Thistles and Shamrocks Both Confident On Eve Of Tilt

Experts Waver As They Try To Pick Tonight's Winner

Uncertainty of Feminine Temperament Leaves Male Dopesters Uncertain and Hanging Fire-Tilt Will Pack Armories.

"If' and "maybe" were two poor overworked little words which crept into the buzzing conversation of the city basketball fans on the eve of tonight's great struggle between Thistles and Shamrocks at the Armories. Odds should have favored the Shamrocks, because they have appeared before the public more often than the Thistles, and against probably better

teams on several occasions, and it is believed they did in certain of the low male gaming places. But among the feminine plungers the largest wager recorded was a box of chocolates to a hair net, and the Thistle bettor was offering the odds.

What the best girls' basketball team in the world would do under one set of circumstances and still under a totally different set is something that the mere male mind refuses to grapple with, hence the constant use of "if" and "maybe" by the experts. The "jump" and all the rest of the factors that enter into boys' games is highly intensified and multiplied, it seems, when it comes to trying to dope out the variations of the feminine temperament in athletics.

No uncertainty of the outcome was apparent in either of the camps last evening, and, according to the latest curl paper reports, both teams were supremely confident of the outcome. Players of both teams retired early last night for reposeful slumber, and all will be fit and ready for the affray this evening. With all the modesty with which managers of

fistic artists announce their predictions, the two rival girl managers last night each openly stated that their team would win. Either one of them is going to be contradicted this evening. Early in the evening a drawing for the referee

was made, and O. Miller of Central Y, Toronto, drew the assignment. Both teams will get instructions to play cleanly, which, according to the teams, will be entirely superfluous.

Fans who were rather privately hoping for a dishevelled affair apparently are going to be disappointed. Vanity cases are not barred, but pretty nearly everything else will be. Those who know the two teams best and who are

unprejudiced say the game will be extremely close no matter which way it goes, but they are addicted to the "if," too-"if" Shamrocks don't get rattled or Thistles get crowd-struck. And thus it goes, and will go on until the game tonight has proved either one of two or three sets of contentions about the two rivals correct.

About the most certain fact of the whole affair is that the biggest crowd that ever attended a basketball game, or any other indoor game, for that matter, not even excluding hockey, will be on hand tonight at the Armories to witness the first set-to of the series which will decide the argument once and for all as far as the capabilities of the two teams on the basketball court are concerned.

The players announced for the game tonight by the managers last night tre as follows:

Shamrocks—Pearl Blackwell, Carrie Blackwell, Isobel Duncan, forwards; Lottle Garrett, center; Mary Lindsay, Mary Clarke and Grace Sing, guards. Thistles-Ann Hazelgrove, Rene Curnoe, forwards; Georgie Murray center; Lucy Milne, Bessie Groves, Frances Talbot, M. Stevenson, L. Van-

Mic Macs and Swastikas will provide the preliminary game of the night. The main game should, therefore, take up from here at 8:30.

MOORE LOSES ON FOUL JUNIOR SOCCERITES

TO FRANKIE GENARO

COLORED STARS

Lost Letter In Mails Accounted For Non-Appearance of Detroiters.

WILL BE REAL TEST

Stars Are Major League Calibre and In Shape As Well.

Owing to a mix-up in the mails, the Detroit Colored Stars, will not appear here until this afternoon for their pre-season series with Lee Mackey's local Minter squad. They will be here Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the last game being called for two o'clock, in order that the Stars may make connections for Indianapolis, where they open in the Continental League Sunday.

Cancel Games.

The letter which concluded ar rangements for the series was lost in the office at Mack Park, Meantime games had been booked for Thursday and Friday in Indiana for the up wires in search of the Stars, and explanations developed, the other games were called off, and the Stars

yall come here.

Jako Schaofer, heavy-hitting outfielder, landed in the city late Monday and, though slightly rotund, is in fine condition, and will be able to into today's game against the His heavy stick will be needed against

the colored champs, who are admittedly one of the finest baseball machines

Win Three Titles. For three years now they have won

the title in the Continental Colored League, which boasts many individual stars of major league calibre. Manager Mackey has had two more days in which to round out his squad. and this fact should make the series more interesting than ever, as every day counts now in conditioning. Churr, will probably do the greatest part of the backstopping during the series, as Mackey will be trying out various combinations and checking up on results.

Soccer Notes

Toronto Caleys last Saturday.

GET MUCH WORK OFF First Time In 11 Years' Fight- L. and D. F. A. Taking Up Whoa, Boy!

Jimmy (Tober) Moir, who was resident in the Forest City last winter, Looks Better For Red Sox played a superb game in the left back position for Toronto All-Scots against

Toronto Caleys last Saturday.

Toronto Scottish Ontario champions, blanked Ulster United, inter-city champions and Connaught Cup finalists in 1922, by two goals to nil, with the Red Handers losing their first game to the Wearers of the Thistle the first game League pennant or doesn't, please note today that thus early in the season lin last year's undecided Robertson Cup final, the second in an inter-city encounter. Both games were witnessed by over four thousand spectators.

Cockshutts 4, Hamilton Steloos 6, Whoa, Boy!



murderers' row Monday. The left handers look as if they will bother the Braves of the Bronx as much on that side of the river as they were went to bother them when they played on the borrowed polo grounds. It seemed to escape the "hol pollol" in the excitement of opening the new circus maximus, that the Yankees were being put to a lot of hard fighting to win from Boston, a club to which booby honors were attributed before a single umpire had a chance to pull a bone.

Then Washington came along with a better defence and fully as much an attack, and the Yankees have not been able to subdue them. And Washington is not beginning to give them the fight they will get later.

Attention may again be called to the fact that the Clevelands are still moving forward on the limited. Training in Florida, they looked more like a busy and ambitious ball team than any thing in that part of the world. They are surely hanging to their Florida complexion. It's a long way to a championship, but here is a team that comes back from training, playing ball like mad, and apparently determined to keep it up. WINDSOR MAN ON OXFORD LACROSSE TEAM. Oxford University lacrosse team, champions of the South of England for first time. They play the northern champions at Manchester for the chaminitial time. They play the northern champions at Manchester for the championship of England on Saturday, May 5. The present Oxford team is largely composed of Canadians, including Neylan, the captain, who comes from Midland, Ontario. Reading from left to right, standing: J. J. R. H. Fleming, Prince Edward Island: L. W. McLennan, Vancouver; A. C. Valentine, R. R. P. Barbour. Sitting: J. C. Farthing, Montreal; H. O. Hopkins, V. C. Wansbrough, F. L. Neylan (captain), Midland, Ontario, and Toronto; E. B. Pitbaldo, Winnipeg; L. B. Pearson, Windsor, Ont. In front: H. Heywood and W. H. Coates, Vancouver.



ST. THOMAS JUNIOR ROVERS, TWICE CHAMPS OF L. AND D. J. F. A.

best that the Maple Leafs can produce.

They won the Brisco Cup, emble-trick in a league battle with Rovers, bunch of sportsmen, and are great favorites with London's junior soccermatic of the league championship, in shortly after meeting their second re-1921 and 1920, also the Gurd Challenge Cup, emblematic of the L. and D. J. F. A. championship, in 1922. This team has a wonderful record, having in two years' time played 53 games before meeting in with their first defeat, the famous Junior Western Ontario Regiment output being the ones to turn the 1921 and 1920, also the Gurd Challenge verse at the hands of Brantford St.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Harris, Senator 2nd Baseman,

and Bohne of Indians, Set

Early Mark.

SHORT SUITS FEWSTER

Than Ever Did For Yanks,

At Third.

ORIENTS WORKOUT

The Orients will workout at Queen's Park tomorrow night from 5:30 to 7 p.m., and again on Saturday afternoon. The management of the team is especially desirous that every applicant for

a position on the team get out for the

INFIELD HONORS

Down the Line In All Sports

big idea, and may take some thinking over, but it's possible.

he biggest turnout in the history of amateur baseball is expected.

DODGER SERIES

Knock Reuther Out of Box and Yanks Return To Form and Dodgers Pummel Blume.

ONLY TWO HITS

Vic Aldridge Stingy With Offer- Stops Indians Winning Streak, ings To St. Louis

TO SETTLE JUVENILE This series which starts tonight between Shamrocks and Thistles may o more than put an end to controversy which has raged too long. It may

pave the way for the start of an international girls' basketball league next Toss of Coin Decides It-St. eason, with London being represented by the best team that can Thomas Kids Are possibly be mustered from Shamrocks or Thistles or any other team. It's Confident.

The senior baseball players will workout tonight at Queen's Park, and Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, April 24. — A telegram was received by Captain Elmer Lang, of the local juvenile basketball team today from Tom Brown of Stratford, president of the O. A. B. A., to the ef-While in Baltimore with the Syracuse International League club, While in Baltimore with the Syracuse International League club, Frank Shaughnessy found time between games to talk football, and he told the Maryland scribe that the Canadian game was much better than the game played by college teams across the border. He says that the game, as played in Canada, is a great deal more interesting from the spectators' point of view, there being fewer delays than in the American play.

Comparing the game as played in Canada and the United States, Shaughnessy said: "Playing their own game there are undoubtedly a number of college elevens in the States which would probably defeat the number of college elevens in the States which would probably defeat the result being in favor of the

Go Now Certain

the winner of the two encounters will be arranged to follow.

GALT'S N.H.L. CHAMPIONS
ARE EACH GIVEN MEDAL

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, April 24.—Herb Carter entertained the members of Galt's hockey tam, senior Northern League champions of 1922-23, at his home, and during the course of the evening the players were presented with medals. They are were presented with medals. They have been been that the winner of the bout will box licence to Kilbane.

Kilbane and Criqui. O'Rourke added, have both signed an article to the effect that the winner of the bout will box Johnny Dundee within three months. Dundee was declared to have agreed to this arrangement.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION Yesterday's Results.
Indianapolis 2, at Columbas 6.
Louisville 6, at Toledo 5.
St. Paul 1, at Milwaukee 2.
Minneapolis 9, at Kansas City 15.

Criqui-Kilbane

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RUTH HITS HOMER. **MEETS HARDING**

Bat Out a 4-0 Victory.

PILLETTE GOOD

Allowing But Five

burg by winning the final game today 5 to 4. After the third, Luque pitched strongly.

Score:

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DETROIT STOP INDIANS. Cleveland, April 24.—Detroit broke Cleveland's winning streak that had reached six games today, winning a loosely-played game 8 to 7. Pillette held Cleveland to five hits.

MACKMEN COME BACK.

Philadelphia, April 24.—Philadelphia staged a comeback against Boston today, batting out five runs in the first inning and winning the game 7 to 3. inning and winning the game Naylor twirled fine ball in every but the seventh.

ENGLISH CUP TIE FINAL **BILLED FOR SATURDAY**

Wembley Park Stadium, Largest In World, Will Be Cynosure of the Soccer World.

Out of 64 teams that started in the annual race for the English Cup on Jan. 13, only two teams remain in the competition, Bolton Wanderers and best that the Maple Leafs can produce.

"However, I think we have the better game. The rules state that when one play is over the ball must be put in play 'immediately,' and by 'immediately' it means that unless it is actually handled in 20 seconds a penalty is inflicted.

"In the United States the game is slow, and is slowing up more every year. Frequent consultations before plays, 'time out' for almost anything, and playing to hold an opponent safe, have jeopardized the sport, and it is not as interesting as formerly."

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have not as yet met a First Division team. In order to reach the final West Ham eliminated such stalwarts as Hull City. Brighton and Hove Alblons, Flymouth, Argyle, Southampton and Derby County, while Bolton Wanderers on the other hand have had to depose Huddersfield (cup holders) and Sheffield United, both First League teams, and other outstanding performance was their defeat of Charlton Athletics, a team that created a big sensation by trimming in succession Manchester City. Preston North End and West Bromwich.

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The Wembley Park Stadium, the largest in the world, will be officially opened with the game. His Majesty the King and the Prince of Wales have promised to attend the opening ceretmony, and it is likely that a record attendance for the final game will be established. The stadium, situated in one of London's suburbs, was started soon after armistice, but the construction for various reasons has been halted several times. Wembley Stadium will seat 126,500 persons, and is four times the size of the Coliseum of Rome. The structure will be used in connection with the British Empire Exhibition, to be held in 1924, where a great sports festival will take place, in which Canada, is fully expected to be represented in field and track events, lacrosse, field hockey, association football, etc.

The probable line-ups for Saturday's great game is as follows:

Bolton Wanderers—Pym, Chambers, Thirkell, Nuttal, Matthews, Jennings, Jones, Jack, Smith (J. R.), Smith (J.), and Vizard.

West Ham United—Hufton, Henderson, Young, Bishop, Kay, Mackessy, Edwards, Brown, Watson, Moore and Richards.

Referee—D, H. Asson of West Brom-

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ANSWER WORKOUT CALL

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, April 24.—The first call issued by Manager George Nethercott of the local senior O. B. A. A. nine was answered tonight at Athletic Park by the appearance of over twenty candidates. They were given the once over and indulged in the usual preliminary exercises. Manager Nethercott was quite pleased with the showing, but hoped that a greater number would come out later on. The manager announced that from Tuesday on, practice would be staged every afternoon and evening at Pinafore Park. He is sued a general invitation for baseball sportsmen to get out and give the regulars a little opposition. It is likely that a number of new faces will be seen on the line-up this year, and there will be many surprises in store for the fans when the opening match is played early in May.

WOODSTOCK SOFTBALL LEAGUE IS NOW FORMED

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, April 24.—Another softball league has been organized in the city with five clubs already in the circuit, while a sixth is expected to line up by Friday night. The new league will be known as the Woodstock City Softball League, and will be affiliated with the Ontario Softball Association. The officers are as follows: Honorary president, Frank Hyde; president, Cliff Aspedin; vice-president, Gordon Harper; secretary-treasurer, Bunny Lovett.

AYER'S TENNIS BALLS THE CANADIAN

REGULATION BALL BROCK'S. The Sporting Goods Store of London. 111 Dundas St., Near Talbot.

Doll Derr of Baltimore, International League umpire for the past three years, is umpiring in the National League. He replaces Charles Rigler, veteran arbiter, who has retired to devote his time to business in Kentucky.

Derr, a war veteran, has been umpiring for eight years. He was regarded as one of the most capable men in the International League, receiving particular commendation for his work last fall in the "little world's series," in which Baltimore defeated St. Paul.

John A. Heydier, president of the National League, obtained him through arrangement with John Conway Toole, nead of the International circuit.

SPORT

SNAPSHOTS

Lee Fohl is grooming a new outfielder in Bennett, who was a hitting fool in the Western League. All Bennett did last year was to make 265 hits, including 56 doubles, 13. triples and 24 home runs, and crossed the plate 177 times. Since joining the Browns, however, Bennett has not batted anywhere near his Western League form, and his chances of breaking into the St. Louis line-up, as a regular appear rather remote.