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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

MR. P. B. WREATH'S LETTER TO THE ADVERTISER, yesterday has a ring of confidence and sincerity in it that should do much to still the voices of those who persist in predicting that the International League will last only about as long as a snowball would on the equator.

It is no light proposition to float a new league, and if Londoners want faster baseball than they have been getting it is up to them to encourage the promoters in their work.

MR. JACK BROWN HAS BEEN requested to name a team from the City Hockey League to meet the Londoners next Monday, and if he chooses, he can appoint one or more experts to assist him in the work. There was a feeling that this should be done by someone not interested in any of the teams or on the executive, and Mr. Brown is undoubtedly as well fitted for the task as any man in the city. He will be supplied with a list of the players in the league today, and will probably announce his choice tomorrow.

IN REFERENCE TO OUR CONTEMPORARY'S REMARK this morning to the effect that the taking of the Carling Cup was a matter of sentiment and not of finances, we must say that we hold much the same opinion. However, when the fact is recalled that instead of sending down the best team we had, a scrub-line was trotted out, it can be realized very readily that a little more business in the management would come in good stead.

Again, coming home at 5 o'clock in the morning, as the team did on Tuesday, knocks the lining out of whatever sentiment there is in the proposition.

The Carling Cup, in its way, is all right, but if it is worth going after at all it is worth sending a hockey team after it, and not a pickup aggregation.

Had an inkling been given in advance that the Londoners would journey to Paris Monday night it is very probable that the City League games would have been held over, as has been the case before in similar instances.

THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE TIE game between the Waterloos and the Western University teams should be played off or not will be brought before the city league executive today, and the result made known tomorrow. The race has been a remarkably close one between the two winning teams, and if the executive can be shown that an injustice is being done the Hermits or any of the other sevens, the contest will undoubtedly be put on again.

THERE IS A LOT OF CRITICISM being offered around town on the action of the Western University team in allowing three of its regular players to go to Paris on Monday night, and the general feeling is that "Varsity was anxious only to keep down the score. This may be an injustice to the boys from the big school, but it is a fact that on the return trip from Paris one of the Western players made the remark to the writer that the Western had no hope of doing more than avoid being swamped by the Waterloos.

HAS DOUBT AS TO CHAMPIONSHIP

The following letter was received at this office yesterday, too late for the sporting page. Correspondents are asked to remember that to insure publication, sporting items should be in the office before 10:30 a.m.

London, March 10, 1908.

Sparring Editor The Advertiser:

I should be much obliged if you would kindly publish these few lines in tomorrow's issue of The Advertiser:

I have heard considerable discussion in regard to the city hockey championship. In today's issue you state that the Waterloos are the champions, but there seems to be some doubt as to why they should be so called, and, having taken a keen interest in the City League games, I would like the following to know how the matter has been discussed.

The Hermits have won as many games as the Waterloos, and while it is quite true they have lost one more, still a tie game was played between the University and Waterloos, and as the city championship depends largely on this one game, why should the executive not order that the tie game be played off, in order to give the other teams a fighting chance.

If a tie game is not to be considered as a win or loss, why should any extra time have been played beyond the regular 40 minutes' play? Having played extra time, it seems quite evident that the game is not finished until one team has actually scored more goals than the other.

Should the Waterloos lose the tie game, in case it is played, they would then be tied with the Hermits for first place, and, in my opinion, having followed closely the games all season, I think the University team, with their regular line-up, can beat the now called champions.

It is true the Waterloos outclassed the University team last night, but

three of their best men were off the line-up. These three players weakened the University team by going with the Londoners to Paris to play for the Carling Cup, and did they not show that they were true sports in so doing, when even Bole, the London's speedy center, remained home to play with the Waterloos? If the Waterloos think they are the superior team, let them show the public that they are true sports, and are willing to play off the tie game with the University.

I trust, Mr. Editor, I have not taken up too much space, and again thanking you, I am, yours truly,

A CITY LEAGUE FOLLOWER.

HERMITS LOSE TO ST. THOMAS

Despite the fact that they put up plucky battle and fought for every inch of ground, the Hermits were forced to bow down to the speedy St. Thomas Knights of the puck last night at St. Thomas by a score of 2 to 1.

The Recluses played a good individual game, but fell down on team work. The line-ups:

Hermits.....	Goal ..	Williamson
Hodges.....	Point ..	Paddon
Clarke.....	Cover ..	Johns
McArthur.....	Center ..	Shelton
Turner.....	Rover ..	Manning
Young.....	Left ..	Pracey
Progers.....	Right ..	Page
Umpire, Swackhammer.		

ENTRIES FOR DETROIT BLUE RIBBON MEET

Detroit, March 12.—The early closing events of the local Blue Ribbon meet will be open until April 7. The board yesterday decided to stand by the action of the previous week, barring consolation. The early events are the M. and M., \$10,000, for 2:34; 000, for 2:13 pacers; 2:11 trot, \$3,000; 2:07 pace, \$3,000.

equal ability. With one star felder and hitter Ebbets thinks he would be well up in the pennant race.

There is a revival of the Tommy Leach-Cobb outlaw talk. Nothing definite has been decided by Leach although he has received a flattering offer from Jimmie Callahan, manager of the Logan Squares of Chicago. Leach is a good ball player and a man who would have many more years in the big league.

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THE CITY LEAGUE MEETS TONIGHT

Officers To Be Elected and the Situation for 1908 Discussed.

For upward of a decade a local city baseball league has held full sway in this city. Of course there were other leagues here, but they could not be looked upon as being in opposition. As a matter of fact the East End, Springbank and Commercial Leagues have been the feeding grounds from which the big local organization drew its players.

Tonight the City League will meet at the City Hotel at 8:30 for the purpose of electing officers and discussing the situation for 1908. The gathering will be open only to representatives from the teams and the present officers. It is to be sincerely hoped that the league will be able to continue, for an off season means that local baseball, in the event of a failure on the part of the pro. league to make good, will be a dead letter for possibly years to come.

Many of the old timers in the City League are all right as long as they keep busy every summer, but one season's lay off would mean their retirement. Of course, there are some in the league at present who could drop out and not offend any of the patrons, but then again there are others, such as Jimmy Bell, for example, without whom the organization and the games would not seem complete.

It is expected that four teams will be represented at the meeting tonight, and that the present officers will be retained if they care to remain.

MUST GET TY COBB AT ANY COST WILL PAY \$5,000 IF NECESSARY

Chicago, March 12.—Jimmy Callahan, proprietor of the Logan Square Baseball Club, says that Ty Cobb, of Detroit, champion batsman of the American League in 1907, will play with his team this summer.

"I have been corresponding with Cobb," said Callahan today, "and have offered him more money to play with me than the Detroit Club has offered for his services. I know it is said that I cannot possibly make good my offer, but I know my business better than any one else does, and have shown Cobb where he can make \$5,000 by playing with my club during the season of 1908."

Will Accept? "Further than this, I have good reason to believe that he will accept my proposition. He has nothing to fear from the National Commission, as he has not signed his 1908 Detroit contract, and if he does not play with the Tigers next summer, he is not likely to be heavily punished should he desire to return to organized baseball the following season. I have submitted my terms to Cobb and will expect answer from him any day."

President Ban Johnson today said that Jack Stahl of the Highlanders and Mike Donlin, of the Giants, both of whom did what Callahan is asking Cobb to do, must be reinstated by the national commission before

ED. KILLIAN



One of the mainstays of Jennings' Tiger camp is Eddie Killian, the clever rubber artist, who last year performed better than he has in years. This season Killian expects to prove better than ever, and if training-season form counts for anything, he would seem to have an excellent chance of doing so.

THE TURF.

Winners Yesterday.

At New Orleans—Annie McGee 8 to 5, Wausau 4 to 1, King's Daughter 6 to 5, Pinkola 18 to 5, Roxane 7 to 2, Ed Kane 7 to 1, the Thron 2 to 1, At Los Angeles—Harcourt 2 to 1, Live Oak 8 to 1, Toller 7 to 2, Silverskin 8 to 1, Perry Wickes 12 to 1, Daruma 13 to 5.

At Oakland—Slavey 3 to 2, Seattle 6 to 1, The Mist 9 to 1, Big Bow 16 to 5, Taint 9 to 1, Marion Casey 11 to 1.

they will be allowed to play in the championship season. This decision was reached by the members of the commission at the meeting held in New York. It is expected, however, that both players will be given a clean ticket.

The New York National claim it is not necessary to bring Donlin's case before the commission as he is not a contract-jumper, having decided to lay off for a season to allow his ankle a chance to heal. The Stahl case is somewhat different. Jake was sold to the Chicago Club in 1907 after he had been on the market for some time. Stahl refused to play with Chicago, and he was traded to Boston, and then sold to New York. The commission will decide whether or not he had a right to refuse to play with Chicago.

Same Umpires.

President Johnson also announced that all of last year's umpires have been secured for the coming season in the American League, with the exception that John Egan will succeed Jack Stafford. This makes the complete list Tim Hurst, Billy Connelley, Jack Sheridan, Tommy Egan, Billy Evans, and John Egan. Egan worked last year in the American League when Evans was injured at St. Louis by a pop bottle, thrown from the grandstand.

UMPIRE JACK EGAN BACK IN HARNESS

Chicago, March 12.—John J. Egan will take the place of Umpire Stafford in the American League this season, according to President Ban Johnson, who returned to the city yesterday. His co-workers will be the balance of last season's list. Timothy Hurst, "Silk" O'Laughlin, Jack Sheridan, and William Evans.

GREAT YOUNG SKATER

Of all the great speed skaters, Edmund Lamy, who is only seventeen years old, stands out prominently as one of the fleetest racers who ever competed on the ice. During the winter he has won race after race against skaters many years his senior, and he comes close to being the world's amateur skating champion.

TORONTO PROS REFUSE REQUEST

Montreal, March 12.—The Wanderers asked the Toronto Professionals to play them a sudden-death game, so the Wanderers could leave the city on the extended trip they have arranged on Sunday, but the Toronto would not hear of it, and insisted on playing both on the 14th and 16th. They also wired today, proposing Mr. Percy Quinn as referee, and intimating that if Mr. Quinn does not prove satisfactory that the Wanderers suggest someone who might prove satisfactory to both parties. When asked what they intended to do, Mr. Gales, the secretary of the Wanderers, said, "We can't take this matter up till we get through with the first series of Stanley Cup games."

"We are sorry," he continued, "that the Toronto insist on the second game, for we would have liked if we won from the Maple Leafs to have left the city on Sunday. We have an extended trip arranged, which will include trips to Cleveland, Buffalo, New York, Pittsburgh, Niagara Falls. However, if necessary, we can leave after the second Toronto game."

LINE FROM BURNS

World's Champion Boxer Will Be "Home" Next Month.

"I will start for old Canada again in April, I hope, with the world's championship still in my possession, and will be in Quebec during the Old Boys' reunion," writes Tommy Burns, the champion boxer of the world, to Mr. G. L. Higgins, of Guelph.

The letter was written from "Jack Straw's Castle," Hampstead, where Tommy is training for his battle next Tuesday with Jim Roche, the champion Irishman. He is training, he says, as thoroughly as he has ever trained before, and after the battle will return to the American side to meet any boxer of any nationality or color, at any time, for the world's championship honors.

TORONTO BALL TEAM COMPLETE

Bill Phyle Will Be Sold or Traded—Failed To Keep in Shape.

Toronto, March 12.—The Toronto baseball team is complete now that the deal for the purchase of Third-baseman "Jimmy" Cockman, from the Newark team, has been completed.

Last night President McCaffrey received a telegram from Manager George Stallings, of Newark, accepting the terms of the Toronto Club for the purchase outright of the good third-sacker. Several clubs were after the services of Cockman, but the local management outbid the others and got the man.

Cockman has expressed a desire to play with Toronto, and will be a valuable man with a team which will be fighting for the pennant from the drop of the hat. He has always been regarded as one of the best players of the position in the circuit and played fine ball under discouraging conditions last season. He was ill and unable to do himself justice.

Is a Canadian.

Cockman is a Canadian, as everybody knows, and once before played for the Toronto Club, but that was before he gained the experience he now has. The acquisition of Cockman completes the regular team as follows:

First base—Kelley. Second base—Schaffly. Third base—Cockman. Right field—Grimshaw. Center field—Gettman. Left field—Mertes.

Bill Phyle will be sold or traded as soon as possible. His failure to keep in condition last season interfered with his usefulness, and the team was without his services much of the time. In condition he will make a valuable man for any class A team, and he will doubtless be sold for a good figure.

JEM DRISCOLL TO MEET ATTELL

The Englishman Signs Up To Meet Shifty Abe For the World's Championship.

New York, March 12.—After much trouble, Jem Driscoll, the crack English featherweight, has been finally induced to come to this country and fight Abe Attell for the featherweight championship of the world. Jack Gleason, of San Francisco, secured the Englishman's consent to the bout by offering him a guarantee of \$1,500 with expenses for his end whether he won, lost or boxed a draw.

As soon as Gleason received Driscoll's acceptance he hunted up Attell, who lost no time in affixing his signature to the articles of agreement. They will fight at the featherweight limit, 122 pounds, weigh in at the ringside.

Likely Looking. Driscoll is a pretty likely looking lad and is well backed by Wales, his native land. He has proved his right to the title of English champion. Only Attell stands between him and the world's honors. The English and Welsh say he is no such lemon as the heavyweight bunch that has been meeting American fighters recently.

HOCKEY.

A fast and interesting game of hockey was played at the St. Michael's street rink, between the Shamrocks and the Dreadnaughts, of this city, resulting in favor of the Shamrocks by a score of 3 to 2. The teams lined up as follows:

Shamrocks—C. Patten, goal; J. Hoy, point; Jack Hoy, cover; C. Mockler, rover; L. Gillies, center; H. Fitzmaurice, right wing; J. McLaren, left wing. Dreadnaughts—W. Backus, goal; F. Currier, point; St. Lawrence, cover; F. Storey, rover; H. Cruickshank, center; A. Smith, right wing; W. Ayers, left wing.

BOWLING. Charlie Cox's wild and woolly Bronchos bumped into the Y. M. C. A. trundlers last night and drew a body beating for their pains.

The "Y" boys were up on the bit at all stages, and although they lost one of the three games they went under the wire 44 points to the good. General Cox is now thinking of invading the camp of the "Tiser trundlers" by way of revenge. He himself rolled high score with 201, and Turner aggregate with 487.

Smith was the best trundler for the winners, having a total of 462. Russell, erstwhile "king pin" at the "Y" performed away off form and gathered together the greatest lot of splits ever seen on local alleys.

Summary:

Turner	180	146	161	—	487
Kennedy	108	108	129	—	345
Hammond	135	144	182	—	461
Berry	112	126	97	—	335
Cox (Captain)	121	147	201	—	469
	646	671	770	—	2987

Russell
 116 | 146 | 136 | — | 398 |

Deshaw
 151 | 142 | 164 | — | 457 |

Prebble
 139 | 133 | 125 | — | 397 |

Weeks
 122 | 134 | 160 | — | 416 |

Smith
 152 | 153 | 152 | — | 457 |

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Glints From the Diamond

Jimmy Bell only winked when asked whether the City League would play at Tecumseh Park on odd Saturday's the coming season or not. "I see they are going to have a grandstand in the East End," he said. All of which suggests that when Jimmy don't want to talk he doesn't say anything.

Tim Hurst insists that the only way to shorten the games is to try seven innings.

George Brown says that he intends to bat over .300 for Boston this year—just to spite McGraw.

The fair daughters of Chicago are indignant because handsome Nick Altrock selected a Cincinnati miss as his better half.

The fact that their brothers are famous is not good enough recommendation to secure a trial in the big league for Martin Walsh and Ipa Plank.

Some of the interviews credited to Rudolph Unholz last week make him look like a college graduate instead of second cook on a tramp steamer.

Joe Cantillon won't have much weeding to do after his Senators finish training at Galveston. It looks pretty certain now about the makeup of the team.

Umpire Jack Sheridan has made another of his few public mistakes. He says: "Rube Waddell is still one of the greatest twirlers that ever hurled a ball."

This brotherly love stunt has cropped out again. Jack Sullivan insists that Stanley Ketchell give him a chance, so he can avenge the defeat of his brother Mike.

Jimmy McAleer hasn't had a bot of trouble with Rube Waddell up to date. Evidently the water at French Lick Springs is having the desired effect on George Edward.

The Naps are getting down to systematic work at Macon. Lajoie is

busy with his men and hasn't found anything to worry about as yet and won't until the season opens.

The fans are pleased that no rule was adopted forbidding players not in the game from coaching. Such action would have prevented Hughie Jennings from springing his new war cry.

Bill Dahlen, the former Giant, has announced that Chicago will not win the pennant this year. Bill evidently can't forget some of the trimmings handed to him when with New York.

Eddie Plank and his threats to peddle milk during the summer finally won over Connie Mack, and he got the desired raise. Plank is a farmer and owns a big milk route in Philly. Here's a tip to Ty Cobb.

Billy McCarney has practically clinched a match between Johnny Summers and George Decker for the West End Club of Philadelphia next Monday night. Both boxers are big favorites in the Quaker town, and the go should draw well.

Recently Evangelist Billy Sunday was compelled to ask for police protection to escort him from his hotel to the church where he has been holding services in Decatur, Ill. Billy can now sympathize with the umpires he has seen under similar escort.

If a rule had been passed compelling the umpires to roll the balls before delivering them to the pitcher, it's a cinch, Tim Hurst would have hired a valet to do the dirty work. Can you imagine Tim stooping and rubbing the new spheres on the green grass?

The nineteen regulars who are marked for the jobs on paper for Boston are: Catchers, Bowerman, George Graham of Minneapolis, and Ball; pitchers, Young, Pfeffer, Dornier, Boutles, Ferguson, Linderman and Flaherty; McGann, first base; Ritchey, second base; Kratz, third base; Dahlen, shortstop; Kelley, Beaumont, Browne, Bates and Hoffman, outfielders.

JEFF REFUSES TO MEET JOHNSON

No Purse Is Big Enough To Tempt Champion Into Ring Again.

Los Angeles, March 12.—Promise of a purse of \$35,000 for his appearance in the ring Labor Day in a long-distance battle with Jack Jackson, will pass unheeded, declared Champion Jim Jeffries last night.

The big fellow had partially considered an offer from Tex Ricard to tackle the negro heavyweight at Ravendale, Nev., a new mining camp, and the well-known promoter had arrived at the conclusion that Jeff would sign articles for the mill. The dream was given a rough jolt, when the alfalfa farmer-champion refused point blank to do the mitts for a purse of any size.

Fight fans here have about given up hope of ever again witnessing the champion in action. He had nothing to lose in meeting Johnson, it is figured, and the Ravendale promoters had agreed to give him the greater part of the purse, no matter what the decision.

STAFFORD WANTS TO KNOW.

Stratford Herald: By the way, wonder how that exhibition game between London intermediates (would-be world-beaters) and the Stratford Midgets, champions of the O. H. A., is panning out. Have the managers of the two teams buried the idea. If so, why so? Stratford sports would like to see that London Septet travel in harness. They have established a name around these here diggings. Let them live up to it.

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High Jennings is being boomed for a position as one of Detroit's assistant corporation counsel.

Fred Badel has signed with Johnstown in the Tri-State League. Badel is one of the most peculiar ball players in the country. He is a hunchback and is known as "Humpy." Badel played with Warren, O., several years ago and then jumped to the outlaws. In spite of his hump he is much faster on his feet than the average player and can hit hard.

Brooklyn wants a winning ball club. President Ebbets says that he is in earnest when he offers \$10,000 for Artie Hoffman, the Cubs' utility man. He would give that sum and a bonus of \$500 for any other ball player of

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The Chicago White Sox fared better at the hands of the Oakland team yesterday than they did with the Los Angeles team the day before. The Sox found the ball early and often, and made a score of 13 to 6. George Davis pounded out two home runs, and Frank Smith made one hit over the left field fence that counted for a home run. The Oakland team did not seem to be in much better shape than the Sox from the way they handled themselves. The weather was hot and the Chicago men got their first real good workout for it was July weather and the thermometer registered 80 in the shade.

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