

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS HERE TO-MORROW

NIAGARA FALLS MEETS THE TIGERS.

Stone Street Won the Kentucky Derby Yesterday.

Senior C. L. A. Series Will be Arranged on Friday—Records in City Bowling League Broken.

To-morrow will see the revival of real professional baseball in Hamilton, when the Hamiltons and Niagara Falls, N. Y., teams of the new International League, will meet in an exhibition game. Although the opening of the league season will not take place for two weeks, a good deal of interest will be taken in this week's series, as a number of local boys who are anxious to catch a place on the Tigers' team will be tried out. To-morrow's game will start at 4 o'clock, and Jack Day, of Canandaigua, N. Y., one of the league umpires, will handle the indicator. The following players will be in tiger uniforms:

- Jovanis and De Koon, as catchers.
- Watson, Bradford and Murray, as pitchers.
- MacKoush and Maxey, as first basemen.
- Murray, second base.
- Finmore or Larey at short.
- Lanning, Curtis and Brennan at third base.
- McMillan, Muir, Bradley and Hennessey as infielders.

This morning, at the request of Manager George, building inspector Anderson made a thorough examination of the stands and the new bleachers at Raceanna Park, and he issued a certificate that they are perfectly safe, and can carry all the persons that can be crowded into them.

Many improvements have been made at the ballpark, and they will no doubt be appreciated by the patrons. Persons who ordered season tickets and have not yet received them can get them to-morrow at the box office by applying to Assistant Manager Richardson.

Jack Brennan, the Toronto third baseman, last season with the Haverhill Club of the New England League, and who is touted by Manager Mike Kelly, of the Toronto, as a fielding wonder, has reported, and is quartered at the Stockyards Hotel. He will fight it out with Curtis for the third base position.

LEW BRADLEY TO PITCH.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 6.—The first of the Yankees to arrive here "C" Doremus, the lengthy slab artist; and Joy, the outer garden performer, last season with Kingston of the Hudson River League, and Manager-Captain Matt Kelly, who reached here from the Lehigh Valley Saturday morning. With Manager-Captain Kelly came his wife and child.

Last night Charley Armstrong, Billy Tierno, Bates, Lacey, Robinson and McCabe arrived and were met at the station by Manager Murray and Captain Kelly. The players, with their luggage, were taken to the Lorraine in Niagara street, the headquarters of the club. Yesterday, the headquarter of St. Louis, who is expected to-day, and Gusie Spinner, of Lockport, the midget backstop. To-day the players are resting up. To-morrow they will start practice at Athletic Park in earnest in preparation for Thursday's exhibition with Hamilton of the Canadian city. As yet Manager Murray has not decided who will occupy the firing line for the Yankees at Hamilton. However, he is likely to stick in Lew Bradley.

The club's uniforms will be light grey with black trimmings worn abroad, and while at home they will don blue with green trimmings.

GUELPH GETS CIVIC AID.

Guelph, May 6.—Exhibition Park, where the International League baseball team will play its games, will be put in much better condition than it is at present, and the team will have a much better playing field.

EASTERN LEAGUE SCORES.

At Jersey City—Montreal dipped the Skeeters into the lime-tub yesterday, winning the game easily by 6 to 0. The Beavers drove Witt to the clubhouse in the fourth, and hammered Pfannmiller as hard in the eighth. Jones allowed the home team but three hits, and pitched splendid ball all the way. Score: R. H. E. Jersey City 0 3 2 Montreal 6 9 3 Batteries—Pfannmiller, Witt and Fitzgerald; Jones and McManus.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCORES.

At New York—R. H. E. Philadelphia 0 8 2 New York 4 10 1 Batteries—Foxen, Ritchie and Dooin; Witt and Bresnahan. At Boston—R. H. E. Boston 7 10 1 Brooklyn 1 4 1 Batteries—Lindaman and Bowerman; Ducker and Ritter. At Pittsburg—Pittsburg-Chicago game postponed; rain. AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES. St. Louis 2, Detroit 1. Boston 2, Philadelphia 5. Other places—Rain. HIGHLANDERS MEET 'TEDDY'. Washington, D. C., May 5.—Clark Griffith introduced the New York American League baseball team to President Roosevelt to-day. The President talked for some time

N. Y. Sporting Writer Tells Amos Rusie a Story.

A New York sporting writer, in answering a correspondent who wanted to know whether Frank Merriwell and his brother Dick, characters in a well-known weekly fiction novel, were "real live" people or not, replied as follows: Dear Anxious,—Frank Merriwell is to the ball player what Santa Claus is to the kids. He is the royal flush of the game—a thing nice to talk about but seldom seen. If you are right sure you are not kidding me, I will tell you a story of one of Frank Merriwell's adventures that I once told to old Amos Rusie, and you can judge for yourself. It was a championship game between the Corn Droppers and the Sugar Beet Sweets. Merriwell was the star of the Corn Droppers, and some star he was at that—practically the whole Milky Way.

The game in question was fraught with intense excitement, as all games are—in the papers. Merriwell for some unaccountable reason was absent, and there was great sadness thereat. At the end of the eighth inning the score stood 8 to 0 in favor of the Sugar Beet Sweets. Groun after groun arose from the assembled multitude. Where, oh, where, was Merriwell? As the Corn Droppers went to the bat in the ninth two men were easy out on flies. A loud lament arose from the crowd, but in a moment it turned into a whirlwind of joy.

ROWING CLUB CREWS CHOSEN.

The Rowing Committee of the Hamilton Rowing Club has selected crews from the active members for the spring races, which will probably be held in five or six weeks. The club premises are now in first-class shape for the use of members. All the boats have been put in good repair, and it is imperative that strokes have their crews rowing as regularly as possible. Every member who intends taking an active interest in rowing this season is requested to be at the club house on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. New members and those not already placed in crews will then be arranged for and placed in some of the unfinished fours. It is desirable that everyone who possibly can, should be at this meeting, as it is of the utmost importance with reference to the season's work. The crews selected are as follows:

- C. Fox, D. Lyon, H. S. Awrey, A. McKenzie, stroke.
- J. F. Barr, D. Duncan, A. Yule, B. O. Hooper, stroke.
- J. R. Marshall, H. M. Paulin, R. Slater, N. Slater, stroke.
- D. Dunbrille, J. Taylor, G. McClintock, J. E. Hogg, stroke.
- J. A. Soule, O. D. Peat, N. J. Boyd, A. J. Taylor, stroke.
- H. P. Birely, J. Ross, F. B. Griffith, N. Meade, stroke.
- W. King, W. Philip, J. F. McDonald, Capt. De Kam, stroke.
- A. A. Cooper, M. Watson, W. L. Agnew, B. Watson, stroke.
- W. Obernests, E. Goodwin, W. J. Walsh, — Townsend, stroke.

COMMENT AND GOSSIP OF SPORTING MATTERS.

It is a good thing that the Niagara Falls baseball team did not pick on the name "Cataracts" there are so many Cataract haters here.

Hamilton sports will now proceed to become baseball crazy.

Baseball will do—till the race meeting starts.

Perhaps the sporting writer who dubbed the Tigers, Paige Pellet Pounders is used to taking "pills for pale people."

The following is from the Baltimore News of a recent date: Without a penny being wagered at the local track, George Sherman, of this city, C. J. Murray, of Canada, and several friends, won a fortune yesterday when Dulciana, one of the outsiders the betting at 8 to 1, won the steeplechase race at Pimlico. Those behind this coup, realizing that they could not get down a big amount at the local track, sent commissioners to New York and Albany with "rolls" to place at the closing price. The result of the race was never in doubt. At the fall of the flag Dulciana led and won easily. It was stated this morning that she was worth \$60,000.

From London Advertiser: There is an old saying that when a crowd "gathers" to a player, he is gone. Loudy Kerr is one of the unfortunates picked out for ridicule. Just why cannot be seen on the face of it, for a more conscientious youngster never slammed a curve over to New York, and he is too good a natured, and is, therefore, singled out as a mark. Loudy himself blames the local papers for all his trouble, but whether he is justified in so thinking is somewhat doubtful.

China Shop, 3, by Havoc—Chinika. Dog of War, 3, by Havoc—Dolores III. Cruche d'Or, 3, by Chevelle d'Or—Gruichina. Bay filly, 3, by Royal Cherry—Muzzie. Throckmorton, 3, by Salvador—Albertina.

Junian, bc, 2, by Juvenal—Fidelitas. Maximum, ch, 2, by Maxo—Flippant. Cumbra, bc, 2, by Butte—Himyanne. Miss Greenan, hf, 2, by Greenan—Miss Borelin. Lady Milner, hf, 2, by Milner—Voracious. Pearl Fisher, br, 2, by Pershore—Glyceria. Mercia, hf, 2, by Havoc—Martyrdom. N. T. A. EXPELLED FOUR.

New York, May 6.—W. S. Quier, B. F. Hall, Wm. Hyland and Ross Rich, all of Watertown, N. Y., to-day were expelled from the National Trotting Association after a hearing before the Board of Review of that organization. The horse Direct Wood, owned by these four men, and P. Hurley and N. Cray, of Pottsdam, N. Y., were also expelled. Charges against Hurley and Cray were dismissed. The six men were brought up before the board charged with having forced Direct Wood, which has a mark of 2:07 1/2, under the name of Dick Pointer, a supposed green horse, in ice races at Montreal. Quier admitted when examined to-day, that the horse had been falsely entered. "You see," said Quier, when testifying before the board, "we found that a whole lot of people were talking horses over to the ice races and entering them under other names, and in other classes, and we just thought we would get in on it, too."

Great Roman, 3, by Marius II.—Attilio. Militato, 3, by Milner—Bon Ino. Milverton, 3, by Milner—Frome. Mill on the Floss, 3, by Milner—Irish Lass. Xenocrates, 3, by Havoc—Xenia. Seismic, 3, by Havoc—Semley. Evident presented in the case of H.

thing for someone outside the fold to answer. If Kerr is as conscientious as he always has been and forgets the crowd while at work, he should get along all right. If not, he will find himself in hot water for the time being, but the boys need the help of the ball player that takes no notice of them.

While many citizens of this great Dominion, and also those of the republic to the south, are doing their utmost to kill the game of racing across the pond, loyal subjects are hoping desperately that His Majesty King Edward VII. may land the next Derby, run on Wednesday.

A punch to the stomach saved Barney Devine, an Ottawa boxer, the pain, worry and expense of a surgical operation. Three months ago Devine was smoking a pipe when he ran against a door and broke it, swallowing about an inch of the stem. An operation was deemed necessary. Saturday Barney was matched against a fighter named Spencer at the O. A. C. tourney, and in the first round Spencer drove one of the mittens to Devine's stomach, and the latter coughed up the pipe stem.

At public auction in Toronto yesterday Hon. Adam Peck disposed of five of his show horses at figures which he stated to be less than he paid for them. Seneca, the winner of the Governor-General's cup in the Kentucky Derby for \$295 to Mr. Milady, who also bought another lay gelding for \$106. Soranto, a beautiful sorrel cavalry horse, who got third in the Governor-General's Cup, brought \$260, and went to Mr. Nichol. Mr. Laurie of Montreal paid \$400 for The Moor, the black 4-year-old gelding, and Kenora, a bay mare, 4 years old, broke to saddle and harness, brought \$320. W. H. Millman bought her.

Lejac, a French-Canadian, who had entered his horse, Merriman, under the various name of Hochelaga, Merriman and Boston Globe in races at Buffalo and Goshen, N. Y., and upon other tracks, was to the effect that Lejac was not familiar with the trotting rules, and did not intentionally violate them. The board ruled that the horse's time under the name of Merriman at Three Rivers, Canada, of 2:13.4, is a bar, and that all of his subsequent winnings in slower classes were unlawful, and must be returned for redistribution. It suspended horse and owners pending compliance with the order.

SENIOR C. L. A. SERIES.

Meeting to Settle Matters Will be Held on Friday.

Toronto, May 6.—When asked last night as to prospects of a senior team in Orillia, John C. Miller, the well-known lacrosse mogul, stated there was no chance, as Orillia would only play intermediate and junior. Speaking of Bradford and Newmarket, Mr. Miller said the same applied to them. All talk applies to the announcement that Guelph and Pergus will play senior. Pergus is content with intermediate honors, and is not likely to switch into the senior series and have its players professionalized. Guelph is a baseball town, not lacrosse, and with a team there in the International Baseball

PARI MUTUELS AT LOUISVILLE.

French System May Become General in America.

In a conversation on race track betting about two years ago, while returning from the Fort Erie race track on one of Billy Morrison's personally conducted excursions on the G. T. R., Mr. Francis Nelson, the sporting editor of the Toronto Globe, and the best racing authority in Canada, expressed the opinion to the Times sporting editor that inside of five years the Pari Mutuel system of betting would become general on race tracks in America. To prevent that a system that was in vogue in the old and a quarter of a century ago would take the place of the bookmaker's system. This calculation, however, only concerns the first horse, or winner. The number of straight tickets sold in the race, or winners, is 1,322. Multiply by 5 to obtain amount in dollars 6,610. Total amount in pool \$6,610. Deduct 5 per cent. commission 330.50 Balance \$6,279.50 Divide \$6,279.50 by 158, which is the number of tickets sold on Parole: 39.74. Total amount in pool \$6,610. Deduct 5 per cent. commission 330.50 Balance \$6,279.50 Divide \$6,279.50 by 158, which is the number of tickets sold on Parole: 39.74. Total amount in pool \$6,610. Deduct 5 per cent. commission 330.50 Balance \$6,279.50 Divide \$6,279.50 by 158, which is the number of tickets sold on Parole: 39.74.

French system of betting that appeal to the thinking man who plays the ponies, and the one thing that is in favor of the adoption of the plan in this country is that the bettor's money is handled more cheaply and the profit to the racing association is just as great. The greatest opposition to the system comes from the bookmakers and the handbooks men. The handbooks will object to the odds being fixed by a machine, but their objection should not count. They always object. The Chicago Racing Firm has taken up the subject of Pari Mutuels and in yesterday's issue the following article appeared:

To racegoers of the present generation the system of betting that will be in operation in Louisville is a novelty, although well known and popular thirty years ago. It is, except as to the auction pools, the method of betting in France, Italy and the fairest ever devised to enable any number of persons to wager over the result of an event of common interest. Auction pooling is purely American and the present prevailing betting system of the trotting track. When the Kentucky Derby was won by Aristides in 1875 all of the betting was in auction pools and mutuels exclusively, so the coming experiment is only a return to first principles.

The least sum that can be let in the mutuels, as they will be operated at Louisville, is \$5. The bettor receives one ticket on the horse of his choice for that sum. If he desires to bet \$100 he is handed twenty \$5 tickets, or one hundred tickets if he is a heavy speculator and bets \$500. In the old days, when much betting was done at New York tracks in the mutuels \$25 tickets were issued to the plungers. But all money received goes into one aggregate sum and is divided on the basis of an equal dividend to each \$5 ticket sold on the winners.

Below will be found some details as to how values are calculated: Let it be presumed that a race in which there are twelve horses is about to be run and that the following dividend is the result of the race: Parole 112 Followplay 58 Reduce to dollars \$850 Deduct this sum from the \$4,389 in pool \$3,539 Divide this \$3,539 in halves, which makes \$1,769.50 each. Divide \$1,769.50 by 112, which is the number of tickets sold on Parole, and also by 58, which is the number sold on Followplay: Parole 15.717695013050 To each of the above results (\$15.70 and \$30.50) must be added the original investment money at \$5 each, which was deducted in the first instance, so that Parole pays \$20.70 (or about 3 to 1) and Followplay \$35.50 for each place ticket. The calculation for the third-place ticket is similar to the foregoing, the only difference being that, in making it, provision must be made for three sets of winning tickets in the pool, instead of two, as in the place betting.

GOOD BOWLING.

Two City League Records Broken Last Night.

There was some good bowling at the Brunswick alleys last night in connection with the City League championship. Two records were broken. The Primrose made a new record for a single string, 960, and the Westinghouse made a new mark for three strings—2,727. The Brendas lost three games to the Printers, and the Gun Club suffered three losses also, at the hands of the Printers. The scores:

Westinghouse	898	896	933	2,727
Peacock	149	165	210	524
McKelvey	183	205	173	561
Thompson	220	149	172	541
Smith	165	194	179	538
Mitchell	181	183	199	563
Gun Club	898	896	933	2,727
Ripley	146	168	158	472
Sweeney	162	149	149	461
C. Thomson	114	154	173	441
W. Thomson	177	165	168	510
Simpson	136	151	180	467
Printers	735	778	830	2,343
Second game—				
Brendas	157	150	151	458
Gray	137	135	171	483
Beachman	162	149	104	415
Loekie	145	129	142	416
McQuillan	146	187	167	500
Printers	767	761	735	2,263
Fitzgerald	192	186	180	558
Wareham	129	131	211	471
Powell	166	135	163	464
Jamison	155	173	213	541
Nelson	168	136	184	488
Printers	808	761	960	2,529

MEDICAL MEN AGREE

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CRICKET ON PACIFIC COAST.

Vancouver, May 6.—The Vancouver Cricket Club has been formed for the season, with the following officers: President, H. Lockwood; Vice-Presidents, R. Marpole, C. J. Johnston, C. Sweeney, Dr. Bell-Ing, A. Jukes, C. Nelson, W. B. Ferrie; Captain, J. H. Senkler; Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Sterling; Committee, J. Elliott, C. E. Thomas, S. P. Judge, W. H. Crossfield, Geo. Walton. The club played last season 18 matches, winning 15 and losing 3. A very successful tournament was held in Vancouver in August, at which teams from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Victoria, Nelson, Vernon and Westminster, competed. Vancouver played throughout the week without a defeat, thereby winning the championship of the Pacific Coast League. Cricket has become very popular on the coast.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near. Geo. Kelly, of the champion Montreal fourteen, is counted at present for a place on the Ottawa football team during the coming season. The Ottawa Club has been in touch with Kelly, and the herculean workman is expected in Ottawa within a short time.

London, May 6.—Jay Gould arrived here last night and immediately visited Eustace Miles, whom he defeated recently for the court tennis championship. He will defend his title on May 16 against Miles and says that he hopes to get daily practice so that he may be ready for the contest. Mr. Gould will remain in England for the Olympic games and will then go to Paris.

Vancouver, May 6.—A Canadian soccer team will be sent to the Olympic games, leaving here in September, and six British Columbia players will be selected. Fifteen players and a manager will go along, every province in the Dominion being represented. Announcement to this effect was made by Mr. Geo. A. Parker, Canadian representative of The People's London newspaper, which has been looking into the matter at the request of the Canadian Olympic committee. Mr. Parker left yesterday for Ottawa, where he will interview Col. Hanbury Williams.

The St. George's junior baseball team, challenge any team in the city, average age 16 years, to a game of ball to be played at Victoria Park on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Answer in this paper. The Junior Tigers, age 12, challenge the Primroses to a game on Saturday morning at Victoria Park.

Secretaries of junior baseball clubs are requested to call at the Times office and get a supply of score cards. They are free.

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William Manson, formerly of Toronto, was killed on Tuesday by a fall into the hold of a boat at Buffalo.

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