little Michigan city were rudely awakened from their hibernation last Sunday by the influx of a small army of athletic looking young men, who began congregating just outside the municipality's main hostility. Who could they be? So many strangers had never hit this burg before at the same time. Their actions and conversation soon drew a crowd of the curious. "I think it's up this way," said one of the group. "No, it's over this way," said another. "They are robbers," said one of the on-lookers, getting a look for the State Bank. We'd better call the chief," a hurried telephone call brought the chief of police and the entire force in their faithful river. The chief leaped from the running board and proceeded to carry out his duty.

The strangers all had club bags and some of them carried vicious looking clubs. "Nitro-glycerin; hold up men, sure," was the thought that flashed through the chief's mind. He edged his way through the outer circle and met the apparent ringleader of the gang with: "Well, what do you fellows want here; speak up quick!" "Why, hello, chief," said Jack Beatty, "we are Indians; we're members of London's baseball team and we have come to your city to carry out our spring training. We were just wondering where the ball park is, as our first war dance tonight to carry out."

Suddenly there flashed through the chief's mind the recollection that he had read somewhere in the Weekly Bugle, that a ball team was to train here this spring. He realized the predicament he was in, but joined the crowd in their hearty laugh. He wouldn't do anything in the world to offend these boys who had come to spend a few weeks in their midst. "Well, boys, I'm glad to see you, but have yourselves while here, get off the streets when the curfew rings at 9:00, and we'll have no trouble. You'll find the ball park just two streets down. So long."

The boys checked in and strolled over to the ball park to view the scene which to many of them will be the battlefield of their fight to get into organized baseball. The players were all enthusiastic over the excellent condition of the diamond and the fine equipment which had been placed at their disposal in the way of show-

Cincinnati Nationals, meet at Cleveland, Tenn., today for the fourth of their five-game exhibition series.

The Cleveland Indians take their final workout in the South today, leaving New Orleans tonight for the North. They will stop at Tusculoosa, for a game with the University of Alabama tomorrow.

After winning seven straight games, five from Milwaukee, one from Syracuse and one from Rochester, the St. Louis Cardinals were stopped short in their mad career by the Atlanta Crackers who slammed their way into a 9-4 victory at Atlanta, Ga., yesterday.

The St. Louis Browns also dropped 2 games yesterday at Tulsa, Okla., to the Tulsa Oilers, 5-4.

ST. THOMAS WOULD FORM INTERMEDIATE O.B.A. LOOP

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, April 10.—A big meeting of those interested in the City Baseball League for entry in the intermediate O. B. A. series are asked to meet in the chamber of commerce Monday evening by R. J. Cottrill, president of the St. Thomas Baseball Club. Mr. Northcott and Manager George Nethercott are strongly in favor of a city league to be entered in the O. B. A. intermediate division, believing that the Flower City could easily duplicate the success that London is having with its league.

ST. THOMAS SENIOR PLAYERS IN GOOD CONDITION FOR RACE

Newark Is Still Minus Ball Park

Associated Press Despatch.

Newark, N. J., April 10.—The Newark International League club, which is scheduled to open the season here with Toronto on Wednesday next, continued without a home field today as a result of the refusal of the board of education last night to reconsider a decision whereby permission to use the Meadowbrook oval was refused. An appeal to Mayor Frederick Briedenbach for assistance in securing the use of the oval was unsuccessful.

EIGHT TEAMS LIKELY IN WOODSTOCK LOOP

W. Tear Elected President of Industrial Softball League For Season.