

S P O R T S

Gossip and Comment

A good deal of interest is already being shown in the appearance of Henri St. Yves at Britannia Park next Wednesday night. It means a great deal for both Tom Coley and Percy Sellen to make a showing against the renowned French runner, and on the other hand it means just as much to the speedy Frenchman's reputation to make good against all comers, for from now on the majority of races will be at the middle distance. These are more spectacular and are not so hard on the runners. Sellen and Coley will put in their final touches at Toronto with Tom Longboat, Harry Lawson and all the good ones around the Tom Flanagan headquarters.

A handsome set of cutlery in an appropriate case has been presented to Dr. W. M. Sheriff, the formidable player of the Ottawa Rugby Football Club, by the officers and players of that organization. The occasion was his recent marriage, which took place at Kingston, and the members of the club quietly took this means of testifying to the doctor's popularity. He will reside in Ottawa and will likely row in the Britannia eight this season.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien is hopeful of success in his match with Jack Johnson, which is set for May 19th, and I can see no reason why this should not be one of the best bouts that could be obtained in the heavier classes, writes Malachy Hogan, in the Chicago Record-Herald. Both men seem to have kept in first class form, and I think that the milling ought to be fast when they finally get together.

Johnson has been working quietly in this city for the last week and it seems that there is sincerity behind the declaration that he wants to meet any man in the ring. He has been training with Tony Caponi and Yank Kenney, and is said to be in good condition. In the whole time I have been in contact with the big negro, I have never seen him drink to excess or do anything that indicated he was not keeping in the best of condition. So outside of the natural tendency of any large man to take on flesh, I do not see where he can be out of trim. No reports have come from the east to show that he was in any but the best of condition, and if that is the case, the bout of next Saturday ought to be a speedy affair.

Toronto World: The activity of the cricket organizations warrants some extra important games hereabouts this summer. The international takes place about the first of August. All comers a week later, both in Toronto. A picked Toronto team will play the rest of Ontario in Hamilton in July.

Jeffries, on whom rests the responsibility of taking the championship away from the black man, Jack Johnson, has finished his theatrical tour in the east, and is on his way west, where he will fill a few engagements on the coast. After that he will take up the more serious work of preparing for his fight with Johnson, going into training on his ranch. When he actually begins work on the road and in the gymnasium, then, and then only, will the fight fans begin to think he is in earnest about fighting again. So far Jeffries has said nothing to do with the claiming of a match, everything hinging on whether he can get into condition or not. Theatrical exhibitions do not furnish much training for prize fighters who are over weight. It is said that Jeffries has accompanied his theatrical work with hard work in the gymnasium, and that he really has succeeded in making a good start toward putting himself in condition. At any rate, Jeffries has probably added enough to his bank roll to pay his training expenses.

Jack Johnson and Jim Jeffries were still snarling at each other in Chicago at last reports, and it may be that they will not have come to closer quarters than yet indulged in, before Johnson shakes the dust of the western metropolis from his shoes and heads for Buffalo, where he will do his evening. Johnson had contemplated doing a solid week of his training for the fight with Jack O'Brien in Buffalo, but when he heard of the approach of Jeffries he delayed his departure for this city until the last moment. And apparently he has not come as close to a date for a match with the big Californian.

Even his greatest enemy cannot deny that Johnson looks to mean business. In a letter to a Buffalo friend the dusky champion of the champions writes as follows:

"I have waited for Jeffries to come to Chicago in the hope, now that I am close to sailing time, that we could come to some definite conclusion in the matter of a date for a fight. It looks, though, as if that will have to be left till later. I don't care, particularly, but I want the public to understand my position correctly. If Jeffries means to fight me, and he says he does, I am perfectly agreeable, although I believe that even a retired champion can demand too many rights when it comes to delay in fixing on a date for the match. I have offered to cancel all engagements and tie up a match with Jim, but it doesn't look as if there is much doing. Well, I'm ready any time he is, but the time may come when I'll be tied up otherwise, a situation I would prefer to avoid."

"I have been training hard for my go with Jack O'Brien in Philadelphia on May 19th. I see they say Jack is going to fool me. Well, I know Jack pretty well, and I'll leave it to my Buffalo friends to say on Thursday night whether or not I am in condition for the best any of them may have to offer."

Novel Street Cars.

With a view to supplementing the horse cars of cross-town lines in New York, the receiver of the Third Avenue Railroad is experimenting with two cars, one an electric storage battery car using the new Edison storage battery, and the other a gasoline-electric car, in which a gasoline engine is employed to operate a dynamo that furnishes current to motors on the car axles.

WITH THE HORSEMEN.

Walker to Establish a Breeding Farm.

To Retire Edwin Gum and Earl Rogers.

Yesterday's Work at the Woodbine.

Toronto, May 12.—William Walker, whose successes in the last few years have made him a prominent figure on the turf, intends to purchase a farm near this city and to go into the breeding game. The stallions Edwin Gum and Earl Rogers, who will be retired at the end of the present racing season, will be at the head of the stud, and the mares with whom they will be mated will be purchased from time to time this summer.

Walker was born and raised in the town of Exbridge, but went to Chicago when a young man and engaged in the livery business. Every one who knows him will acknowledge that he is a practical horseman and those who have studied his methods since he began racing will testify that he knows the game as few men know it. The secret of his success is primarily due to his ability to place his horses where they can win. If one will ask the former Exbridge man to explain how he has succeeded where so many have failed, Walker will tell him that it is hard work that has brought him whatever measure of success he enjoys.

Walker's warmest friends are the men and boys employed around his stable. His spare time is spent with them. "I do not forget that I once had to work hard," he says. Woodbine patrons will remember the colored boy, Lycurgus, who rode Walker's horse when he first raced here a couple of years ago. To hear Walker speak in the warmest terms of the boy plainly shows that he is sincere when he declares his friends are his employees.

Walker's stable consists of fourteen horses. The string was shipped to Toronto after the close of the Oakland meeting. The stable first raced last winter at Los Angeles, and then went to San Francisco. In purses and stakes the string won \$26,000, a handsome sum, and placed Walker well up in the list of winning owners. One of the horses in the stable is Varieties, who has the distinction of being twice into his present owner's possession through the medium of a selling race. Varieties was bred and first raced in this section by E. S. Gardner, of Nashville, Tenn., whose colors were a few years ago frequently seen at Woodbine and Hamilton.

One day Gardner ran Varieties in a selling race and Walker claimed him at his entered price of \$800, not one-half what he was worth. Not long after this incident someone bid up and took one of Walker's horses out of a selling race. It was generally supposed that Gardner had taken this means of getting even with Walker. The men met one day and Gardner told Walker that he not only had nothing to do with the claiming of his horse, but that he bore him no ill will for taking Varieties away from him. Last winter Walker and Varieties parted company by the claiming route, but Walker bided his time and when the opportunity came got the horse back in the same way he had lost him.

Probably the best horse in Walker's stable is Stanley Fay, a bay colt, 4 years old, by Canopus—Mamie. Stanley Fay was the winner of several of the big stakes at both tracks in California last winter. In his two-year-old year Stanley Fay was a winner at the Woodbine, and it was Walker's boast then that he was the best two-year-old at the track.

Ollie Caldwell, a colored boy, will do the riding for the stable. He has only ridden two races, but Walker believes that with experience the boy will make a name for himself. Caldwell was from Lexington, Ky., and has been with Walker for some months.

C.A.A.U. HAS ISSUED MANY SANCTIONS.

Toronto, May 12.—In addition to the list of C. A. A. U. sanctions already published, sanctions have been issued by the Registration Committee for the following events:

May 14—Cobourg Recreation Club, boxing and wrestling.

May 24—(1) Ayr Amateur Athletic Club, field day, including ten-mile track, for valuable cup; Ernest R. Scott, Secretary, Ayr, Ont. (2) Kingston Citizens' Committee and Y. M. C. A., ten-mile road race, open; W. C. Martin, Secretary, Kingston. (3) Welland Y. M. C. A. open games and field day; E. A. Froude, Secretary, Welland, Ont. (4) St. Thomas Amateur Athletic Association, annual Times road race, 7 1/2 miles; St. Thomas to Yarmouth Centre and return; E. A. Jaggar, Secretary, 39 Jackson street, St. Thomas. (5) St. Mary's A. A. semi-annual Stratford to St. Mary's road race and field day; W. N. Harrison, Secretary, St. Mary's, Ont. (6) Collingwood Y. M. C. A., field day, open to Simcoe and Grey Counties; C. N. Stewart, Secretary, Collingwood. Applications are also under consideration for athletics at Victoria Day celebrations at New Hamburg and Listowel.

In addition to above the following sanctions have been issued for Victoria Day: (1) Annual C. A. A. U. spring championships at Ottawa. (2) Field day, Woodstock. (3) Brantford to Hamilton Marathon race, 25 miles. (4) Galt, Caledonia Club, open games. (5) Oshawa, Father Cline's field day. (6) Ingersoll, Caledonia Club, open games.

June 9—Beaverton Athletic Club, open games and 11-mile Marathon race for gold cup; Alex. C. Kay, Secretary, Beaverton, Ont.

AT THE WOODBINE.

Toronto, May 12.—The work at Woodbine yesterday was all of the "useful" description. After the continuous rain of the previous day the condition of the track was remarkably good, but it was muddy, and the dogs were up at mowing, so that with slow footing and the long route the times shown were not such as to endanger track records. Trainers, however, were not concerned to see how fast their horses could run under the conditions. They wanted to give them the necessary exercise to fit them for speedier work on a dry track, and in more than one instance horses showed a faster pace than their trainers had desired. John Dymont, for one, had to signal to the rider of Fort Garry that he was going too fast, and after he had done the first five furlongs he 107 he finished the six in 1:22.5. He can in blinkers. Devanson accompanied him. From the same stable Temeraire did six furlongs in 1:26, and Uncle Toby a mile in 1:58.

Berry Littlefield's charges went through this line of work as their normal: Maximum and Pearlfisher, a mile in 1:56; Jubilee Juggins, Bouquet and Purslane, a mile in 1:54.34; Seismic and Cruiche d'Or, a mile in 1:56.2.5. Courtier, a mile in 1:54, the last six furlongs in 1:25, leading Tollerand and Mendip; Dog of War, a mile and a furlong in 2:02.5, the first mile in 1:55. Throckmorton, a mile in 1:56.3.5. The two-year-olds were bred.

Trainer Walker merely galloped the Walsh horses. Last race the two-year-old colt, for which Walsh paid \$8,000, is a high-class youngster. He has already won \$9,000 in stakes for Walsh. Sir Edward looks well, and will be a hard horse to beat at the spring games, to which he will likely be confined. His third in the Burns Handicap would, however, warrant the belief that he can go a distance. Fair Annie and Drudge complete this small but useful stable.

FOOT AND PADDOCK.

Bookmaker Steve L'Hommiedou, who has had a stormy career on the turf, is again outside the horse works. His ungovernable tongue got him into trouble at Hamilton, where he has been denied the privilege of continuing business. The same short shrift will be given his glibly tribe on the Canadian circuit.

A Louisville despatch says: Many trainers here sent on their applications today to the Canadian Racing Association for licenses. The list includes J. B. Ross, W. J. Young, S. C. Hughes and H. G. Bedwell. The latter three are at the time of the Toronto meeting, and has applied for fourteen stalls.

The horses of E. A. and James Brennan, which were shipped the other day from Lexington to Toronto, are held up at Cincinnati on an attachment got out by Lexington creditors of the Brennans.

Twenty-nine owners racing at Baltimore will send their horses to Jamestown for the meeting which opens tomorrow. Baltimore closes today. It is said that an amateur meeting will be held at the Kenilworth Park course, Buffalo, this summer. Arrangements are under way to turn the plant over to the Country Club. The property recently passed into the hands of August Belmont and his associates at a foreclosure sale.

MAPLE LEAFS WON

Jersey City Beaten by Score of 4 to 2.

At Toronto—If the Leafs win many games like yesterday's they will never be accused of being a hard-luck team. Kelley's Krew got only three little hits, one of which was a very scratchy single, as against eleven picked off by the Skeeters, but the Leafs won from Jersey City by 4 to 2. The Mosquitoes are one good ball team, and if the Leafs take three out of the four from them there will be some baseball played over at the Point. H. Eugene McManis' band of athletes are a very speedy lot, and one peek is enough to explain why they have been dallying around the top most rung of Patsy Powers' pennant ladder. They had a very appreciable shade.

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EDWARD F. GEERS.

Memphis, Tenn., May 10.—As usual, Edward F. Geers, dean of the harness turf, has a big stable this spring at Billings track. In all "Mars Ed" has 46 animals in training, a record number even for the man who made the Village Farm famous.

It is natural perhaps for the "Silent Man" to hold the season's record. He believes in ascertaining early what a horse can do, and he collects a lot of money every season, his plan seems to have something good in it.

Other trainers find fault with the veteran's method of bringing his horses to form so early, but as he usually collects a lot of money every season, his plan seems to have something good in it.

FOR THE YOUNG AMATEURS

Sporting Editor, To settle an argument, kindly give correct ruling on the following play in baseball:

"With the score five runs to three against the home team, who are at bat in the last innings, with two men on bases, first and second, the batter hits for a home run. The man on first in running home cuts the third bag. After the batter makes the circuit on his hit the umpire rightly calls the player who cut the base out. Query: Does the home run count?"—Eddie McIntosh.

Answer: Many questions of this sort have been answered direct by the Na-

Arrangements for Hamilton City and District Football Soccer Association to affiliate with the Ontario are about completed, and will come up at the next meeting of the executive to complete arrangements. Efforts are being made to form an intermediate and junior series. Representatives will meet on Thursday night, the 13th, at J. W. Nelson's store to arrange a schedule. All wishing to join, kindly send representatives.



YOUNG CASEY, Kensington avenue fielder, making a sensational catch, like he did last Saturday in the game with the St. Andrews.

tional Board. The ruling is that, although the game is practically over when the runner fails to touch third the batter is not to be deprived of his hit. He gets credit for a home run in the records, although it does not count a run in the game.

Manager Landers, of the Blue Labels, requests the following to be present at practice tomorrow night: C. Carlson, G. Sullivan, G. Butler, J. Stockford, W.

NEW SCORING RULES GOOD AND BAD.

The new scoring rules for baseball are very fine as far as they go, but in one instance the man who made the changes did not go far enough, says an Eastern critic. The rule that does not permit the scoring of a stolen base when a double steal is attempted and one of the runners is retired is a mighty welcome change. And the new rule that gives a batter the credit of a sacrifice hit on a fly ball that ought to have been caught is also approved by the ball fans. But it is the rule that gives a pitcher or a catcher an error if a batter reaches first after a third strike that does not look right. The change makes it compulsory to give a pitcher an error if the third strike goes wild.

Away With the Currycomb! Still another humane movement in Syracuse which has the distinction of being unique originated with the Syracuse fire department, the chief of which, John P. Quigley, some months ago sent out an order by which he abolished the use of currycombs in his department and expressed himself thoroughly convinced that the currycomb in the hands

of the average man is an instrument of torture to the horse. The shingling of the foretop of horses is also ordered to be dispensed with, the foretop and mane of horses being now allowed to grow. As a substitute for the currycomb Chief Quigley recommended the use of fibre cloth or fibre brush—Vogue.

It is seldom as embarrassing to meet a bill as it is to meet the bill collector.

I.H.C.T.P. HONOR ROLL.

Names of Bowlers Who Won Prizes.

Games in the Jewellers' League Last Night.

The International Harvester Co.'s Ten Pin League has closed its season, which has been a successful one. The players showed improvement in rolling, the average for the first week being 131 and that for the closing week 143. It is creditable to the teams that there was not a default during the season.

Following is the standing of the teams at the close:

Team	Won	Lost	Pins
Forge	52	14	49,793
Accounting	45	21	49,292
*S. I. R.	42	24	48,056
Tool	42	24	48,363
O. S. & P. R.	41	25	48,792
Knife and Bar	40	26	49,595
Preeting	39	36	46,949
Malleable	29	37	46,993
Main Office	29	37	46,218
Wood	24	42	44,346
Machine	16	50	44,229
Sales	7	59	41,737

*Won from Tool in roll off.

Single string record—Forge 927.

3 string record—Forge 2517.

The individual averages are as follows:

Green 180, Moon 170, Bolton 169, Idwin 166, Burwash 163, Bradwood 165, Clancy 157, Sullivan 155, Masterson 155, McFadden 155, Frierick 154, McLeod 152, Ford 152, McFavish 151, McMillin 151, Muldoon 150, Lord 149, Kelday 149, Berkeley 149, R. Green 149, Hughes 147, Hunter 146, Ackland 146, Mason 145, Robertson 144, Dadds 144, Daly 144, Wilson 143, Giddes 143, Crowther 142, Poole 142, Duffie 142, Johnson 142, R. McCulloch 142, McGarity 141, Downs 141, T. Smith 141, Herald 141, H. Campbell 140, Hamilton 140, Bowers 139, Gerand 139, Fred Jento 139, Bechill 138, Gurry 138, Stevens 137, Rankine 137, Ward 136, Nungler 135, Kavanagh 135, Galloway 135, Kay 134, Hoffmeyer 134, Billigson 134, Gibson 134, Terry 133, Kemp 133, Kerr 132, Colman 132, Mathieson 132, Bigger 132, Smith, main of five, 131, Lambert 131, Swartz 130, Linklater 130, Day 130, Wessman 130, Smith, K. B. 130, Boothman 130, Talmage 127, Cole 127, McManus 127, Baker 126, Hobbs 126, Lomas 126, R. Campbell 125, Marshall 124, Hildie 124, Scott 125, Moffat 120, McKibbin 119, Henry 119, Clonney 115, James 110, Soderberg 109.

Individual records, single string—J. Poole 233, 3 strings, Wm. Moon 627.

Winners of the prizes donated by the H. R. & A. Club are:

Team Prizes.

First, Forge—Wm. Moon, A. McGarity, E. Sullivan, R. McFavish, J. Poole, Wm. Dolan.

Second, Accounting—Wm. Rankine, N. Bechill, Geo. Kelday, J. Hunter, C. B. Munger, H. F. Green.

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