

Baseball Magnates at Cincinnati

Note and Comment

To-night Toronto's curling champion, ship begins. There are eighty-nine teams entered in the first round of the preliminary matches on Friday night. The first round on Friday night will reduce the number to thirty-two. The survivors will take a well-earned rest on Saturday, and should be in fine fettle for the second round on Monday when they will play down to the sixteen. These curl down to the eight on Tuesday and to the four on Wednesday, providing the present cold spell holds out, you will know who are in the semi-finals.

A real stellar contest is billed for Friday night in the first round between Rev. R. N. Burns and H. H. Chisholm. The latter is the champion, and, of course, has class, while the sportsman came to Toronto from Brampton on many occasions, and finally with a considerable reputation. This match should be worth going to Parkdale to view.

Other matches worthy of anticipation are H. T. Wilson v. J. P. Rogers, C. Bulley v. G. H. Muntz, R. Rennie v. J. J. Glover and T. Rennie v. A. J. Carnegie.

Halifax beat the Scotchmen fourteen shots for the Strathcona Cup, and taking this into consideration, with the fact that the tourists have given up their test matches in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg, the trophy is in little danger of leaving Canada, but forgetting their ability or inability to perform with the rocks in Montreal.

Doc Hordern was a mystery and a curiosity when he performed with the Quaker cricketers against Toronto on the Varsity campus three years ago. His "goofy" delivery was described here at the time as the chief reason for the fact that the ball comes out of the hand slow and backwards with a phenomenal twist.

Hordern was the hero of the first test match on the present tour of the M.C.C. team to Australia, taking twelve wickets with his deadly "goofy". The match extended into the sixth day, and resulted in a victory for Australia by 146 runs. The full score and analysis in the first innings he took two wickets for 12 runs, and in the second seven for 80. Six bowlers were used, but Hordern's work was the only outstanding feature.

"Goofy" however, but can put in a very effective fast ball, and vary his pace as he wishes without changing his delivery. He can easily bowl a ball either from leg or off the foot, and the batsman must watch every ball most carefully. Besides being a good bowler, he is a good all-round cricketer, being very smart on the field and a fair bat. In the test match referred to he got 17, not out, in the first, and 18 in the second.

GOSSIP OF THE FIGHTERS

Personal Club Bout Tonight in Agnes-Street-Heavyweights. Buz.

The Personal A. C. have a good card for to-night in the Agnes-Street Theatre. All the men are reported here and in good condition. The card is as follows:

Averett v. Adams, eight rounds (Philadelphia), ten rounds at 165 pounds.

Men weigh in at three o'clock this afternoon at the Personal Club quarters, Room W., Yonge-street Arcade, where reserved seats and membership cards can be obtained. The show will start at 8:30, and the bouts will be staged in the above order.

Tom Flanagan wired his partner, Tim O'Rourke, at the Grand Central Hotel last night, that he had definitely fixed in Chicago yesterday for the heavyweight battle here on Jan. 17 between Jim Flynn and Al. Kubik.

Carl Morris fights Al Morris at the Olympic Club here in a near future. The winner is promised a match with Bombardeo Wells, also in Toronto.

The Riverside A. C. will put on four six-round professional bouts next Monday, when such good boys as Tuckwell, Carr, Barrett, Crompton, McCracken, Sturch, Christie and a couple of good heavies will provide the night's entertainment.

"I'm going to fight Sam McVey in Paris on the 25th of the month. I'll fight him some time before that, either in New York or Nevada."

Champion Jack Johnson at Chicago yesterday, thus outlined the pugilistic situation of the future, so far as the heavyweight championship is concerned.

There has been so much staff publication, it is hard to believe that continued Johnson. "And I want to straighten it up. Every manager of a fighter who, by the end of the fight, has a reputation, might be called a heavyweight, has been seeking publicity for his man by a lot of talk about a match with Johnson."

"Johnson has two matches coming—the two I named, and I think there are more, I will announce them."

The champion said the McVey articles would be signed in legal form to-morrow, and that the Flynn contracts would be signed soon after.

SIDELIGHTS.
The travelers and the store employees of the J. F. Harts Co. held a tournament at the Dominion alleys last night. The drummers won three in a row. T. Dugan with 499 was high.

Maxwell won his match fixture with Armstrong by 128 pins on the round.

Joe West is willing to back Armstrong for a return match with Maxwell for any part of \$200. The conditions to be the same as was originally made for the match last night. If this is the favorable to Maxwell West will take Armstrong strong up to Ingersoll and let them roll 9 games in a row.

Douglas Bros. won three games by default from Whelan, center; McKay, right wing, Ronan (Darragh); left wing, Kerr.

Quebec (4) Goal, Morane; point, Hall; cover, Brown; center, McKay; right wing, McDonald; left wing, Oatman. Referee: C. McNamara. Judge of play: Ernie Butterworth.

PERSONAL CLUB
BOXING
YOUNG NITCHE v. SPIKE KELLY
10 rounds at 145 lbs.
RUBE MAY v. ALP PALMER
8 rounds at 145 lbs.
THURS. NIGHT, AGNES ST. THEATRE
Two good preliminaries. Reserved seats and membership cards. George B. Hickey, Room W., Yonge St. Arcade.

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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Major and Minor Baseball Magnates Are in Session at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 3.—After almost a week of investigation the National Baseball Commission, which met here to-day, has reached a decision in the "ticket-scalping" scandal involving the last world's series at Yankee Stadium and a finding will be handed down by the end of the week. The commission, however, has decided that the matter should be referred to the courts for a final decision. The reason assigned for this is that the commission will be voluminous and requires considerable care in its composition.

Chairman Augustus E. President Thomas Lynch of the National League and President Dan B. Johnson of the American League, who were present, will be in session to-day and to-morrow.

Minor league men from all parts of the country have been waiting for an opportunity to appear before the commission and give their views on the changes in the national league agreement, but all are anxious to hear the minor and allow them to wind their way home, and have not yet appeared.

At 4:30 o'clock this evening they were notified that the commission would hear them at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Barney Dreyfus, representing the National League, and President Johnson of the American League met for about the minutes during the afternoon session and signed up the schedules of their respective leagues.

Both announced that no information regarding the schedules would be given until the meetings of the leagues in February.

While the big leagues were doing all in their power to make baseball history, the minor leagues were making themselves.

The Central League held a meeting and decided upon a twelve-city circuit for next season. The league will consist of Port Wayne, Wheeling, South Bend, Gary, Hammond, Terre Haute and Grand Rapids of the league of last year.

Springfield, Ohio, of the Ohio State League, will enter in place of Evansville, Ind. Besides minor league teams, Akron, Youngstown, Canton, Ohio, and Erie, Pa., of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Leagues, will join the Central League.

This will leave Mansfield of the Central League by itself, and it is said that it will be taken care of before the season opens.

To improve the National Commission will take up the revision of the national agreement and it is a foregone conclusion that the league will be re-organized, which will be granted, a special classification known as Class A, which will include the Pacific Coast League, the American Association and the International League, will be created.

Many of the minor league men, who before the commission to-morrow, but it is expected that the annual meeting will adjourn before to-morrow morning.

That the game of baseball has grown to an enormous extent was shown in the eighth annual report of Chairman Augustus E. President Thomas Lynch of the National Association of its secretary.

Many cases are now pending before the commission, but with the exception of the Bresnahan-Murphy case and the petition to create a Class A League, none of them is of an important nature.

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Hockey Games Scheduled To-day

O.H.A.—Intermediate—
Apr at Wellesley.
Mitchell at Seaford.
Strathroy at Sarnia.
Junior—
Cobourg at Peterboro.
Port Hope at Lindsay.
Oshawa at Whitby.
Berlin at Preston.
M.T.M.—
Junior—District B—
St. Pauls at Elm.
Eaton Memorial at N. Parkdale.

Hockey Results

O. H. A.—
Intermediate—
Eaton Memorial at N. Parkdale.
Argonauts 7, Maple Leafs 4.
Midland 7, Orilla 0.
Preston 9, Berlin 0.
Markham 12, Cannington 7.
T. C. C. 30, Stratford 4.
Seaford 3, Brampton 4.
Listowel 1, Chesley 3.
Wartown 8, Chesley 3.
N. H. A.—
Wanderers 5, Canadiens 0.
Ottawa 5, Quebec 0.

Hockey Gossip

Practice hours at the Excelsior Rink for to-day are as follows: 8 to 9—McMaster. 7 to 8—Eaton. 8 to 9—Argonauts.

Lourdes and Argonauts play a Junior O.H.A. game at the Excelsior Rink on Friday night, starting at 8:15.

On Saturday night at the Excelsior Rink, the Argonauts will play the Senior O.H.A. game, starting at 8:15. Plan opens Friday morning at 189 Yonge-street.

T.A.A.C. will have a bus at the corner of Keele and Dundas-streets at 4:45 this afternoon to take the players to Ravina Rink, where the teams will practice at 5 o'clock. The bus will also look at the same corner at 7:40 to look after the junior players.

Grover Sargent, the former Montreal player, is turning out with T.A.A.C. and will play against Eaton on Saturday night.

Ted Whalen, who played on the Toronto-Rolling Club defence, will most likely play for T.A.A.C. on Saturday night. Whalen is doing hard for a position on the team.

T.A.A.C. are well provided with goal-tenders, the latest one being Vic McGiffin, who played last winter for the Toronto-Rolling Club. McGiffin is a goal-keeper, and was considered the best goal-keeper in the city. McGiffin is also available for net guards.

Practice hours this evening at Ravina are as follows: 8:15 to 9—A.C.C. 7 to 7:45—Parkdale.

Dion and Lockhart were out to practice on Friday night between Stratford and the seniors were also out.

Upper Canada, St. Andrews and Varsity juniors all had good practices at the Excelsior Rink yesterday afternoon.

E. J. Dopp, vovener for the eastern Inter-Association League, has called a meeting of the four clubs to-day at 4 o'clock sharp in the Boys' Club, Central Y.M.C.A.

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EATONS A WINNER ALSO THE ARGONAUTS

Two Intermediate O. H. A. Games Decided on Local Ice—
Other Games.

The first intermediate O.H.A. game of the season was played at the Excelsior Rink between Eaton and Roscoe and resulted in a win for the former by 10-1, with half-time score 10-1.

It was Roscoe, who represent at O.H.A. hockey and while they were beaten, they will improve the next time out, as it was practically a new team.

Eaton has certainly gathered together an exceptionally fast intermediate team and they will take a lot of beating this winter. Smith at centre, who came from Collingwood, was certainly the star of the night. Drumm, who was played at rover, was also good, and it was the scoring ability of this pair that made the count read so many.

Both teams had a number of enthusiastic players and the games in future should be interesting battles, as undoubtedly the teams will both be strengthened.

Argonauts (6)—W. H. Rowles, goal; Pete Reesor, point; W. Flury, cover; H. Brown, centre; H. Smith, centre; H. Lapp, right wing; H. Moffat, left wing; Roscoe (3)—E. Boleson, goal; D. L. Bell, point; Gordon Honsberger, cover; B. Allen, rover; B. L. Walsh, centre; C. Christie, right wing; L. H. Clark, left wing.

Argonauts 7, Maple Leafs 4.
Argonauts won their first Intermediate O.H.A. game of the season from the West Toronto Maple Leafs by 7 to 4 at the Excelsior Rink on Friday night.

The game was a close one, but Argonauts were victorious in the end. The line-up:

Argonauts (7)—Goal, Adams; point, Cameron; right wing, Adams; left wing, Gordon.

Boston Defeated Ottawa College.
BOSTON, Jan. 3.—The Boston Athletic Association hockey team defeated the Ottawa University, 4 to 3 in an overtime game to-night.

Listowel Lands the Open.
LISTOWELL, Jan. 3.—The first Northern League hockey match played here this season took place to-night between Listowel and Stratford, and resulted in a win for Listowel by a score of 3 to 2.

Stratford were playing their first match, and were defeated by Listowel, who were playing their first match.

The line-up:

Listowel (3)—Goal, Stinkham; point, Wilson; right wing, Schindler; left wing, Gibson.

Stratford (4)—Goal, Munde; point, Whitmore; cover, Black; rover, Ward; centre, Ward; right wing, D. Ward; left wing, D. Ward.

Referee: W. Horn of Stratford.

Seaford in the Last Minute.
SEAFORD, Jan. 3.—Seaford juniors to-night defeated the locals in the opening O.H.A. game by goals to goals in the last minute of the game.

The game was unusually fast and clean, and was a very satisfactory exhibition of hockey.

The line-up:

Seaford (5)—Goal, Hayes; point, Richards; cover, Reid; rover, Burt; centre, V. D. Wright; right wing, Porter; left wing, O. Dick.

Referee: Allan Kinder of Preston.

Van Horn Goes to Calgary.
PMBROOK, Jan. 3.—George Vanhorn, well-known hockey player, who figures on the champion 141st Regiment team of Kingston for years, left for Calgary.

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Scots Beaten At Halifax

Scots 14 Shots Down First Game at Halifax For Strathcona Cup

HALIFAX, Jan. 3.—The Scottish curlers made a good fight of it in the first test match for the Strathcona Cup, which took place to-day, and came within four points of making a tie with the Nova Scotia team. The score was 10 shots for the Nova Scotia curlers to 8 made by Scottish. Ice conditions were only fair.

In the forenoon the surface was keen and hard, but during the afternoon the ice became soft, and there was not much chance for scientific play. As Secretary Blair of the Scottish team remarked, it was "a fair day's work."

Six shots were made, and five of them went down to defeat.

The only victorious rink among the Scotsmen was that from Renfrewshire, which disposed of Amherst, 37 to 8.

The Strathcona Cup will stand in the name of Canada, if the aggregate score made in Halifax exceeds the aggregate to be made by the Scottish curlers in the test matches in those cities.

To-morrow the friendly rivalry between the Scotsmen and Nova Scotia will be continued after which the visitors proceed to St. John.

Col. Robertson-Algiman, captain of the Scottish team, says to New Glasgow to-morrow morning to place two wreaths on the grave of the late Governor Fraser, who was a member of the Canadian team that went to Scotland two years ago. One wreath is sent by Lord Lovat, and the other by John McLean, a farmer at Beasley, where the governor's ancestors had their home.

The afternoon scores were:

Amherst v. Renfrewshire, 37 to 8.
Dunfermline v. Glasgow, 12 to 10.
Glasgow v. Perth, 12 to 10.
Perth v. Dundee, 12 to 10.

The Irish and Dutch.
Dutch—
Huck 13, 12 to 10.
Z. Zeeman 13, 12 to 10.
J. Zeeman 13, 12 to 10.
C. Zeeman 13, 12 to 10.

Athenaeum Individual League.
The first individual bowling of the season took place yesterday afternoon in the Athenaeum Club. The Athenaeum Club has a record of 1000 pins in 10 games.

Bill McMillan hooked up with Bill Stringer. Mac set a dizzy pace right from the start, putting in 225 in the first ball and finished up with a 225 count, giving him the record for five straight games.

The Royal put up one of their best games of the season, and never had him look in, being beaten 325 pins on the total. Following are the scores:

W. McMillan 225, 225, 225, 225, 225.
E. Sutherland 225, 225, 225, 225, 225.

Central League.
Riversdale dropped three to the Fishing Club in the Central League last night.

Fishing Club.
King 13, 12 to 10.
Trenwith 13, 12 to 10.
J. Sutherland 13, 12 to 10.
G. Easton 13, 12 to 10.

Hermis Goes to France.
NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Edmond Blanc, one of the foremost breeders and turfmen of France, has purchased the American horse, Hermis, from Henry Ziegler. The terms of the sale have not been made public, but the son of Hermis, a colt of the West, was bought to succeed Flying Fox, at the head of the big French stud, and it is known that Hermis was paid, probably nearly as much as the \$100,000 which Blanc gave for Flying Fox.

Miller Signs Boston Contract.
BOSTON, Jan. 3.—At a meeting of the Boston National League, James Connelley was elected vice-president. Connelley is one of the oldest stockholders and has been a director of the club for many years.

A manager for the team will be named before Friday of this week. It was stated that the man to take the place of Fred Tenney will be John King, the belief of local ball followers.

During the coming week the papers whereby James E. Gaffney will become the legal owner of the team will be passed.

Dr. Miller, the right-fielder, whose batting last season proved one of the sensations of the National League, signed his contract for next season with the local team to-day.

Lourdes' Line-up.
The Lourdes team against Argos on Friday night will be as follows: Goal, Connelley; cover, Connelley; centre, Connelley; wings, Connelley.

Canoe Club Easy Winners.
Toronto Canoe Club made a good start in the junior series by giving Brampton a 5-to-0 victory. The wall-papers, which were in the hands of the club, were taken down in the last minute of the game.

Three new men are wearing Canoe Club sweaters this season. Deep of last year's Sirocco is no longer down the left wing-position. Murray, last year with Rosedale, is at right wing, and Clarke of Collingwood is in goal.

Markham Wins From Cannington.
CANNINGTON, Jan. 3.—The hockey match between Markham and Cannington resulted in a score of 12 to 7 in favor of Markham.

Markham (12)—Goal, Summerfield; point, Glenn; cover, Day; left wing, Sanderson; right wing, Robb.

Cannington (7)—Goal, G. H. Halward; point, Payne; cover, Becroft; left wing, Hodgen; right wing, Fred Halward.

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