

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC WORLD

WESTERN HORSES WIN HONORS

Western Canada was represented by several high class harness horses on the Canadian ice circuit, just closed. The former Regina trotter, Vaster, 2:09.1-4, ably upheld his big reputation by defeating King Bryson at the Dufferin Park ice meet, at Toronto, when King Bryson held the world's record of 2:19.1-4 for the fastest mile trotted over an ice track. Vaster was not eligible to start at the later meeting on account of the race being for slower class trotters, but many horsemen believe that he is capable of breaking the present world's trotting record of 2:17.1-2 made by the American trotting mare, Lucy Patchen, at the Ottawa ice meeting. Vaster will be raced down the grand circuit this season, and will be driven by Harry James, who will also drive Grand Opera.

Merry Direct, 2:11.1-4, the best race car from Calgary, broke the former world's five-mile record of 12:30.1-2, made nine years ago by the grey gelding, Condot, by winning the five-mile race at Ottawa in 12:37.1-4.

The Calgary record trotter, Grattan Boy, covered himself with glory by winning four firsts and one second out of seven starts, and also the distinction of being the largest money-winning trotter on the ice circuit with \$1,700 to his credit. Walter Cox, the Grand Circuit driver, offered \$2,500 for Grattan Boy at Montreal. Lucy Patchen, 2:15.1-4, comes next with \$900. Nellie G., 2:09.1-4, another Calgary horse, made a big name for herself by winning \$710 in winning two firsts and two seconds.

The world's ice record is 2:11.1-4, over the Ottawa river track, in 1909, by The Eel, 2:10.1-4, the greatest race horse pacer that ever lived. Last year Grattan Royal, 2:06.1-4, paced a mile in 2:13.1-4, over Dufferin Park ice track, Toronto, in a first heat and Grand Opera, 2:12.1-4, paced a third heat in a race at Ottawa in 2:14.1-4 the same year. The largest money winning and most sensational race of this year's ice circuit were Eel Direct, a grey stallion, handsome enough for the show ring, and giving promise of becoming as fast as his greatly lamented sire, The Eel, 2:02.1-4. Eel Direct started in his first race at the Hillcrest meeting, Toronto, and was beaten, but soon gained racing experience, and won up the season as champion of the ice circuit with \$2,000 to his credit, winning four firsts and two seconds. In the Stallion Stake at Montreal he met and defeated the seasonal American pacer, Blue Line, 2:10.1-4, a prospective two minute horse, with a trial of 2:03 over the Columbus track last September. In the Line beat Eel Direct first heat in 2:15, then Eel Direct created a sensation by winning the last three in 2:14.1-2, 2:15.1-4, the next three in 2:15.1-4, 2:16.1-4, the three and four heat records over a half mile ice track. Eel Direct is in the stable of the veteran Canadian driver, Dan McEwen, who will drive him in his Grand Circuit campaign the coming season. Hal B., Jr., 2:02.1-4, will campaign in the same stable.

THE KING APPROVES OF BOXING

London, Mar. 5.—According to Sporting Life, King George intends to set the seal of his approval on boxing. By royal command, members of the Household Brigade and several professional boxers will soon give an exhibition of the art of self-defence before him.

WON'T PLAY ON SUNDAY.
Harry Harper of the Washington Americans is looked on by the baseball critics as a young pitcher of unusual promise. Harper is a southpaw who formerly played with amateur and semi-professional teams until Clark Griffith heard of him and signed him for a major league career. Harper, who hails from Hackensack, N. J., is a tall, powerfully built lad of nineteen years, who has an impressive burst of speed and good control of his curves and shoots. Like Christy Mathewson, he refuses to play ball on Sunday at any price.

SPORTOGRAPHY "GRAVY"

Old time baseball fans will feel a reminiscent glow warm the cockles of their hearts when they eye, fall on the following name, viz., Sam Thompson. They will pronounce it with reverence, just as present-day fanatics will reverse the names of Cobb and Wagner when those mighty men have shaved their clubs and put their gloves away among the mothballs. Sam Thompson was born in Danville, Ind., fifty-four years ago today, and he became the Ty Cobb of the old Detroit National League aggregation. Nine seasons he swatted the pill over the 500 mark, and two years he passed the 400 mark.

Thompson was reared in Indiana—reared to a height of six feet and two inches. He was well past twenty when he discovered baseball, and twenty-three when he was discovered by him. His first season in a league uniform was with Evansville, Ind. In 1898 he graduated from the minors and joined the Indianapolis club. At the close of the season the Hoosier metropolis team won on the rocks and Thompson was transferred to Detroit, then a member of the National league. His second year with Detroit, 1899,

INTEREST IN RACING LAST NIGHT

There was a fair attendance at the championship races held in the Victoria rink last night under the auspices of the St. John Athletic Club. The ice was soft but the different events were well contested.

The feature of the evening was Robert McLean, the international champion, and he was loudly applauded as he won the events in which he was entered. McLean also gave an excellent exhibition of fancy skating, and jumping on skates. He managed to clear twelve chairs in a jump. The exhibition was a most clever one.

The following are the results of the different events.

220 Yards
1st heat—R. McLean, 1st; Wm. Thorne 2nd, time 20 seconds.
2nd heat—Gorman 1st, M. Bell 2nd, time 22 seconds.
3rd heat—Boyer 1st, Moore 2nd, time 23 seconds.
Final—McLean 1st, Gorman 2nd, time 20 seconds.

Club Members' Half Mile
L. Woods 1st, B. Finley 2nd, time one minute 45 seconds.

Junior Boys' Half Mile
Boyer 1st, Travis 2nd, time one minute 54 seconds.

440 Yards
1st heat—Gorman 1st, Bridges 2nd, time 41 seconds.
2nd heat—McLean 1st, M. Bell 2nd, time 43 seconds.
3rd heat—H. Thorne 1st, W. Thorne 2nd, time 48 seconds.
Final—McLean 1st, Gorman 2nd, time one minute 26 seconds.

One Mile
Gorman 1st, Tracey 2nd, time 3 minutes 34 seconds.

Twelve Year Old Boys
Wetmore 1st, Dean 2nd, time one minute 57 seconds.

Match Race
W. Sterling 1st, E. Sterling 2nd.
Match Race Half Mile
R. Dean 1st, D. Walsh 2nd, time 2 minutes 5 seconds.

THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

1854—Jack Dempsey knocked out Billy Dacey in ninth round at Coney Island. This bout was for the light weight championship of the United States, and a purse of \$4,000. Dempsey had entered the ring only the year before, and had whipped "Irish" Lad Boylan, Harry Force, "Cockey" Turbulin, Tom Sullivan, Jim Fell of Canada, and other good men. After becoming the champion of Uncle Sam's lightweight battlers, Dempsey fought George Fullames, a clever Canadian, for the all-American title, and won in twenty-two rounds.

In 1885 Dempsey went into the middle weight division, although rather light for that class, and in a year was the recognized middle weight king of America.

Unpromising.

A retail dealer in leather goods, doing business in Baltimore, wrote to a firm in southern Massachusetts ordering a carload of the merchandise. The firm wired him:

"Cannot ship your order until the last consignment is paid for."

"Unable to wait so long," telegraphed the leather merchant. "Cancel the order."—Lippincott's.

Birthday of Sam Thompson, Once Famous, 400 Batter.

Finished with the pennant nailed to the flagstaff of the Michigan metropolis. It was a great team that topped the batting for Detroit in 1897. Thompson, who played right garden and swatted the ball for 406, was surpassed by the great Dan Brouthers, who covered first and hit to the tune of 418. Every member of the club, except the battery men, batted over 300, and catcher C. W. Bennett, 383, and Pitcher C. B. Baldwin, 347, were in the same class. Ned Hanlon, afterward the famous leader of the Baltimore Orioles, covered outfield for the Tigers that year and batted 316. Others of Thompson's teammates were Pitchers Getseln and Conway, Catchers Ganzel and Briody, Hardie Richardson, Fred Dunlop, White, Shindler, Rowe and Twitcheil.

Thompson left Detroit for Philadelphia in 1898 and remained with the Quaker City team until his retirement in 1906. Except for a brief period with Detroit as a pinch-hitter, Thompson was never again seen the stages of professional baseball, and devoted himself to a flourishing real estate business in Detroit, the city where he had made his baseball fame.

AT THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SKI JUMPING COMPETITIONS.



The Vice-Regal Party Watching the Jumping.

M'CARTHY WAS CO-STAR WITH DUFFY

Thomas McCarthy was regarded as one of the most clever and scientific men in baseball, yet it took him a long time to secure a permanent position on a big league team. He was born in South Boston and began his professional career in 1884 with the Boston team of the ill-fated Union Association. He played 47 games in left field that year. In 1885 he was signed by the Boston National League team, competing with such old heroes as Job Hornung, Billy Purcell and Tom Poorman. Later in the season Dickie Johnson entered the lists and beat McCarthy for an outfield position. In 1886 McCarthy was with the Providence team, then a member of the Eastern League. The Providence team disbanded and McCarthy finished the season with the Brockton team of the New England League, playing 76 games, and getting a batting average of .327.

His good work, especially with the bat, attracted the attention of Manager Harry Wright, and in 1887 McCarthy again broke into the National League, this time as a member of the Philadelphia club. But with George Wood, George Aasev and Jim Fogarty on the team, there was little chance of McCarthy's gaining a lasting job. Before the season had fairly ushered in, Mac was let go and joined the Oshkosh team of the Northwestern League. Oshkosh won the championship that year, although it was only his second year in professional baseball. It disbanded after the season of 1887. There was then not much baseball in Oshkosh until 1905, when the town entered the reorganized Wisconsin State League, which changed its name to the Wisconsin-Illinois League in 1907. Oshkosh won the pennant in 1907 and repeated the feat last year.

Oshkosh Had a Great Team.
The Oshkosh team of 1887 was composed of a couple of players who had seen service in fast company and a number of others who later secured berths with National League and American Association teams. With McCarthy in the outfield where James W. Burns joined the same team in 1891, Washington then being a member of the American Association. The pitchers of the Oshkosh team were Gus Krook, who pitched for Chicago in 1888 and 1889; Tom Lovett, who pitched for Brooklyn from 1889 to 1893 and for Boston in 1894, and W. B. Burdick with Indianapolis of the National League in 1889 and 1889. The catchers were Tom Nagle, with Chicago in 1890 and 1891; Ed Gastfield, with Detroit in 1894, and George A. Wilson, with Brooklyn the same year. The infield consisted of P. H. McConnel, with Baltimore in 1886, at first base; Taylor Shaffer at second, John Doran at third and James Cooney, with Chicago in 1890-91-92; W. J. Rocha and Dan Shannon at short. Shannon went to Oshkosh from the disbanded Bridgeport team of the Eastern League, and in 1890 was with the Philadelphia and New York Players' League teams. For Oshkosh McCarthy batted .359 in 89 games, based on balls in that year, 1887, counting as base hits.

RECORD HEAT OF ENTRIES

Philadelphia, March 5.—Nearly 200 institutions are already entered for the annual relay races of the University of Pennsylvania on April 25, according to athletic authorities of the university. The number includes a team from Oxford University, England. The captain of the English team has not yet decided whether to send a two or a four mile relay team.

Obedient St. Paul.

Her Dad—What do you mean, sir, by embracing my daughter.
Young Man—I was merely obeying the Scriptural injunction to "Held fast that which is good."

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

On the Victoria alleys yesterday, the team from the Thompson-Wood's Company were defeated by a team from the Bank of Nova Scotia with a score of 1260 to 1215. The individual scores follow:

Thompson-Wood's Co.			
Fleming	89	83	74
St. John	68	76	71
Hodge	94	86	93
Meharry	79	77	75
Weyler	81	87	83
411 408 396 1215			
Bankers.			
Murray	91	76	92
Holder	82	73	83
Nickerson	81	85	86
Taylor	74	88	75
Miller	79	82	83
417 424 419 1260			

ON BLACK'S ALLEYS.

Last night on Black's alleys the Wanderers in the City League took three points from the Nationals. The scores follow:

Nationals.			
Brown	83	90	93
Garvin	80	94	78
Campbell	85	75	81
Christie	82	89	84
Cosgrove	98	86	85
428 425 421 1274			
Wanderers.			
Johnston	89	83	93
Lewis	80	83	100
Christie	90	96	76
Richardson	78	80	86
Logan	90	89	108
416 431 443 1290			

The game tonight will be between the Tigers and Imperials.

SHAUGHNESSY WILL REMAIN WITH C.P.R.

Montreal, Mar. 5.—An emphatic denial was given by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy today to the reports that he

SPRING BASEBALL TRAINING

By Hugh S. Fullerton.
Where Major Leaguers Will Train: Chicago Cubs, Tampa, Fla.; White Sox, Paso Robles, Cal.; Feds, Shreveport, La.

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Chicago, Mar. 5.—Eddie McGoorty, the American boxer now in Australia, will meet Georges Carpentier, the French champion, in a bout in Ireland some time in May, according to a message from McGoorty received in Chicago today. It is said the contest will have an important bearing on their claims to the world's middleweight championship. In his message McGoorty stated that he would leave Sydney for Dublin on March 18, Richard Crocker, the former New York politician, is reported to have offered a purse of \$20,000 for the fight.

UPPER CANADA HOCKEY

Montreal, Mar. 5.—The N. H. A. standing is as follows:

	Won	Lost	For	Ag't
Canadiens	13	7	84	65
Torontos	13	7	93	65
Quebec	12	8	112	77
Ottawa	11	9	61	80
Wanderers	7	13	101	121
Ontarios	4	16	61	113

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