

THE TIMES SPORTING PAGE

Gossip and Comment

Some line on the boxing form of Stanley Ketchell, the middleweight champion, who is scheduled to fight Jack Johnson next October...

Actor Waddell used his monologue voice more sparingly on the coaching line than on the stage. While spell-binding in St. Louis...

Since in our great Olympic games the winners bear such classic names as Caffery, O'Brien, Doyle, O'Hara, Hennessy and Boyle...

Pitcher Abeles, a southpaw with San Antonio, has a hand so large that he can conceal a regulation baseball within it.

The running of the Kentucky Derby to-day at Churchill Downs has particular interest here this year, as two of the prominent candidates are carrying the colors of Hamilton...

A Baltimore despatch says that F. E. Gardner on Saturday refused an offer of \$20,000 from the Kinley Mack club...

Regarding the Conkle-Ackerman match, at Buffalo, the Buffalo Enquirer says...

"Matter enough," said the wrestler. "I am sick, sick and tired of wrestling. I had gone out on that stage to-night and told those present that I really was ill and that I was a physician's certificate, which I have here where I am being treated for rheumatism and for stomach troubles...

Additional Sporting News on Page 8

During the season the Times will be glad to receive the scores of amateur games. Send in promptly and accurately. Write on one side of the paper only and address matter to the Times Sporting Editor.

Mormonism. "Is it true that many of these Mormons have had a dozen wives each?" asked a visitor to Salt Lake City...

MARSH WON BIG RACE

Record Time Made in Canadian Marathon.

Wood Was Second and Meadows Third.

Soccer League Games on Saturday.

Toronto, May 3.—John D. Marsh, of Winnipeg, won the Canadian Marathon Derby at the Island on Saturday, and accomplished an exceptionally fine performance. The winner had to stand off the determined pace-making of Percy Sellen for the first six miles, and then do the same with Abbie Wood, of Montreal, who ran a surprisingly good race from end to end.

The weather was cold, with a raw wind and an occasional snowdrift, but the attendance, some four thousand persons, indicated the continued popular interest in this form of entertainment. There could hardly be said to be a really strong drawingcard in the big field, which was largely made up of runners who hoped to make a reputation in this event, but they drew a great crowd under unpleasant weather conditions.

The pace that was set by Marsh and Sellen told its tale early with some of the inexperienced runners and some of the leaders fell away from the others, till they had at one stage an advantage of three laps, or three-fifths of a mile. Wood was waiting, and probably waited too long, as when Sellen quit, after going just under seventeen miles Wood was left in second place, with a couple of laps behind him.

Marsh's record made him look the best of the starters, but Simpson was believed to have here an opportunity to establish himself as a front-rank man in the game. He was not equal to the opportunity, and was outtraced all the way. Coley likewise seemed outclassed. Charlie Petch stayed through till the winner had covered the distance, but was ready to quit long before, and finally slowed down to a walk. Searse and Guila also stayed to the end, but at his pace he ought to go fifty miles, as it was not as good as a fast walk. Dave Bennett was running thirty years ago, and had all his old games, but the younger men have taken it up where he left off. Dave was on the track to the end, though.

Other runners dropped out at various stages, none of them displaying any ability that justified their starting against good men. The times in the New York race and that of Saturday are given below:

Table with columns: Miles, Leader, H. M. S., Time. Lists race results for various distances and locations.

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It will be seen that Saturday's time was better than that of the New York race almost at every stage, and there was much discussion as to the accuracy of the track measurement. The path the runners made on the grass was gone over with a steel tape after the race, and it was found that the lap was three feet three inches less than required to make it a fifth of a mile.

POWERS IS ANGRY. Toronto, May 3.—P. T. Powers, of New York, president of the Eastern Baseball League and holder of the contract with Tom Longboat, for which he paid Tom Longboat several thousand dollars last winter, came to Toronto on Saturday for the double purpose of looking over the Marathon material in the race at the Island and tightening up his hold on the Longboat situation.

I have learned recently that certain things were true which are heated to believe," he said on Saturday afternoon. "I found that in certain quarters where I had placed my confidence I was being deceived and betrayed, but I know the truth now. Longboat's refusal to carry out his contract with me, which did not come of my own seeking, mind you, but was pressed on me—and his failure to get into condition are the result of influence exerted on him by snakes in the grass. Left to himself he would go on about his business, and earn some money for himself before the time comes when it will be too late for that."

"I know who is responsible for all the disrepute the Indian has got into, and I don't intend to let them profit by their underhand work. My rights are legal and moral, and I mean to enforce them. Longboat can't make matches or run races without my authority, and if he goes on with his proposed race with Shrubbs in Montreal next Saturday, for which he is no more fit than I am, I will hear of him getting a shock."

WESTON IN BAD SHAPE. Mexico Mo., May 2.—Batting against a fierce wind that three times blew him from the Washah railroad tracks, and suffering from a painful contusion on his left hand and many bruises on his body caused by these falls, Edward Weston, the veteran pedestrian, who is walking from New York to San Francisco, reached here last evening. He will remain here until Monday, Weston told the reporters that the walking for the last three days had been the hardest he ever did in his life.

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IN BIG LEAGUES.

Providence Walloped Toronto on Sunday. There was not an Eastern League game played Saturday, all having been postponed on account of bad weather or ground conditions. On Sunday, however, three games were played. The scores: Providence—Providence 13, 29, 6; Toronto 3, 6, 2. At Jersey City—Jersey City 5, 9, 1; Rochester 1, 6, 4. At Newark—Newark 2, 5, 1; Montreal 4, 8, 3.

Table with columns: Name, Won, Lost, P.C. Lists team records for Eastern, American, and National leagues.

KENTUCKY DERBY TO-DAY.

After weeks of preliminary sparring at Lexington the bangtails in the Southwest will be sent away to-day at Louisville, in the historic meeting which will be ushered in with the great American classic, the Kentucky derby. In other years the so-called legitimate season was wont to open in the Middle West in Tennessee and Arkansas, but nowadays, with these States closed to betting, Kentucky is about the last stand. This year also the horses which ordinarily came in trainloads from New Orleans have, in the absence of a meeting in Louisiana, come straggling in over the Rockies from California. However, from all accounts, they are there and a great meeting is expected. Lexington used the mutual pooling machines. So will Louisville, but Lexington's which follows, proposes to continue its fight against the Kentucky racing commission and substitute regular slate book-making.

The Kentucky derby, which will be over with at 1:30, with few exceptions, will be found competing on the Metropolitan tracks and while many of the more prominent owners have sent some of their best older horses abroad this sport will not suffer from the lack of good entries of two and three-year-olds.

Table with columns: Name, Odds. Lists names and odds for the Kentucky Derby.

Knocking Down the Pins

In an A Class game on Saturday night the H. B. & A. C. team kept up their winning streak by taking three games from the Hamilton Gun Club team, although one of the games was close, and had the "gunners" been "there" the crack team would have been in trouble, as the scores on both sides were very low. Bolton was high man with 528.

Table with columns: Name, Score. Lists names and scores for various games.

Y. M. C. A. HARRIERS INDOOR ATHLETIC MEET.

The Y. M. C. A. Junior Harriers' Club held their first annual indoor championship meet on Saturday night. Five of the events were run off, the officials being: Starter, Robby Kerr; judge, Todger Anderson; timer, Billy White; scorer, Fred Dean.

The results were as follows: Twenty yard dash—J. E. Bainbridge, A. Wilson, E. Hitzroth. Time 3 2-5 seconds. Quarter mile run—J. Maas, A. Oliver, A. Wilson. Time, 1:07 2-5. Running high jump—J. F. Bainbridge, 5 feet; J. Eccles and D. Webster, 4 feet 11 inches. Standing high jump—J. E. Bainbridge, 4 feet 7 inches; J. Eccles, 4 feet 3 inches; A. Wilson. Half mile run—E. Barclay, A. Oliver, J. Clapham. Time, 2:31 2-3.

A BASEBALL SERMON. Spokane, Wash., May 3.—Rev. Dr. William H. Hindley, minister of the Gospel, and baseball fan, preached a baseball sermon to his flock in Pilsgrimage Congregational Church yesterday, speaking of life as a confirmed "rooter" would expound the rules of the game. He said in part: "For the sake of the team and for the sake of the game, stand up to the plate. If you can't line up a home run maybe you can drop a Texas leaguer back of second that will do almost as much good. But bend every effort to meet the ball and not to fan when there are men on the bases waiting to score. Fight until the last man is out. God Almighty doesn't like a quitter. "If there is any man in the world who has my entire sympathy it is the umpire. He is ostracized by the players and regarded with suspicion by the public—and, I think, unjustly."

Two Female Pitchers. Bellevue, O., May 3.—This city claims the distinction of having two girl baseball pitchers, who are the equal, if not the superior of many twirlers of the male sex, who now occupy berths in some of the minor leagues. Ruth and Irene Basford are the names of the female "diamonds" who have signed to pitch for one of the crack independent teams of Toledo, and who made excellent records while playing with the Euclid Beach Park team, of Cleveland, last year.

FOR THE YOUNG AMATEURS

The weather on Saturday interfered somewhat with amateur baseball. Snow and rain made the grounds very slippery, and the cold wind was hard on the players.

Despite the weather, two games were played in the Victoria Park League, and, considering the conditions, two fast games were played. The Victorias defeated the Royal Canadians by a score of 11 to 7, and the Erskines defeated the Wanderers 7 to 6. In the first game there were many sensational plays by the Victorias. Norman, who pitched for the Victorias, was in fine form. He was well supported by "Tip" Labej, who caught a neat game. Wells, the pitcher for the Royal Canadians, was hit often, but the hits were scattered. The batteries: Norman and Labej; Wells and Becker.

With a garrison finish the Erskines succeeded in defeating the Wanderers by a close score—7 to 6. The game was most exciting. First one team would score a run, and then the other. The Erskines pulled off a fast play with three men on bases and won the game. Langton, the twirler for the Erskines, showed nerve in tight places, and he used his head to good advantage. He had speed to burn, and his in-curves were very effective. Peter Jackson, who did the catching for the Erskines, is one of the classiest little backstops in the league. Peter has a fine style, and the way he gets the ball down to second sack is amazing. The Wanderers are a fine team, and will be heard from later. The batteries were: Langton and Jackson; Moore and Bain. Bascombe was the umpire for both games, and satisfied everyone.

Markle must have his batting eye again. At one previous game he never got a hit, but in Saturday's game he banged out in fine style. Markle hits nearly every time up. Wait did not play to form on Saturday. He was off color both in fielding and hitting. The Young Keystones won their first game of the season, when they defeated the Beavers on Saturday at Fearman's field. The score was 25 to 16. The batteries were: Nicholson and Sweeney; Stuart and McClement.

Owing to the weather, the game between the Broadviews and Keystones at the Mountain View Park was called off. Nicol, who plays for the Wanderers, will have to improve on his base running. He got nipped a couple of times Saturday by not watching. Markle's coaching on Saturday was a notable feature of the game. When Markle gets going he is well worth hearing. Jim Dodd's leg intercepted a 300 score for him. Capt. Berkeley finished his first string with seven strikes, 216 making a substantial anchor score.

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The teams in the Church League intended fixing up their diamonds on Saturday, but they could do little on account of the mud. The Internats will open at Maple Leaf Park on May 15. Manager Robinson says that the diamonds will be the finest in the district when finished. There will be less interference this year than usual by onlookers crowding on the diamonds. Ropes will be strong on the sides, and special officers there to enforce the ground rules. The Night Owls' uniforms this season will be the same as last year—green with white trimmings. Jimmy Bridges, the great indoor pitcher, has been signed by the Alerts to occupy left garden.

A new league is to be formed, composed of the following teams: Alerts, Hurons, Blue Labels and Broadviews. An east-end gentleman who takes an interest in sport is promoting it. He generally succeeds in everything, and there is no doubt this will be one of them. Nearly all the players come from the east end, and it is their intention have the grounds on Sanford avenue. Jack Stokes has been signed by the MacLaren Mission captain. The Alerts will play a good team, with Small, Middleton, Beavis and a couple more of those fast players. They won the sweaters last year. "Short" Dixon has arrived home and

several of the names of the female "diamonds" who have signed to pitch for one of the crack independent teams of Toledo, and who made excellent records while playing with the Euclid Beach Park team, of Cleveland, last year. Irene tosses them over with her right hand, while her sister is a southpaw. Each of the girls is able to get the full nine innings, and both of them have frequently won games by pounding out a single and a double at opportune times. The girls dress in the regulation baseball skirts and field their positions like veterans. FOU! TIPS. Hens Wagner put something up to Cobb and Moriarity at Chicago yesterday, when he stole second, third and home. The champion Cubs dropped from first to fifth place by losing a double-header yesterday. The ruan Mr. Kling is the man of the minute in the Windy City. Toronto has played few series at Jer-

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The Trolley Street Invincibles, the pride of the east end average age 13, put it over Hogan's Pets, in a game of baseball, on Saturday morning, by the score of 21 to 7. The Invincibles were never in trouble, and the way they batted Hogan's spit ball was a shame. The winning team's battery was: Allan, Awrey and Herbert, and the losers had Mercer in the box and Hogan as behind the bat. The feature of the game was Herbert's superb catching.

Indoor baseball league which was going last year will be formed again. The teams played after 6 o'clock, and they caused much excitement. The Night Owls were the winners in this league.

The Dundurn Park League will be formed in the near future. The players intend holding a meeting at an early date. The Northern Stars will have the same old line-up. The Broadviews will be looked after by O'Neil, who is something of a ball-gatherer. There is no doubt that he can gather together a fine aggregation.

The St. Andrew's Church baseball team will have representatives at the Church League meeting on Tuesday evening, and ask for admission to the league. They will have a fast team, with Young, McKelvie, White, Thompson, and Gibb. Alex. White has a number of players under consideration, and he says he will introduce some promising players. They will have a fast infield, but are in need of a fast first baseman. Ted Gibb are persuading him to take a try at heating. Crown Point has an advantage over the other teams by having a good place to practice. A number of teams are unable to find places to work out. If the holder of ticket No. 238 will communicate with the manager of the Keystones, he will receive his prize.

First Methodist will have a strong team, with Treleavan and the two Eckstone boys and a few other fast ones. Sandy Campbell, who played last year for the Broadviews, will play with the Asylum team this season. The official scorers at all the junior ball games are requested to hand in the score cards at Fred Skerrett's store on Saturday evenings by 8 o'clock. Fisher will play left field for the Alerts.

The Alerts will have a fast team this year. Arnold will likely twirl, with G. Burns as substitute. Bill Griffith will play this year for the Alerts. The diamonds in the Dundurn Park will have to be fixed up. The infield covered with snow, while the outfield is not level. With diamonds repaired, the League should play fast ball. Moore, the slab artist for the Wanderers, is a brilliant twirler. On Saturday he was invincible for five innings, when the weather affected his arm. Bill is a left handed pitcher, with lots of speed, and besides has a number of curves. The Wanderers had hard luck on Saturday. When the Erskines were at bat the snow began to fall so fast that it was impossible for the fielders to see the ball. The Erskines took advantage and knocked out two long drives. "Cliff" Woods, of Toronto, will twirl this year. "Robby" Geary will twirl for the Alerts on the slab, and he promises to be one of the sensations in that league.

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