

# THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

## Gossip and Comment

The announcement in the Toronto papers that Frank Elmore's sporting club will promote a \$3,000 Canadian Marathon Derby on May 1, will cause a stir in running circles. The race will no doubt attract nearly all the best of the native pro. gallopers, and should be a big success. Just how Tom Flanagan, the daddy of real road racing in the Queen City, will feel about this proposition, will not be hard to guess. But Mr. Flanagan has himself largely to blame for this "playing one paper." Promoters should play to favorites.

Perhaps the B. C. and the Nationals can get the two Brantford franchises in the Brantford-Hamilton-Scarboro League.

The following story comes from New York:

Thomas W. Ryley left Fleischman's Baths last Sunday morning, and on his way through Forty-second street stopped in a restaurant for a bite. He had a big bundle of Sunday papers under his arm, and seating himself at a table, gave his order to a waiter.

"Bring me three minutes," he said, "and I will be ready."

In a moment the waiter was back, and, standing by Ryley, was perusing the papers over his customer's shoulder.

Amused at this, Ryley looked up to reproach him, when the waiter said: "Did you see who won the big Marathon yesterday?"

"Yes, some Frenchman—St. Yves or some such name."

"Yes, that's right. But did you know that a year ago he was a waiter, just like me, only he worked in the Hotel Cecil in London?"

"Is that so?" said Tom.

"Yes, indeed, and the way they found out that he was so swift was this: An American sporting gentleman—I think his name was Harry Pollock—went to his table and ordered the identical same order you just gave me. Three eggs, three minutes, and he brought them in two."

Here's some red hot information from the Toronto World:

Hamilton is raising a howl on behalf of Albert Edwards in connection with the championships. The Hamiltons had made his entry all right and appeared at the rink on first night, but declared that he had cramps and was unable to go on, stating that he would be ready the following night, when, however, he failed to show up, and there the matter ended until Secretary Crow yesterday received an alleged complaint by letter.

This was the reason Hamilton came to getting a man to start in the championships, though they are having a tournament April 23 and 24 in their armory, open to registered amateurs, and they're looking, too, for some of Toronto's good boxes.

Ted Banks, the heavyweight, who was disqualified and suspended for stalling the second round in his bout with Henderson last Saturday night, insists that he would have cut loose in the third and won all the money. This statement looks good if some one could explain why even money was offered in the first round in profusion against Banks' chances.

All of which is a reminder of a recent local wrestling bout between Rogers and the Arabian Turk, when the good thing gambled got away with the coin. It was given out before his show that Rogers was to quit hurt, and even after he won the first fall the wise coterie were around with Abdallah money. Then sure enough the Turk put his man out with a trick bit from the cartilage. This, however, did not prevent Rogers wrestling just seven days later in Hamilton.

Hugh D. McIntosh says that if he cannot induce Jeffries to fight Johnson, he will offer \$50,000 for a match between Johnson and "some other good white man," to be decided in Australia. McIntosh does not think that Ketchel would have a chance with the negro.

Harry Rosenthal, Toronto's Sol Mintz, has gone to Deseronto, where he hopes to find a second Longboat to try for first money in the Canadian Marathon Derby to be run at Haanlan's Point on May 1st.

## M'MICHAEL AND CRISPEN AGAIN.

George Crispin, of London, who was defeated by Willie MacMichael, of this city, will have an opportunity to regain his lost laurels at the Britannia Rink on Friday night in a mile race. Crispin had many excuses to make after the last race and claimed that he was not in condition, but he is now training hard and result may be different. Willie MacMichael can be depended upon to give Crispin a hard race and if MacMichael loses Crispin will have to do the mile in record time.

## SOCCER GAMES OVER HOME.

London, April 14.—(C.A.P.)—Yesterday's chief football fixtures resulted as follows:

The League—First Division.

Notts County... 0 Manchester U... 1  
Bristol City... 1 Blackburn R... 2  
Manchester City 1 Notts Forest... 0

The League—Second Division.

Barnsley... 2 Burnley... 1  
Clapton Orient... 4 Leeds City... 1

Southern League.

Coventry... 5 Portsmouth... 3  
Northampton... 3 Millwall... 1  
Southend... 2 Plymouth A... 2

Mr. R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, is still at Atlantic City, and will not return to Ottawa for a few days yet. Mr. Borden is suffering from nervousness, brought on by overwork and stress of public life.

The severance of the arrangement between the Canadian Lake & Ocean Navigation Co. and the Canadian Lake Transportation Co. is reported.

## KAUFMAN WILL NOT DO

He Failed to Stop Tony Ross.

Fast Ten Round Bout At New York.

Gotch and Mahmout Meet To-night.

New York, April 14.—With Jack Johnson at the ringside Al Kaufman, who has been challenging the negro for several weeks failed to stop Tony Ross, the Italian heavyweight in a ten-round bout at the Fairmont A. C. last night. Kaufman handed out a severe beating to his antagonist, but he was so slow in his attack that he lost several chances to score a knockout.

Ross had a great punch in either hand and was as game as they make them. In the fourth round he staggered Kaufman with a right hand smash on the jaw and in the fifth he sent Kaufman reeling into the ropes with similar wallops, but Kaufman came back quickly to meet one who the referee had Ross in trouble at the end of that round. After that Ross took a terrific beating.

In the ninth round he was knocked down twice, but Kaufman, though he did his level best, could not put him away. Ross was full of fight up to the final bell, but he would surely have been stopped in a longer bout.

Kaufman's lack of aggressiveness was his chief fault. He showed that he could take punishment and come back, also that he could hit with powerful effect, but until he shows speed in his attack he would not have any chance with Johnson or Ketchel, it was declared.

Jim Coffey, of Colma, Cal., was a spectator. He had nothing to say about the outcome of the bout, but he did say that while he had no signatures to a contract he was sure would secure a match between Johnson and Ketchel, to take place some time after the first of next October.

Four preliminaries of four rounds each preceded the semifinals and main bouts. All of these went the limit except one in which Chick Murray and Billy Lacy stopped at the close of the second round.

Willie Sullivan and Tommy Furey met in the semifinals but scheduled for six rounds. Furey did most of the work and a decision in his favor would have been welcomed by the members.

No time was lost in getting Kaufman and Ross together, and the former showed quickly by left jabs and a heavy right that he had his man's measure taken. Kaufman was cool and deliberate in measuring his blows, but the only telling blow Ross sent back was a right swing on the side of the head. The fight was easily Kaufman's round.

In the second round Ross rushed, but he was stopped by three left jabs, which drew blood from the nose. Tony bowed in with a hard left to the body and took a left smash on the face in return. Ross bulled toward the end of the round, but Kaufman was master by a small margin at the bell.

The third round he sent Ross willing and facing the issue. He sent two rights to the head, getting bad blows in return and a hard left face, which made the blood spurt again from the nose.

Kaufman was by far the better general in this round.

Left and right to the face were the blows Kaufman opened the fourth round with. Ross plugged for the wind, but he took many a blow in his face, one of which split his lip. There was no question of the Italian's gameness, but he was outpointed.

At close quarters in the fifth round Kaufman had the better of any changes, but Ross, rushing with left and right to the head, forced the Californian twice to the ropes. In a clinch Kaufman pummeled hard on the body, but Ross was about even.

Kaufman missed several blows in the sixth, but in every clinch he was the better punisher. Two hard lefts to the body by Ross steadied the big fellow, and honors were even at the bell.

In the seventh round Kaufman led the left twice to the face, opening a gash over Ross' right eye. Tony plugged for the body, landing effectively, but the big fellow beat him off at long range work. Kaufman's round by a small margin.

Kaufman sent left, right and left, in quick succession, to Ross' face in the eighth, but he allowed the Italian too much time to recruit. Tony sent a hard left to Kaufman's jaw, but suffered a member later as Kaufman was on top of him all the time, forcing him to the ropes and doing all the leading.

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In opening the ninth round Kaufman depended on left jabs to the face and then sent Ross to the floor for eight seconds with a left hook to the jaw. Ross came up quickly and was soon gagging around the ring from a concussion of right and left smashes to the stomach. Kaufman missed a great right swing for the head a second before the bell rang.

Ross hugged at the beginning of the tenth, taking many a punch before he got in a left smash to the face. Kaufman was seemingly unable to measure his blows and was wild in his attempted blows for a knockout, but was the stronger by far at the finish, winning easily on points.

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Daniels withdraws from aquatic sports in the zenith of his career with a brilliant future lurking in him. His latest feat, in Pittsburgh, when he lowered Barney Kieran's 220-yard record of 2 minutes 28 2/5 seconds, was a demonstration that he is but coming to his full power.

With his ever-increasing speed there is no telling what the young champion might do were he to continue swimming.

The record he is proudest of: 100 yards in 55 2/5 seconds, 120 yards in 1 minute and 10 seconds, 150 yards in 1 minute and 32 2/5 seconds, and the 220 yards in 2 minutes 28 2/5 seconds, are so superior to anything any other swimmer has accomplished, that it is hard to say what his limitations are.

When Daniels entered the field our swimmers were the joke of Europe.

To-day we have to our credit many world's records, and we vie with the best in tests of speed and endurance. And we owe much to the quiet, unassuming Daniels. He it was who led the invasion of Great Britain alone and unsupported, and his persistence resulted in the capturing of the most valued championship in England, the 100-yard event.

Daniels is 25, and if he can be induced to reconsider his determination, has several good seasons ahead of him.

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## "JUDGE" NELSON TALKS ON THE KING'S PLATE.

Francis Nelson, writing in the Toronto Globe, says:

Ante-post speculation on the King's Plate, in spite of—or perhaps because of—the publicity the newspapers give to the preparation of the candidates, has dwindled, year by year, until it has become practically nil. Of course, there are few of the entries without admirers, for in no field of human activity is there more optimism than on the turf, but all systematic support of the favorites has disappeared, and has no existence. One man who regularly made a "winter" book on the Plate, is reported as saying that only once did it show a winning balance for him. That was three hundred dollars, while he declares that his losses aggregated a very large sum in all the other years. If a man could make a book every year on the Plate, and get a steady "paw," he declared, "he would soon be broke. I don't care how large his bankroll. The public knows as much as any bookmaker about the horses, and as a smart man as he is backing the ones he is laying against. Too much publicity has been good for the public, and proportionately bad for the layer. The attention and protection of the papers have put the winter book on the plate out of business."

The track at Woodbine was good enough for breezing yesterday a few furlongs at two-minute speed, and should be in prime order very soon after the present rain passes. The frost did not go deep into the ground, and winter, which was far from severe one. But the factor that bears considerably on the prospect of a good early track is the fact that the level of Lake Ontario is more than 20 inches lower than March last year. The water level, being largely made land at low level, rises only slowly when the lake is high.

Favorable weather and a good track are the conditions reported from Windsor, where the Valley Farm horses are doing their spring workout. The chance of the pair is the four-year-old Shimonov, who was second last year, and with a competent rider would have won. She is no doubt the first horse to run in the Plate that had already won as much as \$1,700 on the track. That was her record last year in five races, in all of which she finished second, and is still eligible for the Plate as a non-winner. Sent raced as a two-year-old, but went wrong and had a year's rest, coming back for a trial in the Plate as a four-year-old. The string will remain at Windsor for some time yet.

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