

Athletics

News and Gossip

Athletics and the Athletes

Write and Talk of Longboat

Official Olympic Standing as Given Out in London — Competitors Coming Home.

Sporting Editor World: Mr. Finner was returned home from the mission and returned to his business with his explanation of Loughboat's failure to bring back with him the famous Canadian. After Tom Loughboat's spell of living on the reserve thru the winter of 1905-6, he never believed he could possibly recover his lost ground sufficiently to be able to compete with the best. Training that was necessary to fit him for the great race he was to compete in was not made, and he never ran, he never ran a yard; worse than all, he lived a careless and licentious life. A few months later, when the Government made an important consideration for an athlete, at all times, he went to his home and neglected his training. He was not in the abundance of the heavy corn flour cake, fresh pork and boiled beans. I have seen him eat a few pounds of corn flour diet, but to be a diet for a should-be-training athlete was little short of absurd. He was not in the habit of doing what he had been accustomed to during the last two years. It was in the sad condition he was in when he returned to the

finish in a ten-mile sprint at Toronto Junction; neither could he run in the final trials for the Marathon. In the face of these facts, how could it be possible in the short time he had, to get in the pink of condition he should have been in

contrary, I believed it was an utter impossibility.

Tom Longboat is only fair and reasonable. I ask: Who is responsible for this apparently unhindered fling of Canada's candidate for the 1924 Olympic Games into the construction and supervision at the most critical period of his career, when he has been so badly injured? I believe it was his wish to do his training on the reserve, as we have been informed that he did his training there. I can only say it was up to his manager to have put his foot down on any such idea.

Tom Longboat's relatives and friends on the reserve are responsible for the report that he was injured. I believe that Tom has stated that his manager had advised him to go to the reserve for his training. I believe that the majority of Tom's own statements are to be credited, and I believe they are, that he was injured on the reserve. I believe the greatest responsibility for Tom's condition and attendant failure can be placed on the manager who was in charge of anything like his form as when he won the Boston Marathon last year in the time of 2:09:30. I believe that he did it without any unusual fatigue. From that time on, it has occurred to me that he was not in the best of health. I believe he was not coming up to the expectations of his management, who had looked for a great name.

I regret to have to say it: Longboat's triumphs and the fuss made over him have been the cause of his failure in developing his self-esteem, and an idea that he could beat all-comers—Even Shrubbs.

I have every faith in Tom Longboat being the equal of, if not better than any long-distance runner in the world. Before he can recover his prestige he will have to be placed in the hands of a thoroughly qualified and competent trainer, and one that he will feel satisfied with. This is the kind that Tom will work for faithfully. It may not be out of place to say

Tom Flanagan replied that there was no trouble between him and Longboat and he declared that the Indian would run under his management all fall. He feels cut up about Longboat's talk, after all he sacrificed for him. He kept the Indian away from London because he had private advices that the Americans would stop at nothing to put him out of the race.

A Quebec despatch says: Dave Nelson, the Canadian athlete, arrived last night by the Victorian, with Mr. Crocker, Toronto manager of the Canadian Olympic team. Both had been in London. Mr. Crocker, had a very good training at the Olympic games in London. He is in better condition than he was and a stronger wrestler. He was successful at Richmond, England. Aube Cole, the wrestler, is at arms with M. L. A. A. A., one of the managers of the M. A. A. A.

Arrangements for the reception of the American athletes to the Olympic game have been announced in New York. The celebration will take the form of a parade through the city streets, followed by a dinner at the city hall, where medals will be presented to the athletes. Every member

the winners of the various events being specially honored with medals. Bearing in mind the importance of the Olympic Games, the inscription of their event and Applications have been received for the places in the parade from all the prominent athletes of the clubs, the M.C.M.C. and the London Public School Athletic League and the Sunday School Athletic League.

James E. Sullivan, the United States Commissioner to the Olympic games, recently held in London, and Matthew Higgins, the English representative to the Olympic Games in New York. Concerning the treatment of the United States athletes in London, Mr. Sullivan said: "I can say a great deal about our treatment, as I will say something later. We were treated

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W. S. Coe, sr., arrived on the Ivernia yesterday and gave the startling information that the bearer of his name, with a junior attached, had hiked it for the lands of Budstetter and Pilsner, and would perform duties as a soldier and an income. William the Weight-Thrower is now doing stunts along lines which promise to make him a scion of wealth and L-street mourns his departure.

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