

# St. Thomas' Desire To Break Away From L. and D. Causes Comment

## O.F.A. MAY TRY TO HEAL BREACH BETWEEN TWO

Is Echo of Trouble Last Year Over Venue of Final Cup Game—St. Thomas District Would Be But City League.

BY C. S. G.

Included in the heap of matters for disposal at the annual meeting of the O. F. A. in Hamilton last Saturday was an item that escaped mention in most reports, but which concerns local football circles. It was an application from St. Thomas for direct affiliation with the O. F. A., and to form an association of their own, exclusive of London.

This is apparently an echo of the trouble which arose last season in the L. and D. cup competition, when the final game between St. Thomas Rovers and Public Utilities was transferred to London, and the former club refused to comply with the orders.

Considering that it was the first season for the London district, and that they had 18 teams, a big district for the infant class, the officials chosen perhaps made mistakes in their first attempts at soccer legislation, which might well be expected. Apparently their mistakes have not been forgotten in St. Thomas at least.

Has Been Tabled.

The St. Thomas application has been tabled for future action by the newly-elected executive of the O. F. A. Whether the executive will grant the application, of course, is not known, but in well advised soccer circles, it is believed that there is a big likelihood of the O. F. A. trying to heal what ever fancied breach there may be rather than forming a new district which would be nothing more than another name for a St. Thomas City League.

The London and District started out by being an ideally made-up group and the point of view of competition, even if its government was not ideal. Inter-city competition is one of the best stimulants any district can have, and with London, Sarnia, and St. Thomas providing this factor, the L. and D. seemed to have everything in its favor. Some of the arrangements went wrong admittedly, but it would seem that St. Thomas could be justified in giving the arrangement another chance in 1922.

One thing wrong last year was that there were really too many teams to provide the best of football, and one or two teams were entirely too strong for the rest of the association and took away much of the interest.

Present Problem.

If some plan could be formulated whereby teams out of the association's class could be left to play inter-city representative games or an exhibition string until they could go in for the Connaught and Ontario Cup games, the L. and D. would be greatly benefited. This in itself presents a knotty problem and really penalized the club which has shown initiative in developing a great playing machine, manifestly an unjust thing to do, but on the other hand it would also penalize clubs, which, owing to their circumstances or the industries behind them, are able to gather in soccer players from all over the Dominion.

The L. and D. provides lots of problems to be worked out, but St. Thomas' right answer to any of them in trying to form a district of their own, it would be nothing more or less than a city league; it would force the London and District to take on the same complexion and much of the progress made during the first year's regime of the new association, even though some of it was made at the cost of legislating blunders, would have been wasted.

### Stratford Five At "Y" Tonight

Local Intermediates Will Make First Home Appearance.

LONDON, Y. M. C. A. Intermediate O. B. A. team makes their first appearance before home fans tonight at the "Y" when they hook up with the Stratford quintet. The Classic City five should provide a good run for their money. The "Y" defeated them in their opening game by a big margin, but since then a shake-up has occurred in the visiting team, and a good game should result.

London Shamrocks and Western University will provide the opening game. The outcome of the contest is practically assured, but nevertheless the Co-Eds have been having some good training lately, and will make the champions play for the big end of the score.

St. Thomas and the local junior O. B. A. teams meet in the closing fixture of the night. St. Thomas team has surprised basketball circles this year, and the locals are taking no chances to get their measure.

MAKE TRIP IN CARS.

STRATFORD, Feb. 1.—The intermediate O. B. A. team goes to London Thursday to play the team of that place in a scheduled game. The team will go by car if arrangements can be made. The following are asked to be out: St. Edwards, W. Fraser, R. Burgess, J. Martin, A. Smith, T. Clifford and A. Capper.

The juveniles play Woodstock Collegiate in Woodstock Friday, and St. Thomas juniors play a postponed game in Stratford Wednesday.

CRONYN COMETS DEFEAT ST. JOHNS QUINTET 14-4

Cronyn Comets handed St. Johns five a 14 to 4 beating in the intermediate Anglican Cane League series at Cronyn Hall last night. MacDougall did all the scoring for the losers, while Woolford, Day and Kennedy had a hand in for the winners.

The teams: Cronyn Comets, Aanton, Forward, Woolford, Day, Hangerford, Centre, Kennedy, MacDougall, Defence, Adams, MacDougall, Defence, Adams, MacDougall, Defence, Adams.

Referee—McBride.

Trophy—First Round.

Palmerston, 10 Downey, 9  
Chalmers, 10 Downey, 9  
Fergus, 10 Downey, 9  
Bergin, 10 Downey, 9  
Harrison, 10 Downey, 9  
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McConnell, 10 Downey, 9  
Wingham, 10 Downey, 9  
Crawford, 10 Downey, 9  
London, 10 Downey, 9  
McDougall, 10 Downey, 9  
Chatsworth, 10 Downey, 9  
Marrian, 10 Downey, 9  
Merriam, 10 Downey, 9  
Trophy—Second Round.

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Skea, 10 Downey, 9

Mount Forest, 10 Downey, 9

Galt, 10 Downey, 9

Wroxeter, 10 Downey, 9

Black, 10 Downey, 9

Fergus, 10 Downey, 9

Brown, 10 Downey, 9

Durham, 10 Downey, 9

Hunter, 10 Downey, 9

Seaford, 10 Downey, 9

Sproat, 10 Downey, 9

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Ireland, 10 Downey, 9

Town, 10 Downey, 9

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# N.H.L. PROGRAM FOR 3 LOCAL TEAMS IS UNCERTAIN

## Anything's Possible With This Trade Germ in Air



### LONDON RINKS UP AT HARRISTON

Northern Ice Holding, Despite Weather of Yesterday.

HARRISTON, Feb. 1.—The bonspiel goes merrily on with the curlers in fine spirits, and the winning rinks still battling for supremacy, including the famous Merry-go-round of Chatsworth, Crawford of Wingham, Skea of Palmerston, MacFarlane and Ireland from Fergus, with the several rinks from Fergus to be heard from yet. It is the always welcome visitor Harriston with glad hands and general rejoicing that the veteran curler in this part of the province was received at the rink Monday afternoon in the person of Mr. James Hunter from Lucknow, from whence used to come to the bonspiel a pipe band, several rinks of curlers and entertainers. Mr. Hunter is well and most favorably known by all the curlers in this locality, and the always welcome visitor Harriston extends the glad hand.

Following is a continuance of the score on the Monday trophy event.

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Trophy—Second Round.

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### O.H.A. Winners Find Out Whom They Meet in Second Round

Uncertainties of Weather From Now On Will Be Added To Game's Vagaries.

Winners have been decided in the majority of the junior and intermediate O. H. A. groups, and with ice conditions uncertain from now until the season closes, teams must be prepared to play off ties in groups and second-round games on short notice. There can be no delay if champions in all three series are to be brought out to take part in the Canadian championships.

O. H. A. group winners or probable winners are as follows:

Intermediate.

1. Belleville.  
2. Victor Peterboro.  
3. Port Hope.  
4. Unkitchener or Markham.  
5. Varsity or St. Helens.  
6. Ossington Hall or Brampton.  
7. Burlington.  
8. Niagara Falls or Port Colborne.  
9. Simcoe at Brantford.  
10. Galt.  
11. Kitchener.  
12. Ingersoll.  
13. Sarnia or Glencoe.  
14. Exeter.  
15. North Toronto or Aurora.  
16. Midland.  
17. Brantford.  
18. Warton.  
19. Toronto A. A. A. bye.  
20. Junior.

Queen's University.

Lindsay.

Cobourg.

St. Andrew's College (must win).

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### COMISH PUTS BAN ON BILL-JACK GO

Says Brennan Would Be An Imposition On The Public.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—New York has virtually put Jack Dempsey out of his business, for some time at least. In putting a ban on the proposed Dempsey-Brennan contest, the state athletic commission announced it would not tolerate any bout between the heavyweight champion and an opponent whose record did not indicate he had a chance.

Looking over the records of the heavyweights under the champion, there are a few "cards" that Patrick Day, the specifications of the commission. Harry Wills, the colored battler, is one, but the director expressed himself to be the opponents of the Red and Whites a battle royal should result. Both sets are fast and have plenty of combination. With Woodstock finished Friday night, it looks as if the fans will see action early next week.

KITCHENER FANS WORKED TO PITCH

KITCHENER, Feb. 1.—Kitchener sport fans are again as a result of the impending series between Galt and Kitchener for the second round championship. The fact that the locals are drawn against Galt is reflecting genuine enthusiasm in every quarter of hockeydom locally. This is principally because it means the best in Waterloo County will go out of the county to contest further intermediate series.

It was pointed out that Brennan's only qualification was staying twelve rounds with the champion in 1920, and that since that time he had not been allowed to fight any first-class opponents through the desire of his manager to turn him for another bout with Dempsey.

The commission suggested that Brennan could prove his right to another meeting with the king of the heavyweights by meeting Tommy Gibbons, Fred Fulton or Bob Cooper. If he "over" any of this trio, the commission might allow him to be thrown in the ring again with the master.

If the commission insists upon a "first-class" opponent, Dempsey had better take that long-planned European trip, as it seems to be too late in the season now to "work up" an opponent for an indoor show.

HOSPITALS LOSE 38 TO 8.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—(Canadian Press.)—In a rugby match played today, Cambridge University defeated United Hospitals 38 to 8. In a replayed Irish Cup first round match today Cliftonville drew with Queen's Island, one to one.

How To Get More Energy—