



# The Sporting World

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## SPORTING GOSSIP

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THE OVERFLOWING ATTENDANCE AT FRIDAY NIGHT'S HOCKEY CONTEST AT PRINCESS RINK forcibly brought out the fact that this city is in dire need of a modern rink. It has been stated that several hundred people were turned away on account of lack of accommodation.

It is a fact, however, that the accommodations for selling tickets and handling large crowds at the rink are woefully behind the times, and ladies who attended the contest were forced to almost fight their way through the narrow entrance to the place before they could procure tickets, the one ticket office not being able to begin to handle the business in anything like an expedient manner.

Had the contest started on schedule time, instead of over an hour later, about one-third of the vast throng would have been left standing outside awaiting tickets.

Another very important matter, which should be looked into, is the fact that absolutely no protection is offered spectators at the ends or sides of the rink from the deadly puck. Several times Friday evening, as well as on previous occasions, spectators were struck by the hard missile, and two or three broken hats the result.

If an acrobatic exhibition were given in a theater over the heads of the spectators without nets the show would be stopped.

One might as well be struck in the face with a brick as a hard puck, and the people who pay to see the hockey matches are entitled to some consideration at least.

At least one woman fainted Friday night as the result of the crush around the sides of the rink.

These matters are not of personal, but of public interest, and should be attended to by the proper authorities.

ALTHOUGH A CROWD LIKE THAT OF FRIDAY NIGHT IS SCARCELY HOPED FOR AT TONIGHT'S CITY LEAGUE HOCKEY GAMES, a good attendance will doubtless be on hand.

It must be remembered that it is the City League which makes championship O. H. A. teams possible, and that without support no league can survive.

So far the patronage at the City League contests has been fairly good, but there is room for something better.

At the beginning of the season the Waterloos and the Hermits were looked upon as being the best in the league, and they may still be so, but the other two teams are coming up strong, and should make matters interesting all the way.

This evening the league leaders, the Hermits and the Waterloos, will meet in the first contest and the St. John's and the Western University septette in the wind-up.

Many spectators have been kept away from the games in the past on account of delays in starting. This will be entirely done away with in the future, as the executive has decided to place a penalty on the team or teams which fail to put in an appearance on the ice, ready for business, at 8 o'clock sharp. In the first game, and immediately after the opening contest in the second.

The clubs have agreed to this action, and spectators can rest assured that the first contest will begin sharp at 8 o'clock this evening.

Another matter which should prove of interest is the fact that the contests will in the future be of twenty-minute halves, with no time taken off unless a player is severely injured or other accidents of note take place.

The admission is 25 cents, and the first game alone should be well worth the money.

GEORGE CRISPIN, THE FAST LOCAL SKATER, has decided to enter the international race meet at Boston on the 13th of next month.

Crispin is over 40 years of age, but is still as fast, if not faster, than he was twenty years ago.

He has met and defeated some of the best men Canada has produced, and has yet to be defeated in a straight match race.

At the Riverside rink, Toronto, a few months ago, Crispin beat Harley Davidson's best time for two miles. Since then Crispin has defeated the champion of Toronto, and Campbell, the much-touted St. Thomas man, who was entered for the speed races at Pittsburgh, but later withdrew.

Crispin paid The Advertiser a call this morning, and stated that he was willing to meet any man in Canada at two miles for a side bet. He is most confident of his own ability, and when one considers that he has been racing 23 years without a mark against him, his confidence can be readily understood.

WERE YOU AT THE HERMIT'S BANQUET IN MASONIC TEMPLE FRIDAY NIGHT? Yes? No? Well, you missed the one best bit of your career. The queer fellows were put in full fun regalia, and the merrymaking waxed fast and furious.

They were all there—all the famous athletes that are—and all those that will be, and the way they got rid of melodies, toasts and speeches would have turned Speaker Joe Cannon's heart green with envy.

It was good to sit at the same table with so many celebrities in local sporting and social circles, and all who attended didn't have to be informed that they had spent an evening such as is only possible with happy recollections.

THOSE WHO CONTENTED THEMSELVES by staying home and reading the scores of the hockey games London has taken part in this season, may be under the impression that we have a championship aggregation—but that was all.

On Friday night the teams met again in this city, and again London showed that it lacks many of the qualities necessary to a winning aggregation.

London must develop, first of all, either a good two-men or three-men combination.

Secondly, the forward line must learn to work as a team in defense as well as offense.

Paris, it was noted, was always where the puck was. When one London man got the rubber, the remainder were usually "where it wasn't."

Bolt will have to undergo a course in "getting-the-man," while Jimmy Carrothers must be taught to take the puck nearer the net than he usually does before shooting.

Thompson could play up more than he does with advantage to the team, and should look more to the man than to the puck.

Many times in Friday's game Jay would take a bat at the puck when a Paris man was coming toward the London net, and miss it, because the player passed or was too clever for the Londoner. Had the Parisian been body-checked the puck must have gone astray.

As a whole, London has a good team of stick handlers.

The writer has seen every game but one, this season, and can say that no other team in the district handle its sticks better than the locals.

In shooting, too, London shines above its opponents; while in aggressiveness the locals are on a par with any of them.

With the defects mentioned remedied, London will give the winners in the other districts the greatest rub of their careers.

It may be possible to procure Mr. Fred Role, brother of our own "Dave," to coach the team on some of the points mentioned. Mr. Role is a former member of the Winnipeg Rowing Club, and knows the game thoroughly.

It is understood that London will have two practices this week, and these in addition to the Woodstock game at that place Friday night, should put them in fettle for allcomers.

The chief trouble with local teams in the past has been that they became over-confident after winning a few contests. This condition will prevail this time, for the players realize that they are weak on team play, and will govern themselves accordingly in practice.

The record of the team up to date has been a brilliant one, despite weaknesses, and a championship is a possibility.

## What London May Get at Goderich Time for Action On Part of O. H. A.

### Disgraceful Scenes at Clinton Show Stamp of Goderich Supporters.

As an evidence of what the London hockey team may expect at the hands of Goderich supporters if a contest for the championship is played there one need but recall the disgraceful scenes enacted at Clinton Friday night, when, with the score a tie, the Goderich

rooters rushed on the ice, and beat up the referee and the chief of police in a shameful manner.

The latter is still confined to his home with injuries.

If such occurrences will take place out of town when Goderich is getting the worst of the argument, what would happen at Goderich under similar conditions?

It is time the O. H. A. got busy and put the clamps on Goderich.

What is the use of having a protecting body like the O. H. A. if it is not to see that an organization in name?

## THE O. H. A. GAMES THIS WEEK

Monday.	Wednesday.
Senior.	Senior.
Galt at Stratford.	Parkdale at St. George's.
Intermediate.	Intermediate.
Cobourg at Peterboro.	Smith's Falls at Brockville.
Toronto R. C. at Uxbridge.	Ingersoll at Tillsonburg.
Tillsonburg at Brantford.	Junior.
Owen Sound at Collingwood.	Orillia at Bracebridge.
Hamilton at Toronto A. A. C.	Thursday.
Junior.	Intermediate.
Coldwater at Midland.	Port Hope at Lindsay.
Bracebridge at Gravenhurst.	Junior.
Tuesday.	Belleville at Port Hope.
Senior.	Belleville A. A. at Parkdale (first game at 8 p.m.).
Toronto A. A. C. at Berlin.	Corticeville at St. Michael's.
Intermediate.	Collingwood at Barrie.
Cannington at Port Perry.	Penetang at Midland.
Simcoe at Welland.	Friday.
Port Colborne at Niagara Falls.	Intermediate.
Woodstock at Paris.	Port Colborne at Dunnville.
New Hamburg at Goderich.	Welland at St. Michael's.
Penetang at Newmarket.	Tillsonburg at Paris.
Beausville at Grimsby.	Brantford at Ingersoll.
Simcoe at Dunnville.	London at Woodstock.
Junior.	Alliston at Collingwood.
Eurekas at Upper Canada (first game 8 p.m.).	Midland at Bracebridge.
Parkdale at St. Michael's.	Toronto A. A. C. at Hamilton.
Port Hope at Picton.	Beausville at St. Catharines.
Brantford at Simcoe.	Junior.
Listowel at Woodstock.	Woodstock at Stratford.
	Simcoe at Paris.
	Victoria Harbor at Coldwater.

## Billy Papke Is a Perfect Fighter Is Hardest Hitting Middleweight

New York, Jan. 26.—Willie Papke is the Apollo of the fighters. Physically he is a model. He is built for the fighting game from his toes to the top of his head. There isn't a weak spot in his anatomy or a line of his make-up that the most critical of sculptors would care to have changed. For a 31-year-old lad his development is remarkable.

Papke weighs today just 156 pounds stripped.

Papke stands 5 feet 8½ inches. His reach is 71 inches. This is only an

inch less than the reach of Jim Corbett, former heavyweight champion, who is just five inches taller than the new king of the middleweights.

The "Illinois Thunderbolt" has arms and hands that are perfectly adapted to the fighting game. He has great forearms, and fists as big and strong as John L. Sullivan's. Much of his truly remarkable hitting power comes from these fists.

And he can hit harder than any other middleweight in the world. He usually wins his fights with a clean knockout in the first, second or third round.

## TOM JENKINS LOST THE BOUT

Fred Beell Defeated the Ex-Champion in a Handicap Wrestling Match.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Tom Jenkins, ex-champion wrestler, undertook to throw Fred Beell twice in 90 minutes, at Bohmer Park last night. Jenkins won the first fall in 23 minutes, but Beell turned the tables on the ex-champion, throwing him in 14 minutes, and winning the match. Jenkins did not appear to be in competition, and his defeat by the lighter man was a great surprise.

## LONDON VICTORIOUS DEFEAT ST. THOMAS

The London Victorias, an aggregation of local youngsters, defeated a team of St. Thomas juniors on Saturday evening at the Richmond street rink by a score of 4 to 0.

The lineup:  
London. St. Thomas.  
Butler.....Goal.....St. Thomas.  
Woods.....Point.....Key  
Croden.....Cover.....Heywood  
O'Rourke.....Center.....Gillen  
Brennan.....Rover.....Laird  
Reid.....Wings.....Taylor  
Love.....Referee.....Lee Butler.

## BURNS STRONG FAVORITE

English Sporting Men Think the Canadian Will Win in Short Order.

London, Jan. 26.—Tommy Burns will be a big favorite over Jack Palmer when they enter the ring to engage in a twenty-round battle at Wonderland on the night of Feb. 10. The poor showing recently made by Palmer in his six-round battle with Bobby Dobbs, the colored American fighter, has sent his stock away down, and now the English sporting men and lovers of pugilism are claiming that Palmer has no chance of beating Burns, and will be lucky if he goes five rounds. While no betting has been done so far on the fight the indications are that the odds will be 3 to 1 on Burns.

## SOME ODDITIES OF MANAGERS

How McAleer, Clarke Griffith and Hugh Jennings Act on the Field.

Detroit, Jan. 25.—Bingay, in the Detroit News, says:

We hear much of Manager Jennings and his methods. In fact, Hughes says we hear too much of him. In the league there are seven other men holding the same position and suffering the same cares and worries. It is interesting, and his defeat by the lighter man was a great surprise.

The greatest leader of the champions. His closest rival in the fight for baseball honors is as interesting as the Red Hugh, of Moose, Pa., himself. Volumes have been written about Connie Mack and the results he has achieved, but how he does it. And there is Jim McAlleer, and Joe Cantillon and Fielder Jones and Clarke Griffith and Jim McGuire and Nap. Lajoie.

Hughie Jennings looks like a ball player and acts like a man engaged in athletics. There is a quickness to his step and a sharpness to his voice that stamps him as a man of action. But his near rival could not be more different if he studied to take such a part.

Connie Mack had to cut five syllables from his name before he could make a real big hit in the major leagues as a baseball player. As Connie Mack's name long enough to state that he had caught a good game. After he cut it down more than half it began to notice him. Connie is tall, awfully tall, and he carries himself like an undertaker who's afraid he isn't going to get paid. But Connie always was thin.

"He isn't very fat, is he," was remarked on the Tiger bench last year, when Philadelphia was here.

"Fat," said Jennings. "Yes, he is. He's fat to what he used to be. When he was playing ball he had to keep in training."

And the Philadelphia manager stood across the field, looking for all the world like an elongated toothpick.

Connie is the only bench manager left in the league. All the rest have uniforms on and direct play from the

coaching line. Connie is dressed quietly, immaculately. He seldom moves and seldom speaks. Connie never danders a man for a good play and never calls him very strongly for making a bad one. If a dumb play is made the culprit hears, in icy tones: "Very nice play, that; where did you learn it?"

The player realizes that he never learned it anywhere. He meekly explains that he "just made a mistake."

"Well, next time, do this or that," says Connie in the same even cutting tone. And the player goes out, realizing that he has been taught something. Connie is beloved by all his players, and yet there is no doubt that he runs the cheapest team in the league. From the salary standpoint.

McAlleer Hot Tempered.

As Jennings is one of the old Baltimore fire-eaters, Jimmy McAlleer is one of Pat Tebeau's old Cleveland win and the same vicious hatred for defeat. But unlike Hughes he is not always able to hold his temper. He likes to raise thunder when a game is lost because of dumb playing. He would rather lose a leg than lose a game.

When a game starts Mac's cap is straight on his head. If the team's ahead it is jauntily tucked away back by his ears. If they begin to lose it gradually crawls forward until it is way down over his left eye. Off the field McAlleer is a quiet, good fellow, full of fun and good stories. On the field he glories in being a crab.

"I'll never forget my introduction to Jimmy McAlleer," says Comedian Fritz Bedlow. "When I blew into the park there was no locker for me."

"I found the rest of the fellows quietly dressing and paying no attention to the big noise."

"Gee," says I, quite loud like, "that feller in the coop has got four laps on John McCullough, hasn't he?"

"I didn't know McAlleer would hear it, but Jim had just come from his room. He glared at me and then walked right up to me. I thought there was going to be something sensational in the Buelow family history glared."

"Huh," says he, "another actor on the club, hey?" and he walked away. Mac never loved me after that."

Sarcastic Griffith.

Clarke Griffith is the man of ideas—and sarcasm. He is the "hunch" player of baseball. He figures that by musing the bats in front of the bench he will have a better chance to win. It is but one of a thousand tricks he gets ideas and they run away with him.

Jack Chesbro lost a two-hit game against Detroit last summer because of Griffith's "ideas." Griff got the "hunch" that Charley Schmidt could not throw to second on that particular day. The Yankees were pounding the ball all over the lot. But every time a man got to first Griffith ordered him to go down. He would start for second, and Charley would throw him out. It was turning some of them back, but it made no difference to Griffith. He kept right on sending them down.

Finally Morarity chucked the ball into the bleachers and Sam Crawford trotted around the sacks, winning the game for the Tigers. Griff's hunch didn't work.

"Gee, that was tough luck," he remarked to Willie Keeler after the game.

"No," said Willie, who was not playing owing to an injured thumb, "that was just rotten baseball."

EASTERN HOCKEY RATES

Attempts Made to Bring Some Kind of Order Out of Chaos.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—The Eastern Canada Hockey League adopted the following motions at their meeting:

"If any player, amateur or professional, under contract or agreement to play with any club in the league for a stated season, is given bona fide release by that club, he is at liberty to sign with any other club or any other club is at liberty to secure his services on or before Feb. 10, but the release with the one club and the signing with the other must be sanctioned by the executive of the league."

After Players.

"Any player under contract or agreement with a club in the league shall not be permitted to play matches with any club outside of the league, without the permission of the club to which he is under contract or agreement, under penalty of expulsion from the league, at the discretion of the league executive."

"That no player who has competed in any other league in Canada during the season can play in the E.C.A.H.A. after Feb. 15."

It is believed that the oldest charity fund, apart from hospitals, which is still maintained is the royal maternity charity, with headquarters in London, which was founded in 1757, and has just celebrated its third jubilee. Its finances were reported satisfactory except for its debts.

## The Ring Record of "Ruby" Bob

One of the most notable figures of the modern prize-ring is Robert Fitzsimmons, commonly known as "Ruby Robert," and "Lanky Bob."

When in his prime Fitz had something on all of them, and even up to a few years ago, at the age of 44 or 45, he was dangerous at all times.

His record is most interesting, and has never been approached in length or brilliance since the days of John L. Sullivan.

Fitzsimmons' list of battles, the date of his birth, etc., is as follows:

Born June 4, 1862, Helston, Cornwall, England. Height, 5 feet 11½ inches. Weight, 165 pounds. Heavyweight. Color, white. Nationality, Cornishman.

1889—

Dec. 17—Dick Ellis .....W Sydney, Australia ..... 3

1890—

Feb. 10—Jim Hall .....L Sydney, Australia ..... 4

May 29—Billy McCarthy .....W San Francisco, Cal. .... 3

June 23—Arthur Upham .....W New Orleans, La. .... 5

1891—

Jan. 14—Jack Dempsey .....K New Orleans, La. .... 13

April 28—Abe Congle .....K Chicago, Ill. .... 4

May 1—Black Pearl .....W Minneapolis, Minn. .... 4

1892—

March 2—Peter Maher .....W New Orleans ..... 12

April 30—James Farrell .....K Newark ..... 2

May 7—Joe Godfrey .....K Philadelphia ..... 1

May 11—Jerry Slatery .....K New York ..... 2

Sept. 3—Millard Zender .....K Anniston ..... 1

1893—

March 3—Jim Hall .....K New Orleans ..... 4

March 25—Phil Mayo .....K Chicago ..... 3

May 30—Jack Warner .....K Baltimore ..... 2

Sept. 5—Jack Hickey .....K Newark ..... 3

1894—

June 17—Joe Choyinski .....D Boston ..... 5

July 28—Frank Keller .....K Buffalo, N. Y. .... 2

Sept. 26—Dan Creedon .....K New Orleans ..... 2

1895—

April 16—Al Allish .....K New York ..... 3

Feb. 21—Peter Maher .....K Langtry, Texas ..... 1

Feb. 29—Peter Maher .....No decision New York ..... 3

Dec. 2—Tom Sharkey .....L-F San Francisco, Cal. .... 8

1897—

March 17—James J. Corbett .....K Carson City ..... 14

June 9—Jim Jeffries .....K Coney Island ..... 11

Oct. 28—Jeff Thorne .....K Chicago ..... 3

1900—

March 27—Jim Daly .....K Philadelphia ..... 1

April 30—Ed Dunkhorst .....K Brooklyn ..... 2

Aug. 10—Gus Ruhlin .....K New York ..... 6

Aug. 24—Tom Sharkey .....K Coney Island ..... 2

July 25—Jim Jeffries .....K by San Francisco ..... 8

1902—

Sept. 30—Con Coughlin .....K Philadelphia ..... 1

Oct. 14—Joe Grim .....No decision Philadelphia ..... 6

Nov. 25—George Gardner .....W San Francisco, Cal. .... 20

July 23—Phil Jack O'Brien, No d'n. Philadelphia ..... 6

1905—

Dec. 20—Jack O'Brien .....K by San Francisco ..... 13

1907—

\*July 17—Jack Johnson .....K by Philadelphia ..... 2

\*Fitz was 45 years old.

Largest purse Fitzsimmons ever fought for was March 8, 1893, New Orleans, when he defeated Jim Hall in four rounds, purse \$40,000. Bob received only part of the money.

LONDON CATS AT BUFFALO SHOW

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Siamese is totally different to either that of the Persian or the short-haired cat. One of the most attractive cats at the show was occupied by a monkey, and a cat, and incidentally, a Teddy bear, certainly a queer combination.

The biggest surprise was when Mrs. Conlisk's imported Chinchilla male, Phantom, went down to third in competition with Caesar, owned by Mrs. W. B. Frye, secretary of the Buffalo Club. Several of the cats that were here at the show in September were on exhibition, and took their share of the prizes.

Beaten by Tramp Cat.

The Buzzing Silver, owned by Mrs. Mitchellson, of Tariffville, Connecticut, won more points towards her championship. Miss Cathcart's famous smoke short hair, for which she paid \$150, was beaten by a cat that had been picked up on the street in a starving condition a few weeks previous.

Made his first appearance at Timmura, N. Z., at Jem Mace's tournament, 1880, at which he defeated four men, winning the amateur championship of New Zealand. In 1881 Bob entered at the same place and beat five men in one night, among them the great performances in Australia, which are not dated, winning all of them, are: Crawford, 3 rounds; Bill Slavin, 7 rounds; Starlight, 9 rounds; Arthur Cooper, 3 rounds; Jack Murphy, 8 rounds; Brinsmead, 2 rounds; Jack Greentree, 3 rounds; Dick Slavin, 4 rounds; Conway, 2 rounds; Prof. West, 1 round; Pablo Frank, 2 rounds; Jack Riddle, 4 rounds; Eager, 2 rounds.