TORONTO GOES UP A NOTCH

Springfield Ponies Beaten and They Go Down to Fourth Position.

A CLOSE GAME AT THE ISLAND.

Champions Beat Providence in the 9th Innings and Still Have a Good Lead.

The victory over Springfield yesterday put the local fans in the happiest mood, and again they see first place near at hand. The Ponies' defeat sent them down to fourth place, and Toronto and Rochester move up one. Now the first division teams are bunched very closely, and every game will count. The Torontos have started to win again, and as the directorate are anxious to depose Montreal the team may be depended upon to play the Providence Greys to a standstill to-day and to-morrow. The games to-day are at 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Alloway and Best will pitch for the locals, with Rothfus at the receiving end. Arthur Irwin will be here to-day, and the men will play their ablest while the eyes of the president are upon them. The Ferry Company promise the best of accommodation for their patrons. The record:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Montreal	13	5	.722
Rochester	10	6	.625
Toronto	11	7	.611
Springfield	8	6	.571
Worcester	8	7	.533
Syracuse	5	10	.333
Providence	6	12	.333
Hartford	6	14	.300

Games to-day: Providence at the Island (two games, a.m. and p.m.), Springfield at Montreal (two games, a.m. and p.m.), Worcester at Rochester, Hartford at Syracuse.

Close Contest and Toronto Won.

Yesterday's game at the Island was a tug-of-war from the outset. The home team showed by their movements and looks when they took the field, a grim determination to win if hard work could do it. The visitors were evidently as determined to make their Toronto series three straights. Williams was on the slab for the Taylor-ites, while Hemming twirled for the Dark Blues. Gruber umpired, and was fairly satisfactory, though at no time could it be thought he was giving Toronto the best of it. Up to the seventh it looked blue for the home team. Only seven scattered hits had been made off Hemming, and two men were out in the seventh, when the Springfield pitcher allowed Rothfuss, Williams and Bannon to walk, and the bases were full. Hannivan then made a clean drive to the right field wire, and Rothfuss and Williams crossed the plate, evening the score. The crowd yelled. Then Grey followed with another safe hit, scoring Bannon and Hannivan. Jud Smith retired the side by striking out. In the eighth Wagner made a safe hit, and Davis and Beaumont sacrificed him home. Rothfuss popped a high one to Dolan, and the side was out.

The visitors played a steady, clean game, and the fans got a scare in the eighth, when Shannon made a safe hit after two men were out. Dolan sent him home on a fine triple, and Brown lifted one over the fence. With big Dan at the bat it looked like another display of fireworks. Brouthers hit hard, but the sphere traveled skyward instead of bagward, and Wagner gathered it in. The score:

Toronto—	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bannon, rf.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Hannivan, cf.	4	2	2	4	0	0
Grey, lf.	4	1	3	1	0	0
Smith, 3b.	4	1	1	0	3	0
Wagner, ss.	4	2	2	3	3	2
Davis, 2b.	4	0	0	0	2	2
Beaumont, 1b.	4	0	1	14	0	0
Rothfuss, c.	4	1	0	5	2	1
Williams, p.	4	1	0	0	3	0
Totals	36	9	10	27	13	5

Springfield—	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Shannon, ss.	5	1	1	2	1	1
Dolan, lf.	5	2	2	3	0	0
Brown, cf.	5	2	2	2	0	0
Brouthers, 1b.	5	0	1	8	1	0
Campbell, rf.	5	1	1	2	0	0
Myers, 3b.	5	0	0	2	3	0
Gleason, 2b.	5	0	0	3	2	0
Phelps, c.	5	2	1	2	1	0
Hemming, p.	5	0	1	0	2	1
Totals	45	8	9	24	10	1

Toronto .....0 1 0 1 0 2 4 1 *—9
Springfield .....2 0 0 1 0 1 0 3 1—8

Home run—Brown. Three-base hit—Dolan. Two-base hits—Hannivan, Phelps. Stolen bases—Grey, Hannivan, Brouthers. Struck out—By Williams 3 (Shannon, Myers, Brown), by Hemming 1 (Smith). Bases on balls—Off Williams 4, off Hemming 6. Time—2.10. Umpire—Gruber. Attendance—400.

Montreal Won in the 9th.

Montreal, May 23.—For eight innings Braun was an enigma to Montreal. In the ninth the champions went at him and batted out a victory. Score:

Providence—	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Lynch, l.f.	4	0	1	6	0	0
Walters, c.f.	4	0	3	4	0	0
Nyce, 3b.	4	0	0	2	2	1
Davis, 1b.	4	0	0	4	1	0
Lamar, c.	3	0	1	3	0	1
Cooney, s.s.	4	0	2	1	2	0
Murray, r.f.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Stouch, 2b.	4	0	0	2	1	0
Braun, p.	2	2	2	3	0	0
Totals	33	2	9	*25	6	2

Montreal—	A.B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Schiebeck, s.s.	4	1	1	5	6	0
T. Bannon, l.f.	4	0	1	3	0	0
Shearon, r.f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Johnson, 2b.	4	0	0	3	3	1
Dooley, 1b.	4	0	1	12	0	0
Moran	0	1	0	0	0	0
Henry, 3b.	4	1	1	0	1	0
Jacklitz, c.	3	0	1	1	2	0
G. Bannon, c.f.	4	0	2	1	0	0
Souders, p.	3	0	0	1	4	0
Totals	34	3	8	27	16	1

*One out when winning run was made.

Providence .....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0—2
Montreal .....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2—3

Stolen base—Schiebeck. Two-base hits—Lamar, T. Bannon, Henry. Double plays—Nyce to Braun; Souders to Schiebeck to Dooley. First base on balls—Off Braun 1, off Souders 2. Struck out—By Braun 2, by Souders 1. Passed balls—Lamar, Jacklitz. Left on bases—Providence 6, Montreal 7. Earned runs—Providence 2, Montreal 1. Time—2.05. Umpire—O'Loughlin. Attendance—800.

National League Results.

At Pittsburg— R. H. E.
Pittsburg .. ...0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 11 6
Baltimore ... .5 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—8 13 0
Batteries—Rhines, Sparks and Schriver; Kitson and Robinson.

At Cincinnati— R. H. E.
Cincinnati ... ..2 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0—5 7 1
New York .....0 2 0 1 4 0 0 0 0—7 13 3
Batteries—Taylor, Dammann and Peitz; Meekin and Grady.

At Chicago— R. H. E.
Chicago .....5 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 0—10 12 1
Philadelphia ....1 0 0 1 5 3 1 0 0—11 17 6
Batteries—Taylor and Donahue; Donahue, Douglas and McFarland.

At Louisville— R. H. E.
Louisville .. ....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1 5 2
Brooklyn ... .0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 3—9 17 1
Batteries—Dowling and Kittredge; Kennedy, Farrell and Grim.

At Cleveland— R. H. E.
Cleveland .. ..0 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 *—4 7 6
Washington ....1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0—3 8 3
Batteries—Hill and Sugden; Baker, McFarland and McGuire.

At St. Louis— R. H. E.
St. Louis .....0 1 1 2 1 2 0 0 2—9 17 2
Boston .. ..0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0—4 11 5
Batteries—Bowell and Criger; Killen and Bergen.

Worcester and Rochester.

At Syracuse: The Stars were outfielded, outbatted and outrun by the Worcesters, and lost a game which lacked interest throughout.

R. H. E.
Syracuse .... .. 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 9 4
Worcester .. .. .. 1 0 2 0 0 6 0 0 *—9 14 2
Batteries—McDermott and Williams; Lampe and Yeager.

At Rochester: Both visitors and home team put up a fast variety of ball, and the score was tied at the end of the eighth innings. Burke brought in a man in the ninth, however, and saved the day for Rochester. The features of the game were Dean's phenomenal hits and the long throw of Soxalexis. Attendance, 900.

R. H. E.
Rochester ... .. 0 0 0 1 3 1 2 0 1—8 14 3
Hartford .... .. 1 0 0 0 0 3 1 2 0—7 10 3
Batteries—Conn and Smink; Crate and Boyd.

Western League Results.

At Minneapolis—Minneapolis 6, Buffalo 4.
At St. Paul—St. Paul 4, Columbus 1.
At Kansas City—Detroit 13, Kansas City 4.
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee 7, Indianapolis 1.

TORONTO OR THE NATIONALS?

Opening Lacrosse Match for the Championship This Afternoon at Rosedale.

In the championship match to-day at Rosedale between the famous Nationals and the Torontos great anxiety is being expressed as to the winning capabilities of the local team. They have many things in their favor, having had hard and consistent practices, and have the great advantage of being handled by what is generally allowed to be the best captain on any field in P. C. Knowles.

The management have, with commendable enterprise, placed free busses on the road for ladies and their escorts from where the cars stop. The game starts at 3 p.m. The following is the team: Goal, Tom Dwyer; point, G. Wheeler; cover, H. Stewart; defence, C. Tobin, W. Tozier, Allan Iler; centre, Fred Moran; home, Frank Moran, Art Snell, Peck Lillie; inside, Peaker; outside, W. McLean.

LAWN TENNIS IN ONTARIO.

Clubs Arranged Into Groups to Play Schedules or Home-and-Home Matches.

The committee to which was referred the task of formulating the proposed Ontario Lawn Tennis League and arranging the districts met yesterday. After perusing the replies received from the different clubs and consulting the suggestions made they provisionally grouped the clubs as below. In a few instances clubs have been entered without their having replied, the committee having reason to believe it is their intention to enter the league. Any changes will be made in the grouping that are agreed on by the clubs concerned. Officers of the league and an Executive Committee will be elected at the earliest possible date. Every club can nominate a delegate or vote by written proxy.

The clubs in each district will arrange their own schedules, and, unless otherwise arranged, play home-and-home matches with all the others, the winners in each group to play off as arranged hereafter. Teams will consist of four players—matches to be four singles and two doubles, the club gaining the majority of events to be the winner of the match; in case the results are even the match to be decided by the majority of sets, or, if there is still a tie, by the majority of games won, the home club to provide the balls for the match; the referee and umpires to be mutually agreed on. By consent of the clubs interested any of these rules as to number of players or matches or otherwise may be altered. If single matches only are played the home matches will be apportioned equally between the clubs. An annual fee of $1 shall be paid by each club to cover the cost of postage and stationery and to provide a challenge trophy. Communications to be sent for the present to Mr. Summerhayes, 28 East Wellington-street, Toronto.

The districts were arranged as follows:

District No. 1—Western group—Windsor, Walkerville, Chatham. Central group (schedule already arranged)—Thamesville, Bothwell, Glencoe, Florence. Eastern group—London, Strathroy, Watford, Alvinston, Petrolea.

District No. 2—Goderich, Clinton, Blyth, Seaforth, Brussells.

District No. 3—St. Mary's, Stratford, Berlin, Waterloo.

District No. 4—St. Thomas, Woodstock, Paris, Brantford, Cornell.

District No. 5—Owen Sound, Meaford, Thornbury, Collingwood.

District No. 6—Barrie, Orillia.

District No. 7—Orangeville, Fergus, Elora, Guelph.

District No. 8—Brampton, Georgetown, Milton, Streetsville.

District No. 9—Toronto (A team), Toronto (B team), Hamilton, Grimsby, St. Catharines, Merritton, Niagara Falls.

District No. 10—Toronto Intermediate League clubs, consisting of Varsity, Toronto, Osgoode Hall, Rusholme, St. Matthews, Canada.

District No. 11—Newmarket, Aurora, Bradford, Bachelors (Toronto).

District No. 12—Uxbridge, Lindsay, Peterboro, Port Perry, Millbrook, Sunderland, Cannington.

District No. 13—Port Hope, Cobourg, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Whitby, Newcastle.

District No. 14—Kingston, Belleville, Deseronto, Napanee, Picton, Trenton, Coiborne.

The Canadian League.

At Guelph: Chatham's timely hitting and Guelph's two or three costly errors won the game for the former. Score:

R. H. E.
Chatham .... 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 0 1—6 13 1
Guelph .... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—2 6 4
Batteries—Hagerman and Sanders; Burke and Burns. Umpire—Dyson.

Varsity Loses Good Date.

Geneva, May 23.—The Hobart College baseball team will disband after to-morrow's game with Geneva, all the remaining games having been cancelled on account of lack of funds. This will cancel the game with Toronto University, booked for May 30.

Middlesex Beat Somerset.

London, May 23.—Some sensational cricket-playing was witnessed to-day at Lord's in the match between Middlesex and Somerset. The latter were despatched for the ludicrous total of 36 runs, Terne, the Middlesex bowler, taking five wickets for 14 runs. Finally Middlesex won by an innings and seven runs. Trott, another of the Middlesex bowlers, took seven of the Somerset wickets in the second innings for 18 runs.

The Fitzsimmons-Jeffries Fight.

New York, May 23.—The Fitzsimmons-Jeffries fight is to take place at night instead of the afternoon, of June 9. The directors of the Coney Island Sporting Club held a meeting last night and decided on this change. Mr. Brady said that 53 boxes had been sold, the total sum paid for them being $7950. Frank Dwyer has received $5000 to bet for Westerners on Fitzsimmons at odds of 8 to 5.

Rosedale Golf Club Teams.

The following team of the Rosedale Golf Club leaves to-day for Hamilton by the 9.45 C. P. R. train to play a friendly match with the Hamilton Golf Club: J. E. Baillie (capt.), F. C. Bennie, D. W. Baxter, T. A. Chisholm, John Dick, R. S. Strathy, Alf Wright, C. E. Robins, S. Casey Wood, G. F. Moss, W. H. Hargraft, C. A. Moss, J. Hutcheson and Dudley Dawson. The following team will play against Oshawa Golf Club at Rosedale: Langton Clarke (capt.), H. M. Blackburn, C. A. Ross, Dr. A. Y. Scott, R. M. Gray, A. Morphy and K. A. Chisholm.

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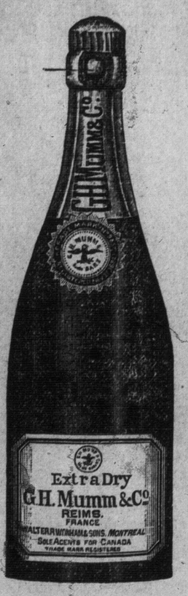

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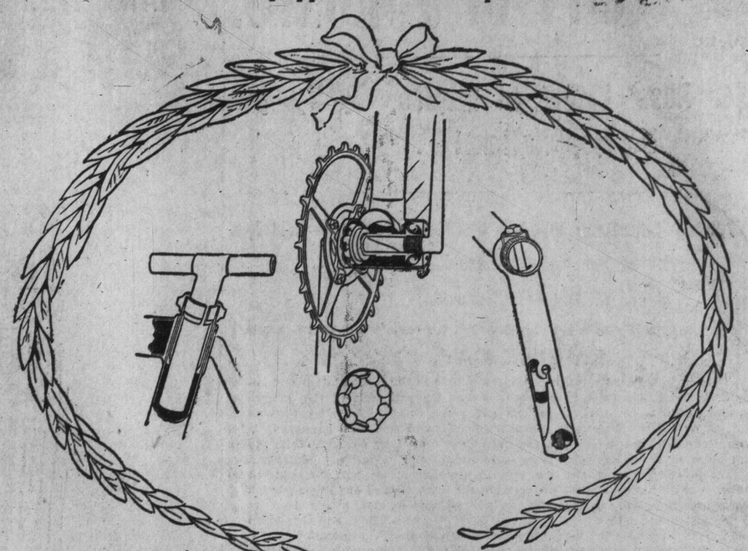

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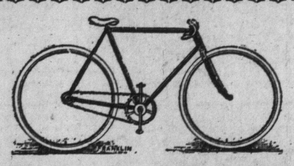

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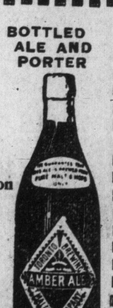

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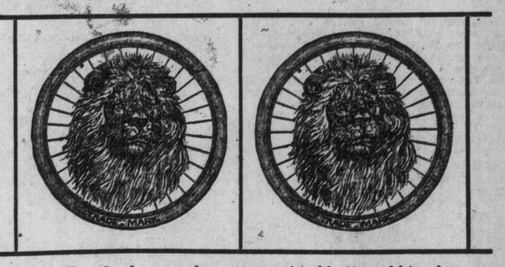

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