

SOUTHWEST SNAPSHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

The City League contests scheduled for tonight at the Jubilee Rink are creating a great deal of interest, and everybody seems to have a different opinion as to the outcome. The fact that the teams are so evenly matched makes the contests doubly interesting, and picking winners is like forecasting the winners in four horse races. It is rather interesting, perhaps, to note what the captains of the various teams have to say in regard to the Hermits. The teams are paired up Oriens vs. Hortons and Waterloo vs. Hermits.

Captain Casselman, Oriens—The Waterloos look like the real thing to me. However, if Woods plays with the Hermits the result may be reversed. His playing would make a great difference. In the other contest, I can see nothing but the Hermits.

Captain Balfour, Hermits—It looks like the Hortons, with the present Oriens line-up. It is rumored that there will be several changes, and if the new men show up to advantage the Oriens will win. I think that the Hortons will try to play a good, clean game, not like the one they played with us. The contest will be a good hard game, and both teams will try their hardest to win. In the other bout I can't see how the Hermits can lose. That contest, too, will be a close one, though.

Captain Abrams, Hortons—"The Hermits are my pick. They certainly have an excellent team. The other contest? Why the Hortons, most certainly."

Captain Hague, Waterloos—"The Hortons will trim those Oriens. The team that defeats the league leaders have to travel like an automobile. I feel very confident that the Waterloos will defeat the Hermits tonight. The boys are in good shape and capable of going the route."

There you have it in a nutshell. Help yourself.

The Mail and Empire has joined hands with the Toronto News in its campaign against the loose policy of the O. H. A. executive. It says:

"The sooner the O. H. A. realizes the bitter truth that professional hockey in Ontario has taken root deeply and ineradicably, the better for both hockey and the O. H. A. The O. H. A. must, and doubtless does, recognize the seriousness of the situation, and the fact that a procrastinating policy will merely effect a temporary putting off of the evil day. Professionalism—some times thickly, sometimes thinly veiled—has for years abounded in the O. H. A., though in the majority of cases positive proof was, and is still, a minus quantity. Many clubs, too, it is true, were, and are, innocent as regards the paying of players. Still the taint of professionalism is there, and cannot be entirely washed away without either annihilating the association, or reducing it to a third-rate organization. Knowingly allowing the taint to remain, and claiming to be adhering to amateur principles at one and the same time, would be a combination which, if adopted, would leave the O. H. A. open to the broadest ridicule. It must be one thing or the other. Either the O. H. A. must violate its principles and take over control of professional hockey as well as amateur, by dividing Pros and Simon Pures into separate series, under one and the same governing body, or submit itself to relegation to the position of a minor and impotent organization. Which course will the O. H. A. pursue?"

Hamilton is bubbling over with joy these days. Did not the mighty Tommy Burns pull off a real live exhibition stunt down in Champlain? Yes! And everybody gathered from far and near to see him spread himself. Even the postoffice and general store were deserted, and the postmaster locked up the place, and got real sport by joining the throng. And ever since then the Hamilton scribbles have been falling over themselves spreading salve about the affair. One of the village sheets even went so far as to grind out two whole columns about the show, and sadly comments that it is a shame that the "opry" house is about to be filled with hay again.

For about the tenth time we are informed by press dispatches that "Willie" Squires has broken loose from his keepers in the antipodes and is meandering toward the United States—and trouble. Tommy Burns says that he could whip Bill before breakfast, without musing his brunettes locks, while Jack O'Brien is said to be camped down at the dock awaiting Willie's arrival. And old Farmer Jeffries picks his teeth with a straw and murmurs, "Give me—oh, hand me."

Poor Bill! Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend, etc.

Joe Gans is certainly getting to be the busy kid. With the Britt match in one hand and the Lewis affair in the other, he is still willing to arrange for a fight argument with Battling Nelson. If one were to lay stress on past performances, the champion could whip the three of them within two days. It is the opinion of many boxing experts that the terrible lachings that Nelson has received in the past few months have not benefited him any, and that Gans ought to dispose of him in twenty rounds the next time they meet. However, Nelson is the hardest man to whip at his weight in the ring today, and might fool some of the wise ones in another bout. Such a match is a poor betting proposition at all events. Besides, it is not probable that Nolan will match his man against Gans again for a long time—if ever.

SOUNDING CLUBS ON QUESTION OF NEW HOCKEY ORGANIZATION

Mr. W. E. Findlay, of 335 Central avenue, writes to The Advertiser as follows, a copy also being sent to the various clubs:

"It is evident to all those interested in the game of hockey in Western Ontario that conditions favor the organization of an association to control that sport in that section under the amended definition of an amateur which permits him to play with or against professionals without losing his amateur status. In the first place, an association formed along these lines would control its own destinies and the interests of the west would be well looked after and the senior, intermediate and junior series be remodeled to suit circumstances. Secondly, if in the senior series a club found it necessary to play a mixed team of amateurs and professionals, they could do so without any harm being done and we would keep our good talent here instead of allowing our best players to drift to outside places, and would see an improved class of hockey. Now, in this connection let me impress upon you that it would not be the intention to have purely professional teams, but simply to prevent the evils and injustice that have resulted from the lack of common sense being used in treatment of the conditions as they exist today. It is not absurd that if two professionals are on a team that the other five should be suspended and debarred from playing the game, although they may be as pure amateurs as ever put on a skate. The only test that should be applied as to a man's amateur standing is whether he has received any remuneration whatsoever for his services.

In the east the league is a mixed one. The Wanderers have both amateurs and professionals on their team. The Victorias and Montreals are all amateurs. The Ottawas are all professionals. Now these four teams are playing against each other and no harm results from the arrangement. Why should we not in Western Ontario have an association formed along these lines? A preliminary meet-

ing will be called shortly for the purpose of proceeding with the organization, such an association, and if your club is favorably inclined to the idea, will you kindly advise the writer so that we may keep in touch with you and advise you of the date of meeting."

BASKETBALL.

THREE FAST GAMES.

A trio of fast basketball contests were pulled off last night at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium before a good gathering of spectators. Summary:

Medicals—Forwards, Ross and Crawford; center, Moore; defense, Folinsbee and Jepson.

T. N. B. C.—Forwards, Burns and Crosby; center, Jones; defense, Burns and Wickert.

Score—Medicals, 20; T. N. B. C., 15. Medicals—Forwards, Glenn and Wood; center, Dunn; defense, MacRobert and MacDonald.

Business Men—Forwards, Skinner and Tambling; center, Harvey; defense, Brock and McBride.

Score—Medicals, 25; Business Men, 34. Wizaris—Forwards, Jones and Van, Yanigan—Forwards, Russell and De Shaw; center, Brant; defense, Smith and Wilson.

Score—Wizaris, 26; Yanigans, 21.

STRAITFORD DEFEATS COLLEGIANS.

Guelph, Feb. 7.—The O. A. C. team played their first game of the season against Stratford Y. M. C. A. The game took place in the college gymnasium, and resulted in a win for the Stratford boys by 60 points to 45.

The Y. M. C. A. team played a fast game, and showed up to great advantage in their combination work and in their throwing-in. This secured them a good many more goals than were scored by the college team, yet this advantage was very materially decreased by the number of fouls which were given against the Y. M. C. A.

The college line-up was as follows: Forwards, Burritt and Moore; guards, How and Weaver; center, Irvine.

DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO THE INGERSOLL JUNIORS

Defeat Woodstock Team on Neutral Ice by Close Margin—A Fast Game.

Brantford, Feb. 7.—Ingersoll defeated Woodstock's juniors tonight in a fast and exciting game, and won the championship of the district. Both teams came down on special trains, with a large number of supporters, and long before play commenced the rink was filled to overflowing.

The game was a fine exhibition all the way through, the combination of both teams being spectacular. Ingersoll seemed to have the advantage in shooting. Gregory, Woolson and Gayfer, for Ingersoll, bored in repeatedly. Laflamme, Thomson and Childs did stellar work for Woodstock. Ingersoll scored the last for Woodstock, making the final score 5 to 4. Referee Waghorn ruled satisfactorily. Over 2,000 were in attendance. The line-ups: Woodstock—Goal, Childs; point, Paltridge; coverpoint, Thomson; rover, J. Sutherland; center, Laflamme; left wing, G. Sutherland; right wing, Gustin.

Ingersoll—Goal, Noe; point, Beck; coverpoint, Hay; rover, Gayfer; center, Gregory; left wing, Woolson; right wing, Kelly.

Timekeepers—Fisher and Douglas.

NEW GLASGOW TEAM SUSPENDED.

Halifax, Feb. 7.—The Nova Scotia Hockey League met here last week, when representatives of the Ramblers, Truro, Windsor, Wanderers and Crescents were present.

A letter was read from New Glasgow, stating that they found difficulty at this time in obtaining a representative amateur

team to fill their league dates, and they therefore would withdraw from the season. It was decided to continue the league schedule as at present, with the exception that the Wanderers-Crescent game, slated for Feb. 15, be played on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Efforts will also be made to have Truro play the Crescents at Halifax on March 1 instead of March 5, as scheduled.

The members of the New Glasgow team, which last year won the Starr trophy, were suspended by the M. P. A. A. for competing against the Montreal Wanderers in the Stanley cup series.

MARKDALE WINS DISTRICT.

Owen Sound, Feb. 7.—The final game in the junior series was played here tonight between Owen Sound and Markdale, resulting in a victory for Owen Sound by a score of 12 to 7. Markdale, although losing the game, is winner in the district.

LEADS THE LEAGUE NOW.

Purdum & Gillespie's fast hockey team trimmed the Westman seven last night after a hard contest by a score of 1-0. The former team now leads in the Hardware League. The line-up: Westman—Goal, W. Hefnerman; point, B. Watt; coverpoint, George Hardy; center, P. Lortie; rover, A. Myers; right wing, H. Westman; left wing, W. Kettlewell.

Purdum—Goal, F. Brown; point, G. Davis; coverpoint, Maynard; center, A. Black; rover, Tom Purdum; right wing, S. Phipps; left wing, W. Purdum.

Referee—Phelps.

TRIMMED THE GAS MEN.

The hockey teams representing R. C. Struthers & Co. and the Gas Appliance Company, met in a friendly game of hockey on Tuesday evening. The dry-goods men trimmed the gas men to the tune of 4 to 1.

JEWELERS' HOCKEY MATCH.

The Diamond Hall hockey seven defeated a team from their East End branch Wednesday night at the Jubilee Rink by a score of 5 to 2.

The line-up of the winning team was as follows: Foster, Butcher, Martin, Marshall, Sparling, Thompson, and Bryan. Referee, R. Nopper.

Jennings Would Legislate Against Those Southpaws

Detroit News: Manager Hughes Jennings didn't have any work to do this morning, although he did clean up his desk and pretend to be awfully serious, so he got into a fanning bee. Nick Altrock's remarkable work in the world series was the topic of conversation.

"While I'm not saying I would suggest it, I would like to see some legislation against these southpaws," he said. "The right hand twirler does what the left hand man does, and he gets a balk called on him. There ought to be some certain action that should constitute a balk. They tell me Altrock walks men purposely to catch them off second."

"The best man that ever lived at that game was old Kilroy. We ran across him in '93 in Louisville. It was just when the old fellow was about all in, but he still had that wonderful movement toward first. It was the first time we were ever up against him and we started to take it easy at first."

"I think I was the first man up. I got to first, and wasn't two feet off the sack when that ball came over like a cannon shot and I was out."

"It's roasted. Well, what Hanlon and the crowd handed me when I got back to the bench isn't worth mentioning."

"Try it yourself," I said hotly. "The next man up got the same dose."

"He's easy money," said Tony Mullane, sitting at the end of the bench. "I know his move. I've pitched with him and against him. Do as I say and you can get away with it."

"Crawl under the water keg and stay there," sang out a chorus; "you don't know anything. What you know isn't so."

"Tony persisted, however. He wanted to tell us how to win."

"That was the beauty of that crowd. They called each other names and argued all the time, but it was always with the aim in mind to win."

"Tony became so persistent that he was heard way over to the pitchers' box. Kilroy heard it and grinned."

"The third man up got a crack on the head that laid him out. They carried him off the grounds. When the excitement died away, someone had to go to first."

"Send anybody," said Hanlon, disgusted.

"Send Mullane," answered the bunch; "he's so clever. Send him, he'll at least second all right," he says he can."

"Mullane jumped at the chance. When he got to first Kilroy left the box and deliberately walked over to him."

"You spaghetti-eating Dago," he said, "I heard what you said on the bench about my not being able to catch you. Now I'm going to put you out, first crack, so watch out. You're not going to get away from this sack. And, furthermore, you slant-eyed banana peddler, you know it."

"Mullane smiled confidently. Kilroy went back to the box. Tony just leaned a little way off the sack. The ball shot into the first baseman's hands. It was all off. He was out."

"Kilroy used to say that he walked two or three men a day just to get them out, because he needed the practice."

Hughes was eating his dinner at the Griswold House when a dark-skinned waiter stepped up to him and whispered over his shoulder:

"Kin yo' do it lak yo' used ter do it ovah in Cleveland, Mistah Jennings?"

Jennings looked up to see the ebony face glowing with delight.

"I don't think I can, cap," he laughingly answered, "the old arm's getting a little stiff. Did you see those games?"

"Did Ah see those games? Don't yo' member me? Ah used to wait on yo' at the Holland House. Ah saw every game yo' grand ol' Baltimore team ever played in Cleveland. And, bel man? Why, Ah made a small fortune little ones."

betting on yo' all. Weren't dey de grand ol' games? Ah'd give me right ahm to see dem again."

"It surely was a battle royal, wasn't it?" and the famous little Irishman and the negro waiter got to fanning him and the series that will live in baseball history as one of the most fiercely contested games ever known on the diamond.

"That water had a water bottle in his hand all during the dinner. Jennings was his idol. No man ever was so devoted to a pitcher as he was."

The great Mistah Jennings was at his table. His chest heaved with pride as he caught the gaze of the envious fellow waiters.

"I'm thinking a whole lot on Bill Donovan's year," he said. "I met him in Philadelphia, and he knows what he can do. How he hated to stack up against 'Wild Bill' in those days. He seemed to throw the ball from his wrist, and it came so fast you couldn't see it."

"The ball was over before you got to the plate, and I got rid of that rheumatism at Hot Springs, and I'm pretty sure he will be here there again, all right, or I miss my guess."

"It's a good thing for Boston baseball that there's a new manager in Jennings of the National League," said Jennings, still talking to those old fans. "A good story could be written in that town on the revenge of the fans."

"When we were fighting with Boston for the pennant, Soden and Conant were as busy as ever raking in the money. Every time they came they raised the prices. It was \$2 for front seats, \$1.50 for second row seats and so on. The fans howled, but they did want to see those games, and so they stood for it."

"And the fans well known in Boston with the aim in mind to come round to the hotel."

"They're sticking it into us now, they would tell us, but just wait and see; we'll get back at them some day. Every time there's a good game on, they raise the prices on us."

"That was a good many years ago, but when the American League got into Boston those fans remembered. They flocked to the American park. It was the making of the younger league in Hubtown."

"John I. Rogers was another whose short-sightedness in business pertaining to baseball helped the American League."

"It was just before Lajoie jumped. Many of those others who had gone into the new organization were wavering. Rogers' advisers knew that if the big Frenchman went it would strengthen the weakening ones to hold out."

"If Larry can do it, we can," they would say.

"Lajoie was in uniform on that Philadelphia field many days, practicing, waiting for the club to do something. He had a Cleveland contract in his pocket. Something like \$1,000, in all, would have kept him in the National. This would have affected Washington to a great extent and weakened other clubs, as those players were all watching Lajoie."

"Rogers refused to put up the money, saying it would be a bad precedent to establish. So Larry went. From a player's point of view, it probably did more than any other one thing to make the American League."

THE TURF.

WINNERS YESTERDAY.

At New Orleans—Katherine, 4, to 5; Molo R., 6 to 1; Blue Lee, 7 to 5; The English, 8 to 1; Foreigner, 20 to 1; Meadow Brook, 11 to 10; Anna Day, 5 to 2.

MOTHER GRAVES' Worm Exterminator has the largest sale of any similar preparation sold in Canada. It always gives satisfaction by restoring health to the man? Why, Ah made a small fortune little ones."

OLD-TIMERS AGREE TO BATTLE ROYAL

Griffith and Cantillon Dare Each Other to Meet in Diamond Match.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Manager Clark Griffith, of the New York Americans, stopped off in Chicago yesterday on his way east, and closed a deal with Manager Cantillon, of the Washington club.

Joseph Tinker signed his 1907 contract with the Chicago Nationals. Two events of interest, happening on the same day, caused unusual stir in baseball circles.

Both Griffith and Tinker came from the west, the manager from his Montana ranch, and the shortstop from his buffet at Van Buren and Leavitt streets.

Griffith was 37 hours late on account of the severe snowstorm encountered, while Tinker was as nearly on scheduled time as is expected of traction lines in Chicago.

The Highland leader immediately hunted up President Comiskey, of the White Sox, and warned him the Highlanders were going to turn the rest of his hair white this season, then tackled Manager Cantillon and fixed up a deal whereby Griffith is to pitch against the Senators and Cantillon is to play the outfield against the Highlanders.

Griffith predicted a hot race for the American League pennant this year, with six clubs contending, but he was not willing to admit Cantillon could make championship timber out of the Senators in one season. "Just to show what I think of Washington," he said, "I am going to pitch a game against you this year."

"You don't dare," replied Cantillon. "For if you do I'll get into the game myself, and you know how I always could beat against you."

"That's a go," snapped Griffith. "I've got you on record, and the man who backs down is a dog. Where will you play?"

"Right field, I guess. All your players hit into left. But I won't have to stay out there long, for I'll agree to play only as long as you last in the box."

Griffith repeated the worst conditions known in the northwest for years, and said millions of dollars' worth of cattle and sheep would perish before the spring throughout Northern Montana.

Many ranchmen already having lost thousands of their livestock on account of heavy snow and lack of grazing. His own ranch, he said, was more fortunately situated, and he had been able to let out a little of his grazing land without serious danger of running short on his own stock.

He expected to be in New York yesterday, but his train ran into heavy snows, and was 37 hours late before it reached St. Paul. The manager and his wife will leave for New York today.

"I don't know anything about the conditions in baseball," Griffith said. "For I haven't seen a newspaper in two months. But I am going to make another battle for that pennant, and I think I can land it this time. All I have needed was a little more pitching, and I expect to get it this year out of the youngsters, Clarkson, Hogg, and Doyle. Then there is Brockett from the Buffalo club. He has the making of a good one."

Most of my players are comparatively young men, and bound to get better. That is the only way to get a team, develop youngsters and build it up. I have no use for trades, and never so near a league meeting if I can help it. Every manager who offers you a trade these days wants to change a 2-cent piece for a 20-cent certificate, and all you get out of it is a crawl of disgust."

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WESTERN CURLERS SOOP 'ER UP

Petrola Takes a Brace of Games From Watford—District Cup to Orillia.

Petrola, Feb. 7.—In a curling match played here with Watford, Petrola won both in the afternoon and evening.

MORNING GAME.

Watford. G. Lloyd, G. Luckham, J. Fowler, T. B. Taylor, skip. 7. H. W. Church, sk. 12. Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Hamer, Mr. McKeecher, Mr. Bryce. 8. R. Jackson. 13.

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Guelph, Feb. 7.—In the play-off for the district cup, which commenced here on Wednesday, Sarnia, Watford, and Orillia won from Stratford in the first round. The scores were as follows:

Lindsay. Sarnia. A. McFadden, H. Carey, W. A. Watson, J. B. Terry, E. Butler