

SPORTING NEWS

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EASTERNERS WERE EASY FOR THE FAST ALERTS.

The Local Boys Put It All Over the Montreals at the Cricket Grounds on Saturday Afternoon—Hamilton Has Still a Chance to Cop One Championship.

The Alerts defeated the Montreal juniors on Saturday afternoon at the Cricket Grounds by a score of 20 to 1, and are now qualified to meet the St. Michaels, of Toronto, for the junior championship of Canada.

The Montreal team, accompanied by Chaucer Elliott, the well-known football coach, who has been coaching the team for some time, and a few followers, arrived Saturday morning, travelling on the same train with the R. M. C., who played Dundas.

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In the first few minutes of play the Alerts started to roll up a score, and continued until the whistle blew. The losers tried hard to score, but their efforts were in vain against the fast Alerts.

During the latter part of the game, when defeat looked almost certain, the visitors tried to mix things up, but they found the Alerts tough customers to deal with, and it can safely be said they got the worst of the deal.

On the wing line the Alerts had little if anything on the Montreals, but there was no comparison between the opposing back divisions. In this department "punk" is the only word that fitly describes the work of the visitors, while

the local quartette put up a brilliant exhibition throughout the game. They caught splendidly, and punted in grand style. They pulled off some sensational runs, and were well up in combination work. The Alerts backed each other up and what few mistakes they made were not costly. The Alerts' wing line is reputed to be the best in Canada, that is in the junior class, and they certainly showed class on Saturday. Although well blocked, they bucked effectively, and made big gains at line plunging. Their tackling left little to be desired, getting their men low and bringing them down hard.

In a sentence, the Montreals were simply outclassed. They used a lot of Chaucer Elliott's puzlers, but without effect. Neither bucking nor end runs netted them any gain, and they were kept mostly on the defensive.

The Alerts have been practising faithfully for some time, and worked to win. They have developed team work, and they are not fast enough to play any junior team in Hamilton.

The best man on the field was Carr. His zig-zag runs resulted in big gains, and the Montreals found him a very hard man to bring down. Fickley, while not as good at running, did some great punting, having it on his opponents by a big margin. On the wing line Bleakley and Tyce did the best work. The Montreal team was either away off color or they are not fast enough to play any junior team in Hamilton.

The teams lined up as follows: Montreal—Garland, full back; Common, McPherson and Drew, half-backs; Gammell, quarter-back; Prince, Ingram and Hamilton, scrum-mage; Smeaton, Derrow, Gilmore, Putnam, Moodie, Johnson, wings.

A. G. Fickley, full back; Carr, Ireland and Murhead, half-backs; McCarty, quarter-back; C. Fickley, Spence and TenEyck, scrum-mage; Havers, Graham, Snyder, Cherrier, Bleakley and Tyce, wings.

WESTINGHOUSE WON SEMI-FINAL

Defeating the Stratford Soccer Team by a Score of 8 to 1—Big Crowd Saw the Game, Which Was Interesting.

The winners of the Hamilton Senior Soccer League—the Westinghouse team—look like the winners of the Ontario soccer championship, for in Saturday's semi-final game with the Stratford team they had everything their own way, playing a brand of football far superior to that of the Stratford team, and winning by a score of 8-1. Although the Stratford team showed good form in the first half, it did not take the local team long to size them up and take their measure. The final game will be played next Saturday between the Westinghouse and the winners of the Varsity-Toronto Thistles Saturday game. If the Toronto team wish to make a showing they will have to go some to make an impression on the Westinghouse team, for they play well and are confident of winning the pennant.

In Saturday's game the Westinghouse had a walk-away from the Stratford team, and scored eight goals to their opponents' line. When the play started it appeared as though the teams were about evenly matched, but after a few minutes' play the Westinghouse had an opportunity to score, and availed themselves of it. The Stratford team came back, however, and managed to keep the ball in close proximity to the Westinghouse goal until a chance occurred for a score and they tallied. Score 1-1. The teams steadied down and the play became more scientific, the Westinghouse, if anything, playing the best combination, while the outsiders carried off a few good individual plays, which gained them ground, but availed them little, for the Westinghouse gradually drove them back, and just before the half-time whistle sounded added another goal, making the score 2-1, favor of Westinghouse. No other scores were made during the first half.

In the second half the Westinghouse simply romped all around the Stratford team, and were able to add six goals to their score. When the ball was put in motion they started in. The Stratford team were outclassed in every way, but kept cool and played well against such an aggregation. The Westinghouse for the most part kept the play on Stratford's ground, but the defence of the latter team for the first part of the second half kept them from scoring. Wilson finally secured a chance, and made good. Score, 3-1. The Stratfords were not quite so strong as during the first half and gave away readily to the Westinghouse, and kept up more of a defence game, which kept the score down. The Westinghouse, however, were not to be kept down, and Thomas soon found another opening, and a goal was added. Score, 4-1. Wands was the next Westinghouse player to distinguish himself by picking an opening in the Stratford bunch, and he also secured a goal. Score, 5-1. Before full time Thomas was able to kick two goals and Wilson added another, making the final score 8-1, favor of Westinghouse.

The line-up of the Westinghouse team was as follows: Tongou, goal; H. Thoms and B. Thoms, full backs; J. Gillespie, J. Newton and J. Hunter, half-backs; J. Wands, G. White, A. Thoms, R. Wands and S. Wilson, forwards.

So many surprises have been sprung in football circles this season that it is getting dangerous to dope out winners. The facts were given another surprise on Saturday afternoon, and this time it was in a junior league. The winners of the two church leagues, which are composed of senior and junior teams, played at the asylum grounds on Saturday afternoon, and the unexpected happened. The Junior League team defeated the Senior by a score of 3-2. The two teams have been boasting about their ability, until it was finally decided to play the game. The Erskines are the winners of the Junior League, while the First Methodist team won the championship of the Senior League. Even the Erskines supporters admitted they did not have a chance, as did Billy Monck, the Erskines' manager, who is now going to give the team an oyster supper.

The game was a good exhibition from the start, the Erskines scoring their only point near the end of the game, when they secured a try. The Erskine boys played the best game, but the First Methodists were off color. They did not show their usual form, and seemed to be suffering from stage fright. They lacked everything a champion should have, besides they were not in condition. Becker, of the Erskines, played a sensational game, outpacing everybody on the field. Vicky and Lawry also did some good work.

NEW YORK HERALD MAKES A BIG DISPLAY.

Devotes a Page of Its Sunday Paper to Tiger-Ottawa Game, Including Picture of the Jungle Kings.

The following despatches were clipped from a page of matter run by the New York Herald regarding the Tiger-Ottawa exhibition game next Saturday:

For the purpose of playing an exhibition game of Canadian Rugby football in New York city the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association and the Hamilton Tigers have accepted an invitation from the Herald.

They will meet at Van Cortlandt Park, New York city, Saturday, December 11. These teams are two of the best in Canada and are capable of demonstrating the best features of Canadian Rugby, which is fast and vigorous without being as dangerous as the American collegiate game.

The widest interest is felt in Canada in the status of American football. The large list of deaths and casualties marking the season just closed in the United States has aroused anxiety here lest the American game should fall into disfavor. Canada is devoted to football. Its colleges and its cities maintain football teams which play a much longer season than the American teams, but which suffer nothing like the number of broken bones recorded in the States. The Canadians confidently believe their game superior both as a sport and as a spectacle. The latter advantage would seem to be attested by the fact that the Canadian public is able to understand and follow the game just as the American public comprehends and follows baseball.

The Ottawa team holds the provincial championship of Canada. Hamilton is the second team in the Ontario Rugby Football Union. Both teams have held the Canadian championships frequently during the past. They are supported by amateur athletic organizations and play match games in all kinds of sports with the great universities of the Dominion. They have tremendous followings in their respective homes, which are red hot sporting centres.

The past football season in Canada has proven the most interesting and successful in the history of the game in the Dominion, and the exhibition match which the Ottawa and Hamilton teams are to play in New York next week will come as a climax to a remarkable series of games between the Canadian teams. With a view of impressing upon the minds of New York people the advantages to be derived from adopting part if not all of the Canadian rules, the Herald has arranged to bring two of the best teams in the Dominion together.

Five years ago football was on the decline in Canada. The close formation of the scrum-mage, on account of the faulty rules, which allowed one team to hold the ball for hours if they wanted to and the scrapping between the rival wings, brought the game down to a low ebb. People grew tired of sitting and watching players struggling together in a massive pile. There was little spectacular about the play, and slowly but surely Rugby was sinking.

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Eventually the demands for a change induced the officers of the Canadian Football Union to consider a proposition to alter the rules. It was decided to keep the scrum-mage and wing men five feet apart and to prohibit scrapping. A rule was also enforced making it necessary for the team having possession of the ball to gain ten yards on three downs, failing in which they must lose possession. Tacklers were ordered to give men catching the ball three yards in which to do so, and the flying wing was done away with, thus limiting the teams to fourteen men each.

And what was the result? Immediately play became more spectacular, the scrapping ceased and football became more popular than ever before. Now the Canadian game is more open than ever. There is more kicking, more running, a greater amount of tackling and science. Trick plays abound, signal work

Basketball.

There was one game in the 125-pound Church League and one in the 135-pound League played on Saturday night at Central Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

In the 125-pound League St. Andrew's showed they were to be contestants for the leadership at the end of the series. They simply outclassed the Zion Tabernacle bunch from start to finish. Billy Wair was the best man on the field, making 12 out of St. Andrew's 25 points. Dent scored all the points for Zion. The half-time score was 13-0 and at full time 25-4.

The teams lined up as follows: St. Andrew's (25)—White and Nixon, defence; Fisher, centre; Beveridge and Weir, forwards.

Zion Tabernacle (4)—Munson and Pepper, defence; Butcher, centre; Frid and Dent, forwards.

The second game was a runaway in the first half, but it was much closer in the second, when the St. John team had much the better of the play, but were out-pointed 21-7 at the end of the first half and 31-20 at full-time. The game became very rough in the second half. Wally Lees showed great form for the winners.

The teams lined up as follows: St. John (20)—Small, Dornan, defence; G. Warren, centre; Findlayson, F. Warren, forwards.

First Methodist (31)—Zimmerman, Barnes, defence; Lees, centre; Evans, Walker, forwards.

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CYCLING

New York, Dec. 7.—Sixteen of the seventeen teams which started in the annual six-day bicycle race were plugging away when daylight stole into the arena today. The only team to collapse during the early hours was made up of George Wiley, of Syracuse, and Peter Drobach, of Boston. Before the race had been in progress an hour there were several spills, but none of a serious nature, until Wiley in a smash up dislocated his right shoulder, and was carried to his quarters. This accident happened when Germain, the French rider, ran into Logan, and the latter in turn was forced against Wiley and Galvin. Wiley was the only one to suffer. His team mate, Drobach, remained on the track for two hours, but the strain was too much for him, and the team was officially declared out of the race in the third hour.

Pye, of the Australian team, lost a hold of his wheel shortly after 1 o'clock, was rolled over the embankment, but had a bad fall, but Pye escaped with a few scratches, and his partner, Hehir, of New Zealand, replaced him in less than a minute.

After six hours' riding the teams were practically seven laps behind the record, but as the track had been especially banked for fast work, new records are looked for as the race progresses.

It was announced last night that the Canadian junior championship final will be played in Toronto next Saturday, between Hamilton Alerts and St. Michael's College. The game will probably take place at Varsity field, although this is one of the matters in connection with the game which has not been arranged.

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Toronto Markets

FARMERS' MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were 700 bushels. The only wheat was 100 bushels of goose, which sold at \$1.03 to \$1.04. Barley is unchanged, with sales of 500 bushels at 65 to 66c. Oats firmer, 100 bushels selling at 62c.

Farmers' produce in fair supply, with prices generally firm. Good to choice butter sold at 26 to 30c per pound, and new-laid eggs at 50 to 55c per dozen. Poultry steady, with supplies ample.

Hay is unchanged, with sales of 20 loads at \$17 to \$21 a ton for timothy and at \$12 for clover. One load of bundled straw sold at \$17 a ton.

Dressed hogs are steady, with prices ranging \$10.50 to \$11. Wheat, white, new, \$1.06 to \$1.07. Do, red, new, 1.06 to 1.07. Do, goose, 1.03 to 1.04. Oats, bush, 0.41 to 0.42. Peas, bush, 0.88 to 0.90. Barley, bush, 0.65 to 0.66. Rye, bush, 0.74 to 0.75. Hay, timothy, ton, 17.00 to 21.00. Do, mixed, ton, 12.00 to 16.00. Straw, per ton, 16.00 to 17.00.

Seeds—Alsike, fancy, bush, 6.50 to 6.75. Do, No. 1, 6.00 to 6.25. Do, No. 2, 5.50 to 5.75. Do, No. 3, 5.00 to 5.40. Red clover, No. 1, bush, 7.50 to 8.25. Timothy, 10.50 to 11.00. Dressed hogs, 10.50 to 11.00. Butter, dairy, 0.26 to 0.30. Do, inferior, 0.22 to 0.24. Eggs, new laid, dozen, 0.50 to 0.55. Do, fresh, 0.35 to 0.40. Chickens, lb, 0.12 to 0.14. Ducks, lb, 0.12 to 0.14. Geese, lb, 0.15 to 0.17. Fowl, lb, 0.08 to 0.10. Apples, bbl, 2.00 to 3.50. Potatoes, bag, by load, 0.55 to 0.60. Celery, dozen, 0.30 to 0.35. Onions, bag, 1.00 to 1.10. Cauliflower, dozen, 0.75 to 1.25. Cabbage, dozen, 0.50 to 0.60. Dishes, 8.00 to 9.00. Eric, 2.00 to 2.25. Eric Firns, 4.50 to 4.75. M. K. T., 1.00 to 1.25. Louisville & Nor., 1.00 to 1.25. Lead, 8.00 to 8.25. Tin, 20.00 to 21.00. M. X. C., 2.00 to 2.25. S. Y. C., 1.00 to 1.25. O. & W., 1.00 to 1.25. Panna, 1.00 to 1.25. Reek Island, 0.95 to 0.96. Son, Pacific, 1.25 to 1.29. Southern Ry., 1.31 to 1.32. St. Paul, 1.31 to 1.32. Sugar, 12.00 to 12.10. U. S. Pacific, 1.25 to 1.29. U. S. Steel, 1.00 to 1.25. Sales to 1 o'clock \$54,700.

New York Stocks

NEW YORK MARKET.

Supplied by R. B. Lyman & Co., stock brokers (J. A. Beaver, manager). Offices 3 and 4, ground floor, Federal Life building, Hamilton, Canada. (As furnished by R. B. Lyman & Co.) Atchinson, 120.1 120.6. Amal. Copper, 87.7 87.2. Anaconda, 122.0 122.0. Am. Loco., 61.4 61.5. Smelters, 38.7 38.8. Brookfield, 14.5 14.2. Great Nor. pref., 10.5 10.4. Balt. & Ohio, 116 115.4. C. & P., 79.6 79.2. Col. Fuel, 31 30.7. Ches. & Ohio, 85.5 86.2. Dist. Gas, 28.2 28.2. Erie, 22.5 22.7. Erie Firsts, 47.5 47.1. M. K. T., 1.00 to 1.25. Louisville & Nor., 1.00 to 1.25. Lead, 8.00 to 8.25. Tin, 20.00 to 21.00. M. X. C., 2.00 to 2.25. S. Y. C., 1.00 to 1.25. O. & W., 1.00 to 1.25. Panna, 1.00 to 1.25. Reek Island, 0.95 to 0.96. Son, Pacific, 1.25 to 1.29. Southern Ry., 1.31 to 1.32. St. Paul, 1.31 to 1.32. Sugar, 12.00 to 12.10. U. S. Pacific, 1.25 to 1.29. U. S. Steel, 1.00 to 1.25. Sales to 1 o'clock \$54,700.

FRUIT MARKET.

Quotations for foreign fruits are as follows: Oranges, Jamaica, case, \$ 2.00 \$ 0.00. Oranges, Valencia, 3.50 4.00. Lemons, Messina, 3.00 4.00. Grape fruit, Florida, 4.50 6.00. Grape fruit, Jamaica, 4.00 3.50. Grapes, Niagara, keg, 5.00 6.00. Apples, Canadian, bbl, 2.50 4.00.

SUGAR MARKET.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.85 per cwt., in barrels; No. 1 golden, \$4.45 per cwt., in barrels. Beaver, \$4.45 per cwt., in bags. These prices are for delivery here. Car lots 5c less. In 100-lb. bags prices are 5c less.

HORSE MARKET.

Manager J. Herbert Smith reports a continuation of good business at the Union Horse Exchange at West Toronto for the past week. Buyers were present from Winnipeg and Saskatchewan, as well as from local points in Ontario. Mr. Smith reports a steady growth in trade at these stables, and in reviewing his books found that his business for the past year had been more than double during that time. One pair of choice quality driving horses sold at \$370. As a rule prices for the different classes were unchanged, as follows: Draughts, \$180 to \$225; general purpose, \$140 to \$175; express, \$150 to \$190; drivers, \$100 to \$160; serviceably sound, \$25 to \$80.

OTHER MARKETS.

WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET. Wheat—December 95c, May 95.5-5c. Oats—December 32.1-4c, May 35.3-5c.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET.

New York.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3.81c; centrifugal, 95c test, 4.21c; molasses sugar, 3.56c; refined steady.

BRITISH CATTLE MARKETS.

London.—London cables for cattle are steady at 12 to 14c per lb. for live cattle weight; Liverpool 12c to 13.3-4c; refrigerated beef, steer, at 9.5-8 to 10c per lb. Liverpool.—John Rogers & Co., Liverpool, cable to-day: States steers, from 12.1-2 to 13c; Canadians, 11.1-2 to 12.1-2c; ranchers, 10 to 11c; cows and heifers, 10 to 11.1-2c; bulls, 9 to 10c. Weather mild. Trade very slow.

PROVINCIAL MARKETS.

Bellefleur.—Very large market with little change in prices. Live hogs were from \$7.50 to \$7.80; dressed hogs, \$4 to \$4.86 per load. Oats, 28 to 30c. Butter, 24 to 27c. Fresh eggs, 30c; others, 27c. Poultry, high, at 60c to \$1.25 pair. Butcher's hides, 11.1-2c; deakers, 7.50 to 80c; veal, 11c; horsehide, \$2.50; wool kip, 9c.

Peterboro.—On the market to-day dressed hogs sold at 9.1-2 to 10c. Bacon, \$18 per ton. Hides, farmers, 10 to 11c. Potatoes, 50 to 60c. Butter, 25c. Eggs, 25c.

London.—Good market today. Sales very brisk. Turkeys are in demand at 16 to 17c. Dairy produce firm. Butter scarce; price unchanged; creamery, 24.1-2 to 27.1-2c; rolls, 25 to 26c; crockery, 20 to 25c. Eggs, source; crates mostly 30c; single down, 22 to 25c; dairy half prices higher. Hay, ton, \$13.50 to \$15.50. Straw, \$7.50 to \$8. Dressed hogs, easier, at \$10; highest price to-day. Expected prior for live hogs Monday will be \$7.50. Chatham.—Fair market, with few changes in price. Potatoes plentiful at 7c per bag. Grain prices unchanged, except barley, \$1.15 to \$1.20 per cwt.; wood increased to 12 to 13c unseasoned, 22 to 23c seasoned; lumber, 23 to 25c; eggs, 28 to 30c; ducks, 40 to 50c; turkeys, \$1.25 to \$2; geese, 90c to \$1; chickens, 30 to 65c; apples, bag, \$1.25; hogs, live, \$7.25 to \$7.50, dressed, \$9 to \$10; other meats, unchanged.

Stratford.—Hogs, \$7.40 to \$7.50; do, dressed, 10.1-4 to 10.1-2c; cows, 3.1-4 to 3.2-4c; do, dressed, 7 to 7.1-2c; steers and heifers, 1.1-4 to 1.2-4c; do, dressed, 7.1-2 to 8c; lamb, 5c; do, dressed, 12c; calves, 5c; do, dressed, 8.1-2c; hides, farmers' 12.1-4c; do, packers, 12.1-4c; wool, \$1.04, standard; oats, 30c, stand-

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SCRAPS OF SPORT

New York, Dec. 6.—The secrecy attending the meeting of Jeffries and Johnson and the fight promoters in a Hoboken hotel, just before announcing the signing of the articles of agreement, is now believed by many of the best sporting authorities to have been for the purpose of making a second and private agreement, in which the principals stipulated to split the purse of \$101,000 evenly, instead of 75 per cent. to the winner, and 25 per cent. to the loser.

The reason ascribed for this secret change is that at 75 and 25 per cent. each contestant was betting the other three to one that he would win, while as a matter of fact no such odds prevail now, nor are they expected to be offered. It is now considered an even money chance.

The night after the bids for the fight were opened, and the day the Rickard bid was accepted, "Tex" Rickard spent eight hours in Jeffries' hotel room, but to-day the Nevada sportsman denied that he had offered or given Jeffries \$10,000 in cash to favor his bid. This story was current on Broadway.

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—Stanley Ketchel accepted the offer of Promoter Hugh McIntosh to go to Australia for three ring battles. The middleweight champion will embark in a few days. While he has not been informed as to the identity of his opponents, it is thought here that he will be pitted against Tommy Burns, Bill Lang and Bob Fitzsimmons.

THE TRIGGER

At the Hamilton Gun Club on Saturday the members had a splendid afternoon's sport, and some good scores were made. In a twenty-five bird race Court Thomson broke twenty-four and H. A. Horning, W. Barnes and J. Hunter had twenty-three each to their credit. The total scores had were:

Table with names and scores: H. A. Horning 49, W. Barnes 49, J. Hunter 39, R. Crooks 48, Dr. Wilson 38, F. Watson 45, E. Edwards 12, T. Gardiner 10, E. Sturt 10, G. Horne 35, C. Beattie 25, H. Barnard 33.

Hamilton to Toronto Relay Record Broken.

The Toronto West End Y. M. C. A. broke the Hamilton Toronto relay race record Saturday by five minutes twenty and two-fifths seconds, the best previous time being 3:52.1-5, while Saturday the West End boys clipped it off to 3:46.40. The West End team was: Bonk, Tait, Holden, Pratt, Neilson, Park, Sellers and Blackwell.

Alerts Will Practise To-night.

Practises will be held by the Alerts to-night and Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7:30 o'clock. All players are requested to be on hand sharp on time.

ARABS AT THEIR BATH.

Gathering Place for the Women—Votive Offerings by the Religious. Dr. Georges Martin, of the thermal station of Hamman-Rirha, gives an interesting account of the Arabs who come in crowds to take the baths at that station. Their number every year can be estimated at more than 20,000.

Of these bathers about two-thirds are women. Besides the medical effect, the baths are for the Arab woman a meeting place where she encounters her friends, as they remain a long time in the baths—three-quarters of an hour or more. They dip themselves in the water from time to time; then, sitting on the curb, they chat, laugh and sing.

Sometimes one of them addresses an invocation to the Sultan Siltan (Soliman), patron of the springs hidden in the mountain. The more believing sometimes receive their recompense in seeing the steam rise from the waters. After the bath the native rolls himself in his cloak and lies in the sun. To quench the burning thirst which the very warm bath gives Arabs suck the juice of lemons or oranges or they go to the "cafe maure" attached to the baths to drink a tiny cup of coffee. Many Arabs, instead of coming to the establishment, prefer to take the bath in the open air. On the side of the hill a spring flows from the rock and the natives come to bathe in the natural basin where the water gushes out.

As a votive offering the women hang portions of their veils on the neighboring bushes. The children come there busily to plunge in their small stuff dolls. It is there that the prayer is above all agreeable to Sidi Siltan. They sacrifice flour to him, they burn incense and spices in the earthen braziers, and it is in his honor that the little many-colored wax tapers stuck in the ground burn so often at night.—From the London Globe.

"Who is the hideous party with the pair of scales?" asked the stranger in the art gallery. "That represents Justice," "Oh, I thought it was a sugar-weighter."—Washington Star.

GRIDIRON GOSSIP

So many surprises have been sprung in football circles this season that it is getting dangerous to dope out winners. The facts were given another surprise on Saturday afternoon, and this time it was in a junior league. The winners of the two church leagues, which are composed of senior and junior teams, played at the asylum grounds on Saturday afternoon, and the unexpected happened. The Junior League team defeated the Senior by a score of 3-2. The two teams have been boasting about their ability, until it was finally decided to play the game. The Erskines are the winners of the Junior League, while the First Methodist team won the championship of the Senior League. Even the Erskines supporters admitted they did not have a chance, as did Billy Monck, the Erskines' manager, who is now going to give the team an oyster supper.