

NEWS and GOSSIP of the SPORTING WORLD

How Blufftown Looks On Sudden-Death Game Hamilton Throws Harpoon Into O. H. A. Executive

Declare That Collingwood Case Should Be Further Probed—Hudson Tried To Play With Northern Team.

Hamilton is all excitement, and the denizens of the burg beneath the hill are tumbling over themselves in roasting the O. H. A. executive.

It certainly was a little hard on the Tigers to make them go to it with Collingwood again, but then such things will take place in the best of regulated organizations.

The Hamilton Times says:

The executive of the O. H. A. should further investigate the case of Collingwood. If the rumors that are afloat here are true, some of the officials of the club must have known that Collins was a professional. Hudson, it is said, went to Collingwood with Collins, but did not get the encouragement to remain that Collins had, so he came to Hamilton and made application to the O. H. A. for reinstatement. In ordering Hamilton to go to Toronto to play Collingwood again, the O. H. A. did the Tigers an injustice.

The sudden death game of hockey for the privilege of entering into the intermediate finals, which was ordered by the executive Friday for Collingwood and Hamilton to play at Toronto on Monday night, will be a hummer. The game will be played at the Mutual

street rink, and the locals will run a special train at the regular rates, leaving here at 6:30. With the Tigers in the running again, it is likely that a large crowd will go down. In all probability some new blood will be put into the team. Cronby, a Bank of Montreal man, who came here a short time ago, Seagram, of the Dominion Bank, son of Jos. E. Seagram, M. P., and Ireland, of Copley, Noyes & Randall, a Hamilton lad, was tried out with the team last evening at the Thistle Rink, and a hard practice showed these boys to be up to form. Tonight, between 7 and 11 o'clock, at the rink another practice will be held and it is possible that the lineup for the match on Monday night will be doctored out. Cronby was tried in several positions and showed himself to be a man well worth following. He plays well at all positions and gets in some swift play on the forward line.

Seagram distinguishing himself by his quick rushes and shooting. He is the first man who has played here who is as the knack of shooting the puck accurately on the pass.

Ireland is a youngster, but has been at the game for some time. His play at right wing was good, and he is tricky with the puck. He is pretty heavy and at point he played a rough-house game and sent men on their heads every chance he got. In that kind of play he would be a good man to put against Fryer and Prebble, of Collingwood, both of whom play rather sharp at times.

With the loss of Collins, their cover

Tigers, Strengthened With New Blood, Hope To Trim the Prides of the Bayside Town When They Clash.

point, the northerners have certainly lost some strength. He held the local stick handlers down well and they had to pass him every time to get a score.

Southern, Morin and McKoon were not out last night, but are all in form. McKoon has been laid up for a few days, and Southern's foot still bothers him, although he is receiving treatment from a massage artist.

The Spectator adds:

The Tigers think that the O. H. A. sub-committee did not deal strict justice to them in the Collingwood deal. If Tigers had been in Collingwood's position, they would have been bowled out without a moment's hesitation. The O. H. A. sub-committee took a compromise measure that was justice to neither team. If Collins was a professional, as the committee found, the rules of the O. H. A. require the others on the team disqualified. However, the chances are that the Tigers will have a rough time of it on Monday night, as the Collingwood team is sure to try to get even with Hamilton. The committee wanted the play-off to be in Barrie, but Ralph Ripley would not consent.



WALTER (PECK) CARROTHERS.

alleged trainers traveling around the sporting circuit ever dreamed of having, and what is more, he knows how to use these things to the best advantage.

When the team plays two games in succession, as has been the case this season, there is never a complaint of a sore joint, or anything of that kind when the bunch line up on the ice, for Peck and his little bottle are ever on the job.

Peck is somewhat of a dooper, too, and those who are seeking tips will do well to seek his advice, for what he doesn't know about the game isn't worth knowing, and his foresight has undoubtedly helped the boys with the Irish-topped sweaters out of many a hole. Peck says that London will trim everything in sight from now on, and there are few, if any, hereabouts, who disbelieve the assertion.

Peck is best known as a hockey player by his work in goal for the Seventh Regiment team, when that bunch was playing in the City League a few years ago. At that time Carrothers was looked upon as being as good, if not better, than his illustrious cousin, Crow, and his aggressive little brother, Jimmy, both of whom are too well known to require comment.

IN EVERY NOOK AND STREET CORNER OF THIS THRIVING LITTLE CITY TODAY, the query arises: "Who will win at Toronto tonight?" and the wish of the majority is that it will be Collingwood. Nobody has anything against the northern boys, but then there are many who would be able to take a trip to Hamilton who will not be able to journey to Collingwood, if the first half of the semi-final round is played there.

We don't like the Tigers, but here is rooting for a Hamilton victory. The pleasure of handing Blufftown a ripe fruit would be great, and would help much to bring back the bump of conceit which the Tigers knocked out of us on the gridiron on divers occasions.

THE THAMES RIVER ANGLING ASSOCIATION will hold a public meeting in Duffield Hall tomorrow evening when Mr. A. Kelly Evans, secretary-treasurer, Mr. Oliver Adams, vice-president, and others, will speak on various subjects of interest to those who love good angling. The public is cordially invited to attend.

AT A MEETING OF CHELSEA LODGE, S. O. E., held Saturday evening, a club was formed for the promotion of English sports. Special attention will be paid to cricket and association football, but other sports will also receive attention.

It is proposed to place cricket and football teams in this city which shall in time be second to none of their kind in Canada.

The following officers have been elected: President, H. Brooks; secretary-treasurer, H. E. Spetigue; captain of the football team, E. Harper; assistant captain of the football team, George Eaton.

Canadian Ice Experts Favored By a Celebrated Sporting Writer

The Cleveland Leader says:

When a Cleveland crowd saw crack skaters from New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Buffalo and other American cities beaten in every race recently by a Toronto lad, while another Canadian from the same place was the winner's swiftest rival, the result seemed largely a matter of climate. There is more ice in Canada than there is in the United States. Winter sports can be relied upon there as they seldom can here. If the Dominion didn't shine in skating and tobogganing and snowshoe racing there would be something wrong with its people. But there isn't.

Do All Expected.

The point is that the Canadians do what might be expected of them in winter sports—and a little more. Then to prove that it is not all a question of climate, they go out in the summer and make a splendid showing in rowing and yachting. They play golf exceedingly well, and they are masters in lacrosse. They're not bad at baseball and they more than hold their own in tennis, population considered.

Runner Outwits A. A. U. Officials Sheppard Will Run at Midnight

New York, Feb. 24.—Melvin W. Sheppard, the great middle-distance runner, will steal a march on the Middle Atlantic Association of the A. A. U., and compete in the games of the United Spanish War Veterans. In doing this the Irish-American A. A. U. athlete is not going to violate any rules. The games are scheduled for the evening of Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Twenty-second Regiment Armory, Philadelphia. Since he has been reinstated so as to take part in the big meets held recently, but the officials of the Middle Atlantic Association said no.

The Veterans' Association will put on a special race at midnight to accommodate Sheppard.

Kelly a Competitor.

Dan Kelly, who holds the world's

100-yard record of 9 3-5 seconds, will also take part in these games. He is to meet Cartmell, Keating, Smithson and others in an invitation race. Kelly is anxious to show New Yorkers he really can get over.

Not a few followers of athletics think that Cozzans, the great quarter-miler of Manual Training High School, will go state before some of the major athletic clubs get a hold of him. For a schoolboy he is doing too much work. Bernie Webers, the old champion sprinter, is now trainer of the New York A. C. The Mercury foot athletes are sure to work their hardest for the popular old champion.

It costs over \$1,000 to fire a single shot from one of the largest guns used in the French army.

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Collingwood and Hamilton Tonight London's Chances Appear Bright

The Northerners Weakened and Locals May Have To Play Hamilton.

The eyes of every local hockey fan tonight will be turned toward Toronto, where Collingwood and Hamilton play a sudden-death game to decide which meets London in home and home games in the last semi-final.

Casselman Will Watch.

Kenny Casselman, London's great point man, will be on the job with both feet, and make a few notes for future reference.

As has been stated before London never had a better chance to land the championship than it has right now, and every member of the team is confident that such will prove the case. Lindsay would have trimmed Midland had the former been a stayer like London, and it is certain that if the wearers of the green get a lead in the first half, that there will be nothing to it. All this, of course, if the locals trim the winner of tonight's battle at Toronto.

Collingwood Weakened.

Hamilton is touted to have a good chance of beating the Northerners tonight, for the reason that Collingwood will be weakened by the absence of Collins, who was one of the best on the team. One man doesn't count for everything, but some men add or take away fifty per cent of a team's strength.

Some Large Bets Up.

As evidence of how the local rooters feel in reference to the chances of the Londoners to get through it might be stated that already several large bets have been recorded at even money that the locals will win the first game at Collingwood. There is also some money up on the round at even money. So far as is known there is little or no betting on tonight's game as the result is held to be too uncertain.

It will be remembered that Hamilton held the Northerners down to 4-6 on the Mountain-dweller's ice, with Collins on the lineup. With Collins, and on neutral ice there may be a different tale to tell.

Hamilton knows Toronto ice almost as well as its own, while Collingwood will be a comparative stranger there. The locals will probably take a practice this evening previous to the City League games.

MIKE (TWIN) SULLIVAN DEFEATED IN A ROUND BY YOUNG KETCHELL

First Blow Floors Boston Boy and He Is Dropped Three Times.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 22.—Stanley Ketchell, the Grand Rapids middleweight, surprised a big crowd at Colma today, when he knocked out Mike (Twin) Sullivan, of Boston, in the first round. The men were matched to fight 25 rounds at 154 pounds, for a share of the gate receipts, and Ketchell was a 2-to-1 favorite just before he entered the ring. Three successful battles with Joe Thomas served to place Ketchell near the top of his class, so that a majority of the ring experts expected to see him beat the veteran Sullivan, though not in fig time.

Both men had trained hard for the mill and were in splendid physical trim when they shook hands. Those who backed Sullivan believed that his experience and science would enable him to put up a stubborn battle so that when he was beaten in a few punches they were ready to hail Ketchell as the coming middleweight champion.

Sullivan Never Lands.

When the gong sounded the men shook hands and then sparred lightly. Ketchell tried a stomach blow, but missed. Then with terrific

power, he swung his right, and, catching Sullivan on the chin, sent the Boston man to the floor. It was a shock for the spectators, who were in an uproar of excitement. Sullivan took nine seconds before he got up, and was clearly dazed when he put up his hands again.

Ketchell jumped in with another heavy right-hander that landed flush on the jaw and down went Sullivan again in a heap. He was game, though, and after taking the limit, he arose in a groggy condition. Ketchell rushed him to the ropes, landing a storm of blows on Sullivan's head. Then he shot a great drive straight to the pit of the stomach and Sullivan, doubling up like a jackknife, collapsed, writhing in agony. He was counted out, and Ketchell was declared the winner.

To Meet Milwaukee Winner.

James Coffroth, the promoter of the battle, said afterward that he would hang up a purse for a fight of 25 rounds between Ketchell and the winner of the Hugo Kelley-Bill Papke mill, which will be decided in Milwaukee on March 18. Ketchell has already accepted Coffroth's terms and says he is after the championship.

As he is growing rapidly, it is believed that Ketchell will branch out as a heavyweight in the course of a year or two. He is a terrible fighter and possesses much cleverness. Some time ago Sullivan was beaten by Joe Gans at 142 pounds, Gans going out of his class to meet him.

Putting Through International League

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—Word was received here this morning from Mr. Fred. Paige, of New York, promoter of the new International League. He says he will visit Hamilton on Tuesday, and London on Thursday to make

arrangements for the organization meeting of the league in Hamilton on March 3.

It is not settled yet if a third Canadian city will be taken in. Erie, Pa., Lockport and Niagara Falls will be in line. The sixth place will be settled up this week.

A \$4,500 Hockey Gate in N. Y. Big Receipts at Yale-Harvard Game

Rink Management Got All But \$200—Seats Sold Readily at Three Dollars.

New York, Feb. 24.—The result of the final game in the Inter-Collegiate Hockey League last week came as a great surprise to the followers of the game in New York. On the from displayed at the St. Nicholas Rink in the previous contests Harvard looked to be a sure winner, and went on the ice a 2 to 1 shot, with few takers. Three dollars a seat was what the enthusiasts paid for the game without a murmur, and the thousand reserved seats—the seating capacity of the rink—were snapped up in a jiffy. As high as \$50 was offered by some of the Wall Street college graduates for a pair of

seats, with no takers. Possibly 1,500 more spectators, at a dollar a head, crowded into the standing-room in the gallery and ground floor. The receipts were close to \$4,500, which is pretty fair for a hockey game. Of this amount the rink got all but about \$200, a small sum being given to Yale and Harvard.

Under the coaching of Tom Howard, the ex-Eastern star, than whom no rougher player has ever played in St. Nicholas Rink, the blue septette became proficient in the fine arts used in hard checking. Although Harvard was by far the heavier team, they did not know how to use their weight to advantage. Yale played the man every time, and as a result generally came out of a rush or a scrimmage with the puck. Princeton, last year's champions, were not in the running, nor was Dartmouth. Columbia won its first game this season since the league was organized.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

E. C. H. A.

Montreal 6, Quebec 8.

Pro. League.

Toronto 10, Guelph 7.

WINNERS SATURDAY.

At New Orleans—Roseburg 11, 15 to 1, Waterway 7 to 1, Kawkana 25 to 1, Miss Highland 20 to 1, Jack Atkin 5 to 1, John Carroll 7 to 2, Juggler 1 to 2.

At Santa Anita—Light Wool 3 to 5, Colored Lady 18 to 5, Lee Harrison 13 to 1, Big Ben 13 to 5, Harster 14 to 5, Bill Bowlegs 5 to 1, County Clerk 7 to 2.

At Oakland—Towesenth 17 to 10, Royal River 3 to 1, Rube 15 to 1, Melek 4 to 5, The Mist 12 to 5, Timothy Wen 6 to 5.

CURLING.

Four rinks of curlers from the city by the straits visited this place Saturday, and were defeated by the Thistle Club curlers by 17 up.

The scores:

Thistles, Detroit.

J. E. McNeer, H. S. Scott.

R. D. McDonald, L. N. Hogarth.

W. Fulton, T. Williamson.

C. M. R. Graham, Dr. Robbins.

skip.....27 skip.....10

J. Houston, J. B. MacLaren.

W. T. Cox, A. B. Atwater.

F. R. Riddell, W. C. Duffus.

W. Govenlock, B. W. Yates.

skip.....13 skip.....16

W. W. Thomson, H. C. Corns.

W. F. Boughner, G. R. Tieble.

E. W. Glover, F. O. Wale.

J. Purdon, Robert Kerr.

skip.....14 skip.....11

J. W. McIntosh, F. S. Barlett.

C. E. Stirling, F. A. Richmond.

A. Talbot, W. E. Barie.

S. D. Swift, Robert Kay.

skip.....15 skip.....15

Total.....69 Total.....52

OLD CITY RIVALS MEET TONIGHT

The City League contests at the Princess Rink tonight promise to be the most interesting of the season.

The opening game will bring together those great old rivals, the St. Johns and the Waterloos, and judging by the way the former handed it to Varsity the other night there should be some doing.

The Varsity team will be considerably strengthened, it is said, and should keep the Hermits moving all the way to win out.

The standing of the league at present is as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Waterloos	5	1
Hermits	4	2

St. Johns 2 4
Western University 1 5

The total scores up to date, follow:

Jan. 5—Hermits 4, Waterloos 2;
Western University 3, St. Johns 2;
Jan. 13—St. Johns 1, Waterloos 2;
Western University 2, Hermits 3;
Jan. 27—St. Johns 3, Western University 2;
Waterloos 2, Hermits 1;
Jan. 31—Hermits 2, St. Johns 1;
Waterloos 3, Western University 2;
Feb. 3—Western University 2, Hermits 4;
St. Johns 6, Waterloos 6;
Feb. 17—Waterloos 6, Hermits 2;
St. Johns 3, Western University 1.

There are postponed games to be played between Western University and St. Johns, and Hermits and Waterloos.

Liberals Give Ideals Practice Game

The Liberal bowlers played a practice game on Saturday night with the ideal team for the Toronto tourney, and gave Capt. Benny Waterworth's outfit a hustle from start to finish. The Ideals won two out of the three games, but they were hustled all the way.

Reg Graham was the real bowler of the occasion, getting high single with 213 and high aggregate with 592 for the three. Capt. Ben Waterworth was right along at the finish, getting 212 for his best, and an aggregate of 555. Percy Stone was the best of the Liberals, with 555 as aggregate. Worrall bowled well all the way through, and was good. McKee and Murray had all the bad luck and were not up to their usual standard.

Scott, Dewar and Brown bowled steadily. This is the team that will

go to Toronto. Barney Connolly, one of the best, will also go with the team.

A fourth game was also played, which was won by the Liberals. Worrall was high man, with Waterworth a good second. Both bowled over 200.

The Ideals are in good shape and confident that they will do well in Toronto.

The score for the three games is as follows:

Liberals.		Ideals.	
Stone	195	192	168
Worrall	196	155	205
Brock	158	109	152
McMurphy	161	188	156
Murray	162	143	121
Totals	842	787	802-2421
Brown	123	171	190-494

Sporting Jottings From Scissors, Pen and Wire What Is Doing in Local and Foreign Athletics

The Midland aggregation is composed of good sports. They play clean hockey and are gentlemen both off and on the ice.—Stratford Beacon.

NO HOLD-UPS IN LONDON.

Ball players' hold-outs, from which the Detroit Club, with others, is suffering, are inspiring the usual amount of printed matter this winter. Always when the time comes to sign somebody refuses to come in, and always there are columns of discussion of the cases, with numerous suggestions for the future. And always the suggestions are forgotten when the hold-outs come in, and another season is started.—Detroit Free Press.

ELIMINATE ROUGH WORK.

The Ottawa Journal sees the faults of rough hockey in its true light and the sentiments in the following paragraph will be re-echoed by every true follower of the game: "Half the dirty work in hockey today is due to individuals, who urge their own team, on by such gentle remarks as 'Chop his head off,' 'Cut him down,' 'Get after him,' and numerous others not fit to print. These alleged sports should be muzzled, and made behave themselves at games or else made example of. They annoy all decent people at the match with their foul bellying, and if they acted in the same manner on the street would be taken to the lock-up for creating a disturbance. Why shouldn't the same law be enforced at hockey games?"

THE CZAR.

Starter Cassidy is declared "a czar" by the New Orleans correspondents who would hail him if he did not maintain discipline, and yet are busy with excuses and pleas for every rider that is put on the ground.—Toronto Globe.

HE PACK UP.

Geo. Richings has moved his strings of runners from the Windsor track to Sandwich, where he has a three-quarter mile track on which to get his

horses in shape for Bennings, D. C., and in the string are the well-known performers Showman, Merry George, Miss Gaiety, Etha and Dr. Kyle.—Windsor Record.

FIERCER, ISN'T IT?

More than sixty hockey players have been disciplined for various offenses at the winter tracks since last November. Since then suspended for quarter-horseman, others for rough riding, while many have been fined for insubordination and general misconduct. Even veteran riders like Dave Nicol have not escaped the wrath of the presiding officials. Nicol has been on the ground nearly all winter because of his tendency to break up starts and beat the barrier. Because of this enforced idleness Nicol has taken on so much weight that he may find it difficult to ride in the east this season. It is generally understood that every jockey who has been set down for alleged fraudulent practices will find it impossible to secure a license from the Jockey Club entitling him to ride on the eastern tracks.

WOULDN'T KEEP.

Wife—Oh, William, why are you so late? I have been so frightened.

William (who has been to his club)—Portant bishin, m'dear.

Wife—Wouldn't it keep till tomorrow?

William—No, love, not after corkish drawn.

DOPE ON "MUGGSY."

John McGraw has no fear of the "skidoo" number 23. It was on May 23, 1892, the Little Napoleon played his first game for Ned Hanlon, who developed him into a star.

Not since he won the world's championship has McGraw shown so much energy in trying to build a winner in New York. He is making up for his listlessness of last season.

Mrs. Noah Brusco, wife of the pugilistic champion, is in Preston, visiting her mother, Mrs. Coleman.

BASEBALL SQUIDS.

Toronto has failed to get Jud Casey from Brooklyn. Newark is now making a play for him.

Donohue, a brother of the White Sox first baseman, will be tried behind the bat by Jim McGuire.

Spike Shannon is not a toppy batsman, but McGraw knew him because of his run-getting ability.

Jim McGuire says that Charley Buffington was the first spit-baller. The deacon used to catch Buff in Philadelphia.

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OH, FUDGE.

It is charged that the games in the Manhattan three-club pro league have been fixed to enable the teams to tie up the series to secure more gate receipts. The sport has been getting many a black eye in the west.—Berlin Telegraph.

DOWN AND OUT.

Preston hockeyists were overwhelmingly defeated in London, and as a result are out of the championship running for this year.

The boys did not arrive in London until 9 o'clock and were obliged to go on the ice without supper. The ice had not been flooded in the afternoon and making the going very heavy. The Preston seven soon played out and the games was all London. Bowman, R. Rahn and Bernhard played well.—Galt Reformer.

THE FITTING VEHICLE.

"I met my tailor out sleighing, and he looked sporty, I tell you, in his new sleigh."

"Well, of all vehicles where could a tailor find a fitter one than a good cutter?"—Baltimore American.

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