

## Jap First Saw Billiards 2 Years Ago, Now Beats 'Em All

Young Kodji Yamada, Medical Student, Is Rated as Most Brilliant Player in World.

Who is the greatest cue expert in the world?

"Kodji Yamada," answer the experts of the billiard world in unison. And there is little doubt that Yamada, who is only 23, is destined to become the billiard marvel of the country. Yamada took up billiards two years ago.

So rapidly did he master the game that he entered the 18.2 balk line tournament in New York this month and astonished cue-masters by finishing third.

He was the only player to defeat



Think of this little fellow, with but two years' experience, gained between classes and study hours, meeting such men as Sutton, Slosson, Morningstar, Hoppe, Cline, Taylor and Demarest, men who have spent the greater portion of their lives perfecting their ability—and showing them tricks they never dreamed of.

Yamada lost his first game through nervousness. He defeated Harry Cline easily, and then Hoppe, by executing some of the most brilliant shots ever witnessed in a match; he tried seemingly impossible plays to secure a nursing position, time and again.

He lost to Sutton and Slosson, but beat Morningstar and Al Taylor and slipped into third place of the finish.

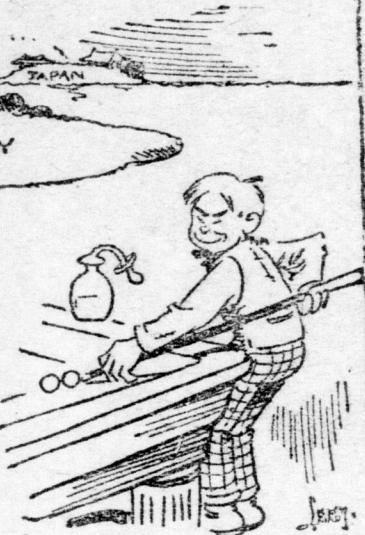
Yamada averaged 25 points for his games, the second best average of the tournament.



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HE CAME OVER IN TWO JUMPS



HE IS A SPLENDID NURSE

He uses a heavy cue and handles it more gracefully than the other stars do their light cues. In delicacy of stroke he is in a class by himself. He is a wonder at "cross-over" shots, and his daring plays caused no end of admiration among the fraternity. Yamada speaks German fairly well, but neither speaks nor understands English, which handicapped him in the tournament.

"Billiards is a wonderful game," said this Japanese boy through an interpreter. "It helps one figure out hard problems. But as soon as I get my diploma I will give up the game, except for pleasure, and return to Japan to practice medicine."

Foggett, the brilliant amateur player, discovered Yamada while in Berlin and induced him to come here and compete in the tournament.

KODJI YAMADA MAKING A DIFFICULT SHOT.

Yamada says he lost the championship because of his unfamiliarity with the American tables, which differ from those in use in Germany, and to his nervousness in his early games.

Willie Hoppe, champion 18.2 player of the world.

The average great billiardist practices years and years to reach the height attained by Yamada only two years after he first saw the game played.

Is it any wonder that he is hailed as the greatest in the difficult angle game?

One wonders whether Hoppe, only a few years ago hailed as the "boy wonder," doesn't feel his crown trembling upon his head as he contemplates a match with Kodji Yamada a year hence.

From Japan to Germany is a long jump, but Yamada took it to enter the University of Berlin as a medical student. One day in the Nippon Club, in Berlin he saw a game of billiards for the first time.

"Please teach me that game," he said to a friend, and the friend obliged. Many who witnessed the wonderful play of Yamada in the New York tournament.

## BATTERY TEAM MAY DROP OUT OF INDOOR BASEBALL LEAGUE

Suspension of Tozer Has Caused Battery Management to Decide on This Step.

According to rumor today, the Sixth Field Battery team has signified its intention of dropping out of the Armories Indoor Baseball League. The move on the part of the Battery team is said to have arisen from the league executive's action in suspending Harry Tozer, the Battery pitcher, from the league. This action arose when Tozer was protested by the R. C. R. team after that organization had been beaten by the Battery last Thursday night. Tozer had recently been a member of the A. M. C., but had quit that body and was not a member

of any corps. For this reason it was declared that he had no right in the league and was suspended. The management claim that Tozer was treated unfairly. He had been a member of the A. M. C. and other corps for the past ten years and has served faithfully. They point out that members of the other teams have only been sworn in recently because of their ability to play baseball, and none of them have given any service. If the league is going to make a distinction in Tozer's case, then other players should be protested and suspended also. In the meantime, the Battery will likely withdraw and the league will likely withdraw and the league championship, it is not known that the game between the First Hussars teams to fight it out for the league championship. It is not known that the game between the First Hussars and the Battery will be played this evening.

## MEDS AND Y. M. C. A. TEAMS GROUPED IN O. B. A. SERIES

Local Teams Are in Different Groups of Intermediate Series.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—At a meeting of the Ontario Basketball League held in St. James' parish house on Saturday afternoon the groupings in the various series of the league were formed. Although Central Y. M. C. A. will not be represented in any of the series, the representatives of the three champions will add more zest to the race. University of Toronto are newcomers in the senior series, and will be a strong addition. Following are the different series:

**Senior.**  
West End Y. M. C. A., University of Toronto, St. James', Hamilton Tigers, Hamilton Y. M. C. A.

**Intermediate.**  
Group 1—West End Y. M. C. A., All Saints, St. James.  
Convener—Fred Bridgen, All Saints.

Group No. 2—University of Toronto, O.

A. C. of Guelph, London Medical College.  
Convener—Mr. Culverhouse, Guelph.  
Group 3—Hamilton Tigers, Hamilton East End, Hamilton Tigers, Hamilton East End, Hamilton Tigers.  
Convener—X. Keeffe, Hamilton.  
Group 4—London Y. M. C. A., Stratford, Paris, Woodstock.  
Convener—J. Taylor, London.

**Junior.**  
Group 1—Baracas, All Saints, West End Y. M. C. A.  
Convener—S. Crawford, Baracas.

Group 2—Hamilton Y. M. C. A., Hamilton Tigers, Hamilton East End, Zion Tabernacle (Hamilton).  
Convener—W. Monk, Hamilton.

Group 3—London Y. M. C. A., Stratford, Woodstock, Paris.  
Convener—R. Hutchings, Woodstock.

All junior players must be 18 or under before Jan. 1, 1913 and the team must average 145 pounds or under.

The annual meeting of the league is to be held on the second Saturday in December in each year.  
A board of referees was appointed. President Long will have a conference of the officials before the season starts, when the rules of play will be discussed.

## DOINGS IN CITY HOCKEY CIRCLES

The Presbyterian, Methodist and Anglican leagues will open the hockey season at the Simcoe rink this evening. The games are as follows: St. Andrew's vs. King Street between 7 and 8; Dundas Centre and First Methodist 8 to 9, and St. Paul's and Memorial Church 9 to 10.

The First Hussars, of the City League, will practice at the Simcoe rink Tuesday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock.

Jack Hoy, of the Green-Swift team, will also play for All Saints, in the Anglican League this winter.

Jimmy Carruthers will likely handle the opening games of the City League at the Westminster rink on Wednesday night.

The Manufacturers' League will open at the Westminster rink tomorrow evening. Perrins and Lawson & Jones will meet in the first game and Perrins and McCormick in the second affair.

The managers of the different teams in the City League are requested to apply to the secretary to secure the tickets for their players for admittance to the rink on Wednesday evening.

The St. Andrew's Church hockey club organized on Saturday with the following officers: Hon. president, Rev. Dr. Ross; hon. vice-presidents, C. R. Somerville, John Marr, John Stevely; president, Ward Casselman; vice-president, Howard Featherstone; secretary-treasurer, Harold Gray. The team that plays tonight's game with King Street will be picked from the following players: W. Grosnow, Gordon Morrison, Percy Spence, Howard Featherstone, Clair Slater, John Ross, Clair McKay, R. Gray, F. Dowell, K. Somerville.

Many local hockey fans had intended taking in the trip to Paris this evening.

and there was some disappointment expressed when the news that the game had been called off was flashed around.

The All Saints team were to have held a meeting on Saturday, but it was postponed. The team will practice either tonight or tomorrow evening, and will elect a captain and pick the line-up for Friday night's game with St. Georges.

The Seventh Regiment team has signed Eglon, who played for one of the church league teams last winter. He is said to be a good one.

City League team managers should have the certificates of all players signed, countersigned by the league officials before Wednesday night.

The First Presbyterian Church team may drop out of the Presbyterian League and Knox Church may be substituted. The First Church management is having a difficult time securing players and have decided to withdraw.

## BAN JOHNSON ILL

American League President Slightly Indisposed at Chicago.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 6.—Owing to the illness of President Ban B. Johnson, of Chicago, notice of which was received here this morning, the annual meeting of the National Baseball Commission, scheduled for today, was postponed until tomorrow. President Lynch, of the National League, likewise did not put in an appearance, owing to a delay in telegram that he felt confident that he would be on hand for the meeting tomorrow.

## CURLING NOTES

The London city bonspiel will commence at all three local rinks tomorrow afternoon. It was thought last week, and for a time today, that the bonspiel would be postponed, but the present weather conditions are tightening up, and as the rinks have good sheets of ice at present no trouble with ice is anticipated. Secretary Tilson stated this morning that only very warm weather would prevent the bonspiel from taking place now and he expects a large entry list.

The entries have not been coming in fast, owing to the mild weather, but now that ice is certain, Secretary Tilson is looking for a big batch of outside entries this evening. The draw will not be made until late tomorrow morning, so as to give outside rinks a chance to enter at the last moment. The local entries are large and each rink will be well represented. All the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors have been completed, and the ice makers at each of the rinks are working overtime to get as much ice as possible.

## PUCKCHASINGS

Ken Mallon, who was not considered good enough for Ottawa or Quebec, is making good in the Pacific Coast League.

The refrigerating plant at the new Hamilton rink is complete, and water was turned on the floor yesterday. It is hoped to play a game tonight.

The Quebec club is suing Oatman and Procter, two contract-jumpers, and is asking \$1,000 damages from each. What will the club do with the judgment, if it does win?

Many O. H. A. teams are already a week behind their schedule, and their rinks have not been flooded. By the time ice is available, some of the teams will be about two weeks behind in their playing dates.

Stan. Horsfield, formerly of Barrie, was out with Toronto R. and A. A. senior O. H. A. team at last night's practice, and will probably be played at rover on Monday night, when they meet Parkdale in their first association fixture.

The most amazing thing about the Hamilton Alerts' affair is that "boobs" could be found running at large with \$2,875 to give to third-rate players before the ice came. Was somebody getting a rake-off?

New-Edinburgh players who saw the Toronto R. and A. team at Ottawa Wednesday night said that St. Michael's College could run through Bruce Ridpath's team under any kind of circumstances.

Jack Ryan declares that Rankin is one of the most brilliant forwards he has ever seen in amateur company. Frank Shaughnessy declares that the Toronto

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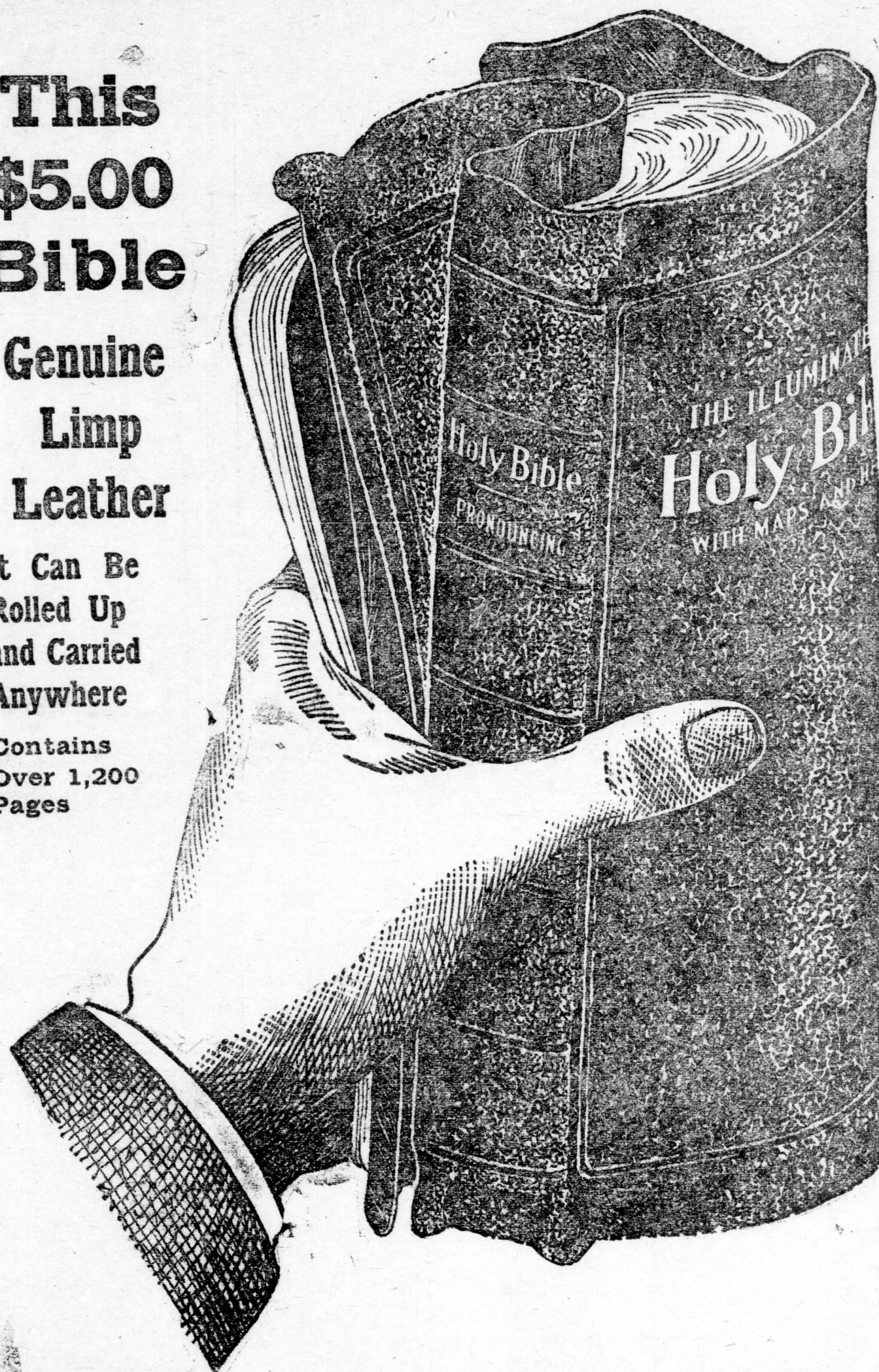
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who walloped Stewartsons, could have disposed of the pro. team of that name.

Stewartsons, of Ottawa, will go to Boston and New York on a barnstorming trip at the end of the interprovincial season.

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right by winning his first out in the slush at Toronto.

California reports are to the effect that Will Durfee has been a half in 1:04 1/2 with a yearling pacer (now a 2-year-old) by Copa de Oro, 2:41.

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One day during the Oklahoma City meeting 14 machines handled \$56,000.

Willard F. Sanders, whose work with the Sidney Dillon and Axtorby's was exceptional, is said to have decided to abandon Indianapolis for Syracuse as a training camp this year.

The Southern States Circuit was more successful in 1912 than ever in the past. Many of the meetings were given in connection with the fairs, and the people are very keen for the sport of the sulky.

Soprano, 2:03 1/2, has had a wonderful year. In Austria-Hungary. This time more started 19 times and won 11 firsts, was second 7 times, and third 1, making her the fifth largest money winner in the circuit.

California is going to make a strenuous try for trotting honors in the east this year by sending Berrie R. 2:07 1/2 and Sin Felipe, 2:08 1/2, to do battle along the big line. These are said to be two of the best trotters ever seen on the coast.

The summer circuit on the Canadian half-mile tracks is as follows: Toronto, June 4 to 6; Seneca, June 10 to 12;

Chatham, June 17 to 20; Aylmer, June 24 to 27; London, July 1 to 4; Niagara Falls, July 15 to 18; Niagara Falls, July 22 to 25.

Alfred, the champion yearling trotter, and his distinguished brother, Lord Allen, are wintering in the rough at Allendale farm, Lexington, where they were last of the month and sent to Lon McDonald, who will get them ready for their campaign.

The Wilkes family is dominant among the 53 new 2:16 trotters, 32 tracing back in a direct male line to George Wilkes, and 25 being inbred to that horse. Ten run directly to Electioneer, and six are inbred to him. Sixteen are of the Wilkes-Electioneer cross, and all but four are of the Hambletonian tribe.

F. W. EMMERSON DEAD. [Canadian Press.] Moncton, N. B., Jan. 6.—Fred W. Emerson, brother of Hon. H. R. Emerson, son, M. P., died early today after a long illness, aged 57. He leaves a widow, four sons and three daughters.

