

THE STAR'S SPORTING SECTION

Say British Soccer Teams Not Coming

Claims Not Supported by the Official List of Title Holders.

London, March 30.—The all-important need from an Imperial sporting point of view of sending a British soccer team to Canada during the summer season was today discovered impossible.

Ora Jones of Vancouver, who arrived here recently armed with the backing of the Canadian soccer authorities, approached a number of clubs for the purpose of arranging for a tour of the Dominion by a number of English and Scottish players, during which games with local clubs would be held, met with refusal everywhere.

Among the clubs he sought to induce to visit the Dominion were the Newcastle United, Chelsea, Glasgow Rangers, Celtic and both Scottish and English leagues.

The reason given for the refusal is that the teams are only free from play and practice between May 15 and August 15, and that the ten weeks required by the proposed tour would leave too short a period for training before the next season opens.

TENNIS IS POPULAR SPORT IN ENGLAND

Lawn tennis throughout England may be said to have regained its pre-war position, and there is every evidence that the sport will experience a tremendous boom during the coming summer, especially with an American team playing in the Wimbledon championships. Reserved ated tickets for this tournament, which will not begin until June 21, have already been placed upon sale, and so great was the demand that they were allotted in part by ballot.

According to the latest announcements from abroad, it is expected that the tournament will continue for close to two weeks, and will contain events, both men and women, from all the European tennis playing countries as well as the United States, Australia, Japan, and South Africa. Other plans include the revival of the famous London-Paris matches, beginning April 6, and the inauguration of an English professional championship.

Veteran Sculler 35 Years In Game

James C. Rice Began His Competitive Career in 1885—Was Consistent Winner Until 1904—Most Successful Coach.

James C. Rice, coach of the Columbia crew, is one of the most noted oarsmen in the game. The veteran sculler, who hails from Canada, has been connected with rowing in some form or other for 35 years. He began his competitive career in 1885 while still in his teens. From 1885 until 1904 he competed in all the national regattas held in Canada, as well as many in the States, and was a consistent winner.

As early as 1892 Rice took up coaching along with his racing. His first pupils were the members of the Sunnyside Boat Club of Toronto, Canada. In 1893 he went to the Toronto Rowing club and the following year was elected by the Argonaut club, one of the biggest rowing clubs in Canada. He remained with the latter organization four years, during which time he enjoyed unusual success.

In 1898 he received a call from the Brookville club of Ontario. The Detroit Boat Club, one of the most prominent in this country, then secured Rice's services. This was the first American crew the veteran coached. He was with the Detroit outfit until 1904, when he got his first chance to coach an American college navy.

Harvard university was the institution that sent for Rice and in his two years there he succeeded so well that Columbia, seeking a capable man, put its rowing affairs in ships, coached by the veteran Canadian from the Crimson. Rice has been with the New Yorkers ever since.

Among Rice's most notable victories while in competition was his winning of the world's double championship in company with Jake Gaudaur, over Ed. Duran and James Rodgers, two of the greatest scullers of all time, in addition to his coaching activities Rice has trained many champion oarsmen, including Duran.

CHAMPIONS WILL NOT FIGHT THIS YEAR

There is no chance for a world's championship in 1920 between Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier, according to Tex Rickard, one of the foremost bidders for the contest. The French champion probably will not extend his present visit to the United States, Rickard said, and he must return to Paris for a bout scheduled in August.

This is sufficient to prevent his appearance against Dempsey this year, the promoter said, explaining that for the international bout to be a financial success it would have to be held in the open, and as Carpentier will be busy until July he would not have enough time to train before the arrival of cold weather.

Belgium wants to buy \$10,000,000 worth of meat in Canada, if credit can be arranged.

England's Array of Champion Boxers

Charles F. Mathison of the New York Herald says:

The crop of visiting English boxers who hold no titles but who claim championships seems inexhaustible. The last Briton to reach these shores with a claim of stellar honors is Freddie Jacks, and singularly enough the veteran Joe Woodman, who is manager of Jacks, has fallen into the grievous error of declaring that his man is the featherweight champion of England. Jacks is not now and never was the featherweight champion of England, and Woodman should at once eliminate the pretence from his announcements.

Joe Fox was the first to claim the feather title, but he never held any except the bantam championship. Johnny Sheppard laid claim to the lightweight title, and Corporal Bismarck to the middleweight championship. In order to save additional arrivals from the trouble of claiming some title the writer here submits a complete list of the British title holders just as he received it from the British Board of Boxing Control: Flyweight, Jimmy White; bantam, Jim Higgins; featherweight, Mike Honeyman; lightweight, Bob Marrott; welterweight, Johnny Basm; middleweight, Pat O'Keefe; light heavyweight, Boy McCormick; and heavyweight, Joe Beckett. It therefore will be in order for English boxers arriving in this country in the future to consider their claims to matters of skill and strength.

Local Bowling

CHAMPION VULCAN.

The McAvity League came to a close on the Victoria Alleys last night when the Vulcan team defeated the King Street Wholesalers and captured the championship and the Cup which the whole team has held for three seasons.

The two teams rolling off were winners of the first and second series and great interest was manifested in the battle for the Championship. Total pin fall counted and the Vulcans won all three games of the series. They had a majority of 77 pins in the first game, 94 in the second, and 28 last night, making a total majority for the three games of 197 pins.

The following is the individual score of last night's contest:

Vulcan				
Garnet	108	71	105	284
Parlee	79	82	92	253
Bickelstaff	75	100	82	257
Pohay	89	89	85	263
Harrison	83	81	86	250

King St. Wholesalers

Marshall	74	75	85	234
Tritts	90	88	89	267
Henderson	74	73	70	217
Appleby	105	77	96	278
Pohay	87	109	88	284

On the Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys

The Senior League the Riverdale's took all four points from the Directors. Following is the individual score:

Riverdale				
Jenkins	103	109	92	304
L. McGowan	94	79	92	265
Sommerville	89	80	85	254
Willis	88	103	82	273
J. McGowan	93	86	106	285

On the Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys

The City League. In the city league on Black's alleys last night the Thistle's took three points from the Sweeps. Following is the individual score:

Thistles				
Garran	104	94	102	300
Clearly	108	102	89	299
McIntyre	81	106	86	273
McDonald	85	79	90	254
McCurdy	122	95	81	298

On Black's alleys, in the Commercial League last night, Vassie & Company took all four points from the Western Union. Following is the individual score:

Western Union				
Britney	79	73	80	232
Waldron	75	86	82	243
Steeves	70	74	71	215
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On Black's alleys, in the Commercial League last night, Vassie & Company took all four points from the Western Union. Following is the individual score:

Vassie & Company				
Carney	89	86	102	277
Chase	91	82	261	87
Smith	80	89	90	259
Perry	75	90	83	248
Hiley	87	88	87	262

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LOCAL BASEBALL				
Preparations are being made in the city to have the coming baseball season more active than in previous years. Last year saw some very fast and interesting games, but most of them were played between local teams. Endeavors will be made this year to have more teams from Nova Scotia and other towns in the maritime provinces to play against the local boys, and it is anticipated that St. John will see more and better baseball this summer.				

SAYS JOE STETCHER IS NOT THE WORLD'S WRESTLING CHAMPION

There are persons who steadfastly refuse to believe that any wrestling match can be, in the language of Charles "Hardy" Haughton, "on the up and up." The mere mention of a mat championship brings sly winks to the eye and sneering or blunt skepticism to the peasant's lip.

Writes John E. Wray in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. This is the heritage of a tainted game. It probably will be handed down into the third and fourth generations. It explains why even the Joe Stetcher-Bart Caddock championship contest (accounts of which indicate it was an honestly-fought event) is being subjected to innuendo concerning its integrity.

If a mat contest for \$40,000 and the world's championship, one which drew \$80,000 in receipts, failed to tempt wrestlers to play fair, the sport and the world itself would indeed have arrived at a most unfortunate pass. As a matter of fact, the defeat of the former champion seemed to be an outcome entirely justified by the great strength, skill and weight of the victor.

Stecher is legitimate U. S. champion at present, and is likely to remain so.

Zhyzsko or Lewis Next. The only opponent he immediately in view for Stecher is an encounter with either Strangler Lewis, who seems to have slipped backwards, or Zhyzsko. There is also Mark Phedina, who is in the bad graces of the promoters.

Stecher is popularly labelled world's champion, but many have questioned the right of America to arrogate world honors to itself. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with Stecher's success, for only a handful of Europe's wrestlers figured in the elimination matches.

There was when the invasion of European wrestlers sent the Americans scuttling to the bushes where they awaited the departure of the best-known victors. This was especially noteworthy in the case of the "Terrible Turks" who visited the country at intervals.

The original of these was Yousoff, the only one of the "Terrible" American opponents so fast they didn't know what hold he used. Youless took up the bottom of the sea like a plummet, one day, when the vessel carrying him back to Europe, La Burgoyne, sank as the result of a collision. It was reported that the soft was rendered helpless in the Youless by a weighty money belt, he having insisted on taking much of his wealth with him. "The greatest" wrestler that ever visited America!

ATHLETIC STANDING IN THE PROVINCES

A. L. Corey, president of the Maritime Province Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, intends to call a meeting at Sackville or Truro about the middle of April. Delegates from every known organized club in the three provinces will be asked to attend this meeting and it will rest with the decision of these representatives just what policy will be carried out during the coming season. He said he figures Sackville or Truro would be the most central places, and when letters are sent out they will be asked to choose which town they prefer. The majority will decide where the meeting will be held.

With regard to the standing of athletes in the provinces, Mr. Corey said it is the intention to be absolutely fair with everyone. He said that there have been violations this winter by some organized clubs and by teams not representing organized clubs. The sole rule is that they will be out at this meeting, and whatever stand is taken will be rigidly enforced. Regarding reinstating athletes, he said that there seemed to be a feeling among many of the officials that all should be given a clean sheet with an understanding that if they abided by the rules they would be well, but if not they would be debared from amateur ranks for life. He said that this would be one of the most important matters to come before the meeting.

PRINCE OF WALES TO RACE IN CANADA

Seven Two Year Olds from the Windsor Stables in England Expected to Arrive in Canada Next May.

Regina, Sask., March 30.—The Prince of Wales's horthoroughbred race horses probably will compete at Western Canadian tracks next summer, it was learned today. J. Carlyle, manager of the Alberta ranch, which the Prince bought on his tour here last year, has gone eastward to take charge of a string of seven horses, mostly two-year-olds, which are expected to arrive from the Windsor stables in England in May or June.

The animals, which are of purest English stock, are being sent to Canada for breeding purposes, but it is believed that some of them will be entered at the western Canada fair circuits.

TOMMY NOBLE ARRIVES.

Tommy Noble, British featherweight champion, and his wife, were among the passengers of the Lamport and Holt liner Vestris, arriving at New York last Thursday from Liverpool. Noble is seeking a match with Kilbane.

Noble sported a silver headed cane presented to him by the police of London after he got down from a truck when he drove as a British Motor Transport soldier, rescued a policeman from thieves who were beating him.

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The wardrobe has been found to be insufficient for American purposes and Carpentier is rapidly increasing it by visits to Fifth Avenue shops.

62ND REGIMENT

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ATHLETE BREAKS LEG. Washington, March 31.—Robert Legendre, national pentathlon champion and winner of that title in the inter-allied games at Paris, broke a leg yesterday while training, and will not be able to compete in athletic events this season. Legendre, whose home is in Lewiston, Maine, is a sophomore at Georgetown University.

On Monday evening next, at the M. C. A., the fans will see plenty of action when the Intermediates and Y. M. C. A. Seniors will battle for the city championship. Both teams are getting in plenty of practice, and each feels that it will win.

On the same evening the Fairville girls team will play a game with the Y. W. C. A.

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