

Latest News From
Far and NearBuglers and H Company
Win at Indoor Baseball

The Buglers proved to be the one best bet on the indoor baseball contest at the Armories last evening, defeating G Company handily by a score of 10 to 6.

In the second contest of the evening H Company made mince-meat of E Company, winning by 21 to 9. Both games were highly interesting, notwithstanding the difference in scores. Summary:

Buglers 10
G Company 6
Batteries—Orr and Callahan; Gander and Tumbler.
H Company 21
E Company 9
Batteries—McCall and Anderson; Hunt and Shively.
Umpires—Jeffries and Jeffries.

CRISPIN-STEWART MATCH IS OFF
DETROIT CRACK GETS COLD FEET

Just before going to press the following letter, which explains itself, was received:

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 20.

Mr. George Crispin:

Dear Sir,—Dan Stewart and myself wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th, but have to inform you that owing to an engagement which Mr. Stewart has made to skate at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Nov. 23 at the opening of a new roller rink in that city, he will be unable to meet you until some time during the earlier part of December. Mr. Nicholson, manager of the Wolff's Rink, in this city, has had posted for the past three weeks a purse of \$25 for your match with Stewart, but he has withdrawn this, and has given back to Mr. Stewart his side bet of \$50, which the latter had posted with him. He has promised, however, to give the same amount of purse money for a race of two miles between yourself and Stewart, but cannot have it take place before December. Mr. Stewart has also been informed that it will be impossible to have the floor at Wolff's rink covered with pumice stone, and I will say myself that this is unfortunate for both of you, as the advantages of skating on pumice stone is well

known to all speed skaters. Write me soon and let me know of the most convenient time in December for you to come to Detroit to race Mr. Stewart. The old agreement as to side bet and purse stands good as before. Very truly yours,

NORMAN T. FARR,
Detroit Journal.

Mr. Frank Trafford, who is backing Crispin, was very sore when shown the letter, and denounces Stewart as a quitter. This makes the third time that Stewart has become attacked with iced chillblains when his bluff was called, and Crispin is seriously thinking of passing him up as a bluffer.

As far as the pumice stone is concerned, Manager Trafford will allow it on his floor, and Stewart doesn't need to flunk on that score. As a matter of fact, Stewart is only a seeker of cheap notoriety, and the sooner the public get wise to him the better. Manager Trafford stated this morning that the \$500 offered by Baker would be covered if any assurance could be given that Stewart could be dragged into a match with Crispin.

From here Stewart looks like a quitter, and it is doubtful if the match will ever come off.

SMALL PROSPECT FOR PRO HOCKEY

Just at the present moment there doesn't seem to be much chance of a professional hockey team in this city this winter.

Joe Lind, the prime mover, will not be here much longer, and his departure seems to have dropped through. Berlin has formed a pro. team, and would like to get London in the same league, but unless someone can be found who will shove the thing through there will be nothing doing.

As a matter of fact a pro. team

will not be needed here this winter at least, for with O. H. A. and City League hockey, we should have all we can attend to.

The Medicals have signified their intention of entering a team in the City League, and it is very probable that the Seventh will also be on deck when the time comes around for play.

Nothing has as yet been heard from the Ramblers, and it may be that they will not form a team this winter.

A BIG LOCAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Before the winter is over London is promised a big basketball league and the games will be played in the Armories. There are enough good play-

ers in the city to form a very fast, purely local league, and it is to be hoped that those who are promoting the project will see their way clear to make good.

VARSITY DEFEAT
CRACK MIDGETS

Western Basketball Team Put Up a Fine Game at the Y. M. C. A.

There was fun in bunches at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last evening when the Wizards took the count at the hands of the Shamrocks, and the Midgets took a beating from the newly-organized Varsity team. The score of the first game was 50 to 20, and the second 31 to 27. The Shamrocks had something on their opponents at all stages of the game, but the second bout was in doubt at all times.

The score of the second game favored the Midgets at half time, but the Varsity boys were the better stayers, and won out by plucky work. The result of this game was somewhat of a surprise, for the Midgets are looked upon as some "punks" at the "Y."

The teams lined up as follows:

Wizards—Crosbie, Wand, Tait, Stevenson, Strachan and Henderson.
Shamrocks—Billy Brock, De Shaw, Harvey, Smith and Martin.
Midgets—Glen, MacRoberts, Duffield, Orr and Brock.
Varsity—Ross, Poisson, Moore, Folinshee and Jepson.
Referee—Wickett. Umpire—Crombie.

KIDDERS LEAD IN
THE PIN SERIES

The Kidders at present lead the City Tenpin League, although closely pressed for the honor by the Midgets, and the Cubs, who are tied for second place.

On account of the new pins, but three bowlers have gone over the 200 mark. They are: Chester Sheere, 223; Alf Sheere, of the Midgets, 205; and L. Lackie, of the Cubs, 208.

The standing of the clubs and the number of pins made is as follows:

Club	G.P.	W.	L.	T.	P.C.
Kidders	7	2	6	571	373
Midgets	9	5	2	674	367
Cubs	9	3	3	643	357
Derbys	9	4	5	639	345
Hortons	9	4	5	639	345
Hermits	9	5	0	594	309

Knap McCarthy, the veteran trainer, hailing from Indiana, will construct a training barn on ground which he purchased inside the Columbus Park grounds.

HAS BIG ROLL TO
PLACE ON STEWART

Detroit Sport Would Wager \$500 That Crispin Will Be Defeated.

We've got to concede something to Detroit.

Mr. Baker, of that city, does not want to do anything except take a chance and bet \$500 that Dan Stewart will beat the head of our pride, Geo. Crispin, in the match race between the two next Friday evening at Detroit.

If there are any local people who have some surplus coin they care to risk that way kindly communicate with the sporting editor of this paper. Crispin himself has already placed \$50 in this office to back himself, and is very confident of being able to take Stewart's measure.

One thing is certain, the race will be run off on the square, so those who desire to bet need feel no fear of receiving a double cross.

Mr. Baker's letter follows:

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 20.
To the Sporting Editor of The London Advertiser, London, Ont.:
Dear Sir,—I saw an item in Wednesday's issue of your paper of a roller-skating race between Dan Stewart, champion of the State of Michigan, and George Crispin, of London, would like to back Dan Stewart to the extent of \$500, and as much more if necessary. Address

DAVID BAKER,
58 Abbott street, Detroit.
P. S.—Please announce this in your paper as soon as possible.—Baker.

NEWS OF THE RACING
GAME BRIEFLY TOLD

Columbus horsemen are planning for a two weeks' Grand Circuit meet in that city in 1908 and it is understood they will apply for the same dates as the Columbus Driving Club held the past fall, when they held a very successful double-header, in spite of the inclement weather. The light harness sport in Columbus is booming.

The Columbus Driving Club members are planning to build a cinder path along the racecourse to be used when the track is wet and heavy. This innovation will make Columbus a popular training ground.

Tommy Murphy, the well-known trainer, has 52 head of horses in training at Syssot, Long Island. Murphy will make his permanent headquarters at the Columbus stock farm.

VARSITY SOCCERS
CLASH TOMORROW

Local Team Expect a Hard Battle With the Cracks From Toronto.

Western University Soccer team had a strenuous practice at Tecumseh Park last night in preparation for the contest on Saturday with the formidable aggregation from Toronto. Last year a team composed of the choicest players of the Toronto colleges, after a series of easy victories over Canadian universities, such as Queen's and McGill, made a Christmas excursion to Philadelphia, where they vanquished the University of Pennsylvania, long famous for its Soccer achievements, as well as for its general leadership in the American university athletic world. The captain of that team, Charlie Mustard, will play center half for the visitors on Saturday, and along with him will be Gilliland and Lofthouse, whose records this season as full-back and forward, respectively, have been especially brilliant. London has the reputation of being a great Soccer town, and all our local enthusiasts will be eager to see what kind of showing the London champions can make against the team from the capital. Moreover, the association game has this advantage over Rugby, that its fast and open style of play enables even the uninitiated to follow easily the moves and counter-moves of the opposing teams. The ball is always in sight and never still, and when the purple and black line up against the royal blue and white, the result ought to be interesting to novice and expert alike.

NO EASTERN LEAGUE
FOR HAMILTON

According to advices from Hamilton there is very little chance of that place having a team in the Eastern League next year.

President McCaffrey, of the Toronto club, was in Hamilton yesterday, and after talking the matter over with the baseball people of that place, decided that the town was not yet big enough to support big league ball.

The Montreal franchise will in all likelihood be transferred to Richmond, Va.

Hamilton is said to be highly in favor of the proposed international league, comprising such places as London, Albany, N. Y., and other fairly large places.

AS TO AMATEUR
BOXING CONTESTS

Move Made To Introduce Them Under Auspices of the C. A. A. U.

It is strange that any objection should be made to three-round amateur boxing contests in this city, or, in fact, any other city. Prize fights are as far apart from boxing contests as the moon is from the sun. Under capable officials, and conducted in a proper manner, such contests could not but appeal even to the best of our citizens.

Toronto will not permit of prize fights, but there are two annual amateur tournaments held there each year, and the best people in the city patronize the contests. When Chief of Police Williams was interviewed about the matter recently, he stated that there was a bylaw to prevent any kind of contests where an admission fee was charged, unless he saw fit to give his own personal sanction to such contests.

A very prominent local minister was questioned as to his views on the matter recently, and he stated that he could not see where properly conducted amateur contests should be objectionable. In fact, he thought that football was by far the rougher sport of the two.

In Hamilton no objection is raised to these contests, and no accidents have ever occurred since their inception there.

An effort will shortly be made to procure legislation which will permit of three-round contests under the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, at which only registered athletes may compete. Competent officials will be procured, and the gloves used will be of the six-ounce variety.

The aldermen so far interviewed have expressed themselves in favor of encouraging good, clean amateur sport, and can see no reason why such bouts should not be held during the winter and spring.

The action of the Ministerial Alliance in attempting to stop prize fights is a highly commendable one, but the consensus of opinion is that they did not fully realize the difference between clean amateur athletic contests and the brutal fight of the prize ring.

The Hamilton Times, in commenting on the subject in reference to this city, says:

"There must be a better lot of police officials in London, if they hesitate to grant a permit to responsible parties to hold amateur boxing contests. Amateur bouts have been held here and in Toronto for years, and there was nothing about them that was objectionable to the police department, which has always been represented. London promoters should see to it that they get a capable referee—a referee that will know when one of the boxers is beaten, and will stop the bout to prevent the inferior man from being punished."

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the soreness leaves my arm you'll see it shoot down there."

Jennings told him to keep his own stride, to go back to it and keep at it. "Jennings" happily went back to his peculiar crouch, and in a few days he had the bag gauged perfectly. Next year, it is expected, he will be a star.

"I would much rather catch in the American League than in the association," says Fritz Buelow. "Not because of the position, but because it is a blame sight harder in the association. In the major league, if they see you are working right they'll not try to steal many bases on you. All you have to do is to turn a few of them back early in the game, and you have it easy for the rest of the day. But in the association every man is look-

ing for a record. They'll go down to second at every opportunity, and you have to keep throwing all day long."

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