

BASEBALL, ROWING,
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SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

QUOITING, BOXING,
FOOTBALL, GOLF, CRICKETQUEEN'S PARK RACE ENTRIES
PROMISE FAST SPEEDINGList of Horses for Big Meet Next Week Show Classy Lot Many
Celebrated Trotters, Pacers and Runners Being Slated for
Various Contests.

Apparently nothing has been left undone to make next week's harness races at Queen's Park a big success. The entries are numerous, the horses are classy, the purses generous, and the track in the best of trim for fast going.

The coming meeting is the first one since 1903 to be held here in July, and the innovation seems certain to be productive of the best class of racing, both in harness and under saddle, that has been seen here in years.

The London meet is essentially a harness event, and yet today there are upwards of 30 runners slatted at the London track.

A Classy Event.

A most classy event, and one that will bring together four, and in all probability, five, of the most evenly balanced horses of reputation for gameness and speed, is the 2:15 pace, a \$500 stake race.

There were a large number of entries for this contest, but the management decided to close with five, at the most. First on the list is Annie V. Brins, that game Wingham mare, driven by popular Jack Bromberg, who for successful campaigning stands well up to the top of the list of Canadian reinsmen.

Tony Bars, Billy Hodson's (Montreal) entry, requires but little introduction. "Bars" is touted as one of the best, and his work along the Canadian circuit up to date bears out the statement.

Uri Pearce, of Forest, has been burning up the tracks along the circuit with Black Watch, another entry for the 2:15 pace, and will bear watching.

Another old-time favorite with Canadian circuit patrons is J. B. Wilkes, the Samia horse, who with Bert Moore up, can be depended upon to be somewhere up in the bunch at the wire.

Last, but far from least, comes Wisdom King (2:15½), who defeated both Tony Bars and Black Watch recently at Stratford. Wisdom King is always dangerous, especially when the heats become broken up, and the race is strung out.

Josh Billings says that "King" can reel off miles in 2:16 all afternoon, and he ought to pretty nearly knock.

An Excellent Card.

In looking over the excellent card to be provided, don't pass up the 2:19 pace, scheduled for Tuesday, the opening day.

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STANDING OF THE LEAGUES

EASTERN LEAGUE.				NATIONAL LEAGUE.				AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Buffalo	40	29	.580	Chicago	44	27	.620	Detroit	44	29	.606
Providence	35	30	.538	Pittsburg	42	27	.609	St. Louis	41	30	.580
Baltimore	36	32	.529	New York	40	31	.565	Cleveland	41	32	.563
Newark	37	34	.521	Cincinnati	39	36	.520	Chicago	41	33	.554
Toronto	34	34	.500	Philadelphia	39	33	.545	Philadelphia	38	35	.520
Montreal	34	35	.493	Boston	33	41	.446	Boston	37	40	.484
Rochester	24	35	.406	Brooklyn	27	45	.378	Washington	27	45	.378
Jersey City	27	42	.391	St. Louis	28	48	.368	New York	27	47	.366

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How About a Benefit Game
For the London Ball Players?

For hard luck, the London baseball players take first place in Skidoo Row. When they came here last spring it was with visions of promptly-paid salaries, fairly easy hoeing, and a nice fat nest egg for the cruel winter months.

Today the London players are in need of a benefit, and while today's game with McClary's is somewhat of a game for the reason that the expenses outside of the players' salaries will eat a big hole in the receipts.

Doubtless Bob Edgren, of the New York World, had in mind some of the vicissitudes of International League ball player's life when he penned the following:

Look So Clean.
Being a ball player isn't all beer and skittles. It's easy to sit up in the grandstand and dream about the joys of a ball player's life. They look so clean and sun-browned and well-clothed. And then all they do is play for a living. It must be fun to do nothing but play baseball and live in hotels—what?

But what ball player ever has a home? Holding down a job on a team is one of the most uncertain business propositions in the world. An accident that wouldn't be worth mention.

London for Inter-City League
The Proposal May Be Favored

London for an inter-city semi-professional baseball league.

Such is the proposition of the Brantford Courier, and the idea doesn't look half bad on the face of it.

The Brantford City League management has agreed to allow the two leading teams there to import three players each in order to make the second series of the league race more interesting, and although the Brantforders are looking toward Hamilton for material they could no doubt do better right here in London.

The New League.

Already the fans have commenced to talk about what we should have next season, and the popular opinion is that of "two teams in Hamilton, London, Brantford and Woodstock." A league composed of those teams would give the fans good semi-professional ball, as Hamilton and London will not support professional ball well enough to make it a paying proposition and a league of this kind looks feasible. With

the traveling expenses of the London and Hamilton teams would be a few dollars more than Brantford and Woodstock, but would make every dollar be made to overcome the handicap.

Several Hamilton and London baseball fans have been approached about the scheme and all are agreed that if strict rules were drawn up and enforced the league would be a good one and would go through the season and all clubs could make money.

Record Entry for Tournament
At Niagara-On-the-Lake Tuesday

So far as can be learned but one London rink will compete at the Niagara-on-the-Lake bowling tournament next Tuesday.

The positions of the bowlers has not been decided, but Charley Abbott will probably skip the rink. The other London bowlers are: A. Tillmann, A. Scott and Dr. Claude Brown.

The twentieth annual tournament of the Ontario Bowling Association at Niagara-on-the-Lake is the largest since the inception of the association, there being 75 entries against 56 last year, an increase of 19.

On account of the very large entry the Merchants' Bowling Club, of Niagara have placed their grounds at the disposal of the committee. The greens numbered 13, 14 and 15 are on the Merchants' lawn.

Club Entries.

The following are the number of entries from the different clubs: Canada 9, Niagara 7, Granite 6, St. Catharines 6, Victoria (Toronto) 5, Chisle (Toronto) 5, Parkdale 3, Balmby Beach 3, Hamilton 3, Heather (Brantford) 2, Weston 2, Alexandria 2, Barrie 2, Kew Beach 2, Hamilton Thistle 2, R. C. Y. C. (Toronto) 2, Peterboro 1, Westminster 1, Brantford 1, Bowmanville 1, Stratford 1, Prospect Park 1, Cassar, 2, Grimsby 1, Acton 1, Stouffville 1, London 1, St. Simon's 1, Queen City 1. Total 75.

Yesterday's Scores in the Big Leagues

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Pittsburgh—R. H. E.
Pittsburg..... 6 12 4
Batteries—Witts and Bresnahan; Young and Gibson. Umpires, O'Day and Klein.

At Cincinnati—
Boston..... 4 10 1
Cincinnati..... 5 9 1
Batteries—Dorner and Smith; Ewing and Schiel. Umpire, Rudderham.

At Chicago—
Philadelphia..... 2 10 1
Chicago..... 3 9 0
Eleven innings.
Batteries—Foxen and Doolin; Brown and Moren. Umpire, Johnston.

At St. Louis—
Brooklyn..... 3 9 0
St. Louis..... 2 8 4
Batteries—McIntyre and Bergen; Lush and Ludwig. Umpire, Riegler.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At New York—R. H. E.
Detroit..... 3 8 3
New York..... 2 8 4
Batteries—Willets and Schmidt; Chesbro and Blair. Umpires, Sheridan and Evans.

At Boston—
Cleveland..... 5 9 0
Boston..... 2 5 1
Batteries—Thielman and Bemis; Morgan and Toft.

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

PUZZLE—Who's who in the harness horse game?

A FEW DAYS AGO a well known local horseman informed the writer that he couldn't point out a single horseman who had ever come out of the game with a whole skin.

A DAY OR TWO LATER one of the gentlemen who finance the London year stated that he was away out of the game.

YESTERDAY THE WRITER met Josh Billings, the veteran bookmaker, who is known from coast to coast, and who, as he puts it himself, has been at the game so long that he would starve to death if he had to depend upon any other form of making a livelihood.

"I'M JUST AN EVEN \$1,000 out on the season," was the way Mr. Billings began.

The hardest places to beat, it was explained, were small places like Stratford and Preston, and this year in this season's free-for-all, and it is needless to say that a real race can be looked for.

The Banglalls.

In addition to the harness races, one run will be pulled off each day of the meet. As previously stated there are somewhere around thirty runners quartered at the track, and the management states that more are expected.

Among the banglalls is that veteran of the turf, Crestfallen, formerly owned by Mr. A. K. Brener, now owned by a local man named Burridge. Crestfallen is not all in yet, and won the first race his new owner started him in. Tip Walsh, who rode so successfully for the Morkins, will probably pilot Crestfallen.

Other runners noted at the track were Hindoo Prince (Chatham), The Belle (Windsor), Victoria, Red Top and Uncle Ned.

Although all of the officials have not yet been decided upon, Judge Frank Smith, of Buffalo, one of the squarest and most proficient starters in the business, has been selected as starter.

Mr. Smith can be depended upon to get the horses away in a capable manner, and his selection is most popular.

The programme of the races is as follows:

Tuesday.
2:19 pace, stake, \$500.
2:10 pace, purse, \$400.
½-mile run, \$150.

Wednesday.
2:30 trot, purse, \$400.
2:50 pace, purse, \$400.
½-mile run, purse, \$150.

Thursday.
2:17 pace, purse, \$400.
2:10 pace, stake, \$500.
2:20 trot, purse