

BASEBALL, ROWING,
BOWLING, RACING, TENNIS

SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

QUOITING, BOXING,
FOOTBALL, GOLF, CRICKETLondon Holds First Practice
Of the Present Rugby Season

"Nibs" Harrison, Ex-Hamilton Half-Back, on the Job—Makes Favorable Impression by Clever Booting—Baker, Wilson, Sage and Others on Hand.

Considering that it was the first practice of the season, the boys showed several of the more experienced players, such as Bobby Hague, were out of town, the Rugby turnout last evening at Tecumseh Park was all that could be expected.

"Nibs" Harrison, the crack ex-Hamilton half-back was one of those on hand, and he made a most favorable impression by his kicking. "Nibs" appears small in stature alongside of "Tiny" Sage but he is certainly there with the booting.

The boys kicked the pigskin around the field for a couple of hours, after which several of the more beefy ones took a spin around the track.

All There.

Honorary President Hueston, President Bice and Archie McMahon, the executive, were present to watch the boys at work, and they all appeared well pleased with the showing made.

In all probability a number of new faces will be seen on the lineup this season, and one of these may be Alfie Gatecliff, the speedy baseball player.

Baker, one of last year's team, was out, as was also Wilson, the Collegiate candidate.

"Duff" Woods, Dick Whetter, and a number of other clever local men were conspicuous by their absence.

The management has decided to hold practice each evening, beginning at five o'clock and continuing until dark. Every man who has ever seen a football is requested to turn out and give the team a lift.

The players are also requested to appear upon the field in their suits.

Toronto may be a thriving commercial city, a great railroad centre, and all that sort of thing, but it is not big enough to hold two football teams, neither from the standpoint of getting players, nor from a financial outlook.

The T. A. A. C. had a fairly well good chance to show off what stuff they were made for two years, and a nice mess they made of it. They could not beat a team from the Girls' Home, though it be said to their credit, they almost won a game from Hamilton.

They were then the radiating out of the football field as an Argo T. A. C. team, nine-tenths of it being made up of players from the latter club—Telegram.

The action of the C. A. A. U. practice.

Dan Patch Paces Fast Mile At Michigan State Fair Races

Detroit, Sept. 8.—Dan Patch failed to break his own and the world's pacing record of 1:58, but negotiated the fastest mile ever made on a Michigan track before a crowd that was estimated at \$20,000, at the state fair track Tuesday afternoon. His time was 1:58.3, but it seemed as if the champion could have clipped another two seconds off of this had not the crowd which lined the field fence and outer edge of the track prevented him from running as close to the pole as possible.

Is Paced by Runners.

Two runners hitched to bullocks paced him in his race against time. They scored twice, and then Starter Snyder gave the signal and away went the champion as close to the fence as he dared. The fact that Harry could not get closer, the crowd being too great in the inclosure, was sufficient to prevent the king from reducing his own mark. He paced the first quarter in half a minute and it looked as if he was held up a trifle. At the half-mile post the judges timed him at one minute. In the back stretch he opened up a little and negotiated the third quarter in 29½ seconds. With a fair wind blowing down the track he never was less than the last quarter as fast as the preceding one. The time for the mile, 1:58.3, is the fastest ever paced in the Wolverine state.

Dan Patch Races Perfectly.

Dan Patch races perfectly, just like a well-oiled machine. No useless motions of fretting which would detract from his speed. While being warmed up he occasionally threw up his head and once off he settled down to real work. His head worked in harmony with the rest of his body, and he swung along at his even gait. When the mile was completed he did not seem much tired and without affecting him seriously. Dan Patch will be "at home" to all comers until the close of the fair.

First Race—2:21 Trot—Purse \$600.

Lady Pacey, b.m. by Baron Posey (Maple) 1 1 1
Howard (Culver) 1 3 5
Interurban (Henderson) 2 3 4
Tag Bull (Harvey) 6 5 2 4
Abby Frost (Keating) 3 4 3
Robin Hood (Cares) 5 6 7
Elmford (Coby) 7 7 6 7
Sir Caprice (Laid) 9 8 dr
Munth (Simpson) 7 7 6 7
Time—2:16.4, 2:15.4, 2:14.7.

Second Race—Free-For-All Pace—Purse \$800.

Brenda York, b.m. by Moko (Nickels) 4 2 1 2 1
Mack (Black) (Ball) 1 2 4 4
Capt. Derby (Bridges) 2 3 2
Ruth Wildman (Harrison) 3 4 2 3
Time—2:06.4, 2:05.4, 2:04.7, 2:10, 2:11.4.

Exhibition Race.

Dan Patch paced an exhibition mile in 1:58.3, the fastest time ever made in Michigan. The time by quarters was :30, 1:00, 1:21½, 1:58.3.

All the Games in the Big Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Boston—R. H. E.
Philadelphia 6 11 8
Boston 4 9 3
Batteries—Sparks and Doolin; Dorner and Smith. Umpire, Klem.

At Pittsburgh—R. H. E.
St. Louis 0 5 1
Pittsburgh 2 4 1
Batteries—Raymond and Ludwig; Cantu and Gibson. Umpire, Rigler.

At New York—R. H. E.
Brooklyn 0 3 2
New York 1 12 4
Batteries—Rucker and Farmer; Mathewson and Bresnahan. Umpires, Johnstone and Emale.

At Chicago—R. H. E.
Cincinnati 2 3 2
Chicago 3 2 1
Batteries—Moran and McLean; Reulbach and Moran. Umpire, O'Day.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Philadelphia—R. H. E.
New York 5 8 1
Philadelphia 6 9 1
Batteries—Manning and Blair; Vickers and Schreckengost. Umpire, Evans.

At Washington—R. H. E.
Boston 3 6 1
Washington 1 4 2
Batteries—Young and Donahue; Smith and Street. Umpire, Connolly.

At Cleveland—R. H. E.
Cleveland 2 7 0
Cleveland 0 6 0

STANDING OF THE LEAGUES

EASTERN LEAGUE.				NATIONAL LEAGUE.				AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Baltimore	77	59	.566	New York	77	49	.610	Detroit	73	53	.584
Providence	75	50	.600	Pittsburgh	77	49	.610	Chicago	71	55	.562
Newark	69	58	.553	Chicago	73	51	.595	St. Louis	69	59	.539
Buffalo	67	60	.528	Philadelphia	68	55	.553	Cleveland	69	59	.539
Montreal	67	60	.528	Cincinnati	61	67	.447	Philadelphia	62	63	.496
Jersey City	55	70	.448	Boston	53	73	.421	Boston	62	65	.488
Toronto	54	71	.432	Brooklyn	45	83	.354	Washington	54	68	.443
Rochester	51	71	.418	St. Louis	44	82	.349	New York	40	86	.317

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY

Jersey City at Baltimore.
Rochester at Buffalo.

St. Louis at Chicago.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Brooklyn at New York.

Chicago at Detroit.
St. Louis at Cleveland.
New York at Philadelphia.
Boston at Washington.

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

THE OPENING of the Rugby season is now close at hand, the first game being played on the 25th of this month at Hamilton, when the Tigers and the Argos get together. Yesterday's turnout at Tecumseh Park was fairly good, but it will be better tonight.

IT WAS REPORTED Saturday that some of the Ramlar Club members would be out for practice, but they failed to materialize. A winning team in London would draw just as well or better than baseball, and the advertising that the town would come in for would be well worth any effort that could be put forth to get a winning aggregation together.

PRIOR TO THE RUGBY practice London's finest, our friends the cops, took a fall out of the P. P. baseball club by a score of 9 to 8. There isn't much to say about the little affair except that the bluecoats couldn't do the same thing to the "Tiger" team.

CHIEF WILLIAMS' charges cut about the time that the P. P. fellows got going nicely, and to the spectators it appeared as if they were subject to an attack of red trifles.

TOMORROW the "Tiger" team gets busy with the M. Linds at Tecumseh Park. Obseques at 4:30. Friends and flowers cordially invited.

ARKONA, Sept. 8.

SPORTING EDITOR ADVERTISER:

Dear Sir—Kindly state through your columns whether or not there are printed rules for quoting, and if so, where the same can be procured.

A QUOTER.

ANS.—Any local sporting goods house can supply you with a book of quoting rules.

NEELSON LONG, the local pitcher, is the latest possibility for a trial on the Toronto ball club. Neils ought to make good on the same principle as Jo Jo Kneenan made good—Hamilton Spectator.

MAUD KESWICK, the game Toronto mare, who has been off the circuit for two years, came back yesterday at Detroit and took second money in the \$800 trot for all. Keswick has a mark under 2:04.

A FEW YEARS AGO when Jubilee and Texas Rooker were in their prime Maud Keswick made up a trio which cleaned up the big circuit in great style.

CANADIAN HORSES did well at Hartford yesterday, too. The Red taking first money in the Nutmeg pace, with Major Brino, the Montreal gelding, second.

THE WORK of the Aberdeen Lacrosse team of London is deserving of special notice. A green team, almost without fail, yet able to defeat the hitherto invincible St. John's team. The St. John's team, must be pretty nearly the goods.

IT IS PROPOSED next season to organize a lacrosse league on the same basis as the St. Thomas, Strathroy, possibly Brantford, and London. The league will play St. Thomas either next Saturday or the following Saturday. Practice will be held tonight and Friday at Queen's Park.

THE EEL WINS \$5,000 PACE

Major Brino, the Montreal Horse, Second—Listowel Entry Seventh.

[Associated Press.]

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 8.—The feature of the trotting races at Charter Oak Park today was the Nutmeg 2:07 pace, purse \$5,000. The Eel, the Canadian wonder, was the star performer in the event, winning the race in three straight heats. Major Brino finished second and George Gano third.

In the 2:12 trot Gentel H. won in three heats and Judge Lee took second money. The summaries:

2:12 trot, three in five, purse \$1,200—Gentel H., b. h., sire Gambetta, 1 1 1
Wilkes (McDonald) 1 1 1
Judge Lee, gr. h. (Lasselle) 1 1 1
Wilkes (McDonald) 1 1 1
Nancy Boyce, blk. m. (McCarthy) 7 4 3
Hawkins, blk. g. (Cox) 3 2 3
Morn, ch. f. (Howell) 5 6 7
Kid McGregor, b. h. (Gower) 5 6 7
Time—2:12, 2:11, 2:10½.

The Nutmeg, 2:07 pace, purse \$5,000—The Eel, gr. a., sire Gamboller (McGwen) 1 1 1
Major Brino, blk. g. (Richy) 2 2 2
George Gano, b. h. (Cox) 3 3 4
Copa De Oro, b. h. (Durfee) 3 3 4
Fred D., ro. g. (Murphy) 4 5 5
Major Mallow, b. g. (Mallow) 5 6 6
Jim Daly, b. g. (Clark) 6 6 8
Auto, ch. g. (McLane) 7 7 7
Time—2:06, 2:05½, 2:05.

JENNINGS SURE OF WINNING FLAG

When the Tigers finish the five-game series at Detroit with the Sox they go to St. Louis for four more games. This will leave them with but three more games against Chicago, and but two more against St. Louis. The rest of the 29 games to be played will be against the eastern clubs. That is why Jennings smiles and is satisfied that as far as the Tigers are concerned the race is over.

Following are all the games it will be possible for the leaders to play before the season closes:

At Rochester (first game)—R. H. E.
Toronto 1 4 3
Rochester 9 14 1
Batteries—Morfit and Peares; Barger and Butler. Umpires, Black and Wilkinson.

At Rochester (second game)—R. H. E.
Rochester 4 12 1
Toronto 3 12 1
Batteries—McGinley and Vandergrift; Minnehan and Bannister. Umpires, Black and Wilkinson.

At Buffalo—R. H. E.
Montreal 3 6 3
Buffalo 7 8 2
Batteries—Keefe and Clark; Tozer and McAllister. Umpire, Stafford.

At Baltimore—R. H. E.
Baltimore 6 7 0
New York 0 3 3
Batteries—Manser and Crist; Pearson and Byers. Umpires, Rudderham and Murphy.

At Providence—R. H. E.
Newark 0 6 4
Providence 6 11 0
Batteries—Hughes and Stange; Cronin and Peterson. Umpires, Walker and Kelly.

SHORTEN BELMONT RACES

Anti-Betting Law Causes Big Cut in Dates.

New York, Sept. 8.—The World today says the racing at Belmont Park during the October meeting will be curtailed. The original allotment of four days or more was cut to twelve days will not be run off. At a meeting of the directors of the West Chester Racing Association it was agreed that the meeting would consist of four days or possibly five during each week.

THE TURF. WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At Montreal—Woolbine, 1 to 3; Chief Hayes, 5 to 1; St. Valentine, 15 to 1; Elizabeth Harwood, 11 to 3; Blue Pidgeon, 6 to 5; Gerryman, 6 to 5; Manheimer, 7 to 1.

At Sheepshead—Baby Wolf, Trash, Persius, Big Chief, Bird of Flight II, Burgess.

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White Sox Trimmed the Tigers
In the First Game of the Series

"Doc" White Proved a Stumbling Block—Kilian Returns to Game and Is Walloped—Contest Lacked Dash and Excitement—Tigers Off Color.

Detroit, Sept. 8.—The Tigers dropped the first game of the series against the White Sox. The Chicago pennant-chasers sent their best card against the Tigers, Doc White, and he kept the champions away from the plate while his teammates were getting to Ed Kilian. It was Kilian's first appearance as a regular for a month or more, and the game satisfied Jennings that the southpaw is not ready yet to take his place. White was hit hard and did not look as good as he has on other days against the local crowd, but he managed to keep his hit scattered.

The Tigers did not play quite as well as had been hoped after the Labor Day exhibitions. While they got plenty of men on the base, they could not drive them in. Some peculiar base-running in the seventh cost them one good chance to climb within striking distance at least. The Sox got hitting earlier in the game by hitting Kilian, and in the seventh they cinched the game by their batting and by taking advantage of the error made by the Tigers. Matty McIntyre was reported sick and Davy Jones took his place in left field.

Kilian's Fatal Slip.

In the second he made a fatal slip of walking Isbell. Typical Chicago play followed. Atz sacrificed and Parent ran. In the fourth they worked another tally across when Parent singled and Sullivan followed with another that sent the shortstop to third. Ed Kilian, of the same city, last night, and clearly earned the decision. Russell took victims of punishment and carried on a vigorous body punching, which, however, availed him little. Lewis knocked Russell down in the tenth round and had him groggy, but was unable to put him out.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 8.—Following are the statements given out by the principals of the middleweight championship fight:

By Billy Papke.

"I have proven conclusively to the public that the 'lucky punch' Ketchell handed me in the first round was a fluke. I whipped him at his own game yesterday, but I want to go on record as saying that I honor the man for his gameness. Few men would have taken the beating Ketchell did without quitting."

By Stanley Ketchell.

"That was too careless, and that's all there is to it. I walked out by the end of the first round and laid myself open to one punch that did the business. I think that I am entitled to another match with Papke on the strength of my showing. This defeat will set me back a bit, but I will soon be in the ring again. You haven't heard the last of Stanley Ketchell."

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 8.—Stanley Ketchell, who yesterday lost the middleweight championship to Billy Papke, yesterday was beaten practically to a pulp in 12 rounds of sort of fighting, is not satisfied. He seeks a new match with his conqueror, and today Papke's manager, T. E. Jones, will give the Michigan lad his answer.

Ketchell today is a sorry sight. His face is a mass of bruises, showing how the punches of the latter scored over the former. While the latter scarcely bears a mark to show that he had been in such a grueling fight.

PULLIAM SAYS BASEBALL IS CLEANER

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8.—In the course of an interview in this city, Harry Clay Pulliam, president of the National League, took an optimistic view of the baseball situation.

"The game is getting cleaner all the time. Why, I've only suspended about half a dozen men this year, to about forty last year, and I want to say that the players are trying harder to keep the game clean than any other agency. They have realized that the umpire is almost human. It's business with a player now, and they're banking instead of boozing."

Baseball Popular.

"One of the main reasons for the everlasting popularity of the game is that it's a poor boy's game. You see, eighteen little kids, with one ball and a stick, can get all the fun they want."

What to do with the crowds. Why, double deck, and for that matter triple deck stands will scarcely suffice.

"It's a grand game, clean, wholesome, and it's the spirit of contest that gives it its virility. Civic pride is another vital part of it. Every town likes to have its own team a winner. Sort of local pride, or another form of patriotism, I call it."

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JACK JOHNSON IS "IN BAD" IN PARIS

Offers to Settle Financial Obligations With Fists—Terrifies French.

London, Sept. 8.—Jack Johnson, the black shadow of the heavyweights, apparently is finding the pasture short in Europe, at least the French papers are doing things to him for trying to evade his bills. The sporting writers of Paris do not know anything about the fighting game, but in their articles about Johnson they indulge in some personalities that must hurt the sensitive nature of the colored pugilist.

"The tall man with the big, flat feet" is one of the nice things the Parisians call him, and "the long colored fighter" is another.

Johnson's latest financial entanglement arose in Paris, where he was doing stunts on the vaudeville stage, and, being unable to speak the language, hired a "master of ceremonies." This gentleman's name is "Speaker Max," according to the French papers, and he is also referred to as "Sly Max."

After serving Johnson in the role of general manager and interpreter, he had the audacity to ask the colored man for the money he had earned. The receipts of the show not being what they might have been, Johnson refused to come through with the coin, but kindly offered to settle the obligation with his fists. "Speaker Max" is credited with having "prudently declined this invitation."

The diplomatic Max is then reported to have communed with himself for a few hours and suddenly lit on a brilliant plan. The plan developed next morning when Johnson was ready to leave for London and the "directors of the hotel" rendered him a little bill for Max's services. Johnson wanted the management to take it out in fists again, but the management also "prudently declined." Poor Jack had to settle the bill, but got even by declaring that "the ungrateful city would know him no more." Mr. Johnson was hired, according to the French writer, "allowed to excuse himself."

The colored pugilist's plans for the future are a little hazy at present, but it is expected that he will return to this country shortly. Since losing the chance to meet Tommy Burns in England, Jack has been real disconsolate, but he still carries a picture of the Canadian next his bosom.

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