

SPORTOGRAPHY

BY "GRAVY"

When the Brooklyn Superbas return from their spring training trip, which is scheduled to begin tomorrow, they will find awaiting them one of the finest baseball plants of the National League circuit. A round million dollars has been spent on Ebbets Field, which is now practically completed. The stadium is the very last word in such structures, and in some respects even surpasses the new Polo Grounds in Manhattan. There is one arrangement, however, which will hardly meet with the approval of either players or fans. That is the suite of rooms provided for the umpires. The quarters of the referees include a lounge room, a bath room with showers, and a dining room. The officials whom nobody loves. Such consideration for mere umpires is remarkable and unprecedented. A bare cell with barred windows through which the fans could peer and hurl insults at the occupant would be much more popular.

One of the most famous battles in ring history was the first bout between Kid McCoy and Tommy Ryan, which was pulled off at Marquette, N. Y., seventeen years ago tonight. It was one big surprise party for the Salt City man. Tommy himself says that he trained hard at all for the encounter, feeling confident of his ability to defeat the Hoosier. McCoy, on the other hand, worked long and hard to put himself in the best of condition. The kid had a grudge against Tommy, and he paid it off in full. He played with and tormented his victim. Ryan had entered the ring a three-to-one favorite, but the odds soon changed. In the eighth Tommy was knocked down for the count of nine and got up very groggy. He was a pitiful spectacle from time on, with his face bloody, one optic closed and his nose swollen to twice its normal size. In the fifteenth and final inning Tommy twice took the count of nine before he was stretched stiff for the full count. In the following year McCoy and Ryan fought again, going five rounds to a draw. Their last battle was in 1900, when the kid won the decision in six rounds.

"Twenty Years of Baseball" would make a mighty interesting story, if set down by "Wee Willie" Keeler, one-time hero of the diamond. According to all reports, however, Keeler's time since

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he retired from baseball in 1911 has been pretty well occupied signing checks and leases and contracts, and he has no time for literary labors. Keeler was twenty-one years ago today and he began playing professional ball at the age of twenty-one. Between his debut with Binghamton in the Eastern League in 1892, and his retirement at the end of the 1911 season with Toronto, Keeler was a bright particular star of the Baltimore Orioles, the Brooklyn Trolley Dodgers and the New York Americans. As a fielder he was superb, as a batter he had few equals and no superiors. He played through an entire season without once fanning, an accomplishment that is likely to remain unique. After his first season with Binghamton "Wee Willie" was tried out by Brooklyn and New York, but was returned to Binghamton as not yet ripe for the big show. Ned Hanlon, leader of the immortal Baltimore Orioles, had a better opinion of Keeler's ability and copped him in 1894. The Marylander was then in the National League, and Keeler quickly demonstrated that he was one of the hardest hitters and crack outfielders of the circuit. He batted .357 during his first year with the Orioles, fanned his average to .394 the following year, held his own in 1896 and in 1897 set a world's record by finishing the season with a batting average of .432. After the 1899 season Baltimore was dropped from the National League and Willie went to Brooklyn, his four years with the big suburb his batting average ranged from .342 to .376. Ten years ago he joined the New York Americans, remaining with that aggregation until the end of 1909. His prowess with the bat gradually waned with the passing of the years and in 1909 the best he could do was .284. In 1910 he was signed as an emergency hitter by the Giants, but appeared in only seven games, to the tune of a round .300. About that time "Wee Willie" read the handwriting on the wall. "Back to the bushes for youse." In 1911 he played with Toronto, appearing in thirty-nine games for a batting average of .272. After that Willie announced his intention of quitting baseball. He had saved his money and invested it in Brooklyn real estate and was reckoned the richest man in baseball. Keeler's ability with the bat was all the more remarkable because of his small and slight stature. In order to get results he had to use his brain, and he was the inventor of really scientific stick work.

FOOTBALL PLAYED ON SATURDAY

An interesting association football match was played on the barack square Saturday afternoon when a team called the St. John's defeated a team from the square was full of deep snow this did not prevent the men from playing a hard fought-out game, and it was witnessed by quite a number of spectators. The steamship men winning the toss, chose to play down the incline in the first half. Past play was out of the question owing to the heavy state of the field. For a time the teams played an even match, when the Saturians made a rush and scored the first goal in ten minutes. The home team claimed a foul for tripping, but the referee did not allow the foul. The home team then won the ball up the field, and Andy Peebles with a good shot, scored for St. John and tied the score.

In the second half both teams worked hard. Marsden for St. John, got the ball on a pass from Peebles, and running down the field evaded the Saturian men and scored the second goal for St. John. The visitors then had a turn and managed to score for the Scotchmen and once more the score was tie. It was even play for some time when Marsden of the St. John's got the ball near the goal and scored the third and winning goal for the home team. Towards the finish of the game Marsden made another goal, but it was ruled out for offside play.

THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

- March 2.
- 1896—Kid McCoy stopped Tommy Ryan in 15 rounds at Maspeth, near New York.
 - 1908—Jimmy Austin knocked out Tom Murray in 4th round at San Diego, Cal.
 - 1909—Jimmy Gardner defeated Bill McKinnon in 12 rounds at Boston.
 - 1911—Tommy Houck and Young O'Leary fought 10-round draw at Brooklyn.
 - 1912—Al Thompson defeated Tim Land in 19 rounds at Sydney, Australia.
- March 3.
- 1884—Tommy Warren stopped Johnny Burns in 5 rounds at Denver.
 - 1908—Joe Jeannette and Sam Langford fought 12-round draw at Boston.
 - 1909—Jimmy Clabhy defeated Fred Gilmore in 10 rounds at Hammond, Ind.
 - 1910—Johnny Kilbane knocked out Kid Tyler in 3rd round at Cleveland.
 - 1911—Knockout Brown beat Ad Volgast in 10 rounds at New York.

THORPE PLAYING GOOD BALL.

Dallas, Texas, March 2.—James Thorpe, Indian athlete, contributed largely to the 9 to 1 score which the New York National rolled up in the first exhibition game of the season here today, with the Dallas team of the Texas league. Thorpe five times upbatted two singles and a double, got twelve chances, handled them cleanly and took part in two double steals. Gould and Smith pitched for the New York team and held the Texas leaguers to five hits.

UPPER CANADA HOCKEY

OTTAWA, 3; TORONTO, 2.

Ottawa, Ont., March 1.—The Ottawa was tied Wanderers and Canadiens for second place in the National Hockey Association, by beating the Toronto, 3 to 2, at the Arena last night, in a hockey match that was charged with thrills. The Senators won on a fifty foot shot by Lowery in the last period. Marshall and Cameron blocked the view of goal-keeper Holmes, and the latter did not see the puck until it landed in the net behind him. The game was rough throughout the match, a whole batch of major and minor minors. The smallest crowd of the season, six hundred, saw one of the best matches of the local schedule. Toronto pressed Ottawa hard and would have won had it not been for the sensational work of Deuser and the solid checking of the defense in front of the star-net guardian.

QUEBEC'S TENTH VICTORY.

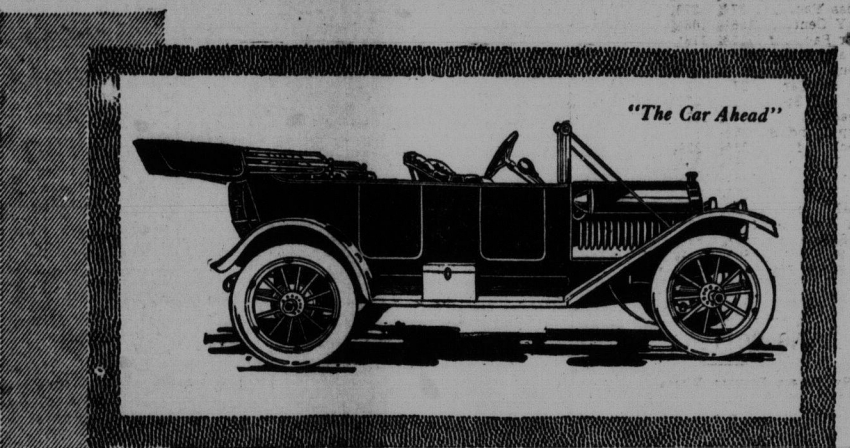
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CANADIENS, 3; TECUMSEH, 1.
Toronto, Ont., March 2.—In a listless and for the most part an unexciting game the Canadiens defeated the Tecumsehs by the score of 3 to 1, at the Arena Saturday evening. This was the last local appearance of the speedy Frenchmen, and a much smaller crowd greeted them than on their first appearance. Owing to the suspension of Fure, Berlanquet, was used at left wing, while Guivremont, a former amateur, was tried out for a few minutes in the second period in the Canadiens' position. During the few minutes that Guivremont was on he showed nothing that could claim him with other members of the Canadiens' sextette. There was very little rough play, only one minor foul being registered against Vair for tripping.



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