Baseball Torontos Open Season To-Day -:- Wrestling Hurtubise Wins Match on Foul -:- Checkers Playing for Championship

NOTE AND COMMENT

When we roast any of the big athletic associations, it must not be taken as assured that the organization attacked is injured, or that such was the intention. Someone has said that every knock is a boost, so no wonder there are individuals unfriendly to writers who court the hammer. Criticism is a part of the stock-in-trade of the paragrapher, and some of us prefer adversity, which I, however, disclaim. After a recent annual meeting, the name of which need not be mentioned, a member of the body told a story that ran parallel with the relations of a certain editor and the association in question. The scene of the story was in England, where a friend advised a Yorkshireman to have a neighboring woman stopped circulating slanderous statements about him. To which the good-natured countryman replied pointedly, if ungrammatically: "Oh, it pleases her and it don't hurt I." And all concerned heartily enjoyed the sally.

It was Plautus, the Roman playwright, twenty-one hundred years ago, who penned the motto of all good baseball umpires:

"Quod semel dixi haud mutabo."

That is, "What I have once said I will not alter," or a freer translation, "The umpire's word goes."

Tho he spent 15 days over the Don for booting the umpire last summer at Diamond Park, Tim Flood could run for any old office in St. Paul and get away with it. This is how strong he is in Minnesota:

"When it was announced that Tim Flood was to be manager of the St. Paul baseball team this year, every man, woman and child in St. Paul who attends ball games at once commenced talking of the pennant St. Paul was going to win. And all they had to go on was Tim Flood. And Tim Flood had been simply a ball player in St. Paul for a period of some three months.

"Flood's coming to St. Paul was one of those fortuitous accidents which make men. Flood had played ball for many years in other cities and had been a good player. But never such a player as he was after he struck St. Paul. He had been 'thrown down' in the Eastern League as a 'rough boy.' He came to St. Paul a stranger, with but one ambition—to 'make good' and 'get on the map.' And he did it with both feet. People who have had the pleasure of seeing the greatest second baseman of the generation voted Flood the liveliest gentleman who had ever practised acrobatics in the St. Paul infield."

It has been decided to conduct the Olympic lacrosse contests next October on the tournament system. Only one team may be entered from each country, and each team will have to play every other, the combination winning most matches to be hailed Olympic champions. Canada ought to shine in this, but her representatives will find the home players considerably stronger than in 1907. The first big trial match is to be played at Fallowfield (Manchester), the sides being designated England and The Rest. After this two other teams, to be known as the England and the Duke of Argyll's combination, will try conclusions in a final trial at Lord's (London) on April 25, and the form shown that day will be the guide for the selectors of the Olympic twelve. Home players certainly profited by the visit of the Capitals of Ottawa, and one pointer they have taken to heart is the method of packing the goal mouth when the opposition threatens danger. This was a very pronounced feature of the final for the club championship on Saturday, when the Old Hulmeians beat Surbiton by 4 goals to 0, and so won the Iroquois Cup for the second year in succession.

With Toronto, the Eastern League champions, opening the season to-day, a few facts about their spring training trip would not come amiss. The Leafs outhit and outscored their opponents on a ratio of 2 to 1, winning ten of the thirteen games played. Cockman was the only player to play in all the games, while Gettman made the most number of hits and scored the most number of runs. Schafly purloined the most number of sacks, as well as making the most sacrifice hits. Grimshaw played an errorless game at first and only had one error in the outfield. Manager Kelley, with seven errors, brought up the tail end.

It was was after a wrestling match that was rougher than the Mutual-street incident when the winner leaned over his favorite bar.

"Why what's the matter with you, Bill," asked the publican. "Where's your nose?"

"He has it, but that's nothing," said Bill proudly, "I have his two ears in my pocket."

EIGHT WALKERS REMAIN.

Hoagland Still Leading at Peterboro —Halton Retires.

PETERBORO, April 22.—Eight men were on the track at the end of the ten-hour session to-night of the walking tournament here. Ten started at 7.30 o'clock. Hatton of Toronto quit after two hours' walking and Tom Slater, the Oswego crack, retired about 8 o'clock, on account of illness and he is suffering from a severe cold and is threatened with pneumonia. He was walking strong until he dropped out. Hoagland has increased his lead and looks like a sure winner. The real fight will be for the second and third positions. Over 1200 were in attendance to-night and great excitement prevailed. The race is now half over, 18 hours having been put in. The standing at 11.30 o'clock to-night was as follows:

Hoagland 98 miles 6 laps, Blake 96 miles, Harrison 95 miles 1 lap, Stevens 91 miles 4 laps, Graham 84 miles 3 laps, Stenner 81 miles 7 laps, Fenton 76 miles 3 laps, Hartley 75 miles 1 lap. Slater had covered 77 miles 3 laps when he dropped out and Hatton 45 miles.

West End Y.M.C.A. Athletes Dine.

For the purpose of getting their athletes to pledge themselves to live up to the cleanest and highest ideals of amateurism, the enthusiasts of the West End Y.M.C.A. banqueted in Albert Williams' Cafe last night.

Newark and Baltimore Win Eastern League Openers

Indians and Bisons' Game Goes Ten Innings — Torontos Open Season To-Day at Jersey City.

The Eastern Baseball League was auspiciously opened in Baltimore and Newark yesterday, the large crowds present speaking well for the leading Class A league to-day. Incidentally, the crowds were sent home in good humor, Newark winning over Buffalo in ten innings by the close score of 2 to 1. Baltimore disposed of Jimmy Casey's Beavers by 4 to 2.

However, all eyes will be turned towards Jersey City to-day, when Mike Kelley's Leaves make their debut. It is doubtful if Grimshaw will be back in time to play the initial bag to-day, and this corner will be looked after by Manager Kelley. Either McGinley or Rudolph will do the twirling. The following is the batting order: Gettman c.f., Schafly 2b., Mertes l.f., Wotell r.f., Cockman 3b., Frick s.s., Kelley 1b., Brown or Pearson c., McGinley or Rudolph p.

Rochester opens the season to-day at Providence.

Newark Wins in Tenth.

NEWARK, N.J., April 22.—(Special.)—Newark opened the Eastern League season here to-day before a record-breaking crowd of 12,000 spectators, defeating Buffalo by the score of 2 to 1 in a ten-innings battle. Previous to the game a street parade was a feature, while Governor J. Franklin Fort was the big mogul at the ceremonies at the park. The governor, before the game started, shook hands with the players of both teams, and afterward took his position in the box and tossed the first ball across the plate. Other guests of importance were President P. T. Powers of the Eastern League and Frank Farrell, owner of the New York Americans.

The game bristled and sizzled with exciting plays, while Pardee and Kisinger engaged in a pitchers' battle, which ended in favor of the former. Buffalo were the first to score by getting their solitary run across the plate in the second inning. Schirm reached first base on four balls and stole second, when Keister despatched him across the plate on a long single to left field.

The Indians tied the score in the third inning, when Bell, who reached first by being hit, was followed by Mahling with a sacrifice, and Mullen brought Bell home on a two-bagger to left field.

The Bisons had a golden opportunity to score in the seventh, with the bases filled and only one man down, but brilliant work by Pardee in retiring Archer and Kisinger blasted Buffalo's hopes.

Victory came to the Indians after two braves had been retired in the tenth inning. Pardee singled to centre and went to second on Bell's safe bunt. A timely crack to right fied past Murray sent Pardee across the plate with the winning run. The score:

Buffalo—	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Nattress, s.s.	3	0	0	1	4	1	
White, l.f.	3	0	0	3	0	0	
Smith, 2b.	4	0	0	2	0	0	
Murray, r.f.	3	0	0	1	0	0	
Schirm, c.f.	3	1	1	0	0	0	
Whitney, 1b.	4	0	1	11	0	0	
Keister, 3b.	3	0	1	0	2	0	
Archer, c.	4	0	0	11	1	0	
Kisinger, p.	4	0	0	0	6	0	
Totals	30	1	3	29	13	1	

Newark—	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bell, c.f.	1	1	1	4	0	1	
Mahling, s.s.	3	0	1	2	3	0	
Mullen, 2b.	3	0	1	0	0	0	
Engle, 3b.	3	0	1	0	2	0	
Sharpe, 1b.	3	0	0	8	0	0	
Drake, l.f.	3	0	0	1	0	0	
O'Brien, r.f.	3	0	0	3	0	0	
Stanage, c.	4	0	0	12	0	0	
Pardee, p.	4	1	2	0	1	0	
Totals	27	2	6	30	6	1	

Buffalo 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1
Newark 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—2

Two-base hits—Mullen, Schirm. Stolen bases—Keister, Schirm. Sacrifice hits—Mullen, White, Mahling, Bell. Bases on balls—Off Pardee 4, off Kisinger 2. Struck out—By Pardee 9, by Kisinger 7. Batter hit—Bell. Double-play—Mahling to Sharpe. Left on bases—Newark 4, Buffalo 5. Umpires—Sullivan and Kelly. Attendance—12,000.

Casey's Beavers Lose.

BALTIMORE, April 22.—(Special.)—The opening game for the season of 1908 was played here to-day between the Orioles and Montreal. The Royals gave a splendid account of themselves, and from all appearances will be factors in the race. Baltimore secured an early start and held it against all the strategy of the visitors. The usual opening performances took place before the game started. Score:

Baltimore—	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
O'Hara, l.f.	2	1	1	2	0	0	
Kelly, c.f.	4	1	2	2	0	0	
Dunn, 2b.	3	1	1	2	2	0	
Demmitt, r.f.	4	1	2	2	0	0	
Knight, 3b.	4	0	1	1	1	1	
Ptyl, 1b.	4	0	2	11	0	0	
Hall, s.s.	4	0	0	2	2	1	
Byers, c.	4	0	1	5	3	0	
Adkins, p.	4	0	0	0	7	0	
Totals	33	4	10	27	15	2	

Montreal—	A.	B.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Joyce, l.f.	2	0	1	2	0	0	
Casey, 3b.	4	0	1	0	1	0	
Corcoran, 2b.	4	0	1	2	5	0	
O'Neil, r.f.	4	0	2	3	0	0	
Evans, 1b.	4	0	0	8	0	1	
Louden, s.s.	4	0	0	4	1	1	
Jones, c.f.	2	1	1	1	1	0	
McManus, c.	4	0	1	4	1	0	
Tift, p.	4	1	1	0	1	0	
Totals	32	2	8	24	10	2	

Baltimore 2 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 *—4
Montreal 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0—2

Two-base hit—Tift. Sacrifice hit—Dunn. Double-play—Jones to Louden. Bases on balls—Off Tift 1, off Adkins 3. Struck out—By Adkins 5, by Tift 3. Left on bases—Baltimore 8, Montreal 7. Time—2 hours. Attendance—3500. Umpire—Conway.

National League Scores.

At Pittsburg—With ideal weather, a crowd of over 13,000 baseball enthusiasts saw Pittsburg defeat St. Louis in the opening game of the local season by a score of 5 to 1. Wagner received a great ovation when he came on the field, and justified the confidence in him by knocking out a two-base hit in the fifth inning with two men on bases. Abbatachio followed with a three-base hit, netting Pittsburg three runs in this inning. Both pitchers were strong and succeeded in keeping the hits pretty well scattered. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Pittsburg	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	*	5	10	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	1

Batteries—Camnitz and Gibson; McGlynn and Hostetter. Umpire—Rigler.

At Chicago—The championship pennant of 1907 for the National League was raised by the Chicago team before the opening of the game, to the music of a brass band and the brazen cheers of the fanatics, who crowded all available space in the new grand stand extension. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	*—7	10	1
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0—3	7	3

Batteries—Fraser and Kling; Toser, Coakley and McLean. Umpire—O'Day.

At New York— R. H. E.
Brooklyn ..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0—2 7 0
New York ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2—3 7 3

Batteries—McIntyre and Bergen; Mathewson and Bresnahan. Umpires—Emslie and Rudderham.

At Boston— R. H. E.
Philadelphia ..... 5 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0—7 7 0
Boston ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1 6 3

Batteries—McQuillan and Dooin; Dorner, Flaherty and Bowerman. Umpire—Klem.

National League Record.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	6	1	.857
New York	6	1	.857
Pittsburg	4	3	.571
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
Cincinnati	3	4	.429
Brooklyn	2	5	.286
Boston	2	5	.286
St. Louis	1	6	.143

Games to-day—Brooklyn at New York, Philadelphia at Boston, Cincinnati at Chicago, St. Louis at Pittsburg.

American League Record.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
St. Louis	6	2	.750
New York	5	2	.714
Boston	5	3	.625
Cleveland	3	3	.500
Chicago	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Detroit	1	5	.167
Washington	1	6	.143

Games to-day—St. Louis at Detroit, Chicago at Cleveland, New York at Philadelphia, Boston at Washington.

American League Scores.

At Philadelphia—The opening game of the American League season was played here, the home team defeating New York by 3 to 2. Each team sent the ball into the crowd in the outfield three times for two-baggers. The home team bunched hits better than New York and won. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
New York	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2—3	8	1
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	*—3	8	1

Batteries—Chesbro and Kleinow; Plank and Powers. Umpires—Sheridan and Hurst.

At Washington— R. H. E.
Washington ..... 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0—3 7 2
Boston ..... 0 0 0 2 1 2 0 0 0—5 12 4

Batteries—Falkenberg, Smith and Street; Morgan, Winter and Carrigan. Umpire—Connolly.

At Cleveland— R. H. E.
Cleveland ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 3 3
Chicago ..... 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 *—4 8 0

Batteries—Clarkson, Rhoades, Liebhardt and N. Clark; Owen and Sullivan. Umpires—Egan and O'Loughlin.

At Detroit— R. H. E.
Detroit ..... 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3 5 2
St. Louis ..... 0 0 0 1 5 1 0 0 0—7 9 3

Batteries—Summers and Paine; Bailey and Spencer. Umpire—Evans.

Exhibition Baseball.

At Exeter, N.H.—Phillips-Exeter 12, Vermont Academy 1.

At Providence—University of Vermont 6, Brown 4.

Amherst, Mass.—Amherst 3, Tufts 0.

Princeton, N.J.—Princeton 8, Lafayette 7.

Middletown—Wesleyan 3, Holy Cross 7.

At Ithaca, N.Y.—Cornell 6, Franklin and Marshall 3.

At Westpoint—Westpoint 4, Williams 3.

At Scranton—Utica 4, Scranton 3 (exhibition game).

At Washington—Pennsylvania 5, Georgetown 3 (11 innings).

Rowing Club Smoker.

The Toronto Rowing Club has a large and varied program arranged for the complimentary smoker at the club to-morrow night.

MESSAGE FROM PAT POWERS.

Sir,—With Edward Hanlon in personal charge of affairs at Baltimore, with George T. Stallings at Newark, Dr. James Casey, with his reorganized team at Montreal, and with new parks at Rochester, Toronto and Montreal, and with all teams evenly balanced, I look for the most successful season, both artistically and financially, in the history of the Eastern League. The eight teams seem to be of equal strength and no team will be able to make a runaway race for the Eastern League pennant during the season of 1908.

I have instructed the umpires to be very strict this year. No player will be allowed to question decisions nor leave his position, thereby delaying the progress of the game, and if the club owners lose the services of their captain and players by senseless kicking and delay, they will have only themselves to blame for allowing such practices.

There is nothing in baseball so interesting to the spectators as base running, and in order to increase base running I have instructed the umpires to be very strict this year in regard to pitchers making a balk. The umpires will not allow the pitchers to get away with anything in this line and I look for some faster work on the bases than ever before.

The new rule as to soiling of the ball will be enforced to the letter and pitchers will be punished for every offence. It is my intention to enforce the rules generally to the letter of the law and eliminate all rowdyism from start to finish.

TOURNEY PROGRESSES AT ORRS' ACADEMY

Scores in Mercantile and Gladstone Bowling Leagues—Sidelights.

The following are the results of the tournament at Orr Bros.' Bowling Academy:

Individual—Lou Archambault 451, A. J. Hartman 560, George Capps 476, Frank Mahoney 464, Alex. Orr 521.

Two brother event—George Capps 506, Alf. Capps 488; total 994. Tom Bird 529, Eddie Bird 515; total 1044. Charles Orr 528, Alex. Orr 558; total 1086.

Father and son event—Wm. Orr 509, Harold Orr 456; total 965; John Logan 312, James Logan 501; total 813. J. Vick 233, G. Vick 459; total 712. R. J. Orr 442, O. Orr 355; total 797. Frank Saunders 287, A. F. Saunders 237; total 524. William Webster 466, John Webster 350; total 816.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock the six brother event: Birb Bros., Griffiths Bros., and Orr Bros. At 7.30 p.m. the three brother event, Thomson Bros. of Hamilton Bowling and Athletic Club; O'Connor Bros. of Guelph; Bird Bros., Dissette Bros., Griffith Bros. and Orr Bros. The following two-men teams will roll Thursday: Adams Bros., Archambault Bros., Dissette Bros., Phalen Bros., Thomson Bros., Griffith Bros., Logan Bros., Walton Bros., Pethick Bros., Bird Bros., Williams Bros., Humphrey Bros., O'Connor Bros. and Orr Bros.

The Brunswick Balke Collender Company have donated a silver cup for the individual making the greatest number of pins in the six events.

Toronto Porch Climbers Win.

A friendly game was played on the T. B. C. alleys last night between the Toronto Porch Climbers and the Hamilton Mountain Climbers, the locals winning all three. Scores:

Porch Climbers—	1	2	3	T'l.
Seager	176	182	118—	476
Gibson	125	173	163—	461
D. Brown	171	185	174—	530
Main	161	157	138—	456
Daly	95	115	97—	307
Cole	199	198	174—	571
Totals	927	1010	864	2801

Mountain Climbers—	1	2	3	T'l.
W. Thompson	155	191	116—	462
Hunt	155	158	182—	495
Layers	143	196	127—	466
Friend	137	115	130—	382
Hynes	120	156	174—	450
C. Thompson	157	168	124—	449
Totals	867	984	853	2704

Mercantile League Scores.

The following are the scores of the Mercantile Bowling League last night:

Eatons No. 5—	1	2	3	T'l.
Stitzel	190	167	141—	498
McKellar	140	153	168—	491
Dawson	177	123	132—	432
Smythe	136	157	144—	437
Williams	133	151	182—	466
Totals	806	751	767	2324

Nerlich Co.—	1	2	3	T'l.
Cahley	132	116	150—	398
Garrett	121	97	153—	371
Cutler	133	121	102—	356
Sutherland	104	87	142—	333
H. A. Smith	129	129	144—	402
Totals	619	550	691	1860

Eatons No. 1—	1	2	3	T'l.
Luthe	158	178	162—	498
Clarke	159	157	168—	484
Flegehen	140	183	129—	452
Berk	187	143	144—	474
Tulley	127	173	131—	431
Totals	771	834	734	2331

Canadian Kodak—	1	2	3	T'l.
Beckford	149	181	150—	480
Lay	135	128	121—	384
May	168	148	157—	473
Idenden	131	161	120—	412
Bishop	139	210	128—	477
Totals	722	828	676	2226

Brown Bros.—	1	2	3	T'l.
Johnston	120	152	171—	453
Altepeter	150	169	127—	446
Hall	136	129	169—	434
Dickenson	139	154	126—	419
Clarke	148	198	181—	527
Totals	703	802	774	2279

Eatons No. 4—	1	2	3	T'l.
Le Van	187	120	131—	438
Smith	129	187	118—	434
Lackey	128	188	157—	423
White	143	128	178—	449
McEwan	114	125	168—	407
Totals	701	698	752	2151

Gladstone League Scores.

In the Gladstone League last night, Gladstones won two from the Albions. The scores:

Albions—	1	2	3	T'l.
Medland	100	131	135—	366
Hall	156	162	146—	464
Evans	122	145	141—	408
Gill	120	137	142—	399
Turpin	187	159	200—	546
Totals	685	734	764	2183

Gladstones—	1	2	3	T'l.
Snow	175	118	149—	442
Elliott	142	100	163—	405
Griffith	112	116	186—	414
Doran	190	173	137—	500
Gillis	177	180	160—	517
Totals	796	687	795	2278

Married Men Win.

On the Toronto alleys last night the married men of White & Co. won three games from the single men.

Married—		Single—	
W. A. Patterson	392	E. Arkell	366
M. Cuthbert	425	J. E. Thompson	397
L. E. Lawson	321	J. Paterson	218
C. Lucas	325	C. Prime	414
G. Alcott	402	F. Matthews	436
Total	1866	Total	1825

Sidelights.

Eaton's Engineers bowled a match game last evening on the Canadian Bowling Club alleys. Results as follows:

Eaton's Engineers No. 1, Capt. Barlow:	1	2	3	T'l.
Score	589	639	624—	1852

Eaton's Engineers No. 2, Capt. Moat:	1	2	3	T'l.
Score	553	611	694—	1858

Conkie vs. Gatenby.

Charlie Conkie, who is meeting all-comers at the Star Theatre this week, is surely up against a tough proposition to-night when he meets Harry Gatenby, the well-known English welterweight. Gatenby has defeated such well-known men as Muldoon, Young Munday, Frank Kennedy, and is the only man in Toronto who gained two victories over Shad Link.

Conkie has Friday night open and would like to arrange a match with either Hurtubise or Kennedy. He will throw either one of them in 15 minutes or forfeit $25, and also cover any side bet they wish to make.

The annual dinner of the West End Y. M. C. A. will be held in Williams' Cafe Wednesday night week.

SHAMROCKS WILLING FOR ARBITRATION

Would Submit Matter to a Board —Jimmy Murphy Fails to Land Kalls.

OTTAWA, April 22.—A settlement of the lacrosse trouble is now said to be in sight, and officers of the Capitals, altho they are firm in their decisions not to make any concessions to the Shamrocks, believe that the next few days will see the dove of peace hovering over the N. L. U. once more.

The Shamrocks have signified their willingness to submit the matter to a board of arbitration, and it is understood that the other clubs are prepared to allow the men whom the Shamrocks named, Ald. William Foran of Ottawa and the president of the M.A.A.A. to act as referees with a view to settling the differences which have arisen over the schedule. The Capital officers say that they will not budge an inch from the stand they have taken, but they hope for an early settlement.

From Shamrocks' headquarters comes the denial of the Irishmen that any of their men have signed to play with other clubs. Shamrock officers say that the champions are "not made of that kind of stuff." And in the meantime "Manager" Lalonde of the Hamilton twelve is coming east after players, and the American clubs are also seeking Canadian players.

Shamrocks, in the opinion of many followers of lacrosse in Ottawa, will stick to the N.L.U. Little faith is put in the proposals for a new league.

Lacrosse Points.

Jimmy Murphy returned from a trip to St. Catharines yesterday, where he had been interviewing Kalls and Barnett. However, there is nothing doing so far as Kalls is concerned and perhaps Barnett. Both these players will add strength to St. Kitts this year.

The C.L.A. executive meets to-morrow night at the Iroquois.

There is talk of one or two N.L.U. players being reinstated that they may go to England with the Canadian lacrosse team.—Ottawa Citizen.

Joe Lally is said to have discovered three or four more "phenoms" on the Indian reservation near the Factory Town. Joe has been busily hunting up players to take the places of the men who jumped to Hamilton.

Fred Westbrook is starting to boom the game in Brantford, so watch out.

Secretary Hall of the C.L.A. has received fees from two juniors not represented at the convention. They are Shamrocks of Brantford and Aurora.

President Jack Gearns of the C.L.A. has announced that there will be no reinstatements this year.

At Bethlehem, Pa., yesterday, Lehigh University defeated Harvard at lacrosse by a score of 3 goals to 2.

The Capital L.C. will practice in Jesse Ketchum Park on Saturday afternoon. All players are requested to be on hand at early as possible. Any boys in the city who would like to turn out with the Caps will be made to feel at home.

Amateur Baseball.

The Senior Amateur Baseball League will hold their last meeting before the opening of the ball season in the Jersey Hotel, King and Niagara-streets, to-night at 8 o'clock sharp. A large attendance is requested, as everything in connection with the playing season will be announced.

The newly elected executive of the Don Valley League held a very successful meeting in Seymour's parlors, when the Garrett ball was endorsed for the coming season. The next and final meeting will be held in the same place, which is at the corner of River and Gerrard-streets, on Monday night, when the schedule will be drawn up. The following clubs have signified their intention of placing a team in the league: I.C.B.U., Strollers, Arctics, National Cash Register, Florals, Strathconas, Easterns and All Stars. The league will open on the following Saturday. All applications for umpires will be received by the acting secretary.

G. Company, 48th Highlanders' baseball team will meet at Massey Hall to-night at 8 o'clock to take part in the assault-at-arms and are asked to bring baseball uniforms.

The Shamrocks B.B.C. would like to arrange a game for Saturday afternoon with any intermediate team. Address P. Hickerson, 37 Brock-avenue.

The House Nine Juniors defeated the Young Victors on the Don Flats yesterday by the score of 8 to 5. The feature of the game was the pitching of W. Barber and the batting of H. Cassidy.

All Royal Oak players are requested to turn out for practice this evening at 5.30 at the High Park boulevard grounds.

A meeting of the Willows will be held on Thursday night at 8 o'clock at 52 West Gerrard-street. The following players are requested to attend: Brock, Yates, Tanner, Day, Crosby, Chapman, Armstrong, Haywood, Crosby, Deas, Chamberlain, Mackenzie, Brandon, Townly, Fuzzie, Chadfield, Thompson, Dicks, Tinsley.

All members of the Centennial Baseball Club are asked to meet at the corner of Bloor and Dovercourt-road Saturday at 3 p.m. A full turnout is requested as the first league match will be played on the following Saturday.

The St. Andrew's Club of Todmorden would like to arrange a home game for Saturday, April 25, with any East End junior or juvenile club. Address all communications to Fred M. Hazelton, Beestreet, Todmorden.

Manager Sullivan of the Columbians wishes all players to be present at a meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at 3 D'Arcy-street. He would also like to hear from a couple of fast outfielders. The team has been entered in the West End City Amateur League.

At the city amateur baseball meeting held last evening, final arrangements were made for the opening next Saturday. The following is a list of players signed by the different clubs and passed by the league at last evening's meeting:

Wellingtons—W. Rodden, H. Burkardt, F. Baker, A. McDonald, H. Williamson, G. Graham, J. Lea, J. Brennan, G. Lambrick, N. Tolton, A. Shepherd, E. Cardon, A. Cheetham, J. Brockbank, R. A. Turner.

St. Marys—N. Ryder, F. Sharpe, M. Byrne, D. Shea, W. Nye, H. Englert, J. C. Murphy, W. Baldwin, J. Swalwell, H. Phelan, R. Brittain, J. Robert, W. O'Brien, Park Nine—W. Thorne, E. Ross, W. Benson, W. Winchester, T. Benson, J. Hickey, W. J. Walsh, J. O'Hearn, F. Clements, H. Downing, F. Hickey.

Royal Oaks—T. Smith, F. Smith, W. Bush, O. Quinn, J. Dalzell, A. Edmunds, J. Donohoe, G. McClelland, A. Wideman, H. Doyle, G. Craigie, P. Boyntin, A. Clarke, P. McCarroll, J. Dunne, R. Clarke, H. Legeir, L. Langley, R. Fleming.

Any additional players whose certificates are filed before Friday evening at 8.30 o'clock, will be eligible to play in the opening games.

Dillane, Garvin, Barrett Left For Checker Championship

Play Under the Auspices of Ontario Association Begins in the Grand Union---3 More Games To-day.

The checker tournament to decide the championship of Canada is arousing considerable interest at the Grand Union Hotel. The competition, which began at 2 p.m. yesterday, is held under the auspices of the Ontario Checker Association, of which Mr. Richard Dissette of Toronto is president. The first prize, a handsome silver cup, is the gift of Ryrie Bros., Toronto's widely-known jewelers. The second prize, also a valuable silver cup, has been presented by the president.

Nine contestants entered the lists, as follows: Judge D. McGibbon of Brampton, Ont.; J. M. Small of Authur, Ont.; W. Dillane of Tottenham, Ont.; J. Featherstone and Alex. Lawrie of Markham, Ont., and Herbert Barrett, C. Rhodes, Fred Wright and Joseph L. Garvin of Toronto.

—Afternoon Score—

	Won.	Draw.
McGibbon	0	1
Wright	2	0
Dillane	2	0
Small	0	1
Featherstone	3	0
Rhodes	1	0
Garvin	3	0
Lawrie	0	0

H. Barrett bye.

—Evening Score—

	Games.	Drawn.
Garvin	2	1
Featherstone	0	0
Barrett	1	0
Wright	0	0

Two more games are still left to play to-day, after which the annual meeting will be held. C. Pickering of Baltimore, Ont., Joseph B. Dixon of Toronto, W. Moore of Parry Sound, and several other expert players are interested onlookers.

Assault-at-Arms To-Night.

There is great rivalry between the military tug-of-war teams for the Argonaut assault-at-arms this evening, and a big Hamilton contingent is coming down with the crack 13th and 91st Highlanders to tackle the Toronto soldiers. The Stanley Barracks team have been practising steadily and have a strong following, whilst the Queen's Own have backers who are of opinion they can't be beat and the 48th Highlanders' friends make no secret of the fact that they expect to carry medals, but the Ninety-oners say they will travel back to Hamilton. Any way, their friends will fill the hall and there will be a lot of enthusiasm, which the soldiers always carry into anything they go into.

The fencing meeting of Champion Williamson of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Club and Champion Walters of the Y.M.C.A. for the Heron Medal is exciting great interest, but one of the most attractive features and greatest drawing card is the wrestling between Baker, the Toronto champion in the 135 and 145, both light and welterweight, and A. D. Bain of the Montreal club, who has come up specially to try his luck against the Toronto man.

The box office is open at the Massey Hall.

Willie Fitzgerald Wins Fight.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn had the better of the argument in a six-round bout with Tommy Quill of Brockton, Mass., at the National Athletic Club here last night. Quill started off well, the two early rounds going his way. In the third the men mixed it up with the Brockton fighter still holding his end up well. With the fourth round Fitzgerald began to even up matters and in the final session got in so many blows to the stomach and heart that Quill was forced to clinch and hang on. Quill was in a bad way when the fight ended.

Baseball Gossip.

Here's hoping that the Leafs get off to a good start to-day.

Pardee held Buffalo down to three hits yesterday, besides scoring the winning run.

O'Brien, who played right field for Newark yesterday, comes from the P. and O. League, and was one of McGraw's recruits, Stallings securing him from the Giants.

Mack, the former Providence twirler, won his game for Philadelphia yesterday from Joe Kelley's Beaneaters.

The following members of the Kenilworth Baseball Club are requested to be out to practice Friday night north of the Woodbine, above Queen: Hamilton, MacEvoy, Cadman, Crawford, Black, McNair, Mullen, Hurd, Thompson, Wilson, Cope, Mills, Clarkson and Davis.

HURTUBISE DEFEATS KENNEDY

Wrestling Bout Ends by a Foul, Police Taking a Hand.

There was a good wrestling crowd in the Mutual-street Rink last night to see the professional bouts. Hockey Jones defeated Jack Edmunds and Harry Gatenby won from Charles Deas, each in two falls in the preliminaries.

In the main event, Eugene Hurtubise of Peterboro secured the decision from Frank Kennedy of New York on a foul, after each had won a fall, both doing their best. Art Edmunds was the referee.

The ex-football amateur did all the aggressive work, having Kennedy on the defensive most of the 43.10 minutes before he forced the first fall. Kennedy made it even up by a lucky leg hold in 18.45, and at that it was little more than a flying fall.

After they mauled each other about five minutes in endeavoring to secure the final, Kennedy worked a strangle hold, which he persisted in retaining after the bout was given against him.

The police, seconds and managers joined in the issue and with some difficulty separated the combatants who were endeavoring to pummel each other with their bare fists. Some one in the gallery shied a pop bottle at Kennedy as he limped from the ring, but the missile fortunately missed the mark.

Soccer Notes.

Berry, the centre forward of the Midmay team, Ontario champions 1906, has signed to play with Saints' Intermediate A team.

All Saints' intermediate football team will practice to-night at Sunlight Park at 6.30. The following players are asked to be on hand, as a full turnout is requested: Pointon, Williams, Hoppins, Zilliax, MacDonald, Penny, Carroll, Bromfield, Pillar, Canfield, Miller, Berry, Scott, Thompson, Passmore.

The Chalmers B.B.C. will practice on