

Latest News From Far and Near

Y. M. C. A. Basketball Schedule For Winter Season Arranged

The schedule for the intermediate basketball at the Y. M. C. A. has been arranged. Twenty-four games will be played, and two contests will be held each evening.

Jan. 6-6:30 p.m., Growlers vs. Beavers; 7:00, Tigers vs. Shamrocks.
Jan. 13-6:30 p.m., Tigers vs. Growlers; 7:00 p.m., Shamrocks vs. Beavers.
Jan. 20-6:30 p.m., Beavers vs. Tigers; 7:00 p.m., Growlers vs. Shamrocks.
Feb. 3-6:30, Tigers vs. Shamrocks; 7:00, Growlers vs. Beavers.
Feb. 10-6:30, Shamrocks vs. Beavers; 7:00, Tigers vs. Growlers.
Feb. 17-6:30, Growlers vs. Shamrocks; 7:00, Beavers vs. Tigers.
Mar. 2-6:30, Shamrocks vs. Beavers; 7:00, Tigers vs. Growlers.
Mar. 9-6:30, Beavers vs. Tigers; 7:00, Growlers vs. Shamrocks.
Mar. 16-6:30, Tigers vs. Shamrocks; 7:00, Growlers vs. Beavers.
Mar. 23-6:30, Shamrocks vs. Beavers; 7:00, Tigers vs. Growlers.
Mar. 30-6:30, Growlers vs. Shamrocks; 7:00, Beavers vs. Tigers.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BY SOUTHPAW

EVERYBODY WILL BE HEADED FOR THE Princess Ice Palace tonight. The locals may sizzle the Pan-Drieds, and they may not, but the loyal London rosters will be on hand, nevertheless, to root for a home victory.

ALL THE CITY LEAGUE HOCKEY TEAMS have sent in forfeits and entrance money, and the secretaries have all been provided with contract blanks.

Secretaries are requested to send in filled-out contracts before Saturday night in order that membership tickets may be issued.

There is every reason to believe that the season of 1908 will be the most successful in the history of City League hockey.

Of course, there is opposition by way of the O. H. A. games, but this should be offset by the central position of the Princess rink.

ON THE 9TH OF THIS MONTH Laurence Lucas, the well-known local roller-skater, will meet Roy Hardy, champion of Toronto, in a mile match race at the Jubilee rink.

George Crispin has taken Lucas under his wing, and the latter should be in the best of trim on the date of the race.

Lucas is fast at the distance, and Hardy will know he was skating if he wins.

ON THE 24TH OF FEBRUARY two teams of bowlers will be sent from this city to compete in the big tournament at Toronto.

All of which means that if the locals are working in ship-shape form there will be another championship landed for London.

NED HANLAN, THE EX-CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, who was last night "given up" by the doctors in attendance, won his first championship race in Hamilton, on Burlington Bay. That was in 1874, when he was 13 years of age. He repeated the performance at Toronto in the following year, and in 1876 again annexed the title and belt now in his possession. It was in 1876, at the Centennial at Philadelphia, that the meteor first shot across the sculling sky, and at 20 years of age he beat 15 of the picked scullers of the world for what was called the "World's Championship," and at the same time set a new mark for the world for three miles, 21:01.

Hanlan held the championship of Canada from 1877, the championship of America from 1878, the championship of England from 1879, and that of the world from 1880.

AN EXCHANGE SAYS that the Guelph plan of putting a doctor in with the visiting hockey umpire after the latter had awarded a goal to Berlin, and been therefore jabbed in the stomach with the butt end of a stick, shows what a businesslike view they take of things in the professional league, and how readily the opportunity is accepted to improve the rules. The "associate umpire" is right on the spot to see that the regular man makes no decisions likely to cause peevishness among the supporters of the home team. If, however, he should be so reckless as to give a goal for the visitors, why, medical attendance is at hand immediately. Oh, they're eminently practical, these professional leaguers.

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION it has been decided not to limit the number of players to be signed by a City League team. However, a player who has signed with one team will not be at liberty to jump his contract and play with another City League team. The player must first procure his release from the team he signed with before he can play with another.

Last year there was a rule to the effect that a player playing two games could demand his release.

Whether or not this rule will still apply will be determined later.

It is practically certain that the first game will take place Monday night.

McCoy's Ruse Defeated Famous French Savate

Boxing has taken a great hold in France, says Robert Edgren in the New York World. A few years ago the Frenchman thought it a terrible thing to strike a blow with the fist, even when it was covered with a padded glove. Kicking, although ten times as dangerous, was regarded as a gentlemanly accomplishment.

Now Paris has several boxing clubs. Go to-date the English boxers have had a monopoly of the game in that dear Paris. Pat O'Keefe himself owns a large silk banner that proclaims him the champion of France. Frank Erne is just starting as manager of a large boxing club in Paris. Soon the sport will be booming.

Kid Lavigne had a boxing school in Paris for a couple of years, and Frank Erne worked with him for a while, educating the French people up to the fine points of the fist art.

The first American, Kid McCoy was really the first American to show what could be done with the padded fist. The Kid was in Paris a few years ago enjoying himself. At that time there was a great French savate champion. This Frenchman, with gloves on his hands and chamol skin soles on his shoes, had kicked several of the slow English pugilists into a state of unconsciousness. He was a popular champion.

This French promoter, hearing of McCoy's skill with the gloves, offered him a match with the savate expert. McCoy smiled and accepted—for a consideration.

McCoy and the Frenchman met in the ring. The pavilion where the fight was held was packed to the doors. All Paris was there to see an American get the same dose that had been handed out to all English aspirants.

IN THE WIDE WORLD OF SPORT

Well-Written and Breezy Gossip

London and Pan Drieds Clash Tonight In First Game of the O. H. A. Series

Local Seven in Good Shape To Tackle Fast Tillsburg Team.

Goal—Jimmy Reynolds.
Point—Albert Carrothers.
Coverpoint—J. Thompson.
Left Wing—Grant Fetterly.
Right Wing—Jimmy Carrothers.
Center—George Powell.
Rover—Hank Wagner.
Referee—Harry Peel.

The above line-up represents the personnel of the London O. H. A. team which will meet the Tillsburg "Pan-Drieds" tonight at the Princess Ice Palace, in the opening game of the season.

The team will not be as strong as it might be owing to the enforced absence of Capt. Jack Abram.

Some surprise was manifested when it was learned that Jimmy Reynolds had been given the nets in preference to Homer Pearson, Reynolds is a good boy when he is right, but has not shown the steadiness that Pearson has and has not always been as particular about his condition.

Reynolds will play tonight, and Pearson will try his hand at Ingersoll next Tuesday. The man who shows up best will get the place.

Everybody knows what a worker "Crow" Carrothers is at point.

"Hank" Wagner is another hustler of the "get-there" type.

At cover point, Thompson will undoubtedly deliver the goods. Thompson is well known as a city league baseball twirler, and for his clever work on the Woodstock hockey teams. Conservative critics about the city who have seen him perform on the ice say that he is a whirlwind.

Grant Fetterly, while not a world-beater, will very likely do. He has had considerable experience in Cornwall and other places and should know the game.

If Jimmy Carrothers makes up his mind to play hockey and forget some of his old tricks, he will get along all right. If he don't, he should be replaced.

There need be little said about diminutive George Powell. He is aggressive, knows the game, and never loses his head, besides keeping himself in the best of trim.

Peel, as referee, will give satisfaction beyond a doubt. He is impartial and follows the puck in nice style.

The line-up of the visitors is not at hand, but they will certainly put up the best they have.

A good crowd is hoped for at the opening games, for it is by the early season crowds that the success or failure of a season is generally judged.

The ice at the Palace last night was thin, but it will be in shape for tonight.

Here's hoping for a London victory.



EX-WORLD'S CHAMPION SCULLER, EDWARD HANLAN, WHO IS DYING OF PNEUMONIA IN TORONTO.

MIX-UP AT ST. KITTS OVER COLEY ENTRIES FOR HIM FROM TWO CLUBS

Toronto, Jan. 2.—There was a neat little mix-up at St. Kitts Tuesday over Tom Coley's entry in the Martin Electric road race. Coley has been a member of the Toronto Irish-Canadians since June, and a couple of weeks ago when the English boys of St. Kitts formed an athletic club, called the English Athletic Club, he joined, just to be one of the boys. In making their list of entries the English Athletic Club people included Coley's name. His entry also came in in the usual way with the official Irish-Canadian list, but the road race people, wishing to have a local club member win it, took Coley's English Athletic Club entry. Yesterday Mr. F. W. Martin, the referee heard that the mix-up might cause Coley's suspension under a C. A. A. U. rule governing such matters, so he called on C. A. A. U. authorities. They told him that Coley must run in I. C. A. C. colors or be suspended.

Matter Settled.

The whole matter was settled when Coley arrived in St. Catharines from good.

Thorold, where he had been holidaying.

"Who are you going to run for?" he was asked.

"The I. C. A. C. of course," said Coley. "That is my club, why?"

"I thought you were an English Club man," said the official, and he explained the situation.

"Does this look like it?" said the little Hercules, as he opened his grip and showed his jersey with the maple leaf and harp, the I. C. A. C. crest, and the orange and green stripes on his knickers.

The race was a huge success. It was managed in superb style by Referee F. W. Martin, John W. King, C. Donnelly, H. W. Hodgins, John M. Cameron, George A. Tossey. Starter Southcott sent the men away promptly, the course was kept clear by automobiles, and every point was patrolled by about 10,000 people.

The race which was the fifth of its history. The prizes were unusually large.

Rivalry Among Middleweights Five "Huskies" Ready for Battle

Tommy Ryan Talks of Possible Future Opponents in the Ring.

New York, Jan. 1.—There is but one well-balanced and fairly even class in pugilism today, is the statement brought up by Tommy Ryan, one of the leading fighters of the day, in a statement made just before he left for Wisconsin for a hunting trip. The class referred to is the middleweight division. In it, Ryan says, there are four fighters, excepting himself, who are pronounced strong candidates for the title.

Ryan names the men, and gives his reasons for thinking they are powerful battlers. Ryan also says he is ready to fight again when offered a purse.

Ryan talks as follows:

"If the middleweight fighters of the present day can be brought together in a series of fights to decide the ownership of the title I claim to hold, the American people will see some fights the like of which never were witnessed before."

Evenly Balanced.

"The middleweight division today is the only one in the entire pugilistic game that is well and evenly balanced, the only one over which there is constantly hovering some doubt and guesswork."

Just look at the array of high grade fighters that could be thrown into a tournament, and put up dazing, even fights that would send the fighting bugs into spasms of delight. Here is the way I will have to place them:

"Jack (Twinn) Sullivan, one of the greatest fighters that ever lived, and probably the hardest man in the ring to whip. I counsel any of them to keep hands off this ballheaded chap."

"Hugo Kelly, the Chicago Italian, a particularly good and willing fighter, but

one who will have to fight more aggressively to become a real popular idol."

"Billy Pank, the Spring Valley wonder, of whom I have heard much but know little. But he is a great man, and coming so strong that he commands instant attention."

"Billy Ketchell, the young Michigan man, who sprang into such prominence by drawing with and then twice beating Joe Thomas out of the Pacific coast."

"As for Tommy Ryan, you will ask. Well, I'm in the market for a fight. I'm not too old. I'm as good as I ever was, my life has been blameless. I have tried myself out thoroughly and ought to know. Just show me the money and the fighter and I will be ready."

POLE-VAULTER ALLEN TO GO AFTER RECORD

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Claude Allen, the Irish-American great pole vaulter, who wrote the other day saying that he was coming to Toronto to search for work, arrived from Olean, N. Y., at noon today. He is at the Grand Central Hotel.

"I am a member of the Irish-Canadian Athletic Club, and have been since July, when I was here before, and if I can get anything to do here I will stay here and compete for them," said Allen this morning. "I am vaulting 12 feet 3 right along, and this year feel confident of breaking the world's record of 12 feet 5. I have done it in practice."

Additional Sporting on Page Four

SEMI-READY OVERCOAT SALE

The sale that everybody waits for. It has been welcome year after year.

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Shrubb's Press Agent Loose Again Boosts Longboat's Running Now

Says That Longboat's Boston Run Was Most Phenomenal Feat.

At last Alfred Shrubb has commenced to talk rationally about Tom Longboat. Asked by a New York paper what he considered the greatest running feat of the year, he said:

"In my estimation the performance of the Canadian Indian, Tom Longboat, on April 19 last at Boston, was the most remarkable feat I have ever heard of. Personally I did not see the race, but from all laws of average the Indian's time for 25 miles over the road appears to be a superhuman effort. Just think, 25 miles over muddy roads in 2 hours, 24 minutes and 4-5 seconds. That is faster than a horse can go. From my own standpoint, I do not want to vouchsafe any opinion as to what I could do, but I know that the youth from Canada would make me run. I understood that Longboat had been or will be declared a professional."

I would like to meet him from a distance of one mile to fifty.

Guy Haskins Promising.

"Coming to the amateurs, I believe that the performance of Guy Haskins, of the University of Pennsylvania, was the most promising in the amateur ranks because of his performance in the intercollegiate mile run, which he won in 4 minutes, 20-3-5 seconds, and after resting with his running togs on for less than an hour he captured the half-mile run in 1 minute, 57-4-5 seconds."

"I have not seen Taylor, the negro runner of the University of Pennsylvania, run the quarter, but I understand that his best time for the 440 yards is 48-4-5 seconds; but when you consider that there are Englishmen that have done as well on a turf track and that Maxey Long vanquished the best amateurs we had at the distance and established a world's record of 47 seconds flat, where are the runners at? Garrell's time in the hurdles in the intercollegiate meet was wonderful, but inconsequential."

Will Take Matter Up.

Unless the controversy is amicably settled, it is not improbable that the general committee of the London Olympic games will take the matter up. So far, it is stated, only \$100 has been contributed to the fund to pay the expenses of an American team at the games next summer, and the arguments among the present athletes, dozens of whom are seeking the newspapers with their troubles, will not aid in the collection of money for the team.

In the meantime college men are watching the controversy closely, and it is said that preparations are now under way to raise a fund and offer to the American committee a team composed of the strongest college athletes in the country for the London competitions.

They Want Halpin To Shut Up

New York, Jan. 3.—The charges made by Matthew P. Halpin, in his statement giving his side of his controversy with a number of athletes who took part in the Olympic games at Athens, have made the situation more serious than ever. It is said that Ray C. Ewry, the jumper, who is accused by Halpin of professionalism, will be called before the registration committee to show cause why he should not be disqualified on Halpin's charges, and that Halpin will be called upon to substantiate his charges.

Take Part in Circuses.

Halpin states that Ewry has taken part in contests in circuses, and at meets not sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union. The controversy is the main topic of conversation around the athletic clubs, and there seems to be a disposition on the part of many to attempt to bring it to an

and without further publicity, as it is recognized that the trouble about Halpin has reflected seriously on American athletics and athletes.

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President Powers Resents Action Of the Major Ball Leagues

New York, Jan. 3.—Resentment at the action of the National commission, the supreme court of professional baseball, again threatens to disturb the peace of the various leagues.

The National Association of Minor Leagues is stirred from the president to the lowest director of class E over what is termed the presumption of the National commission.

Recently the National commission announced that certain rules had been amended in regard to the drafting of players by the major league from the minors.

Patrick T. Powers, president of the National Association, says that he will not agree to sign any tripartite agreement relating to the proposed changes, as the National commission, according to him, has gone out of its jurisdiction to change rules which it had no right to modify without consulting his association.

Ready to Fight.

"The National agreement," said Mr. Powers, "signed by the National League, the American League and the National Association, says that all amendments shall be mutually agreed upon by representatives of the three bodies. The National Association will submit to nothing which the major

leagues attempt to jam through without reference to the rights of the minor leagues."

"If they are ready to throw the gauntlet down to the minor leagues, let them hear in mind that I am willing to do the same thing right now, and I will have the endorsement of the leagues which are behind me."

Desire to Force Issue.

"More than that, I will say that if the major leagues desire to force issue, the National Association will not refuse to pull out of the National agreement and operate on its own account, regardless of other baseball organizations. I don't say that the National Association desires to do anything of the kind, but we are ready if the worst comes to the worst. Our rights must be respected."

"The board of the National Association will have a meeting next week. We are going to know where we stand. We are going to have our rights confirmed by the two major leagues that are a party to the National agreement with us, or we are going on some other tack. Sooner or later this stand had to be taken, and we might as well settle it as quickly as possible, in order that the exact position of every body shall be known."

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