

LONDON PLAYERS TO BEGIN PRACTICING MONDAY NIGHT

Hockey Executive Meets Tonight to Complete Preparations.

Detroit Gets McGovern-Corbett Fight—General Sporting News.

HOCKEY.

EXECUTIVE MEETS.

The meeting of the executive tonight will be an important and interesting one. There is much to be done and a full attendance is desired. Hockey practice begins next Monday night at the Jubilee rink.

DRUGGISTS ORGANIZE.

The druggists have got it into their heads that they can play hockey—at least, as good hockey as some others they have heard about, and have therefore organized for the coming season with the following officers: President, L. Walton; secretary, George McLaughlin; committee, W. Harrison, L. Robinson and J. Jones. May the rate of mortality be not greater than while they pursue their regular avocation.

VICTORIAN CAN CHALLENGE.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Mr. P. D. Ross, one of the Stanley cup trustees, considers that the Victorias of Winnipeg are eligible to challenge for the Stanley cup, even though they have withdrawn from the Manitoba and Northwestern League. He received official notification yesterday that the Victorias and Winnipeg Rowing Club had seceded from the Manitoba Hockey Association, and was asked if the Victorias' action affected their right to challenge the Montreal Hockey Club to play for the Stanley cup. Mr. Ross stated that the division in the western league had no bearing on the right of the Vics to challenge. Last winter they played their matches with the Montrealers as champions of the Manitoba and Northwestern League for 1902. As such they were eligible to challenge. This view will therefore, as Mr. Ross is the mouthpiece of the trustees of the cup.

MONTREAL TEAMS FOR ENGLAND.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—There is a movement on foot in this city to have the Montreal and Victoria hockey teams visit the British Isles during the month of March next. The gentleman who has taken the initiative in the matter is Mr. Russell Bowie, the brilliant player and captain of the Victoria hockey team. Mr. Bowie is confident that the trip would prove a decided success from every point of view, and he is determined to put the idea to a successful issue. In conversation today Mr. Bowie said that there were every possibility of the two teams mentioned taking a trip to England next spring, and that from present appearances the undertaking would prove a success to the teams interested, as well as an introduction to the British Isles of the great Canadian winter game.

THE ONTARIO EXECUTIVE.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—Today J. Ross Robertson, president of the Ontario Hockey Association, announced that he had appointed Alex. Creelman, of the Imperial Bank, of Hamilton, and E. B. Fink, of Iroquois, to the executive of the association. Four members of the executive are elected and two appointed by the president.

DULUTH IN DESPAIR.

The Duluth Herald says: Hockey players and polo players in Duluth are in despair over the lack of facilities for indulging in their respective games this winter. The players say that if a large rink, centrally located, were erected to replace the hockey rink, skating, it would prove to be a good paying proposition. It is claimed that there are ten thousand Canadians in Duluth, and when the subject of hockey is broached to any of them he will mention the fact that every little country town in Canada has a large covered rink, and that the city of Duluth has enough Canadians to make a city by itself, why cannot it support a hockey rink? The high school boys recently attempted to form a hockey club for the coming winter, but the project fell through. The employees of the Marshall-Wells Hardware company have a largely hockey, but it cannot secure a place to practice, and is likely to come to grief for that reason.

THE TURF.

STAR POINTER UP AGAIN.

Star Pointer, the champion pacer, has been lost to sight so long that there were frequent inquiries last summer as to whether or not the first horse to pace in 2 minutes was dead. The horse show evidently had an exhilarating effect, for the following story was sent out from New York: "The son of W. J. White, of Cleveland, owner of Star Pointer, 1:59 1/2, the first light harness horse in the world to beat 2 minutes, says that Star Pointer has been improving right along ever since his breakdown at the Empire City track two or three years ago. Directly after his breakdown he was taken to the Two-Minute Farm and actually put in a glass case. A good-sized paddock with plenty of rich grass was enclosed in glass, where the champion sidwheeler could run all winter. This was connected with his roomy stable, and he has been living on the fat of the land ever since. Mr. White said yesterday that Star Pointer had improved so much that he would be placed in the hands of a capable trainer some time this winter, with a view to racing the old hero again. 'I think he will be able to show a lot of speed again,' said Mr. White. 'At least, he gives every indication of being as sound as he ever was. His legs are as smooth now, and as hard as a pebble. For a time when first turned out, the puffs would go down and then fill again, but that trouble

is all over now, and he seems as sound as he ever was. My father has turned him over to me, and I am going to see if he cannot be put in shape to race again. I have not yet decided on what trainer I will give him to, although I have been thinking of several.'

DAVID SLOAN BACK.

New York, Dec. 11.—David Sloan, who has lately returned from France, where he met with phenomenal success. In this country he is well known as one of the most successful and youngest members of his profession. It was he that developed the great Gold Heels and sold him as a 2-year-old to McLewee & Co. for \$5,000. Sloan's case is a remarkable example of the possibilities in store for the American horsemen in Europe, who have all met with unbounded success in handling horses.

Going to the continental countries without knowing a word of the language or having a notion of their customs, the American invasion has met with complete success. No greater encomium could be expressed regarding the American training system than the complete success of their methods abroad. The stamp of approval has set its mark throughout Europe, where the American methods are being firmly installed.

In Sloan's case the above remarks could never be better exemplified. About a year ago, after selling Gold Heels, he was encouraged by his friend Eddie Hughes, who trains the Vanderbilt string in France, to take a chance and go over. He went, and his success was immediate. His first public employment was as trainer, and he soon found himself with close to 50 racers in his barn. His clients were quite satisfied for he won over 20 races during the racing season.

AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 11.—Optional, Pearl Finder and Saint Tammany were the winning favorites today. While at exercise this morning, Orontes bolted and threw jockey Robbins, breaking his collarbone and wrist. Lady Sterling, while at exercise, ran out two miles and collided with the fence, gashed her front legs and breaking a kneecap. Weather rainy and track muddy.

First race, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Suburban Queen, 112 (Hoar), 12 to 1; J. J. Fading Light, 107 (Gannon), 7 to 10; Varna Ponce, 112 (Helgeson), 15 to 1; Time, 1:20. Second race, selling, 6 furlongs—Optional, 84 (Fuller), 6 to 5; 1; Bumner, 102 (W. Hicks), 5 to 2; Andes, 108 (Otis), 5 to 1; 3; Time, 1:17 1/2.

Third race, selling, 1 mile—Pearl Finder, 107 (W. Hicks), 5 to 1; 1; Swardism, 115 (J. Booker), 10 to 1; 2; Alfred C. 122 (H. Williams), 20 to 1; 3; Time, 1:50 1/2. Fourth race, handicap, 1 mile—Honolulu, 95 (Helgeson), 7 to 1; 1; C. B. Campbell, 95 (Gannon), 5 to 2; 2; Ray, 98 (H. Michaels), 12 to 1; 3; Time, 1:43 1/2. Fifth race, selling, 11-16 miles—Latson, 38 (W. Hicks), 4 to 1; 1; Optimo, 102 (Coggswell), 7 to 1; 1; Prince of Wales, 108 (Treanor), 10 to 1; 3; Time, 1:57 1/2.

Sixth race, furlongs—St. Tammany, 109 (Davies), 11 to 5; 1; Brookston, 99 (W. Hicks), 40 to 1; 3; Kiss Quick, 105 (Scully), 40 to 1; 3; Time, 1:36 1/2.

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—Weather showery and sloppy. Results: First race, 6 1/2 furlongs, selling—Arthur Ray, 7 to 1; 1; Jim Brown, 6 to 1; 2; Harry Thatcher, 7 to 1; 3; Time, 1:25 1/2. Second race, 5 furlongs, 2-year-olds, purse—Deutschland, 6 to 1; 1; Indus, 7 to 2; 2; Fossil, 8 to 1; 3; Time, 1:08. Third race, 7 furlongs, selling—Sunello, 4 to 1; 1; Gold One, 9 to 1; 2; Imperious, 8 to 1; 3; Time, 1:32. Fourth race, Futurity, course, purse—Articulate, even; 1; Corrigan, 2 to 1; 2; Hainault, 40 to 1; 3; Time, 1:13. Fifth race, 1 mile, selling—Stuyve, 4 to 1; 1; Dunblane, 7 to 1; 2; Auto Light, 5 to 1; 3; Time, 1:34. Sixth race, 6 1/2 furlongs, selling—Bednor, 4 to 1; 1; Glen Cottage, 50 to 2; 2; St. Sever, 7 to 1; 3; Time, 1:24 1/2.

JOCKEY ODDING PROBABLY HOLDS THE

cord for riding the greatest number of stake winners in a single year. He won the Advance Stakes, Brighton Cup, Brighton Handicap, Annual Champion, Lawrence Realization, Brooklyn Derby, Brighton Derby and other events of less importance. He has had over 150 winners this year.

THE TRIGGER.

THE BRANTFORD MATCH.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 11.—A stiff breeze blowing across the traps made shooting difficult today. One live bird was secured, after J. Stroud had killed straight and M. J. Miller second with one miss. The big event was left unfinished, and will be concluded tomorrow. In the target opens M. J. Miller, H. D. Bates, W. Hollingshead, H. Scane, McLaren and Fred Westbrook were the money winners. Owing to the numerous entries only winners sent in scores. A number of new names appeared in today's entries. Following are the scores: First event, 20 targets—Fred Westbrook 14, H. D. Bates 15, P. Conover 14, W. McDuff 14, D. McMahon 12, J. McLaren 12, C. J. Mitchell 12, H. Scane 12, J. Miller 15, R. Graham 13. Second event, 20 targets—F. Westbrook 14, H. D. Bates 15, P. Conover 14, W. McDuff 14, D. McMahon 12, J. McLaren 12, C. J. Mitchell 12, H. Scane 12, J. Miller 15, R. Graham 13. Third event, 20 targets—F. Westbrook 17, H. D. Bates 19, P. Conover 15, W. McDuff 14, D. McMahon 12, J. McLaren 12, C. J. Mitchell 12, H. Scane 12, J. Miller 15, R. Graham 13. Fourth event, 20 targets—H. D. Bates 14, W. McDuff 17, J. McLaren 15, C. J. Mitchell 12, H. Scane 12, J. Miller 15, R. Graham 13. Fifth event, 20 targets—F. Westbrook 12, H. D. Bates 11, George McCall 11, D. McMahon 12, J. McLaren 13, C. J. Mitchell 12, D. Miller 13, H. Scane 12, J. Miller 14, J. Canteen 12, T. Upton 12, G. Crawford 11, E. A. Clifford 9, C. Kennedy 12, Ben H. 10, G. Stroud 10, John Stroud 15, H. Bates 10, M. Rodan 10. Sixth event, 20 targets—F. Westbrook 20, H. D. Bates 19, George McCall 13, D. McMahon 20, J. McLaren 20, C. J. Mitchell 21, D. Miller 21, H. Scane 30, M. J. Miller 21, C. A. Clifford 27, C. Kennedy 20, Ben H. 20, G. Stroud 25, John Stroud 25, H. Bates 25, M. Rodan 25. High winners at targets and live birds.

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This is one of the times when it is good business policy to sacrifice every consideration. No profit or loss thought can influence us against a reduction. Means maintenance of business principle. We've assembled this stock—the largest we've ever received from our factory, both for the men and the boys—and it has got to be sold in this season for which it was made. That's the rule as old as this store.

Your choice of nearly one hundred Coats, made from pure Canadian Frieze and Cheviot, in dark and medium gray, with deep turn-up cuff, silk velvet collar, fine Italian lining, long, loose fitting. This coat we positively assert cannot be duplicated in this city at less than \$12. For..... **\$8.50**

A special range at this popular price for Saturday's selling, garments that are full of style, tone, and that add dignity to the wearer, the materials are all of the latest fabrics and some in every new shade, long, loose-fitting, with square military shoulders, deep silk velvet collar, and deep turn-up-cuff, with stitching, regular \$14 and \$15 Value.... **\$10.00**

At this price we show a very large assortment in Imported Cheviots, light and dark shades of Imported Frieze and black and gray Vacunas..... **\$12.00**

We challenge comparison, the Overcoat we show at \$15 is worth \$20, is sold for \$20 all over Canada. At the beginning of this season we promised some rare Overcoat bargains and this is certainly one of them, and on Saturday we will place on sale 100 Raglanettes at this figure that will simply stagger precedent; the garments are all made from finest Imported Vacunas, Frieze, Cheviot and Beaver; the shades are medium gray, dark gray, olive and bronze; sizes 34 to 44, breast measure, worth \$20, but Saturday special at..... **\$15.00**

This price is applied to Overcoats that certainly have no equal in Canada. They are tailored by the very best experts in the tailoring business, every button hole is hand made, every shoulder is hand padded, every collar is hand felted, each garment has a 4-ply silk velvet collar, is made with deep double cuff and lined throughout with Skinner's celebrated satin, and is a garment of which we feel justly proud, the equal of any merchant tailor Overcoat at \$22, special Saturday..... **\$20.00**

Men's Fine Tweed Suits, \$12.00.

We have a special lot of about half a hundred suits, made of fine Scotch Tweeds. The materials are all thoroughly shrunken and come in all the latest shades and patterns; the fit is fully guaranteed, the trimmings of the strictest merit. The actual value of these suits is \$18. Saturday to clear..... **\$12.00**

Men's Trousers, \$2.95.

No garment is so important to a man as his trousers, in fact he could hardly get along without them. We have at all times an elegant collection, but for Saturday name one very special line; the materials are English Tweeds and Worsted, thoroughly shrunken, perfectly shaped, elegantly made—merchant tailors charge \$5 for these. Special Saturday..... **\$2.95**

Men's Suits, \$6.95.

This special lot consists of high-class Canadian tweed, and blue and black worsted serges, sizes run from 35 to 40 breast measure, every garment made by our best workers and bears the Union Label. Not a suit in the collection worth less than \$10.00, special Saturday..... **\$6.95**

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Boys' Clothing Specials.

Good stylish Clothing, perfectly tailored, and devoid of all crudity of workmanship, priced in a manner that makes parents eager to come here again, although the big department swarms with tempting bargains, we name but two, space limitations exacting strict brevity.

Boys' \$5 to \$5.50 Suits for \$3.95.

We have prepared for tomorrow's selling a very extensive range of Boys' Suits. The lots are not complete in every size, but you can find any size in the collection. The group includes Vestee Suits, 3-piece Suits, Sailor Suits and Norfolk Suits. The individual goodness of the Suits is not impaired, but the lines are broken, and must be cleared this Saturday. Suits that sold at \$5.00 to \$5.50, very special..... **\$3.95**

Boys' Overcoats at \$4.95.

Our juvenile department never did such a business as last Saturday; with seven extra salesmen in this one department, still the throngs of eager buyers kept us on the jump. No wonder. The showing is larger than ever, with bigger values than ever and better facilities than ever. Tomorrow we offer 39 Raglanette Overcoats for ages 8 to 14 years. The fabrics, frieze and cheviot, in all wanted shades of gray, long, loose-fitting, stylish, with velvet collars and turn-up cuff, worth \$6.00 to \$6.50, Saturday..... **\$4.95**

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BOWLING.

MUNSONS MAY DROP OUT.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—As a result of the action of the Toronto Bowling League executive in ordering the Highlander-Munson game to be rolled over, the champions will probably retire from the league. Mr. Munson is of the opinion that his team was not meted out fair treatment. He claims that the 4th had no right to protest the game and that they would not have done so had the result been different.

THE WHEEL.

THE SIX-DAY AGONY.

New York, Dec. 11.—But eight teams remained on the track at midnight, when the half-way mark was passed. During the day Frank Krader established a new record for an unpaired flying start, half mile, covering the distance in 54 1/2 seconds. Later he broke one quarter mile unpaired record, made by Major Taylor, being 2 1/2 seconds. The score at midnight was: McFarland-Maya 1-

THE SIX-DAY AGONY.

New York, Dec. 11.—Two teams succeeded in separating themselves from the others in the six-day bicycle race today and by clever team riding took the lead. They were the Newkirk-Jacobson and Leander-Floyd-Krebs aggregations. Their score at midnight, however, was nearly 180 miles behind the record for that time of 1,865 miles 2 laps. The scores at night were: Newkirk-Jacobson, 1,706; Leander-Floyd-Krebs, 1,706; McFarland-Maya, 1,705.9; Stinson-Moran, 1,705.9; Bedell-Bedell, 1,705.9; Butler-Turville, 1,705.9; Galvin-Ross, 1,705.8; Keegan-Peterson, 1,705.8; Barclay-Francis Krebs, 1,705.7. C. W. A. FREE FROM DEBT.

Montreal, Dec. 11.—The members, not only in this city, but throughout the Dominion, of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, will be pleased to learn that the last dollar due by the C. W. A. has been paid so that today the association stands free of debt. This pleasing information was given today

by Mr. Louise Rubenstein. As regards the money due the customs by the L. A. W., this matter also has been satisfactorily arranged, through the influence of Mr. Rubenstein, as the American wheelmen have promised to make good the amount next spring. At the next annual meeting of the C. W. A., to be held at Toronto next spring, there will be a surplus on hand to the good of the association.

THE RING.

"SPIKE" WON.

London, Dec. 11.—In a fight at the Adelphi Club here tonight for \$1,000 and the lightweight championship, "Spike" Sullivan, American, defeated "Bill" Chester, of London, in the 14th round.

DETROIT WILL SEE FIGHT.

Detroit, Dec. 11.—Terry McGovern and the man who, one year ago, won from him the featherweight championship, Young Corbett, will meet at Light Guard Armory, in this city probably on the evening of Jan. 3. The prospective match became a certainty yesterday, when Matchmaker Condit, of the Metropolitan A. C., received a telegram from New York notifying him that the backers of the

two boys had decided to wait no longer for a forfeit from Louisville to bind a 20-round contest, and requesting him to start at once for the metropolis to sign articles for the local meeting. The articles that will be signed will call for a ten-round exhibition under the restrictions imposed in all contests held in this city, and there will be no championship clause in the papers. No purse will be offered, the agreement being that 50 per cent of the gross receipts shall go to the contestants. Apart from these particulars, the articles will follow those of Louisville, the weights being the same and the referee, Jim Corbett, being again specified.

CARTER TO MEET O'BRIEN.

New York, Dec. 11.—Jack O'Brien and Eddie Carter signed last night to meet in a six-round bout in Philadelphia. It will not be of the six-round variety usually seen in the Quaker City, however, but will be of the regulation kind, in which one man must be adjudged better than the other. According to conditions, Carter must knock O'Brien out in six rounds or suffer the penalty of not getting any portion of the purse.

FOOTBALL.

INDOOR GAMES.

Indoor football is the latest thing. Manager Herman, the boxing promoter, has a scheme on foot to bring all the prominent elevens in the country to Buffalo to play games in Convention Hall. The hall will be padded with sawdust and a canvas will cover the entire hall. Players will wear rubber-soled shoes instead of the outdoor kind, and, according to Herman's way of figuring it out, the scheme is bound to be a financial success.

BASEBALL.

LAW IS SUSPENDED.

Buffalo, Dec. 11.—Jack Law, Buffalo's first baseman, stands suspended by the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs and this is the reason. Packard, of Denver, beat out Beall, of Minneapolis. Previous to this Beall had paid Law \$100 advance money. Packard returned this amount to Beall and tried to get it from Law. Law refused to refund at the recent meeting in Chicago. Packard brought the matter up and Law was suspended.