

# THE LONDONS, COMING CHAMPIONS OF O. H. A. INTERMEDIATES

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## AROUND THE SPORTING CIRCUIT

By SOUTHPAW

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE LOOKS OF THE HOCKEY CROWD above? Do they size up well enough, in your estimation to win from Collingwood, "the home of hockey players," and from Midland, said to be the strongest that ever donned a skate in the intermediate series?

It will be remembered that when the Simcoe rosters came down here laden with greenbacks, Londoners felt a distinct chill up and down their backs. Simcoe proved easy. Will London keep on going, now that it has a running start, toward that much-coveted goal, the intermediate championship? Here is guessing that there will be a few awful battles before they tame the locals. And it must be said right here that London has as good a chance of winning out as either of the teams mentioned.

London has confidence, and it has ability, and knows no such word as defeat. The team has shown up wonderfully and has improved in playing over fifty per cent.

There are those who argue that both Midland and Collingwood have teams which have performed together for years. Well, it takes some people that length of time to learn the game.

There is scarcely a member of the Londons who has not been raised with a hockey stick in his hand, and while it is never too late to learn, they will have to "show us" before we will believe that the intermediate team exists which can trim the locals.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTED SPECTATORS at the recent Preston-London contest at the Princess Rink was Mr. A. (Tony) Tillmann, the expert lawn bowler, who was vice-president of the London O. H. A. team which won the championship in 1906.

"London now has a team which, in my mind, is better in many ways than the old one," said he, during the progress of the game. "These boys check back as the old champions never could, or at least would, and they are as fast as chain lightning." Mr. Tillmann stated that while he was positive that London had a most excellent chance to defeat its remaining opponents, that the wings were not quite as strict as they are now.

"They are both good boys," he said, "but they don't stop their men as often as members of a champion team should."

Both Wagner and Bole were good, he thought, but Wagner should learn to shoot.

As for the defense, Mr. Tillmann stated, that he had never seen a better one in the intermediate ranks. They were "stonewall" with a vengeance.

THE SPECTACLE OF SEEING LONDON'S TEAM BATTling in the semi-finals brought back old memories to this veteran all-around sportsman, and he told a little story, wherein Captain Frank Reid was the hero.

In the old days the referees were not quite as strict as they are now with the result that with a championship game with Sarnia due, London was badly crippled, and had but six men it could possibly place upon the ice, and make a showing. The management then approached Mr. Reid.

"Frank," they said, "you will have to get out and help the boys along."

"What!" ejaculated the astonished captain. "Why I haven't been on skates for an age, and besides am in no shape." Then something was whispered in Captain Frank's ear.

The night of the game about 400 local rooters accompanied the team to Sarnia, and when the teams came out on the ice Reid was on the lineup. The contest was fast, and after five minutes, the captain was puffing like a porpoise. Then a Sarnia man started down the ice. Reid tried to get in his way, but only partially succeeded. He was near enough, though, to accomplish what he had been directed to do, and he went down with a thud. The management of the Londons was right on the job, and before any one could examine the fallen player they had him on a stretcher and had whirled him out to a waiting cab.

In a few minutes he was safely locked up in a room at the Vendome, and admission was denied all visitors.

Sarnia, naturally, was compelled to take a man off to even up, and London won out in a fairly easy fashion, and later defeated Belleville by 3-1 in the final for the title.

## Sporting Jottings From Scissors, Pen and Wire

### What Is Doing in Local and Foreign Athletics

When London was rooting around the bottom of the championship tank it was the recipient of all kinds of cracks from the anvil chorus. Now, it is seldom that the Forest City comes in for comment of any kind.

The Hamilton Times sporting man, however, has concocted the following snub:

"The London hockey team has had a glorious time defeating the teams from the bushes. When the Cockneys go up against the Tigers, a real city team, they will have reason to think the first part of the season was one sweet dream."

London is much worked up over the protest entered against Collins, of the Collingwood team, and it looks as if the Cockneys would rather play the "Cocks of the North" than the Tigers of Hamilton Mountain.

**CALLED THE TURN.**

Bob Embley, the veteran baseball umpire, got hit on the head by a falling crowbar while curling. When he came to, his first words were: "Foul ball."—Exchange.

"Lavelle's beaten again." Is the old news from Winnipeg, and it leads curlers to remark, "Well, there's some such thing as luck in the 'rounds' game after all."—Toronto Telegram.

**DIAMOND NOTES.**  
California White Sox on their trip to California will play 75 games.

Tim Flood, the scrappy ball player who was jailed at Toronto last season for assaulting an umpire, will in all probability be the St. Paul manager this year.

Harvard has offered First Baseman

Burr, three professors and their botanical museum for the release of Ted Jones, Yale's great catcher, but the New Haven people won't make the deal unless Dr. Elliot is thrown in—Exchange.

**SHE CERTAINLY HAS.**

London made it a walkaway over Preston intermediates, the score being 16 to 4. London now plays the Collingwood sailors. London has got a hockey team.—Stratford Herald.

**GAVE FREAK ODDS.**

In commenting on the recent Brantford-Berlin game, which was won by the former, the Brantford Examiner says:

A bunch of sore-heads can be found in Berlin today. A lot of reckless betting was done, the losers giving all sorts of freak odds. The actions of a couple of the Berlin players, who have not been taking care of themselves, are being criticized.

**BEST TWIRLERS IN NEW YORK.**

The Detroit owners say the Highlanders have the strongest pitching staff in the American League. When Griffith talked over the future with Frank Farrell, the owner of the club, at the end of last season, he said: "All this year we haven't had the pitchers. Next year I'm going to get the pitchers. If there are any to be had." Detroit thinks that he has made good.

**TORONTO THE GRABBER.**

There is a strong attempt being made to have Bobby Kerr wear the colors of a Toronto club this summer, and it is said that the Irish-Canadians are anxious to get Coley back in the fold again. Hamilton cannot afford

## JUICY BAIT OUT FOR JEFFRIES

Frank Smith Raising \$50,000  
Purse To Tempt Big Fellow Into Ring.

(Special to The Advertiser).

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 22.—Frank W. Smith, of Spokane, baseball enthusiast and patron of clean sports, who raised a fund of \$100,000 among mining operators and businessmen in Spokane and the Coeur d'Alene last spring to put on a week's carnival of fights, in which the foremost heavy, middle and light-weight battlers in the world were to compete for purses of \$50,000, \$30,000 and \$20,000, is on the way to Los Angeles, to see Jim Jeffries, with the view to induce the big fellow to re-enter the arena against Johnson or a man to be selected.

"The \$100,000 fund for the big fight still goes, though it may be we will have battles in four classes instead of three. The plan is to bring Jeffries and Johnson, or another man in the class, together, or match Burns and Johnson for the heavyweight championship. That is the purpose of my visit to Los Angeles. A purse of from \$30,000 to \$40,000 ought to be an inducement at this time. If the deal is made, the purse for a fight between Gans and Nelson, McFarland or Unholtz will be \$20,000, similar amounts being offered for battles between Atwell and Moran, and Ketschel and Papke.

"The battles probably will be pulled off within a couple of hours' ride to Spokane next summer or fall, and George Siler, of Chicago, and experienced men from New York and Boston and a California authority, whose names I am not at liberty to give at present, will be invited to preside at the ringside. We expect to run special trains from various parts of the Pacific Northwest, including the California coast, and there will be representative delegations from the Middle, Western, Eastern and Southern States."

**BASKETBALL.**

Hamilton, Feb. 22.—The senior basketball team of this place last night defeated the Detroit Y. M. C. A. team by 31 to 27.

The match was well contested, and was anybody's struggle from start to finish.

At half-time Hamilton led by 14 to 12.

HOMER PEARSON,  
Goal.

## Tom Flanagan Resigns From Irish Canadians

The Popular and Well-Known  
Manager Announces His Retirement.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The surprise of the season in athletic circles was the resignation of Tom Flanagan, of the Irish-Canadian Athletic Club, announced his retirement from the position of manager and director of the now famous organization. The announcement came as a huge surprise to even the most intimate friends of the popular Tom, who had not mentioned his intention to retire from office are entirely personal, and are best told in his own words.

**Just a Year Old.**

"It is just a year now since the club was formed," said T. C., "and during that time I have succeeded in bringing the organization into a very prominent position in Canadian athletic circles. In order to do this I have had to spend most of my time on the affairs of the club, to the neglect of my business. I feel now that the club has on good footing some other members will have to bear the chance, while the position of the club affords me a chance to break away from a great deal of heavy work. While I am resigning from the position of manager, I will still retain my connection with the club, and will always take the same deep interest in its affairs that I have in the past. A meeting of the members has been called for next Tuesday evening, when the matter will be fully dealt with, and my successor appointed. My resignation will not effect the club affairs in any material way, other than that some other members will have to bear the brunt of the routine work. I will still retain a personal interest in Longboat, and will look after him and his business as before. My associations with the club officials and members have always been the most pleasant, and I cannot say too much for the manner in which they have backed me up. It is very likely that a distinct change will take place in the method of handling the club affairs. In the past I have had complete control, to do as I wished, without consulting the officers of the club, making it much easier for me than otherwise."

**Successor Chosen.**

It is understood that Mr. Flanagan's successor has practically been selected, and the meeting on Tuesday evening will only have to ratify the selection. It appears that new financial interests have been introduced into the club and that a general shake-up will take place.

The many athletes of the city and country will be sorry to hear of Tom's decision, as he has in his year's work among the boys, become one of the most popular officials that ever mixed in track circles.

**WATERLOOS LOSE TO GLENCOE'S TEAM**

There is great rejoicing in Glencoe; flags are at topmast, and there are jubiliations, various and stupendous, all because the pet seven athletes of that place redoubled and vaulted through a great and mighty hockey aggregation from London last night. The final score was 4 to 3 in favor of Glencoe, but one man who came into the rink as the game was finishing, declared that it should have been 4 to 2.

London was represented by the finest septet of hockeyists that ever slid on a slippery sidewalk. In fact, they were so fast, that very seldom during the contest could the spectators tell what positions they were playing.

However, it cannot be told what the result might have been under other circumstances.

As defense man, James Reynolds, alias Murray, alias Hern, was the most padded-looking thing possible, and a source of great joy and beauty. Jimmy stopped them all but four.

But of all great and mighty defense players, Homer, alias McFie, alias Casselman, etc., had it every way. The width of the great rink, however, permitted him to get too great a start at times, and not great enough at others, so that he collided with everything in sight, and ended up in a great finale, a la Tom Burns affair, with one of his opponents.

But you should have seen the comports. Wheatcroft, alias Howell, etc. He was unique in his methods of checking, and wore his shin pads on the backs of his legs. He backed up at his opponents, but on one occasion got twisted face first, and tried to stop a shot a la hockey player, with the result that he is now suffering from a severe wound on the shin as big as half of a nickel.

The real Stanley cup articles sported themselves on the London forward line in the persons of "Squalier" Arthur and Tom Phillips, Tom Monroe (alias Fred Taylor, alias O'Farrell),

## LAST NIGHT'S HOCKEY SCORES

Tri-County.  
New Hamburg 2, Tavistock 1.  
Independent.  
Glencoe 4, London Waterloo 2.  
O. H. A.  
Senior.  
Kingston 11, St. Georges 2.

**THE TURF**

**WINNERS YESTERDAY.**

At Oakland—Reolaca 11 to 5, Zick Abrams 10 to 1, Carnasa 11 to 1, Kogo 8 to 1, Cargantua 14 to 5, Sugar Maid 3 to 2.

At New Orleans—Servience 12 to 1, The Thorn 7 to 1, Wabash Queen 16 to 1, Consistent 11 to 10, Platoon 4 to 1, Merrick 12 to 1, Hoaroy 11 to 5. At Los Angeles—Orello 7 to 2, Force 3 to 1, Lady Kitty 5 to 2, Stoney Lee 4 to 1, Ben Stone 1 to 2, Escanti 9 to 10.

## Looks Like London and Midland For the Intermediate Championship

As announced on the front page of last night's Advertiser, Collins of the Collingwood hockey team, has been professionalized, and the Hamilton and Collingwood teams ordered to play off a sudden-death game in Toronto, Monday night. The first final will be played off in the rink of the team which wins the Collingwood-Hamilton and London series.

To all appearances it will be Midland who will play off with the winner of the above-named trio for the championship.

The action of the O. H. A. sub-committee in not throwing the entire Collingwood team out was a most commendable and sportsmanlike one.

Collins, the suspended player, had taken an affidavit to the effect that he had never received money for playing professional hockey, and that so far as he knew his team mates on the Portage la Prairie team had not done so, either.

To contradict this were the statements of Taylor, the Ottawa player, and Hudson, the Hamilton man, both of whom played on the Portage team.

The locals look good, enough right now to take care of themselves in any old kind of an intermediate crowd, and with Collins off, Collingwood, even if it defeats Hamilton in the sudden-death game Monday night, should not prove as hard a nut as it is cracked up to be.

## Crispin Wins From Hamilton Man

(Special to The Advertiser).

Hamilton, Feb. 22.—Much interest was taken here in the roller skating race last night, between Wm. Daniels, of this city, and George Crispin, of London, which was won by the latter after a close struggle. The match was for a purse of \$25.

A short time ago Crispin, who claims to be the roller skating champion of Canada, having won races in all parts of the country, challenged any local man to race. Crispin is

very fast on rollers, and Daniels, the Hamilton boy, is one of the best this city can produce. Daniels won the silver medal for second place in the one-mile city championship series, and was beaten for the gold medal by only a small margin.

There was to have been a bet of \$100 placed, but at the last moment Daniels flunked and refused to put up a cent.

Crispin and Arthurs race next Friday, and \$50 of a \$100 side bet was put up.

## BOWLERS READY FOR BIG CONTEST

The last practice games previous to the big tripling tournament at Toronto have been bowled by the National and Ideal tenpin experts, who will do just enough bowling to keep in shape.

The following scores, which break the previous city records, were made yesterday by the Nationals:

West ..... 190 213 192—595  
Primeau ..... 223 204 162—589  
C. Sheere ..... 168 176 198—540  
A. Sheere ..... 221 172 209—592

Wm. Bell ..... 167 199 171—537

Totals ..... 967 964 922—2862  
Individual average for 75 games:

Average. Games. Pins.  
Bell ..... 181 75 13,568  
A. Sheere ..... 176 75 13,178  
W. Primeau ..... 176 75 12,140  
C. Sheere ..... 173 75 13,092  
B. Glover ..... 165 65 10,733

For the 75 games rolled the five-man team averaged 178.

## THE BOWLING AT LIBERAL ALLEYS

Capt. Percy Stone's Ward 4 trundlers were the real things last evening in the Liberal Club series, winning three straights from Capt. Millson's Ward 1 bowlers. All the games were won by a comfortable margin.

Percy Stone was the best roller of the session, getting high single with a score of 184 and high aggregate, with 495. Benny Watterworth was high at hand all the way, and Worrell was close up.

Bobby Burns was the best of the Southsiders, getting 446 for three of them. Fox bowled all right. The others had hard luck.

The score:

**Ward 4.**  
Platt ..... 127 123 140—390  
Worrall ..... 168 166 138—472  
Ross ..... 118 121 156—395  
Watterworth ..... 123 168 160—450  
Stone ..... 169 143 184—495  
734 720 778 2,232

**Ward 1.**

Burns ..... 153 160 133—446  
Northcott ..... 136 113 142—391  
Fox ..... 173 136 118—427  
Lawrence ..... 106 125 117—348  
Millson ..... 127 136 128—391  
695 664 628 1,997

**DOG BITES THIRTEEN**

Canine Attacks Girl, Who Fights for Her Life.

Traverse City, Mich., Feb. 20.—John Wood, 13 years old, and John Edwards, 14 years old, both from Atwood, Antrim County, passed through here today on their way to Ann Arbor to take the Pasteur treatment, both having been bitten by a mad dog.

This animal went through the county on a rampage a few days ago, biting thirteen persons in all, besides many horses, sheep and cattle. It was finally put to death by Albert Byers.

Miss Wood was alone in the barnyard at her mother's house when the dog came up, springing for her face. She had a pitchfork in her hands and it was only by her nerve and presence of mind that she kept the brute from her face. It was too close to her for effective blows and before she could beat it off three of its teeth penetrated her flesh just above the knee.

The dog then entered the school near Atwood, but was driven off before it could attack the children. Young Edwards was passing along the highway, the animal biting him before he could escape.

A general slaughter of bitten animals has been started and several other persons may go to Ann Arbor.

The Amazon stone found in small quantities near Colorado Springs, Col., is greatly in demand. A firm in Germany has ordered all that could be produced. The stone is green in color and hard as flint.

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