



The Sporting World

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HAMILTON MAY SEND OWN TEAM

Scheme On Foot in Ambitious City To Finance a Trip.

Hamilton, Jan. 31.—It is quite possible that Hamilton will send a little Olympic team of its own to the big games in the old country next June and July. Hamilton has a few athletes of note whose work entitles them to go. To this end, a meeting will be held at the Hotel Royal next Wednesday night, a week from yesterday, to organize a team, or at least to talk over the prospects of Hamilton representatives.

The one athlete whom Hamilton people particularly want to see go is Bobby Kerr, the sprinter. Knowing his ability so well, and owing to the time he has made on some of his sprints, Hamilton people are confident that Kerr would make a name for himself and for Hamilton at distances up to 440 yards. The 220-yard run is his best. Kerr has tried hard to correct a habit of getting away from the scratch slowly, and he has succeeded. At the 220-yard run his footing ability helps him wonderfully. He is the best sprinter Canada has, and Hamilton sports think that Hamilton should do no less than to send him as a Hamilton representative. The Irish-Canadian Club of Toronto wants him to wear the green of that club, but Kerr himself would prefer to go as a representative of his home city.

Tom Coley is now a Hamiltonian, and Tom Ellis, the lad whose work has stamped him as a coming long-distance runner, wants to go, but there are other distance runners in Hamilton who ought to represent Hamilton. Bob Stamp, who holds the Canadian record for a high jump, is one who is talked of, but Hamilton excels in distance runners, and if present arrangements can be carried out, the Hamilton team of two or three will consist of the finest in each class that Canada can produce.

MONTREAL BALL FRANCHISE SOLD

Powers, Stallings and McCaffery Are in Montreal On Baseball Mission.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern Baseball League, accompanied by George Stallings and President McCaffery, of the Toronto club, arrived in Montreal yesterday, and during the day and evening had several conferences with the local parties, who have expressed a willingness to purchase the club.

President Powers announced that a deal for the sale of the franchise to the Montrealers would be completed by this afternoon, and that in future the club would be owned exclusively in Montreal. At present there are two parties, each willing to take the franchise at the price named by Powers and Stallings, who it is probable that both parties will get together and combine for the purchase.

It is stated that the deal involves the purchase of Jimmy Casey's release from Brooklyn to manage the Montreal club, and President Powers assured the Montreal men that he would do his best to secure that player as manager. There may, however, be a hitch in securing Casey, as it is stated that his release from Brooklyn has been purchased by Jersey City, and the latter would have to relinquish its claim before Casey, who, it is understood, is anxious to come to Montreal, could do so.

It has leaked out that Stallings has purchased an Eastern League franchise, but it is not known what club it is. Stallings, when seen, would not deny the report, but said he would be ready to make an announcement at that connection next Monday. The club is not Toronto, Montreal, Providence, Jersey City or Rochester, but it is believed that Stallings' purchase is either Baltimore or Buffalo, more likely the latter.

"B" COMPANY WINS

The Army and Medical Corps Defeated at Indoor Baseball.

In a close, fast indoor baseball contest "B" Company defeated the Army and Medical Corps' team by 10 to 9. The winning run was scored in the last inning.

Summary:
"B" Company—Braddon, c.; Becker, p.; Skelton, 1b.; Westman, 2b.; Tucker, 3b.; Ingram, l. f.; Butler, r. f.; Baker, l. f.; Phelps, r. f.
A. M. C.—Andrews, c.; Kilgour, p.; Stevenson, 1b.; Desnoyers, 2b.; Boyce, 3b.; Barbour, l. f.; Livingstone, r. f.; Cooper, l. f.; Matthews, r. f.
Umpires—Jeffries and Jeffries.

Score by innings:
A. M. C. 3 0 3 0 0 2—9
"B" Company 3 1 0 0 4 2—10

An enterprising scissor grinder of Los Angeles, Cal., has mounted his grinder on an automobile, and the car's power also to run the grinder, and now rides from place to place instead of walking.

EMIL HERZ IN NOVEL ROLE

Well-Known Turf Operator Makes Odd Complaint—Turf Gossip.

A novel complaint has been made to the stewards at Oakland by Emil Herz, the well-known turf operator and former owner of Montgomery, winner of the Burns Handicap last Saturday. Herz says that James Blute, trainer of R. F. Carman's big stable, has been giving him misleading information. Last Saturday, according to Herz, Blute told him that Carman's Mark Anthony II, was a "real good thing" in the last event of the day, and that this tip caused Herz to wager \$1,800 on the horse. But Herz tells the stewards that he afterwards learned that Carman, instead of backing Mark Anthony II, wagered nearly \$2,000 on Deutschland. When the race started Herz was practically left at the barrier, only to run up into third place, this handicap evidently making it impossible for the Carman horse to overtake Deutschland, who won. Herz also states that he had laid his plans to bet heavily on Montgomery to win the Burns Handicap, but that Blute told him to stay off and bet on Carman's Rifleman, as the latter could not lose.

BASEBALL BRIEVITIES.

Hal Chase is now coaching the St. Mary's College baseball team, at Oakland, Cal. He took charge of the baseball squad last spring, and under his guidance the college boys won all of the 29 games played during the season.

Cincinnati fans are considering a plan to present Manager Gangel, of the Reds, with a silver loving cup, at the first game of the season. The appointment of Gangel was a popular one, and it appears that Gangel will have far better support than Hamilton. Detroit Journal: Jimmy Casey, who played third base and was captain of the Brooklyn team last season, will most likely play with the Jersey City team of the Eastern League, next year. The officials of the latter club have first baseman of the Philadelphia team, and on that account Manager Donovan is not in favor of giving Casey his release.

It may be news to some fans, but Laporte used to be a great catcher. While playing behind the bat in the Southern League, when 15 years old, Laporte was the leading hitter of that organization. Later he went to the Eastern League, and developed as an infielder. He has been playing ball for 10 years, and is still well under 30 years.

Catcher Blankenship, of the Washington club, has signed with the Fresno team of the California State (outlaw) League, which is to be managed by Charlie Baum of last year's Alameda Tri-State club. Baum was expected to report at Philadelphia this season, but the fans of Fresno have agreed to start these two players in a men's furnishing goods store, and it is a certainty that they will not leave the coast this year.

The application of Player F. C. Reising for reinstatement has again been rejected by the National Baseball Commission, which declared yesterday that he had presented no new testimony and that there were no extenuating circumstances. The American Association has given his name as one of the alleged contract-jumpers for whom reinstatement was asked at the National Commission annual meeting as an indirect means of criticising the reinstatement of certain other players.

Louisville Courier-Journal: Watch for the Eastern League and American Association to join hands and fight for their rights against the major leagues and National Association of Minors. The Eastern League will try to elect a new president at the close of 1908, and do not be surprised if Edward Barrows should succeed Pat Powers as president of that body. With the changes above mentioned there is every reason to believe that the Eastern League and association will get together and adopt some plan of action that will benefit the two organizations.

Unless Tim Jordan, the heavy-hitting first baseman of the Brooklyn National League club, accepts the salary for the coming season which President Charles H. Ebbets has offered to him, he might be replaced at that bag by Myron Grishaw, who played first for the Boston American League team last season. Manager Pat Donovan of the Brooklyn club paid a visit to the headquarters of the Boston club and had a talk with President Taylor in regard to securing Grishaw. Donovan things pretty well of Grishaw and would like to get him.

Edward Carnegie, a one-legged negro of Los Angeles, makes his living by street exhibitions of high jumping. Getting someone to hold his crutch breast high he jumps over it like a kangaroo.

MITCHELL'S WONDERFUL RECORD

Born Nov. 24, 1861, Birmingham, England. Height, 5 feet 9 inches. Weight, 165 pounds. Color, white. Nationality, English.	Knuckles.	Min.
Jan. 11—Bob Cunningham	W. Birmingham	59
1879—	Knuckles.	
Nov. 22—C. Smithers	W. Wolverhampton	17
.....Bill Kennedy	D. London, England	20
.....Bailey Gray	W. Manchester	11
1881—		
Feb. 23—Caradoff	W. Antwerp	4
.....Tom Tulley	W. (Gloves)	6
June 16—Jack Burke	Knuckles.	H. M.
April 1—Wm. Middleweight competition, Chelsea, England.	Ascot Races	1:17
1883—		
April 9—Mike Cleary	New York	3
May 14—John L. Sullivan	New York	3
July 7—Denny Hays	Leadville, Colorado	4
.....Billy Lynn	Leadville, Colorado	2
Oct. 2—Wm. Sheriff	D. Flushing, L. I.	6
1884—		
March 20—Joe Denning	New York	4
March 26—Jack Kilrain	Boston, Mass.	4
May 12—Billy Edwards	New York	3
Oct. 13—Dom. McCaffrey	New York	3
Oct. 21—Jack Burke	New York	4
Nov. 24—Jack Burke	New York	3
1885—		
Feb. 23—John F. Scholes	Toronto, Canada	4
May 22—Mike Cleary	San Francisco, Cal.	4
June 29—Jack Burke	D. Chicago, Ill.	6
May 16—Jack Burke	D. Chicago, Ill.	10
June 11—Patsy Cardiff	D. Minneapolis, Minn.	5
1887—		
July 28—Reddy Gallagher	W. Cleveland	6
1888—		
March 10—John L. Sullivan	D. Cincinnati	53
1889—		
Feb. 7—Jim Mace	W. Glasgow	4
1891—		
.....Frank Slavin	K. Liverpool	1
1894—		
Jan. 25—Jim Corbett	K. Jacksonville	3

Irish-Canadians Lose Tom Coley and Claude Allen

Coley Secures Position in Hamilton—Allen Is Afraid of A. A. U.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—The Toronto Irish Canadians lose Tom Coley, the great little English runner. Coley has secured a permanent job in Hamilton and Tom C. Flanagan today sent him his release, so that he may join any of the Hamilton organizations and assistance. In Coley, Toronto loses and Hamilton gains the second best runner in Canada. Coley is Tom Longboat's most serious rival. He has beaten Tait, Adams, Grant, Sellers, Meadows, (Green, Ellis, Simpson, and all the good ones this season, and here he goes in the game who say that he is a better man than even the Onondaga.

Allen Goes Back. Claude Allen, the pole vaulter, left for New York this morning. Allen, who had been out of work in Olean, N. Y., for some time, came here three weeks ago and secured a position. He expected to be able to engage in athletic contests here during the winter, and so keep in shape for the American Olympic, but the C. A. A. U. trouble put the kibosh on his ambitions, and when he found he couldn't do anything in the athletic line, without being suspended by Czar Sullivan, he decided to go back to New York.

"I want to compete in London," said Allen last night. "If I compete here, and the A. A. U. throws me out, I cannot do that for the Canadians. I would not let me go with their team unless I were a British subject. I am a draughtsman, and had a good job here, but my ambition is to get across the water next season, and I'm going to go if I have to go back to New York and take a \$10 a week job to hold me until the spring. I must have competition to keep me up to the mark. I don't think the A. A. U. didn't throw out Hayes and Lee, who competed against Coley at Hamilton, but I'll not take any chances for I have inside information of what would happen to me."

Allen's loss is a serious one to the Irish-Canadians, the only club the A. A. U. has yet been able to hand a C. A. A. U. club since the fight began. He went to compete at the R. C. B. C. indoor meet Monday.

What H. G. Porter, the indoor jumper, champion, will do is problematical. Porter's work here will keep him here until next summer.

What Our Exchanges Are Saying About Hockey and Hockey Players

Stratford Beacon: Berlin's victory over T. C. almost put them out of the running so far as district honors are concerned, and it looks as if the local seniors will be able to get through the district without a defeat.

Great Hockey at Barrie. Barrie Gazette: Not since the night of the keen struggle between the Barrie seniors and Argonauts has there been such a contest in the Crystal Rink as was played here, when the Barrie and Orillia juniors tried conclusions. The game presented such a brand of hockey as has not been seen here for some years, and was of the intermediate caliber.

Charges of Rowdism. Winnipeg Telegram: There was nothing done at the Manitoba Hockey League meeting Saturday. Portage la Prairie, represented by President Stevens of that club, and President S. M. Macdonald, of the league, entered a complaint against Billy Laird of the Strathcons, whom they accused of inflicting serious injury on both Landon and Services of the Portage team in last Wednesday's match at Portage.

Dr. Black and Secretary Fillmore went with the Portage gentleman to the bedside of John Lee of the National Hotel, who is a victim of a gripe, and there they discussed the question for a couple of hours. Finally it was made clear to the complainants that without more satisfactory evidence than they produced, and in the face of statements emphatically quoted against the charges, the league could not take action against Laird. The matter, therefore, was dropped.

Whitcroft and Crowley. Edmonton Bulletin: For the Edmonton team, Whitcroft let himself out a few, and did stunts he did not bother about in other events, scoring four of the first five goals, and doing it after a fashion that opened the eyes of even his most ardent admirers. He had speed to burn, and when he got away there was nothing to it. Deaton, Miller and Boulton were always on the spot, and their work was im-

measurable superior to the Battleford men. The loss, better do is to get across the water next season, and I'm going to go if I have to go back to New York and take a \$10 a week job to hold me until the spring. I must have competition to keep me up to the mark. I don't think the A. A. U. didn't throw out Hayes and Lee, who competed against Coley at Hamilton, but I'll not take any chances for I have inside information of what would happen to me."

Belleville might beat Port Hope tomorrow night, but we wouldn't bet the city clock on it.

To Do Better Next Year. Goderich Exchange: Although out this week and will be the last O. H. A. reconsiders its decision, the local club will make application to enter next year, and all semblance of rowdism, which has never been encouraged by the better element, will be sternly discouraged.

Will Play Tonight. Peterboro Review: The postponed game between Cobourg and Peterboro will take place on Friday night of this week and will be the last O. H. A. game of the season. Cobourg will have its strongest line-up and expects a victory, after which the team promises to clean up Lindsay on the latter's ice.

A. A. U. DEMANDS EWRY'S MEDALS

Standing - Jump Champion Will Have Considerable Trouble.

New York, Jan. 31.—The national registration committee of the A. A. U. shortly call upon Ray Ewry, the standing-jump champion, to return all the medals and trophies he has won as an amateur, according to a statement made yesterday by a prominent official of the union. This step has been brought about because the local registration committee exonerated Ewry from the charges of violating the amateur laws after some of the higher officials had made the accusations against him.

Trouble Ahead. Evidently some very powerful force in the A. A. U. is determined to push the matter to a close. The national committee, which usually does not bother itself very much about any one's amateur status, suddenly called for the minutes of the local committee in the Ewry case. These showed clearly that Ewry had competed in unsanctioned meets, and the national committee will use this information to show that Ewry is really suspended. Ewry is going to have a lot of trouble on his hands before the whole matter is cleared up.

Even the Athens Medals. The plan is to make him apply for reinstatement and then lay everything in his way to prevent him from being reinstated. It will humiliate him to the extent of making him surrender all his medals and trophies, even those won at Athens. Ewry has undoubtedly violated the amateur laws. He does not deny this, but he insists that he did it unwittingly, and that he tried to live within the letter of the law, which few, if any, are able to understand perfectly. Athletes who hope to make the American Olympic team that will go to London next summer do not hesitate to say that the Ewry case will put the entire American team in bad odor by the time it arrives in England.

JOHANNESBURG IS SHRINKING

THE ONCE PROUD CITY OF GOLD IN A RUINOUS STATE.

Johannesburg is shrinking. But it is not the contraction of the mining camp town shriveling up suddenly as the gold upon which it was founded works out. For Johannesburg is not a Dawson City or a Kalgoorlie. It was built to last. Some optimist of bygone days—five or six years ago—yet how far off it seems!—talked of a second New York or London on the Witwatersrand. To the casual visitor Johannesburg may seem fairly prosperous even now. To the resident it is becoming a nightmare. It crumbles at a touch. There are big firms which look stable enough. Touch them with a demand of \$500 in cash and they would crumble into the bankruptcy court. Everywhere it is the same story. Branch banks and branch stores in the suburbs are closing. The town is shrinking; closing in upon the head offices.

I think I related some time ago how three years back I met a man who made a practice of congratulating me upon the exceedingly opportune moment I had selected for arriving in the Golden City. He insisted that I had timed my arrival with heaven-sent prescience.

"You are lucky," he would say: "you have missed the three years of waiting. We, who came first, have lived through the slack times. The good days are at hand. The boom is coming on."

He came to me the other day and said farewell before sailing for Melbourne. "I can't stand it any longer," he said. "Two years ago I was able to go a mile or more out from the center of the town to do business. Now it is no use going more than a few hundred yards. Outside a little circle there is nothing—nobody goes there. The town has contracted; it has closed in."

Some financial managers manage to live fairly comfortably on nothing—how they do it nobody knows. The majority of the retrenched who had not enough money to get out of the sub-continent altogether are slowly starving. Their position is hopeless.

Rio de Janeiro has only artificial ice and only one factory to make it, with an equipment that is not up to date. The ice is sold by grocers at about 2½ cents a pound.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

WITH THE ICE FAST AND HARD, TONIGHT'S CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE GAMES should prove the best of the season.

The Hermits and St. John's look up in contest No. 1, and the Waterloos and Western University in the second.

Considering the price of admission for the two games, the contests are well worth attending, if for no other reason than a desire to further local sports.

There are people in the city who fancy they are not seeing a hockey game unless it is labeled "O. H. A." This is a mistake. Some of the City League games have been even better than several of the O. H. A. contests seen here and at Tillsonburg.

Wire screening has been placed at both ends of the rink for the protection of spectators, and no extra admission will be charged for reserved seats.

Puck-off at 8 o'clock sharp. Twenty-minute halves, no time off, except in case of injury to players. Help the boys, who go to make successful O. H. A. hockey possible.

THE LONDONS LEAVE ON THE C. P. R. at 5:25 this afternoon for Woodstock, where they play the second last contest of the district series.

Judging by the way Woodstock played at Paris the other night, the team has improved considerably since here last. It is expected that a number of local rooters will accompany the team on the trip.

TENPIN BOWLERS FROM TORONTO, representing the cream of that city, will meet the Nationals tonight, at 8 o'clock, on the National alleys. Toronto will be represented by Jack White, Ed Sutherland, Hall, Phelan, and Dissette.

Nationals—Joe West, Walter Primeau, Chester Sheere, Alf Sheere, and W. H. Bell. All are cordially welcome. Seating accommodation will be provided. No charge for admission.

The Thistles Win Tankard Primaries

Ingersoll, Jan. 30.—The results of the primaries in Group 3, Ontario Tankard, played off here yesterday, are as follows:

London Thistles. Drumbo. C. H. Tume, W. Lillico, C. E. Sterling, Jas. Cowan, A. Talbot, K. S. McLaren, S. O. Swift, M. W. Buckley, skip

F. McFee, A. Scott, J. D. Cowan, C. M. R. Graham, C. E. Baxter, W. Fulton, skip

Galt. Woodstock. A. Deans, W. Bond, Dr. Buchanan, P. Johnston, J. A. Turnbull, J. Brunner, T. McEllan, D. C. Whitehead, skip

Windsor, Jan. 30.—Chatham, Windsor and Detroit were the only teams in the Western Ontario Tankard today. Chatham downed Windsor by 18 shots. G. G. Taylor's rink defeated A. J. Arnold by 25 to 7, while G. F. Flesher and F. S. Evans were tied with fifteen each. Detroit drew bye and played off with Chatham. Captain May's rink downed Taylor's rink by 20 to 18, while John Stevenson's rink was tied with Flesher with 18 each.

Detroit thus won this group by four shots.

Athletic Association Elected Officers

The keenest interest has been taken by the students of the Western University in the election of officers for the athletic association.

The election, which took place yesterday, resulted as follows:
President—H. Ashby, '11.
Vice-President—Professor Eastman.
Secretary—W. B. Hawkins, '09.

The voting for president was very close, and, following the example of certain other persons in elections, a recount has been ordered and a protest lodged, which may result in the election being held over again.

LIBERALS WIN ON THE IDEAL ALLEY

The Liberal Club trundlers entertained the Ideal bowlers last evening on Hyman Hall alleys, and won two games out of three from John Martell's bowling wonders. The games were fair. The boss bowler of the session was one John Martell, who can always be depended upon to roll a good game. He got high single score with 185, and high aggregate with 481. It must be admitted that this is not John's limit, as he can trundle much better than that, but it was good enough for the company.

One of the sad features of the game was the undoing of Brock's "Denver Stroke." Great things were fondly hoped for the shove, but it fell by the wayside, as Brock's score will indicate.

Louden Kerr was also a bowler. He used the spit ball yesterday, but was very wild, but not quite so wild as the manager when he looked at Kerr's score for the second spasm. Suttile had a bad evening. He declared in a moment of confidence that if he hit the pins square on the nose, he would only get one pin. By that he meant he was in tough luck. Which can be proved wrong by the spectators. Brown picked off a 6-7-10-pin spare, and made the best shot of the evening. McMurphy was the best bowler of the Liberal team. Jack has to have a good evening occasionally or he would not hold his place on the team. Percy Stone was in fair fettle. Murray and Worrell had two rather good games apiece, but did not like to keep up the pace for fear someone would think them fast bowlers. McLaughlin hit the pins occasionally. The second game was a fierce prop-

osition for the Ideal bowlers. The score:

Ideals.				
Suttile	110	122	117	349
Brown	173	132	151	456
McLaughlin	133	115	130	378
Kerr	150	95	122	367
Martell	157	139	185	481
Totals	763	603	705	2,071

Liberals.

Stone

Brock

McMurphy

Worrell

Murray

Totals

The standing so far: Liberals won 7, lost 5; Ideals won 5, lost 7.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

At New Orleans—Pinion 8 to 5, Dr. Heard 12 to 1, French Nun 7 to 2, John Carroll even, Mr. Peabody 8 to 1, Funiculari 20 to 1, Hans 11 to 10, At Los Angeles—Orifiambo to 1, Rubia Grand 4 to 5, Uncle Henry 8 to 1, Frank Fittler 5 to 1, Al Right 3 to 2, Carnado 7 to 1.

At Oakland—Cuernavaca 7 to 1, Minnie Bright 9 to 1, Duke of Orleans 12 to 1, Midmont 5 to 1, Maxtrex 12 to 1, Raleigh 9 to 2.

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