

SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

Baseball is most uncertain. Pipe that Montreal bunch leading the Eastern League.

Ed Adamson, an old London boy, is to wrestle McMahon two weeks from tomorrow night. He is a good one, too.

That English clergyman who prayed for "rassler" Hackenschmidt should come to America. He would be busy all the time.

A Canadian was second in the walking race at Athens. He must have trained at the Woodbine.

The Russian beat the Turk at wrestling. In the Babel wrestling tournament at Buffalo, the American won. Now is the time to settle all differences between Russia and America.

The Boston Americans made only 23 hits off New York pitchers yesterday. That is fine cricket.

Hackenschmidt's defeat of the Turk may have been due to his being the better wrestler or the efficacy of the prayer in his behalf by Canon Harford of Westminster Abbey, himself an authority on wrestling, who, a few days ago, wrote to Hackenschmidt informing him that he was fervently praying for his success. Apparently, however, not depending entirely upon the effect of his prayer for the success of a man wrestling for a wager, the canon gave Hackenschmidt tips on certain secret leg holds, which he evidently thought would go far to make up for any lack of success of the churchly petition.

The Tecumsehs have given out their line-up for their lacrosse team in the N. A. L. U. They could not win the C. L. A. with a faster team, so it is not hard to figure out where they will land with the eastern outfit.

Some of Dan McEwen's and Pete Sellers' horses at working miles close to 20 right now. This is going to be London's banner for harness horses. The matinees will be better than ever with a very good entry and fast horses.

The board of education is moving very wisely in enlarging the playgrounds for the "kiddies." If they carry out their present intentions along that line, they will have done a great service. Give the youngsters plenty of room, and let them play to their heart's content.

The East End League also get busy next Saturday. There are some good players signed, and a good season is before them. No baseball at Springbank will help the leagues immensely.

Everybody is getting interested in the opening of the City Baseball League season next Saturday. The boys have been practicing hard lately, and will be in splendid shape for the opener. There will be some surprises sprung on the fans, and they are bound to get their money's worth. Keep next Saturday free.

The programme of the fourth annual tournament of the Springfield Gun Club has been issued. It is a splendid one. The shoot, which takes place May 17 and 18, promises to break the record.

There is a corner in hops. Jawn L. Sullivan denies that he is the cause of it.

If you want to see a thing fine, get up early some morning and see the horses work out at Queen's Park. In a week or so there will be 50 horses at work.

Jim Jeffries doesn't intend to return to the fighting game except in a wholesale way. He is willing to beat up six men for \$120,000, and the more he looks at the figures the quicker he wants to deliver the goods.

A horse named Expect to See is racing and winning at Memphis. She must be kin to Don't Ask Me and Who'd 'a' Thought It.

New York automobilists are about to have a two gallon efficiency run. Some people could go the Marathon distance on a similar quantity and still have a little to spare.

A semi-professional, by the way, is either an amateur who gets what he considers good pay or a professional who doesn't.

Thirty thousand dollars has been paid by Philadelphia horsemen within the last three months for 45 trotters and pacers, an average of \$622 for each animal. The new speedway in the Quaker City has created an almost unprecedented demand for fast horses. Londoners, note that very carefully.

James R. Keene's Sysonby, regarded as the greatest race horse of the present time, is troubled with skin disease. It possibly is sympathetic.

Take a slant at Cincinnati's percentage and see what last formed habits are doing for Ned Hanlon.

No sooner had Shields' colt Halifax, who is a full brother to Handarra, taken the measure of Lady Amelia, than the stewards ordered the veterinary in charge at the track to examine the colt. The stewards were under the impression that stimulants had been used, but at last accounts the vet had been unable to discover any traces of drugs. Halifax proved a real good thing for the Shields family and the Canadians, who backed him to a man. Some of the Canadian militiamen now visiting this city were at the track and played Halifax purely out of sentiment.—New York Sun.

The one thing that amuses New Yorkers is the flunking of Jack O'Brien in his match with Fitzsimmons. They were to have met before the genial Tom O'Rourke's Tuxedo Club, and after signing the articles O'Rourke suddenly declared the bout off. O'Rourke, purple of face with indignation, asserts that O'Brien wanted more money than he consented to take when he signed articles, and he (O'Rourke) would never yield another penny if he had as much as Rockefeller. That's what O'Rourke says, but the genial Thomas is concealing something. He is not telling the whole truth. As a matter of fact, O'Brien did not ask for more money. He demanded protection. When Fitz agreed to meet O'Brien, the Cornishman and the wily O'Rourke realized that O'Brien would not enter the ring with Fitz on his merits. O'Brien has not forgotten the beating Fitz gave him two years ago in Philadelphia and he wants no more of it. So Fitz approached the Quaker and suggested a bout on the same conditions that prevailed in the San Francisco contest—Fitz to get the long end of the cash, and O'Brien to take all the glory. The Quaker readily consented. That is just the sort of arrangement he always was delighted to make, and he signed the articles in a hurry.

Everything was delightful till O'Brien heard rumors that Fitz intended to work in a clever double cross and put him out as soon as possible. Then it was that the Quaker rushed with great trepidation to O'Rourke and demanded a contract, backed by a cash forfeit, binding Fitzsimmons not to be rude or land any knockout punches. O'Rourke was agast. He realized that the first important bout at his club must be strictly on the level, or the consequences would be sad. He couldn't agree to a fake, and so O'Brien said he wouldn't fight. There is the story in a nutshell.

O'Brien has had that sort of contract with Fitz, Hart, Walcott and several other men he regarded as dangerous. He never goes into the ring on his merits unless he feels he has a lobster before him. Tommy Burns ought to go after O'Brien and make him climb a tree. He is the most ridiculous heavy-weight champion that this or any other country ever heard of.

COVERPOINT.

TRIGGER.

REDS TO HAVE SHOOT.

Montreal, April 27.—The first annual tournament and "pop-vote" of the Canadian Indians will be held May 24 and 25 on the grounds of the Montreal Gun Club. Fifteen events of 20 targets each and one event of 25 targets, open to Canadian Indians, will comprise the first day's programme. With the close event goes the silver cup donated by President Ewing of the Montreal Gun Club. The second day's programme will consist of 10 events at 20 targets and one event at 25 targets, open only to Canadian Indians.

Daily high average prizes will be

offered as follows: First day—First prize, Clarendon Hotel cup, value \$40; second prize, Bailey cup, value \$15. Second day—First prize, Ithaca gun, No. 2, value \$70; second prize, Tomalin cup, value, \$35.

THE TURF.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

At Jamaica-Dollie Dollars, 3 to 1; Ebony, 4 to 5; Garnish, 9 to 1. First Premium, 7 to 1; Melbourne Nomine, 19 to 1; Ainsworth, 16 to 5. At Memphis-Elkino, 7 to 10; Uncle Henry, 8 to 5; Impertinence, 5 to 1; Embarrassment, even; Gov. Orman, 5 to 1; Banposal, 12 to 1.

PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAGUE FORMED

Half Dozen Teams Enter, and Draw Up Schedule for the First Round.

It was decided last night at a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlors to form a baseball league from the public schools of the city.

Six schools entered teams—Colborne street, Simcoe street, Victoria, St. George's, Princess avenue and Lorne avenue.

The players must be regular attendants at the school, for which they play. The games will be played on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

The officers elected were: Honorary President—W. T. Strong, President—Dr. Bryant, Secretary—Treasurer—Rob Macpherson.

Each team is to play the other teams two games. The schedule for the first round is as follows:

May 5—Colborne vs. Simcoe, Victoria vs. St. George's, Lorne vs. Princess.

May 9—Princess vs. Colborne, Simcoe vs. Victoria, St. George's vs. Lorne.

May 12—Colborne vs. Lorne, Princess vs. Victoria, Simcoe vs. St. George's.

May 16—Colborne vs. St. George's, Lorne vs. Victoria, Princess vs. Simcoe.

May 19—Victoria vs. Colborne, St. George's vs. Princess, Simcoe vs. Lorne.

TAYLOR IMPOSES FINES.

Buffalo, April 30.—President Harry L. Taylor of the Eastern League, today fined Manager Bannan, of Montreal, \$50 for removing his team from the field for Jersey City on Friday.

Players Vandergrift and Merritt, of Jersey City, are fine \$10 each for using obscene language towards Umpires Campau and Conlan.

That he has been asked to go the full journey. The time for the distance was 2:22 pulled up. The mile and an eighth was done in 2:09, and the first mile in 1:55. Mortlake was breezed a mile, doing it in 1:57. He was only galloping, and was not asked to extend himself. The filly clearly worked six furlongs in 1:22, and could have done it better. She finished out the mile in 1:59.

The two-year-olds, Judge Nelson, Kirkfield Bell and Rigby, went three furlongs in 39 seconds, finishing the five furlongs in 1:09. Rigby is the pater for next season.

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PLUNGERS WERE HIT REAL HARD

Plastered Their Money on Rosen—One Sport Lost \$25,000 on Race.

New York, April 30.—Rosen's defeat in the Excelsior Handicap on Saturday was in line with the prediction made by John A. Drake the other day that the big horse was a world beater at sprinting, but that at distances of a mile or more when meeting horses of class he could not succeed. Mr. Drake held to this opinion before the race on Saturday, and after Rosen trailed home in the dust the Chicago horseman said, "I told you so!"

Perhaps the most disappointed man at the track was Dave Johnson. When Rosen won the Sterling Stakes at Aqueduct from Ram's Horn last Wednesday Johnson said that the Excelsior would be a gallop for him.

Johnson said that Rosen would go the route as easily as he did the mile in the Sterling, and when Rosen went to the post Johnson had wagered nearly \$25,000 on the son of Ben Strong. It is said that no favorite in a big race ever received such public support before. The plungers plastered the books with all sorts of wagers running up to the thousands, while the buyers took countless bets of \$100 or more from persons who were in search of sure money. When Rosen reached the middle of the back stretch, Johnson, who was watching his performance from a private box, exclaimed:

"He cannot win! He has no foot and can't get away from Merry Lark and Ormonde's Right."

Johnson called the turn then and there and did not hope for victory after that period of the race. Yet the noted plunger did not turn a hair when his horse came home in disgrace. He took the setback philosophically as anyone could hear. He said:

"That is horse racing all over. If a horse ran the same every time he started he would be a sure thing. Rosen did not run his race, that's all. He did not have the foot and the half mile in 0:47 and a fraction probably did him up."

"My experience with men of Keeler's frail physique taught me that they were absolutely too small to stand the strain of major league ball. Cast your eye over the players in big leagues and you will find them, as a rule, well-built athletes, weighing at least 150 pounds, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches in the build, and in such rare exceptions as Keeler it takes this stocky mold of athletes to stand the strain of every-day ball in the large cities."

"The little fellows can get on in a minor league, but mental as well as the physical exertion is greater in the major league, as any of the players will tell you."

"I have played with the little chaps and have had them on my teams, and while some of them showed great promise, I noticed that they couldn't play steadily every day. They were in-and-outers, though if they were called to perform no oftener than three times a week they would probably be as valuable as the fellows of more weight and sturdier stuff."

"But Keeler, slight, almost fragile of frame, has run away from the majority of the athletes in the major league as a player, and is in the first fight as a hitter. He's what you might call a ball-playing genius."

STRATFORD MAY AGAIN VISIT WINDY CITY

Stratford, April 30.—"Bob" Eason today received a communication from the Calumet Lacrosse Club of Chicago, asking Stratford to send a team there on May 25. This is the same club that the Stratford team played with last year, and the boys were so delighted with their trip that there will not likely be any difficulty in getting a team together again.

A meeting has been called for this meeting and entered in the F. J. C. L. A. series.

Efforts will be made to arrange for a game with some outside team before the boys take their trip to Chicago. Practice will be commenced at once.

FOOTBALL.

GAME STILL ROUGH.

Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—A test of the new football rules was made on Nebraska field this afternoon between Nebraska University and Doane College of Crete, Neb. Nebraska outclassed the visitors, but under the handicap of ten yards to gain and no hurdlings failed to show any marked superiority. It was probably a more open game, but old-time football players declared they could not see that any of the roughness was eliminated by the new rules.

DETROIT BLANKED.

Windsor, Ont., April 30.—The Thistles, of Windsor, won the opening game in the Peninsular Association Football League from Detroit by a score of 2 to 0. The game was as close and exciting as one could wish, Windsor winning out by a fine rally near the end. Efficient work on the part of the goals kept down the score.

IRISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, April 30.—In the final match, played in Dublin, for the Irish cup, representing the football championship of Ireland, Shelbourne defeated the Belfasts by a score of 2 to 0.

PRESTON ENTERS SERIES.

Preston, April 30.—The Preston Football Club has decided to enter the intermediate series of the Western Football Association, in which they will be grouped with Waterloo, Guelph and Berlin. The following officers were elected: President, W. J. Wilson; vice-president, Dr. J. Scott Hogg; secretary, treasurer, E. E. Freeland; managing committee, Menno Wiles (manager), W. T. W. Wallace (near). As there is a lot of good material the club look forward to carrying off the championship in this series.

THE WHEEL.

C. W. A. MEET.

Waterloo, April 29.—Waterloo is preparing for a monster celebration here on July 1. One of the attractions will be the Canadian Wheelmen's Association races. It will be remembered that in the pelmy days of the C. W. A.

verity, was first; McGough, England, second, and Helstrom, Sweden, third. Time, 4:12.

It was a wonderful race, with a neck-and-neck finish. Lightbody won by half a yard, not two yards, as previously cabled. The same distance separated second and third man.

In the preliminary for the 120-meters hurdles, the first heat was won by Hugo Friend, Chicago University. Time, 16 1/4 seconds. Duncker, Germany, was second.

Second heat was won by G. L. Levitt, Williams (Williamstown, Mass.) College; Molinie, France, was second. Third heat was won by A. H. Healey, England. Time, 16 1/2 seconds. Sigones, Greece, was second.

In the semi-finals, hurdles, Duncker, Germany, was first. Time, 17 1/2. Molinie, France, was second, and Sigones, Greece, was third. The finals in the hurdles will be run tomorrow.

In the hop, step and jump, O'Connor, England, was first, with 14 meters 65 centimeters; Lehy, England, was second, 13 meters 98 centimeters, and Cronin was third with 13 meters 7 centimeters.

The 1,500-meters walking match was won by George N. Bonhag, Irish-American A. C. Time, 7:12 3/5. Linden, Canadian, and Spetzio, Greek, were second and third respectively.

BEST OF THE MIDGETS IS WEE WILLIE KEELER

Captures Another for Tigers—Yankee Pitchers Slugged for 23 Hits.

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