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OLYMPIC TEAM SUGGESTIONS.

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Frank Chance Is Said to be Hopelessly Crippled—George Beatty Won a Cup at Brampton Shoot.

Montreal, March 19.—The articles of agreement between the Amateur Athletic Federation and the American Athletic Union were ratified at a special meeting of the federation held here last night. Leslie H. Boyd, president of the M. A. A. U., was elected a governor to sit on the board of the A. A. U., and three delegates were appointed. Discussion in regard to applications for registration cards occupied the greater part of the meeting. The meeting was held privately, but it was afterwards hinted that unless more particulars are forwarded cards may be refused to a number of applicants from Ontario who wish to compete in the Olympic trials here in June. A committee was appointed to take charge of the arrangements for the trials. The registration matter will come up again on March 27.

OLYMPIC TRIALS.

The trial meets for the Olympic games have been arranged by the C. A. A. U. and Federation, which are apparently now working together. These are the dates:

March 20, 21—Olympic trial wrestling at Central Y. M. C. A., this city.

April 3—R. C. B. C. indoor meet, Riverdale rink.

April 3—Preliminary Olympic fencing at Central Y. M. C. A.

April 4—Final Olympic fencing at Central Y. M. C. A.

April 9, 10, 11—Olympic benefit meet at St. Lawrence market.

April 16, 17, 18—City boxing tournament.

April 25—Garrison athletic meet.

May 1 and 2—Ontario Olympic swimming at Central Y. M. C. A.

May 7 and 8—Final Olympic swimming at Montreal A. A.

British Columbia will hold their outdoor Olympic athletic trials the latter part of April.

Sunderland has secured a C. A. A. U. sanction for games on July 1 and Georgetown for August 2.

OLYMPIC SUGGESTIONS.

From Toronto Mail and Empire: A gentleman who has given the subject careful consideration, expressed yesterday these views on the duties of the Canadian committee in the selection of a team to represent this country at the Olympic games. There is much in his contention that money should not be foolishly spent in sending athletes who would not worthily represent Canada against the cracks of other countries. This is what the gentleman referred to says:

"Now that the Canadian Olympic Committee has been formed and has got down to business, every Canadian is interested in the formation of the team that will represent Canada at the great Olympic championship games at London this coming summer. The committee

have a most pretentious programme mapped out, and state that it is their intention to raise sufficient funds to send about eighty athletes across the pond to represent this country, and to compete for championships against the pick of the world's athletes. This committee have already raised some \$17,000, consisting of a grant from the Dominion Government of \$15,000, and one from the Ontario Legislative of \$2,000. This means that there is still about \$23,000 to be raised to fill the coffers of the committee who are to pay the bills incurred by the team. What Canadians are interested in is the composition of the team, and what chances the men have against the representative athletes of other nations, and if such a large expenditure is warranted, or whether it will merely provide a pleasure trip for a number of men who have been prominent in sporting matters.

"The first thing that makes a man who takes any interest in Canadian athletics wonder, is, where this committee are going to get the 80 athletes it is proposed to send. Are they going to run a series of games, and let the winners of these games go as representatives, paying no attention to their performance or the time? or are they going to set a standard that will be required to equal before any man becomes eligible for membership? If this latter course is followed, and that is the only logical one, there is a mighty little chance of any thing like eighty athletes being secured in this country who are fit representatives of the Maple Leaf against the world's best. This opinion is not expressed by a knocker or one who wants to disparage the ability of the amateur athletes, but it is a fact that must be faced by every person who takes an honest view of the facts, and compares the performances of the Canadians with the performances of other men of the day who will be representing other countries at the Olympic games.

"The prediction is made that with the possible exception of Kerr in the sprints, there is no chance of Canada winning a single track event outside of the Marathon. Kerr has been a consistent performer, holds a record of 9:4.5 for the 100, and about 22 flat for the 220 yards race. These records make him a dangerous man in any company, and a capable representative, and one whom the country may be proud of. But when we think of Billy Schabas, Lawson, Robertson, Dan Kelly, the record holder at 9:3.5; Eaton Moulton, who ran second in the 100 metres at Athens in 1906, and Nigel Barker, the Australian, who has turned off hundreds consistently in 9:4.5, we realize how good Kerr must be to bring any credit to this country. These men are all crack 220 yards men, and most of them have beaten 22 flat, which is Kerr's best time. We have no really been pushed at this distance, which is probably his best. We have no men in the country who are fit representatives for the quarter mile, the half mile and the mile. Lightbody, of Chicago; Harry Hillman, Guy Haskins, Melvin Shepherd, and the wonderful colored runner Taylor, all Americans, men who can run the quarter mile in about 4:20 and the half in 1:56, while Taylor has made the quarter in 48 flat. Paul Pilgrim, who won

the quarter and half mile races at Athens, is a member of the American team, and a wonderful runner. With this lot of runners the quarter, half and mile races are conceded to the American team. Then the three and five mile races will have some grand athletes. Fred Bellars, the nineteen-year-old member of the New York Athletic Club, who has been winning races against the pick of the five-mile runners indoors in 26 minutes flat; George Bonhag, who was only good enough to get fifth at Athens, and Guy Haskins are the pick of the Americans.

"Canadians generally are good sports, but before a lot of money is collected is the time to ask how it is going to be spent. It would be much better to send Longboat, Coley, Kerr, Lou Scholes and one or two others of known ability who have repeatedly shown they have class, than to send a big team with a big noise and bring home possibly two or three events attached to them.

"It may be that a soccer football team will be sent. That would be carrying coals to Newcastle. It might be that a lacrosse team could be sent, and if a pure amateur team of undoubted strength could be gathered together, it ought to be sent, for it is Canada's national game. But even with a team of fifteen lacrosseists, not more than 25 men could be sent from this country who would be considered as men who could be the pick of the world's athletes. This article is not written in a mean spirit, nor is it intended to discourage any athletes, but it is simply meant to show the folly of sending a great big team of second or third-raters, who will have no earthly show when it comes to beating world's champions."

A QUEEN'S CUP

Was Won at Brampton by George Beatty.

Brampton, March 19.—The Brampton Gun Club yesterday concluded one of the most successful trap shooting tournaments ever held in the Province of Ontario. Prominent shooters were in attendance from Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Guelph, and other points. Among the participants was H. H. Stevens, of Bridgeport, Conn., who shot through the entire programme, tying for high average, and who also assisted in running the cashier's office. High average for both days was won by Jas. E. Jennings, of Toronto; he scored 258 out of 290 targets. The Queen's Hotel Cup was won by George Beatty, of Hamilton, who broke 23 out of 25. The five-man team race was won by the Stanley Gun Club, of Toronto, who scored 40 out of 50, the Parkdale Gun Club, of Toronto, being a close second with 39.

JUDGES APPOINTED.

C. Y. Ford and Mrs. Wylie to Score at Local Dog Show.

The Hamilton Kennel Club has arranged a very liberal classification for its forthcoming show on April 10th and 11th, 1908. Fifty-one breeds, covered by 308 classes have been provided for; a large number of specials have been donated by citizen fanciers, and the club will supplement these, so that practically every breed will be provided for in the way of specials. A valuable cup will be offered for the best dog or bitch of any breed owned by a member of the Hamilton Kennel Club, for which any intending exhibitor can compete by becoming a club member, and other cups will be offered for the best specimen in various breeds.

C. Y. Ford, of Kingston, the well-known judge at the leading Canadian and American shows, will handle all classes, except perhaps toys, as the committee is making an effort to se-

A Cricket Boom In Brantford This Season.

Brantford, March 19.—Owing to the large number of players applying for playing membership in the Brantford Cricket Club this season the club will be divided into four teams, to compose a city League. The teams will be: Bankers and Business Men, Sons of England, Dufferin Rifles and St. John's Church.

In addition to these teams Brantford will have a team picked from the City League in the Western Ontario Cricket League. The following officers have been elected and will manage cricket played in the Telephone City this season: Hon.

President, Mr. Ralph H. Revell; Hon. Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., Mr. T. H. Preston, M. P., Dr. Ralph H. Palmer, Rev. Robert Ashton, Mr. H. F. Gardner, Mr. A. Dr. Alfred J. Henwood, Mr. W. S. Brewster, Mr. Lloyd Harris, Mr. Samuel Siddals, Mr. W. C. Boddy, Col. E. C. Ashton, Mr. T. Wood-yatt, Mr. W. B. Wood, Mr. Douglas T. Revell, Mr. Harry Cockshutt, Mr. S. F. Passmore, Mr. S. F. Whitman; Past President, Mr. W. Irwin; President, Mr. T. Chamberlain; Vice-President, Mr. G. Whitwell; Treasurer, Mr. James A. Coch-rane; Secretary, J. F. Van-Lane, 212 Brant avenue.

Just Let the Rooters Root.

To root or not to root, that is the question. The time has come when we must trim to suit. The passing taste, with notions of its own. Shall we sit calmly down with folded hands? And seal our face when some one makes a hit? Are we supposed to frown when raving bugs? Are moved to throw some ginger in the game? Shall we hold back the billingsgate we'd throw? When the umpire forgets the job he's on? We fellows who put up the price to see the game for which we're prone to pay the price. Shall we refrain from hollering out loud? When some one makes the run that brings it home?

We want to know, forsooth we want to know. What constitutes the etiquette of this. Our baseball manners may be up a tree. But we want to be right. Go broke on that. We stood for all the cowbells and the horns. And innocently supposed that we were right. The organized hysterics sounded good. But now, we understand, they don't belong. The line of least resistance has gone broke. The playful wheeze falls on reluctant ears. We want to know, again we want to know. Must we approach the game with padded feet? Must we regard it as a sacred thing? And simply pay and look while it is on? —Chicago Tribune.

Chance the veterans of the team declare the Cubs' chances of winning the championship again are slender. In the opening game of the practice season Chance injured his left foot, bringing back an old ailment. Trainer Simmons, after a careful examination, told Chance his only hope was to submit to an operation. The injury was sustained in a game in the middle of last season. In running bases Chance twisted his left foot, and the ligaments between the fourth and the little toe were torn, and the bones separated. He kept playing until natural cure was impossible, and finally the pain forced him to quit the game. During the winter he was treated at Battle Creek.

BOWLING BASKETBALL.

Championship of Canada Will be Played For Here.

The ladies' basketball championship of Canada will be played for here at the Alexandra Rink on Wednesday, March 25th, between the Toronto Young Women's Christian Guild and the Hamilton Young Women's Christian Association. The Toronto team have been winning everything for the last few years, but now the Hamilton young ladies are being coached by some of the Y. M. C. A.'s best players and they think they can turn the trick and defeat the victors. The ladies will play in their gymnasium costume, so that they can have full scope of their playing powers. The lineup of the Hamilton team will be especially strong, comprising five of the best players taken from the two teams which played such a brilliant game last Friday at the ladies' night entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The reserved seat plan opened at Northumberland, 18 King street west, to-day, and already a number of seats have been taken.

CHANCE'S CASE IS HOPELESS.

Vicksburg, Miss., March 19.—Frank Chance, leader of the world's champions, may never play ball again. Chance, crippled and helpless as far as playing ball is concerned, left for Chicago yesterday afternoon to submit to an operation that may or may not prolong his days in baseball. The Chicago club is blue. Without

AFTERMATH OF DUBLIN FIGHT.

Dick Croker Disgusted With Roche's Showing.

O, I met with Napper Tandy an' he tuk me by the hand. Sez he, "How is old Ireland and how does she stand?" "It's the most distressful country that ever you did know. "For Wexford's pride went down and out at Tommy's single blow."

One New York paper fixes up its cable story to say that at the sound of the gong the men started towards each other, and it was easy to see that the sluggish Irishman was no match for the clever American in either speed or strength. Roche was the taller and heavier of the two, but Burns began to dance in and out, looking for an opening, and trying to draw his opponent into a lead. Roche pawed at Burns' arms and then placed his hands in front of his face, whereas Burns ceased his dancing and began to peer at his opponent with an inspecting look. The American was watching for an opening, but Roche kept his hands in front of his face, and Burns assumed a pensive attitude, as if he were waiting to see what his antagonist's intentions were. The seconds were rapidly ticking off, and not a blow had been struck. The spectators were silent and expectant.

At this juncture Billy O'Neill, one of Burns' seconds, inadvertently mentioned that the \$7,000 that Burns was trying to bet on himself had been placed. Burns assumed an interested look, and began to peer more attentively at Roche for an opening. Neil was in a talkative mood, and supplemented his remark with the assertion that although the money had been placed it had been necessary to give big odds in order to get anybody to bet on Roche.

Burns picked up his ears at this and when Neil declared that he had also made some stipulation about a very quick knockout the American fighter became wide awake.

He swept Roche with a quick business-like look, and suddenly feinted with his left. Roche almost threw a fit at the sudden movement, and as he dropped his guard to stop the threatened blow, Burns foisted him on the jaw with his left. Then Roche began to fall. He shot out sideways and struck the canvas floor a glancing blow, then slid along on his side and finally came to a stop, face downward, in the corner of the ring. It all happened so suddenly that it took the audience several seconds to appreciate the fact that Roche was knocked out. And the spectators began to file out of the building.

It was reported that Dick Croker had backed Roche in fancy odds offered by admirers of Burns. He left his box while Roche was still on the floor, and walked out of the theatre, paying no heed to the salvo of cheers that greeted the winner. Croker had distinguished neighbors as he watched the downfall of the Irish champion—Lord Londale, Lord Drogheda, Lord Graham, Major Eustace Leder, J. B. Joel, Captain Greer and many other soldiers and politicians of prominence.

Professional and experienced amateurs did not doubt that Burns would win, says a New York special, but they hoped for plenty of fun. The bulk of the Irishmen, on the other hand, would not hear a word against Roche and they liberally backed their patriotic confidence. They believed Roche would hold Burns for about six rounds, and then knock him out. Their disillusionment

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

There promises to be good basketball played at the Collegiate gymnasium to-morrow night, when the College boys will play Woolstock College. In the preliminary games the second Collegiate team will go up against Dundas High School. At half time and between games there will be fencing, gymnastics, etc. The line-up for the French will be: Dixon, Wright, Burrow, Simpson, Thompson.

Bobby Kerr, Canada's greatest sprinter, will be a star at the next Toronto R. C. B. C. carnival, April 3.

All Shrubb refuses to run Johnson 30 miles, but agrees to take him on at 20, on condition that they also run at 3, 5, 10 and 15 miles. The winner of the race to take \$5,000 side bet. Johnson's proposition to Shrubb was to run 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 miles, or a level 25 miles for £1,000.

Writing to Secretary W. A. Hewitt, of the O. H. A., Secretary George S. Power, of the London Hockey Club, says: "We intend being in the ring next year with a stronger team than ever and we would not ask any better treatment from you than we received in the past season."

London, March 18.—The final game for the ice hockey championship was played to-day, and was won by the Prince's Club team, who defeated the Oxford Canadians by 7 goals to 2.

New York, March 19.—Willie Hoppe and Geo. Slosson, the local billiard experts, played excellently in their respective games of 182 ball line here last night. Hoppe played against a Canadian, Schaefer, of Chicago, and ran up a game of 400 points to Schaefer's 105 in ten innings. Hoppe's highest runs were 156, 87 and 78, while Schaefer's best inning netted him 57. Hoppe's average was 40 and Schaefer's 16.5. The French expert, Chasagnol, played Geo. Slosson in the afternoon. Slosson won by a score of 300 to 250.

Ted Geroux, who kept goal for Cornwall this winter, and George Duranti, a home fielder, have been signed by the National Lacrosse Club. Both players were members of the National lacrosse team of Ottawa, runners-up in the Intermediate N. L. U. last year.

The Spectator's "All Star" (?) indoor baseball team was defeated yesterday afternoon by the retail grocers' nine by a score of 34 to 14. Geo. Cann's pitching was the feature of the game, and the Spectators dubbed him the "Cann-De-Man." Semmens was behind the bat for the grocers. The Spectator battery was Lithgow and Austin.

It is proposed to limit engagements on the staff of Toronto public schools to women under thirty years of age.

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Mr. Tommy Burns, A feint, a right, Then all was over; Roche felt "Good night."

Perhaps Roche is the Jem of the ocean.

It is a pity that Hamilton will not be better represented in the Olympic wrestling trials at Toronto. Only two local mat artists are entered—E. Sterling and J. Jamieson. The latter will wear the colors of the Twentieth Century Club.

Mr. Walter Thompson, of the Hamilton Bowling Club, says there is no foundation for the statement made in a local paper last night that the H. B. C. is very much dissatisfied with the treatment received from the C. B. A. in connection with the recent tournament.

If Tommy Burns can write as well as he can fight his books will soon be in as much demand as Bobby Burns' works.

Burns simply "hooked" a sucker.

It's no use talking. Burns is the Hanlan of the pugilistic world. He takes them all on as they come, hands them a punch and it is all over. It's like the old days when Hanlan was sweeping everything before him and doing it so easily that folks wondered how fast he could go if he had to. Of course Burns is accused of harvesting the lemon crop, and there may be some truth in the charge. But even at that you must admit he's one of the best harvest hands you ever saw. He does his work so neat and nice, you know.

Just before Stanley Ketchel went into the ring at Fricco and beat Mike (Twin) Sullivan, and while he was lying on a

cot in the dressing room waiting to be called into the ring, a messenger boy handed him a telegram.

The youngster read the wire, folded it up neatly and kissed it, while big tears glistened in both eyes.

"What's the matter—bad news?" asked a friend.

"Sore," sobbed Ketchel. "Just a message from mother in Grand Rapids wishing me good luck."

So, somewhere in this big, husky, dashing fighting machine, there's a good broad streak of tenderness and love.

Chancer Elliott will not be in baseball this season. He owns the Oswego franchise, where he won the pennant last year. He looked over the Ontario ball towns before the International League was proposed early in the winter, and came to the conclusion that it was "not ready." "Knotty" Lee thinks that a mistake was made when Woodstock and St. Thomas were not included in the new international circuit.

Graney, the St. Thomas pitcher, with Cleveland, was the victim of a peculiar accident the other day at Macon, Ga. He and several others were in Trainer Payne's room when "Nig" Clarke's stocking fell out of the window. Graney leaned out and seeing a colored man standing below told him to place a hunk of coal in the stocking and throw it up. "Rastus" was obliging, and taking a chunk as big as his fist shot the thing up. His control was excellent, but unfortunately for Graney the coal and stocking parted company on the way and the coal reached him three seconds in advance and struck him on the upper lip. Consequently he had to have a doctor patch up the gash, which went through the lip. He will make his meals on soup for several days and then may have to grow a moustache to hide the scar.

The Rev. W. W. Hough, who has just been appointed a canon of Southwark Cathedral, was in his day President of the Cambridge University A. C., and a notable runner. He won the three-mile race in 1880, 1882 and 1883. In the former year he beat the Oxford champion, the well-known actor, Mr. F. R. Benson, but in 1881 Benson turned the tables.

Athletes at the College of Pennsylvania.

