



# THE WORLD OF SPORT



## All Arrangements Made For Fights Tuesday Next

St. Thomas and Stratford Boys To Oppose Local Boxers in Armories.

### LAST CARD OF SEASON

Cy Pook, Lightweight Champion, Offers To Appear Here.

The card on which boxers from the Elgin Regiment of St. Thomas and Perth Regiment of Stratford will appear against London mitt men, under the joint auspices of the above-named units and the London Garrison A. A., at the local armories as a testimonial to the work done by Sgt. Tommy Wallace in helping to promote amateur boxing throughout Western Ontario, will be held a week from tonight.

Sanction for the bouts, which was withheld by the Ontario branch, A. A. U. of C., because of the Ontario championships being staged in Toronto this week, came yesterday for the card to be staged on April 15, and Sgt. Wallace was asked to notify all the boxers who are appearing on the bill. It will be the last card of the local season, and should draw a packed house.

#### Interest Greater.

It sparkles with talent, and is pepped up considerably more by district rivalries which will be settled on this program.

While at first it may have seemed shortsighted on the part of the A. A. U. of C. to restrict the holding of the championship for the staging of the card, it's a rule they've had in force for years. The week's postponement, however, should only serve to stimulate more interest in the final card of the season.

Wallace, whose good work, extended over the four years he has been a resident of London, is well known to local fans, is giving a real tribute when Stratford and St. Thomas boxers step forth to offer their services on the card.

#### Mostly Newcomers.

Fortunately for the match-making end of the card, few of the boxers have met before, and on their showing Tuesday night will depend their chances of getting on the cards to be staged in the district next week.

Cy Pook also has offered to appear. Pook after Thursday and Friday night should be Ontario lightweight champion, and it's possible that some of his opponents in the Ontario championships may be brought here to oppose him.

A. T. Taylor will handle the bouts, having donated his services for the evening.

The seat sale will be reopened at Brisco's today.

## AXE NOW WAVERING OVER LEAF ROOKIES

Toronto Pilot Grooming Pitchers For Opening Games in Newark.

#### Special to The Advertiser.

Charlotte, N. C., April 7.—Encouraged by the appearance of brilliant summer sunshine this morning the Leafs took to the field of the Charlotte team. Manager Howley promised to whip and goad the athletes who have been sitting indoors for most of several days gazing dejectedly out upon downpour or drizzle. It is unlikely, however, that the Leafs will require much driving, the men having tired of their inactivity, and with the opening of the season close at hand, desiring to be ready when the bell rings.

Further cuts in the squad will be announced tomorrow, but they will not involve the departure of any of the regulars, although the ranks of the latter will be decreased before many days have passed. Two recruits probably will say good-bye tomorrow for this season at least.

Howley is now bending his attention to preparation of his most dependable pitchers for the important games at Newark and the subsequent swing around the eastern end of the circuit before going home to Toronto to introduce his prospective champions to the home folk on April 20. Doyle, Reynolds and Thomas look like the right-handers for early selection, with Stewart and Faulkner to do the forkhand serving.

Stange will be the most important catching assignment, with the battle still raging between Sullivan and Vincent for the second string job.

There is a lot of speed on the Leafs this season, and it will not be allowed to go to waste on the bases. Plays based on speed are being built up and the catchers of the International League are going to have something to worry about when they come to grips with the Leafs.

## Down South

### AT KANSAS CITY.

Pittsburg Nationals ..... R. H. E.  
Kansas City ..... 3 9 1

### AT ATLANTA.

Cincinnati ..... 12 15 0  
Detroit ..... 4 8 1  
Donohue, Sheehan and Wingo;  
Daggs, Pillette, Cole and Bassler.

### AT MEMPHIS.

Boston Americans ..... 7 10 1  
Memphis ..... 5 7 4

### AT OKLAHOMA CITY.

Chicago Nationals ..... 17 16 2  
Oklahoma City ..... 15 19 2

### CHAMBERS DROPS OUT.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, April 7.—In the English Association football team to meet Scotland at Wembley Park next Saturday, Chambers drops out, and Walter will play at inside left with

## FIELD CONGESTED WHEN RUTH PLAYS

Bambino Crowded From Outfield by Admiring Throng of Youngsters.

#### Associated Press Despatch.

New York, April 7.—The contagion of hero worship, spreading from a group of boys in Babe Ruth's section in right field, infected 10,000 people at Nashville, Tenn., yesterday and compelled Umpire Rowland to call the Yankee-Brooklyn contest in the ninth inning when the score was 8-8.

The overflow crowd at Nashville swarmed onto the outfield, compelling ground rules that resulted in many extra-base hits. A solid ring of small boys, surrounding Ruth on every catch, made life so miserable for the bambino that he exchanged places with Wally Pipp at first base. When the Yankees went in to bat for the first half of the tenth, the army crossed to the bench and made further play impossible.

Travis Jackson and Bill Terry, Memphis products, were the stars of the Giants' lineup in the 4-2 victory over the Memphis team on its own grounds.

Nehf and Baldwin allowed ten hits but held in the pinches.

Heavy rain caused the postponement today of the second baseball game of the city series between the Philadelphia Nationals and Americans.

Although Urban Shocker and Olin Voght were hammered for 13 hits by the Dallas, Texas League, Steers, yesterday the St. Louis Browns freed from their batting slump, socked out a 11 to 5 victory, their second win from the Texas Leaguers, according to despatches from Dallas.

The Cincinnati Nationals, on the last lap of their spring training trip, left Florida last night for Atlanta, to begin a series of six games with the Detroit Americans. The two teams play a five-inning game this morning inside the walls of the federal penitentiary, and in the afternoon play a regular game on the new field of the Atlanta club. Pete Donohue will pitch against the Detroit team in the afternoon, Manager Hendricks announced last night.

## HOSPITAL ELECTS 1924 OFFICERS FOR CRICKET

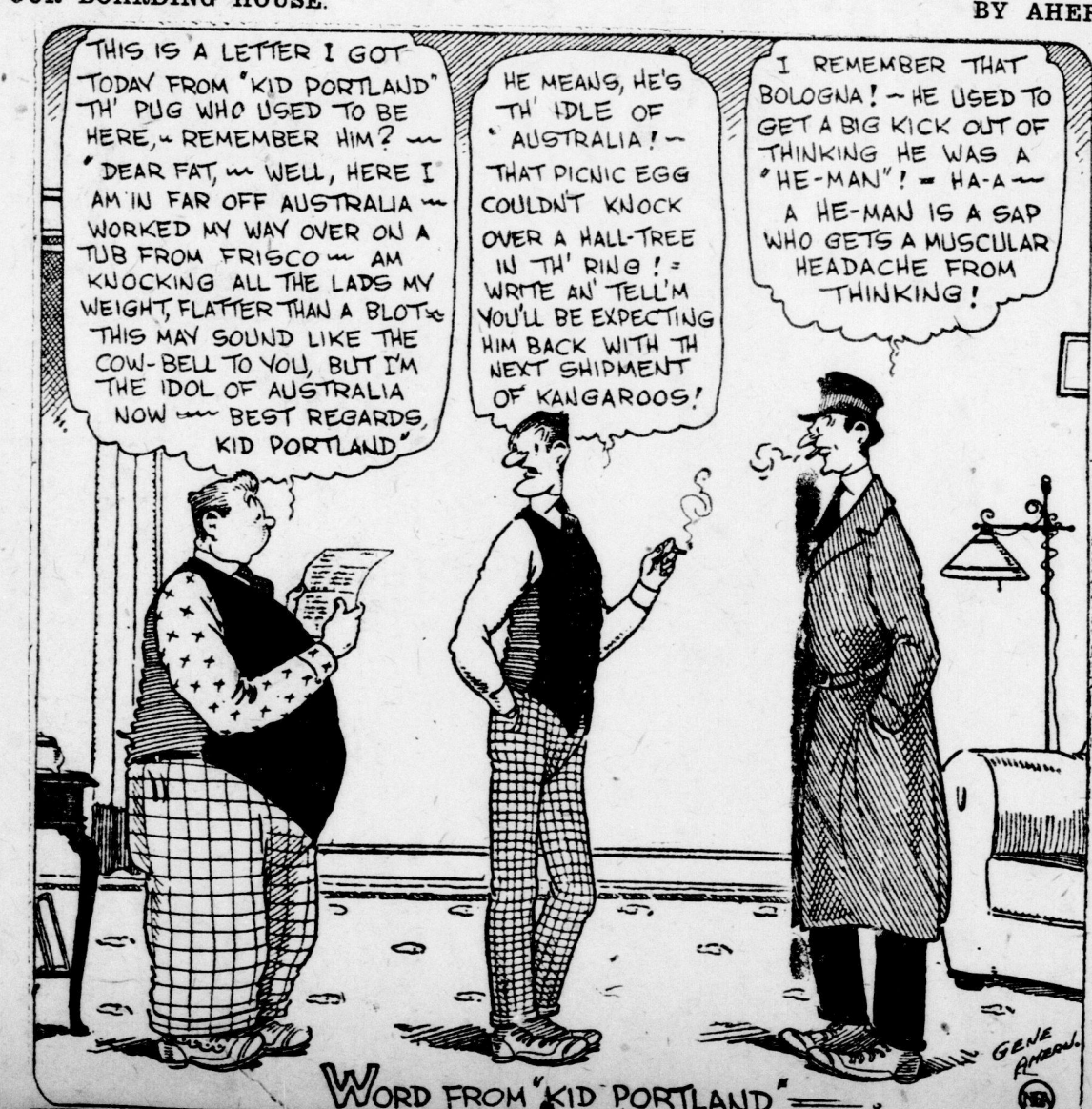
Dr. W. J. Robinson, President, and Dr. W. Chalk, Captain For Season.

The Ontario Hospital Cricket Club had their first meeting this year and the following officers were elected for the season:

Hon. presidents, Dr. Cathcart, Dr. Turner, E. Webb, president, Dr. W. J. Robinson; vice-president, Dr. G. Stevenson; captain, Dr. Chalk; vice-captain, J. May; treasurer and secretary, H. J. White; umpire, H. M. Marshall.

A vote of thanks was tendered to those who so kindly gave their cars and help enabling the players to get to their out-of-town matches during the past season. It is to be hoped that an early start can be made, and arrangements are being made for a day match to open the season on May 24. All officers and members of the club cordially invite any person or persons interested in the game to visit the grounds of the hospital when games are in progress. There will be many interesting matches well worth watching, and everybody is welcome.

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE.



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WORD FROM 'KID PORTLAND'

## MAJORS RUNNING TO BIG PLAYERS

Fred Merkle Comments On Changing Condition in Big League Baseball.

Special to The Advertiser.  
By JOHN B. FOSTER.  
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Savannah, Ga., April 7.—The big leagues are getting bigger and lesser leagues are getting lesser—in size of players.

This is the testimony of Fred Merkle, leading batter and first baseman of the Rochester club of the International League, which has been working out in practice games in the south against the big leagues.

"Little by little," says Merkle, "baseball is becoming more and more of a big man's game. We are having more and more trouble getting men who are physically large. Almost all the big league club players are large men. That's why the minor leagues have trouble getting the larger players. The result, however, is that the minor leagues are getting all of the speed, although their players may not hit as well as the big fellows."

Rochester played with the New York Yankees, Merkle declared Rochester should have won two of the games which it lost.

"We have a better hitting team than we had last year," he said, "and if the fielding comes up to expectations, the Rochester club should be able to give Baltimore a good fight for the International League pennant."

The Rochester club is strong at first base, of course, and seems to have an infield that will back up good pitching. The team is stronger in pitchers than it was last year, judging by the spring training in Savannah. The Rochester players had plenty of chance to face the Yankee pitchers, and figure that they are strong enough to bat against Huggins' youngsters, but they hold up their hands when the old fellows are talked about.

It is interesting to note their opinion of the Yankees so far as the pitchers are concerned. In the games they played against them in the south, they found Bush in tip-top shape and think that he will be as good a pitcher this year as ever. They say Shawkey is ready to start, but Pennock will have to wait some time before he is in condition.

George Stallings, manager of the team, thinks he picked up a fast out-fielder from Wichita, but of course, Stallings will miss A'Headeach, who has gone to the Chicago White Sox.

## NEW OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY BOWLERS OF WHEATLEY

#### Special to The Advertiser.

Wheatley, April 7.—The following officers were elected for 1924 at the annual business meeting of the local bowlers: M. A. Gee, president; Robert McNeillage, vice-president; A. M. Wilson, secretary. A banquet was enjoyed first at the Commercial Hotel, after which the business of the year was transacted.

## Thistles Clash With High Girls For City Title Friday



JACK BLOOM.  
Big heavyweight from New York, who boxes Jack Reddick in Toronto tomorrow night.

## WIRE TAPPERS GET \$50,000 IN SWINDLE

San Francisco Bookmakers Tricked Out of Large Sums by Crooks.

#### Associated Press Despatch.

San Francisco, Cal., April 7.—Wire tappers have collected between \$50,000 and \$150,000 from San Francisco bookmakers by switching the numbers of the actual winners at Ti Juana to those of horses on which members of their gang had bet, the San Francisco Examiner said this morning.

According to the Examiner, members of the gang here bet on Irish Buzzer to win the second race, and Water Willow to take the third event, playing them singly and in combination. Morro Castle and Sweet and Low won.

The wire tappers had "cut in" on the leased wire by which the Ti Juana returns were being sent to San Francisco bookmakers, however, and intercepted the news of the winners. In relaying it to San Francisco, they substituted the designations of the horses on which they had bet, Irish Buzzer actually finishing second and Water Willow fifth. Irish Buzzer would have paid 15 to 1 and Water Willow 5 to 1 to win. Thus a \$10 bet on the two in combination netted \$360. The trick was not discovered until long after the races were over and the bets paid, the Examiner said.

Big Double Bill To Include Foul Shooting Contest For Shields.

### PLAY IN CENTRAL GYM

Mayor Wenige Will Present Prizes To Three High Scorers.

Miss Frances Talbot, president of the London Ladies' Basketball League, announced last night that the officials of the league had made arrangements for a foul shooting contest, to be held in the Central Collegiate gym Friday night for all those who play the cage game, and added that this was the closing event of the league, through which they hoped to raise funds to pay the league's expenses incurred during the past year.

Mayor Wenige, in order to help the girls along, has kindly offered three shields to be presented to the winners in this event. Following this, the Central Collegiate girls, winners of the E. S. Little Cup, will play the Thistles, holders of the Cameron Wilson Trophy, for the city championship.

Elimination contests are being staged for the foul-shooting event, so that an unwieldy number of contestants will not be taking part in the final test. The first of these was held in the Central gym last night, with the result that the following are considered eligible to take part Friday: Kitty Brooks of the London team; Dorothy Timbrell, Agnes Mullins and Margaret Moir of Woolworths, and Ida Parkinson from Westervelts. The final elimination contest will be staged tomorrow night in the Central gym.

Altogether the evening should be a huge success, and it is expected that a large crowd of fans will be on hand to witness this decidedly unusual and interesting bill. It is not very often that one sees a foul-shooting contest and a titular match on the same card. As a result, considerable interest is being stirred up among the local fans.

It is not yet decided what the admission fee will be, but that does not make any difference, for all those who are really interested in helping the girls along, and who want to witness something that is really good, will attend, no matter what the price may be.

## FRENCH FLYWEIGHT CHAMP. TAKES MEASURE OF BELGIAN

#### Associated Press Despatch.

Oran, Algeria, April 7.—Young Ascencio, known as the European Fanchi Villa, flyweight champion of France, defeated Henri Heblans of Belgium in a 15-round bout Friday night before 10,000 fans, the largest gathering ever assembled in North Africa.

## FASHION-CRAFT NEW SHOP

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AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS

## DEMONSTRATING FASHION-CRAFT NEW LOW-PRICE POLICY

STORE WILL BE RUN UNDER

## NEW MANAGEMENT

BUT THE OLD SALES STAFF

WATCH WEDNESDAY'S PAPERS FOR

## Opening Announcement