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AMERICAN RUGBY CHANGES WILL MAKE GAME MORE OPEN

If They Are Adopted—To Gain 3, 7 or 10 Yards Instead of Five in Four Downs.

Changes in the American Rugby football rules are being advocated quite strenuously across the line. A most important suggestion has to do with the changing of the number of yards to be gained in four downs. It has been suggested that it would be a good scheme to reduce the distance so as to make it 3 yards instead of 5 in four tries. Under these conditions, it has been argued, a strong team, which would gain five yards against a weaker team in the requisite number of downs, wouldn't be benefited, while the weaker team would have all the advantage of the rule, as almost any eleven could gain three yards in four efforts, and might not be able to gain five. A change of this kind would likely result in making the game more even as between the teams and would benefit the eleven inferior in strength.

There have also been other suggestions made, viz., to increase the number of yards to be gained from five to seven and even ten. Forcing a small team, which cannot gain five yards under present conditions, to go seven, would be manifestly unfair. On the defence, however, there might be a slight advantage for the inferior eleven. To increase the distance to be gained to ten yards ought to satisfy those who are clamoring for a more open game. To force any team to make ten yards in four tries simply would lead to both elevens playing a kicking game. Even when within twenty yards of a goal, there would be a greater tendency to try a drop kick than to rush the ball. If the rules committee really is anxious to make the game more open, it is thought this latter change is the one that will be made.

The above represents the views of a great many football experts across the line.

The present O.R.F.U. game and the American college game are practically one and the same. The originators of the present snapback system cannot claim to be entirely original. The snapback system is copied from the American rules, as they were some few years back, the great difference being that offside interference is not allowed in the Ontario game, while such is practically the whole game across the line. Radically and essentially, the present O.R.F.U. game and the American game are the same. Let the Ontario executive take but one step more and we will be playing American Rugby. Let those who are assisting in the Americanization of our football game consider how they are uprooting the English game. Are we all in favor of adopting the American system? Surely few of us wish it here.

True, the fact that no offside interference is allowed in Ontario makes a great difference in the practical working out of the rules. So much is this so that a spectator would hardly recognize the two systems as being essentially similar.

The Ontario executive, at their annual meeting, evidently realized how close they were to American Rugby; several of the amendments were aimed at preventing interference. They evidently wish to keep clear of the offside interference game. But their successors in office a few years hence may not look at things in that way, with the result that the offside game may come in.

Parkdale Albions Football Club

The Parkdale Albions' Association Football Club of the Senior League will hold a meeting at 1204 West King-street, on Monday night at 8 o'clock; business important. The following players and supporters are requested to be on hand: Durrant, Robinson, W. Snyder, Darkinson, Holdsworth, Furber, Hobbs, McFarlane, Elleby, McCallum, C. Robinson, Crare, Callander, Woodward, Squires, Stickney, Morse, Allman, Rochelle, Barker, Thornley, Cookson, Bryant, E. Crossland, H. Crossland, Seymore, McCracken. This meeting is called to consider an out-of-town game for New Year's Day and the opening up of club rooms.

Shuffleboard.

The shuffleboard schedule for this week at J. White's follows:

19—Elm Oakers. 20—Royals v. Independents. 21—Torontos v. Crescents. 21—Wellingtons v. Strathconas. 22—Whites v. St. Mary's.

New Iceboat.

A. J. Tyman of the King Edward Boathouse, has completed his new iceboat, the Island Queen, and has challenged Hector McDonald to a race for the championship of Toronto Bay next Saturday for a purse, weather and ice permitting.

CRESCENT CITY HANDICAP WON BY LAURALIGHTER

Garnish Second, Aladdin Third, Spencerian Last—Favorites' Day at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 17.—First race, 4-year-olds and upwards, 6 furlongs—Telescope, 107 (J. Martin), 1 to 2, 1; Van Ness, 107 (Fisher), 18 to 5, 2; M. Jonnson, 107 (H. Phillips), 6 to 1, 3. Time 1.18. Alaking, Caterpillar also ran.

Second race, 2-year-olds, 7 furlongs—Matador, 107 (Nicol), 2 to 5, 1; Queen Rose, 104 (Romanelli), 20 to 1, 2; Kilties, 103 (A. Brennan), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.35 1-5. Lidden, The Rye, Kenton, Fair Reveler also ran.

Third race, for 3-year-old fillies, 5 furlongs—Trossacks, 107 (W. Robbins), 15 to 1, 1; Beliness, 107 (J. Martin), 5 to 2, 2; Belle of Portland, 107 (Lee), 8 to 5, 3. Time 1.05. Viola, Misanthrope, Alice Commoner, Tootsey Mack, La Greque, Maude Moser, Caryota also ran.

Fourth race, the Crescent City Handicap, for 3-year-olds and upwards, 1¼ miles—Lauralighter, 98 (Stille), 6 to 5, 1; Garnish, 103 (J. Martin), 7 to 5, 2; Aladdin, 109 (Nicol), 5 to 2, 3. Time 2.16. Hymettus, Mainspring, Spencerian also ran.

Fifth race, handicap, for 2-year-olds, 5 furlongs—Viperine, 107 (H. Phillips), 1 to 2, 1; Savoir Faire, 100 (Romanelli), 6 to 1, 2; Greengown, 102 (Weddersrandt), 9 to 1, 3. Time 1.06. Filia, Nevada, Race Street, Balance All, Jack Moran, San Felicita also ran.

Ascot Park Results.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—First race, 6 furlongs—James J. Corbett, 100 (E. Walsh), 8 to 1, 1; El Verraco, 110 (Treubel), 6 to 1, 2; Golden Ivy, 105 (Powell), 30 to 1, 3. Time 1.16. Punctilio, Tizen, Foxy Grandpa, Lady Rice, Negrusca, Victoria S., Conceit, Trovator, Prince Mont, Enjoyment and Alma Toolin also ran.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Capitanzo, 105 (Hildebrand), 3 to 5, 1; Fireball, 105 (Hugan), 8 to 1, 2; West Brookfield, 100 (Lynch), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.08. Maggie Mackey and Losolio also ran.

Third race, Slauson course—Emperor of India, 108 (Tooman), 5 to 1, 1; Happy Chappy, 100 (Lawrence), 12 to 1, 2; Dan Collins, 107 (E. Walsh), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.10¾. H. L. Frank, Elfin King and Bath Beach also ran.

Fourth race, 1 1-16 miles—Bragg, 107 (E. Walsh), 4 to 1, 1; Elle, 102 (Miller), 13 to 2, 2; Fly Bob, 107 (Hildebrand), 6 to 5, 3. Time 1.48. Hans Wagner also ran.

Fifth race, Brooks course—Heather Honey, 98 (McDaniel), 10 to 1, 1; Blue Ridge, 105 (E. Walsh), 9 to 1, 2; Merwan, 102 (Lawson), 7 to 1, 3. Time 2.05. Invictus, Ulloa, William F. II., Needful, Cincinnatus and Ignacio also ran.

Sixth race, Slauson course—Schoharie, 108 (Hildebrand), 6 to 5, 1; Almansor, 103 (Treubel), 10 to 1, 2; Estado, 105 (McComas), 30 to 1, 3. Time 1.11¼. Skirmish, Rose of Hilo, Ericula, Edinborough, Tangible, Sir Christopher, Winnifreda and Nanon also ran.

Oakland Summary.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—First race, 1 mile and 50 yards—Scotsman, 106 (Greenfield), 17 to 10, 1; Mocorito, 106 (McBride), 4 to 1, 2; Fille d'Or, 106 (Sullivan), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.45 2-5. Homage, Oscar Telle, Canonicus, Chickadee and Trapsetter also ished as named.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Mansard, 109 (Helgeson), 4 to 1, 1; Misty's Pride, 109 (Jones), 3 to 1, 2; Tocolaw, 105 (W. Davis), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.06½. Smithy Kane, Pelham, Instructor, The Cure, Royal White, Red Tip, Charmel and Introductor finished as named.

Third race, 1 3-16 miles—Flying Torpedo, 96 (Bassett), 13 to 1, 1; G. W. Trahern, 99 (Travers), 3 to 1, 2; Little Wally, 93 (Greenfield), 9 to 10, 3. Time 2.05¾. Col. Anderson, Grafter and Sunny Shore finished as named.

Fourth race, 1 mile—Letola, 93 (Sullivan), 8 to 5, 1; Militaryman, 105 (Helgeson), 15 to 2, 2; Ananias, 104 (Greenfield), 7 to 2, 3. Time 1.40. Elliott, Gold Money, Romaine, Modicum, Byronedale and San Nicolas finished as named. Latter caught in barrier.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs—Honiton, 116 (J. Jones), 8 to 5, 1; Squire Johnson, 83 (Taylor), 15 to 1, 2; Iridius, 109 (Davis), 11 to 5, 3. Time 1.13. Judge Ishtar, Albula, Last Knight, Lady Rohesia, Sea Voyage finished as named.

Sixth race, 7 furlongs—Head Dance, 106 (Kunz), 13 to 1, 1; Sea Air, 103 (J. Jones), 5 to 1, 2; Ara, 104 (Knapp), 9 to 2, 3. Time 1.27¼. Delacida and Scollan finished as named. Callahan, Cardinal Sarto and Edna Sullivan were left at the post.

Gossip of the Turf.

Warne, the veteran English jockey, stands first in the list of jockeys in Germany for 1904. He rode 72 winners. Charley VanDusen, the American jockey, was second, with 57 victories.

Five thousand persons attended the races at Oakland on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine and the track good. There were seven new bookmakers, principally from New York, in line. These made a total of 27 bookmakers, which is the record thus far this season. The defeat of Pelham in the second race came in the nature of a great surprise. The event of the day was the Crocker selling stake, at one mile.

Turfmen who are dissatisfied with the allotment of racing dates by the Western Jockey Club met at Chicago on Saturday, and formulated demands and arguments to be presented to the board of stewards of the controlling body at the monthly meeting of that body on Jan. 2. If recognition is not given to the demands decided upon, a meeting of the discontented trackowners will be held to take further action.

Spencerian's inability to shoulder top weight in the heavy going tells the story of the running of the Crescent City handicap on Saturday. The game mare, with a record of 24 wins this season, was always favorite in the betting, with Lauralighter, to whom she was conceding 18 pounds, second choice. Garnish, at 7 to 2, carried most of the money. He led to the stretch, and then tiring, failed to stall off Lauralighter's challenge, and finished second. The race was worth $1110 to the winner. Belle of Portland was the only other beaten favorite. Jack Moran fell at the half mile in the stake race, broke his leg, and was destroyed. Weather clear, track muddy.

Brockville Ice Races.

Brockville, Dec. 17.—The annual ice races of the Westport Trotting Association will be held on Jan. 18 and 19, when $350 will be given in purses, as follows: 2.20 class, $200; green race, $75; 3 minute class, $75; free-for-all, $100. The officers are: President, J. Donnelly; treasurer, D. Deacon; secretary, J. McEwan.

Driving Club Dinner.

The members of the Toronto Gentlemen's Driving Club who intend attending the annual banquet of the club, to be held on Wednesday next at the King Edward Hotel, are requested to notify the secretary, H. G. Wade, Monday, and to telephone North 861.

Death at the Hunt.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 17.—The annual anise bag chase of the Watchung Hunt Club, a local organization, ended abruptly to-day, when William D. Phillips of Glenbrook, Conn., died suddenly while participating in the sport. He was seen to reel in his saddle and fell to the ground in an unconscious condition. Attempts to revive him failed, and he died in a few minutes. Mr. Phillips was president of a chemical company, with offices in New York. He was a member of several clubs. The cause of his death is unknown.

The Horse Market.

The following is Walter Harland Smith's weekly report of prevailing prices, as reported from Burns & Sheppard's Repository:

Single roadsters, 16 to 16 hands	$125 to $150
Single cobs and carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	150 to 175
Matched pairs carriage horses, 15 to 16.1 hands	300 to 500
Delivery horses, 1100 to 1200 pounds	125 to 160
General purpose and express horses, 1200 to 1350 lbs.	150 to 170
Draught horses, 1350 to 1750 pounds	150 to 175
Serviceable second-hand workers	75 to 120
Serviceable second-hand drivers	75 to 125

Stanley Gun Club.

The regular weekly shoot of the Stanley Gun Club took place on their grounds on Saturday. The day was rather windy for good scores. The spoon event brought out a large entry. Mr. McGill and Mr. Hiron tied at 21 each, Mr. McGill winning in the shoot-off. The Stanleys will hold an open shoot on their grounds on Christmas Day, when turkeys and bluerocks. All shooters are welcome. The following is a summary of Saturday's scores:

Ten targets—Dunk 7, Herbert 7, Thompson 6, Morshead 5, Hoff 5.

Ten targets—Hampton 8, McGill 8, Hogarth 6, Mason 6, Edwards 4.

Ten targets—Hulme 8, Martin 7, McGill 7, Rock 6, Hirons 5.

Ten targets—Morshead 8, Dunk 7, Charles 5, Thompson 4, Herbert 4.

Ten targets—McGill 8, Hampton 7, Ingham 6, McGraw 5, Mason 4.

Ten targets—Morshead 7, Charles 6, Dunk 4, Townson 4, Herbert 4.

Ten targets—Thompson 7, Fritz 7, Martin 6, Ingham 5, Rock 5.

Spoon shoot, 25 targets—Dunk 7, Green 18, Hulme 15, McGill 21, Thompson 16, Hampton 12, Martin 14, Rock 19, Hogarth 19, Morshead 16, Mason 17, Ingham 13, Townson 18, Hirons 21, Herbert 11, Fritz 13, Dey 8, Rock 17.

Ten targets—Charles 9, McGill 8, Dunk 6, Ingham 6, Hirons 5.

Ten targets—Edwards 6, Rock 5, McGraw 5, Thompson 4, Wilson 4.

Ten targets—McGill 9, Thompson 8, Dunk 6, Hampton 5, Herbert 6.

World's Bowling Record.

New York, Dec. 17.—A new world's bowling record was made last night at the Grand Central alleys by Peter Eichelle in the Consolidated Stock Exchange tournament. His scores were 255 with nine strikes and 289 with ten strikes, an average of 272 pins.

In the first game he had a split in the eighth frame on the five and seven pins, on which he made a spare. In the second game he scored ten straight strikes.

As these two games—255 and 289—were bowled in a regular tournament contest, they will stand as a record.

Bowlers have become so accustomed to sensational scores that they are expecting some mysterious person to bowl two consecutive possibles, meaning 300.

Basket Ball.

Central Y. M. C. A. had their final practice Friday night, and are ready for Hamilton to-morrow night. Chantrell and Henderson will guard the home basket. Harding will be at centre and Salter and Davison forward. Hamilton will have their championship team down, and there certainly will be a fast exhibition of the new rules.

Brantford trimmed London 40 to 20, and yet Brantford said a week ago that their team would be very weak.

One of the Toronto intermediate teams will go to Midland New Year's Day. After that game we will know what class Midland is in.

Branston of the Hamiltons is called one of the best centres in Canada, but he will get work cut out Tuesday night that will enable the spectators to class him.

MARLBOROS EASY WINNERS WAVERLEYS BEATEN 14-4

Hockey Game for City Championship Decided Before Good Crowd in Mutual Street Rink.

The champion Marlboros defeated the Waverleys, Toronto's new senior hockey team, Saturday night for the Wilson Cup by 14 to 4. Notwithstanding the mild weather the Mutual-street Rink management produced good ice.

The half-time score was 6—3 in favor of the Marlboros. The Waverleys scored the first two goals in rapid succession. Wokigan in goal for the Waverleys stopped several shots.

The Marlboros scored in seven minutes, again in eight minutes and eight minutes later again. Armstrong scored shortly, Bellingham got two here in quick time and Quigley finished the half by scoring for [illegible]

In the second half the Marlboros picked up some and added goals to the Waverleys. The Waverley team was in excellent condition and at the finish both sides were well [illegible] and put the game out of the Marlboros reach.

The Waverleys took the second goal by a good piece of combination, Roesler, Seaward and Staines figuring in it, the latter scoring to a neat shot. From this out it was all Marlboros; the Waverleys team was weak in spots and will likely be somewhat different next game. The Waverleys defence was good; Workman was easily the best goalkeeper. He had much more to do than Werrett and covered himself with honor. He stopped shot after shot and but for his good work the tally would have been much larger. Whale had weight enough and was a strong point player. Stewart and McLaren were not up to the mark on the forward game.

The Marlboros were easily the heavier team and this fact told against their lighter opponents. The Waverleys line kicked weight and combination and there was much indiscriminate passing. The Marlboros defence was the best and was invincible. Wright and Charlton doing great work. Mercer at goal was not too sure. The Marlboros' line at times worked in good combination rushes, Armstrong, Bermingham and Redpath being mainly responsible. Armstrong is a decided acquisition to the champions and a strong one at that. For the opening game the match was good, but in sports it was bad. The Waverleys, considering everything, did not do so badly and are determined to remain in the senior series. There was considerable rough work and several were ruled off. The Waverleys lacked aggressiveness and confidence in themselves; these qualities the Marlboros had. Rundell put the first goal thru and Charlton rushed up the ice for another. Redpath took the following couple by good shots. Bimingham shot two goals and Wright lifted one into the nets. This ended the time.

Redpath, Quigley (2) and Wright were ruled off. Referee Waghorne was an impartial official.

It was the first game for the city championship and over 500 were in attendance. It was expected that the Marlboros would win and the expected happened. Towards the finish the Marlboros were taking things rather easy. The Waverley forwards could not keep the puck at all and showed a desire at times to get rid of it too quickly. Some of the Waverley players were in the wrong class.

Marlboros (14): Goal, Mercer; point, Charlton; cover, De Wright; forwards, Wright, Bimingham, Armstrong, Redpath. Waverleys (4): Goal, Workman; point, Whale; cover, Roesler; forwards, McLaren, O. Quigley, Stewart, Staines.

Referee—F. C. Waghorne.

Kingston Hockey Gossip.

Kingston, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Queen's senior hockey team will not make the New York trip they contemplated during the Christmas holidays, as they have been unable to arrange dates with the St. Nicholas Rink management. They may go during the latter part of January. They are trying to arrange games instead with Peterboro, Smiths Falls and Brockville for Dec. 28, 29 and 30. The probable line up will be: Goal, Mills; point, Macdonald; cover, E. Sutherland; rover, Walsh (captain); centre, R. Sutherland; wings, Williams and Richardson. These Mills, Macdonald, E. Sutherland and Richardson were on last year's championship team.

Queen's II. team are arranging for games with Cornwall, Prescott and Morrisburg next week. The team will be: Goal, Pennock; point, Craig; cover, Harold Clarke; forwards, Curtain, Mahood, Templeton, Farnham.

At letter received from London, England, asks the chances for Queen's championship team and the McGill players going across and giving a series of six games on the Crystal Palace Rink in London. So far as Queen's is concerned this is out of the question, owing to the examinations coming on at the beginning of April.

American Official Averages.

New York, Dec. 18.—The official batting and fielding averages of the American League season of 1904 were given out yesterday. The New York players lead in the positions of shortstops and pitchers. In the former class Conroy comes first. He took part in 24 games, put out 33 men and made 60 assists and 5 errors. Chesbro of the Highlanders leads the pitchers for games won and lost. He won 41 games, lost 12 and tied in 1.

Robinson of Detroit and Vinson of Cleveland are the only two players who have a perfect percentage for fielding. They are both outfielders. Robinson played in 18 games, put out 30 men, made 8 assists and no errors. Vinson, in 15 contests, put out 24 men, made no assists and no errors. Foltz of the Highlanders holds sixth position in the list, and is the nearest outfielder of the local nine to the leaders. La Chance of Boston leads the first baseman; he took part in 157 games, put out 1663, made 69 assists and 11 errors. Gangl leads the local players in fourth place. Robinson of Detroit also leads the second basemen. He played 17 games, put out 43, averaged 67 assists and made only one error. Williams of the local team is eighth in the list. Tannehill of Chicago leads the third basemen. Out of 153 games he put out 179 men, made 384 assists and 30 errors. Conroy of the Highlanders is fifth. For catchers, Sneden of St. Louis comes first. He caught the ball in 79 games, put out 380 men, made 100 assists and 5 errors. Kleinow of the local nine is seventh. For pitchers, Joss of Cleveland is first. He pitched in 25 games, put out 13 men, made 51 assists and 1 error. Griffith of the Highlanders is twelfth.

For club fielding, the Chicago club holds the honor. Out of 156 games its representatives made 4135 put-outs, 2165 assists and 230 errors. New York is fourth.

Klondike Expects to Land the Cup.

That the Klondike hockey team will carry back from Ottawa next January the emblem of the hockey championship of America—which is the hockey championship of the world—those who attended the meeting of the executive of the association last night in the D.A.A.A. building had little doubt, says the last issue of The Dawson World. A great many preliminaries to the season's work were arranged, and the first steps of a successful season were carefully considered.

Those present at the meeting were: J. T. Lithgow, president, and Messrs. W. C. Young, D. R. McLennan, C. B. Burns, J. S. McKay and R. M. Ellbeck.

An entertainment committee was appointed to look after a matter that will be of interest to all in Dawson, irrespective of their interest in hockey. It was decided that the Hockey Association would give a large dance on or about St. Andrew's night. No effort will be spared to make this dance the best that has ever been given in the north. As yet the hall is engaged there cannot be any definite announcement as to date and plans.

All the steps that have been so far taken by those interested in hockey matters have been ratified by the executive.

An important matter was decided in regard to the uniform of the club. The colors of the Klondike Hockey Club will be the same as before, namely, black and gold, but the uniform decided upon will be unique. Instead of striped jerseys, the jerseys will be of black, with the word Klondike in gold letters across the front. The knickerbockers will be of white, and the stockings of black. Then, too, there will be the usual over sweater. A sub-committee was appointed to arrange for these uniforms.

A sub-committee was also appointed to arrange with the directors of the D.A.A.A. in regard to exhibition games to be played before the championship team leaves for the east.

A team committee was also chosen to make arrangements for practice games.

The championship team will be chosen by the whole executive of the club. In this connection the club earnestly hopes that anyone who is a hockey player will turn out early in the season with the team, so that the merits of all players can be known before the time comes to choose the big team. The executive are anxious that the seven best players in the north shall form the championship team, and everyone will be given a chance to show what he can do. Positions on the team, and incidentally one of the pleasantest trips that can well be taken, are open, and anyone who can come up to championship hockey has a chance for the honors.

The committee that has the arrangement of the dance in hand consists of Messrs. Charles Macpherson, chairman; C. V. Shannon, secretary; C. B. Burns, W. C. Young, T. M. McKay, H. M. Martin and C. H. E. Askwith.

Pros. Play at Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 17.—The local hockey team defeated the recently organized P. A. C. 4 to 3, last evening at Duquesne Garden. The first period ended 2 to 1 in favor of P. A. C., but the regular team pulled to the front in the second half by scoring 3 goals. There was nothing of a sensational character in the playing. Lineup:

Pittsburg (4). Mackay, goal; Spittal, point; Melville, cover; Campbell, rover; Roberts, centre; Black, right wing; Koch, left wing.

P. A. C. (3): Donnelly, goal; Rish, point; Hendry, cover; Taylor, rover; Steele, centre; Young, right wing; McCarron, left wing.

Goals—Spittal, Campbell, Black, Steele, Taylor 2. Referee—Schooley.

Trent Valley Hockey League.

Peterboro, Dec 17.—The Trent Valley Hockey League organized for the season last evening. President W. Crowley was in the chair, and delegates present were from Fenelon Falls, Peterboro, T.A.S and Peterboros, Keene, Port Hope, Brighton, Bobcaygeon, Cobourg, Campbellford, Picton and Belleville. The secretary-treasurer, E. S. Clarry, presented his annual report. The prospects of the league, he said, were never brighter, and he welcomed the addition of Port Hope to the membership. The following officers were elected:

Hon. president, W. Crowley, T.A.S., Peterboro; president, Maurice Walsh, Bobcaygeon; first vice-president, Dr. V. McWilliams, Keene; secretary - treasurer, E. S. Clarry, Peterboro; executive, A. Dorris, T.A.S.; Clarke Dennis, Cobourg; F. S. Wood, Campbellford; F. S. Curtis, Port Hope.

A sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the president and secretary, who will select another. The annual fee was raised to $5, and the secretary-treasurer was voted $50. The schedule will be drawn up later.

Western Ontario League.

Chatham, Dec. 17.—A meeting of the hockey enthusiasts of this city was held, and a hockey team organized for the coming season, with the following officers: Patrons, H S Clements, M P, and Ald A R McCoig; hon president, T A Smith; president, O. T. Lewis; first vice-president, E. B. Northwood; secretary, S A Mercer; treasurer, S J Courtney; executive committee, C Bunnings, W G Coupland, W Robinson, M D Fraser; manager, B B Heath; team committee, W D Elliott, J Hicks, M D Fraser and Manager Heath; captain, W D Elliott. The club will likely enter the Western League, composed of Ridgetown, Essex, Tilbury and Windsor.

O.H.A. Information.

Mr. Reifenstein will be unable to act as convener of his district in the O.H.A. referees, and L. A. Campbell of Orangeville will have charge of No. 4 intermediate district. A meeting will be held Tuesday night at Orangeville to arrange the schedule of that district.

Mutual Rink Practice Hours.

—Monday, Dec. 19.—
3.15 to 4.15—Upper Canada College.
4.15 to 5.15—St. Andrew's College.
5.15 to 6.15—Varsity.
6.30 to 7.30—Parkdale Athletic Club.
7.30 to 8.30—St. George.
8.30 to 9.30—Argonauts.
9.30 to 10.30—Marlboros.
—Tuesday, Dec. 20.—
2.00 to 4.30—Caledonian Curling Club.
4.30 to 6.30—Toronto Skating Club.
7.00 to 8.00—Parkdale Athletic Club.
8.00 to 9.00—St. George.
9.00 to 10.00—Varsity.
10.00 to 11.00—Argonauts.
—Wednesday, Dec. 21.—
3.15 to 4.15—Upper Canada College.
4.15 to 5.15—St. Andrew's College.
5.15 to 6.15—Varsity.
7.00 to 8.00—Parkdale Athletic Club.
8.00 to 9.00—Marlboros.
9.00 to 10.00—St. George.
10.00 to 11.00—Waverleys.
—Thursday, Dec. 22.—
2.00 to 4.30—Caledonian Curling Club.
4.30 to 6.30—Toronto Skating Club.
7.00 to 8.00—Parkdale Athletic Club.
8.00 to 9.00—Argonauts.
9.00 to 10.00—Waverleys.
10.00 to 11.00—Marlboros.
—Friday, Dec. 23.—
3.15 to 4.15—Upper Canada College.
4.15 to 5.15—St. Andrew's College.
5.15 to 6.15—Varsity.
7.00 to 8.00—St. George.
8.00 to 9.00—Argonauts.
9.00 to 10.00—Waverleys.
10.00 to 11.00—Marlboros.

Ladies' Hockey League Proposed.

The first practice of the Wellington Ladies' Hockey Club was held on the Broadview Rink on Saturday from 3 to 4 o'clock. The following young ladies lined up: Misses Mabel Ray, Annie Allen, Amy Rundell, Vera Rundell, Rose Murphy, Eva Hunter, Mabel Wallace, Minnie Hamilton, Ada Rouse, Lotta Copping. The club has members in all parts of the city, and several were not able to attend the first practice. The regular practice hours will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 9 and Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4. This is the first ladies' hockey club to be organized in the city outside of the young ladies' colleges, and the number of applications for membership assures success. The officers of the club are as follows: Hon. president, J. J. Atkinson; president, Miss Mabel Ray; vice-president, Miss Mabel Wallace; secretary, Miss Minnie Hamilton; treasurer, Miss Ada Rouse; manager, Mrs. A. Glen. Ladies wishing to join the club are requested to write to the secretary, whose address is 163 Broadview-avenue, or come to the Broadview Rink at any of the club's practice hours. The secretary will also be pleased to hear from other ladies' clubs in the city with a view to forming a league.

After the Puck.

St. Georges practise to-night from 7.30 to 8.30 in the Mutual-street Rink.

At a meeting held in Sherbrooke the Eastern Townships Amateur Hockey League was formed. The clubs in the new league are: Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke Juniors, Garnets, Windsor Mills, Richmond; Bishop's College and Waterville. The officers for the ensuing year are: President, A. E. Wiggett, Sherbrooke; vice-president, H. Somerville, Waterville; secretary, G. McCabe, Windsor Mills.

The Hockey Club of New York easily defeated Princeton Saturday evening in a hockey game at St. Nicholas Rink, New York, by a score of 12 to 2.

Exhibition games to be played this month in the Mutual-street Rink are: Dec. 24, St. Georges v Montreal Victorias; Dec. 26, St. Georges v Brantford; Dec. 31, Marlboros v Ottawas.

The Marlboros held a meeting Saturday night and decided to assist the O.H.A. in every way to investigate the standing of their players, which the members of the committee are ready to make affidavit is pure amateur. Pete Charlton will also satisfy the O. H. A. that he has always been a bona fide amateur.

Sherbourne Hockey Club practises tonight at Victoria College Rink between 7 and 9. All members are requested to attend.

Sherbourne Hockey Club would like to hear from outside clubs in reference to games. Address to J. L. Papineau, 156 Yonge-street.

The Parkdale A. A. will line out this evening at 7 o'clock with the following teams on the ice: Goal, Malcolm; point, Corryell; cover, Edwards; forwards, Wedd, Kevins, Ware and Redpath; goal, McKerron; point, Ingles; cover, Pardoe; forwards, Lawson, Morgan, Rankin, Macklem and Capreol.

A meeting of the executive of the Toronto Lacrosse-Hockey League will be held at the Iroquois Hotel at 8 o'clock on Monday evening. The executive is composed of the officers of the league and one representative from each club—not team. Each representative should come posted as to the days and hours that the ice can be secured for league matches of the respective teams, as the playing schedules will be drawn up at this meeting. No team will find a place in the schedule whose fees are not paid to the league treasurer. New teams may still be enrolled on application to the secretary, C. J. Atkinson, Broadview Boys' Institute. Telephone North 2435.

The Broadview Hockey Club has decided to enter in the Toronto Lacrosse-Hockey League, in addition to the senior, junior and juvenile teams, an intermediate and a second junior team, making five teams in all.

B. R. Shiriff, an active player in hockey circles in Brockville for the past eight years, has been selected captain of the Brockville's Federal League team, of which he is one of the forwards. He enjoys the confidence and respect of the men, and the appointment is popular.

CURLING ON SATURDAY.

Caledonians Played First Draw for Mowat Cup, Six Rinks Contesting.

The Caledonians played the first draw for the Mowat Cup on good ice Saturday in the Mutual-street Rink. Following are the scores:

Wm. Armstrong.		Wm. E. Maw.	
P. O'Connor.		L. Fluding.	
D. T. Prentice.		A. B. Nichols.	
D. Prentice, sk.	15	G. Sauer, sk.	12
A. McFarlane.		F. W. Tanner.	
Jas. George.		A. N. Garrett.	
Jas. Irving.		R. H. Ramsay.	
Thos. Rennie, sk.	17	W. D. McIntosh, sk.	11
Ed. Mack.		R. Kerr.	
D. S. Keith.		G. F. Macdonald.	
J. Rennie.		Jas. Cherry.	
R. Rennie, sk.	22	John Watson, sk.	5

Dawson Curled Three Weeks Ago.

The first curling match in the series that is to be played between the rinks of the president and first vice-president took place last night (Nov. 24), resulting in a defeat for the rink skipped by President Lithgow. Twelve ends were played. Major Cuthbert's rink winning by a score of 13 to 4.

The winning rink consists of Major Cuthbert, skip; A H Anderson, J B Tyrell and J. J. Atkinson; president, Miss Mabel Ray; vice-president, Miss Mabel Wallace; secretary, Miss Minnie Hamilton; treasurer, Miss Ada Rouse; manager, Mrs. A. Glen. Ladies wishing to join the club are requested to write to the secretary, whose address is 163 Broadview-avenue, or come to the Broadview Rink at any of the club's practice hours. The secretary will also be pleased to hear from other ladies' clubs in the city with a view to forming a league.

Y.M.C.A. Team Won.

The Central Y.M.C.A. junior baseball team won from Stanley Barracks Saturday afternoon at the Armories by 14 to 11. The game was very exciting and the soldier lads kept the fast Central team working hard all the time. The young men used the best hit very effectively towards the end of the match. The score by innings:

Stanley Barracks	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	11
Central Y.M.C.A.	5	1	0	1	2	3	0	2	x	14

Battery for winners, E. Taylor and N. Morton. Umpire—G. Lamb. Time 1 hour.

Montreal Off Baseball Map.

Buffalo, Dec. 18.—A despatch from Cleveland to-day says: John Kreitner, who, with Michael Shea of Buffalo, is owner of the Montreal (Que.) Eastern League Baseball Club, was in this city to-day. He confirmed the report which has been current for some time that the Montreal team will be transferred to Richmond, Va., for the baseball season of 1905.

This would indicate that Ed Barrow, former manager of the Montreal club, had the matter correctly sized up when he gave out the statement from Detroit the other day, that Frederick Kreitner would remove his team from the Canadian city and plant it in Richmond, Va. This is the city which desired an Eastern League franchise last season.

It is expected that the annual meeting of the Eastern League will be called by President Pat Powers for this week, and that the gathering will be held in Buffalo. The league's leader has about closed up all matters pertaining to the recent six-day bicycle race, and will undoubtedly come on to see how the riders perfom on the Convention Hall track.

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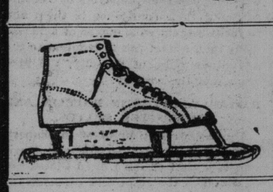

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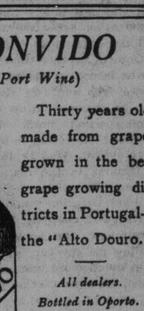

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BODY GUARDS AND HIGHLANDERS

Won Saturday Night's Garrison Indoor Baseball League Games.

A big crowd witnessed two good games in the Officers' League series on Saturday night. The champion Body Guards got off to a good start and finished very strong, while the Grenadiers only rallied once and then faded away in defeat. Ryerson figured in no less than four sensational fielding plays, for which he was roundly applauded. The heavy hitting of Jones and Porter's fielding were noteworthy features.

Inability to handle batting effectively and the great support he received from the infielders was the cause of the Engineers' downfall. By bringing Cosby in to the infield added considerable strength to the ex-champions and tho it was apparent at times that he was new to the position, he will undoubtedly prove his worth to the team. He formerly occupied this or that duties around the third sack. Darling and Chadwick batted safely every time up. The Engineers were retired in the fourth innings in 12 seconds, which pretty nearly stands as a record. The scores were as follows:

—First Game—

| Body Guards— | A. | B. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
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