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The Hoodoo Number

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This year, whose number is '13, is surely acting rather mean. Disasters tread each other's heels until the sad onlooker feels that Jonah, from his ancient berth, has certainly returned to earth. There must be something true, odds fish, in that old-fashioned superstition; "thirteen" is hoodooed, sure as fate—this year can't have its luck on straight. On Britain's shore the suffragette is keeping all men in a sweat, and e'en the king is sore and sick, expecting every hour a brick. The Balkan people and the Turks are shooting up the whole blamed works. The kindly king of Greece was slain by some cheap skate who'd gone insane. In Mexico the bullets soar and people were around in gore. And here at home the floods roll down, submerging many a pleasant town, and cyclones shriek across the grimly roam, and celebrate their harvest home. And so, however much we wish to scorn the ancient superstition, we'd like a year of better fame—one with no hoodoo on its name.



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FIFTH ENGLISH CUP WON BY ASTON VILLA

Defeated Sunderland One to Nothing in Final.

100,000 IN THE CROWD

LONDON, April 19.—Aston Villa defeated Sunderland by one goal to nothing in the final round of the English Cup, "the blue ribbon" of Association football, which was played at the Crystal Palace Saturday. It was a great match, the victors scoring only in the last few minutes of the second half, and when playing ten men against Sunderland's eleven. A crowd estimated at 100,000 witnessed the game. Nearly 200 special trains brought football enthusiasts from all parts of the country to London.

Aston Villa won the toss and elected to play before the breeze. The game was brilliant from the very start. The Villans were aggressive, but Sunderland's defence was well-nigh impregnable. Hampton netted a goal, which was declared offside. Wallace later failed to score from a penalty kick. The first half ended with no score.

On resuming play Sunderland instantly put on steam and it looked as though Holley or Martin would score. But Leach effected a rescue. Richardson missed a glorious chance to score from Buchanan. Later on Martin lured in upon Hardy the Villa goalkeeper, who advanced to meet him. The two players collided, Hardy being injured and compelled to leave the field. Harrop playing goal in his stead. This misfortune spurred Villa to greater efforts and Bache, bearing down all opposition, scored in magnificent style.

Final result—Aston Villa 1, Sunderland 0.

Aston Villa have a great record in the Cup. Six times they have been in the final, and failed but once. That was in 1892, when West Bromwich Albion overcame them by 3 to 0.

Wolverhampton Wanderers and Blackburn Rovers share with Aston Villa the honor of winning the Cup five times.

The Cup, of course, overshadowed interest the League matches, but some important games were played. The score:

English Cup, Final.
Aston Villa 1, Sunderland 0.
English League Division 1.
Blackburn Rovers 2, Manchester 2.
Derby County 4, Bradford City 0.
Liverpool 5, Bolton Wand. 0.
Manchester U. 3, Newcastle U. 0.
Middlesboro 0, Chelsea 3.
Sunderland 2, Oldham Ath. 1.
Sheffield ed. 3, W. Brom Albion 2.
Tottenham 1, Arsenal 1.

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SPORTING COMMENT

A little chilly yet for spring practice behind the dyke.

Oh, you Toronto! The Leafs have not yet won a game and Dicky Rudolph has jumped them because of a row with Kelley. It will be a terrible year in the Queen City if the ball club stays in the Slough of Despond.

The football opening on Saturday according to all reports was a big success, although the players were handicapped by a high wind. A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested in the results. And The Courier bulletins which carried the scores were eagerly watched.

What's in a Name?

Pitcher Graver Brant of the Leafs gave a creditable performance Saturday at Newark, even if his bad start lost him the game. He fanned a round dozen of the Indians, six of them being in the third and fourth innings, the three in the third being retired on nine pitched balls, which is a remarkable achievement.

The world's champion Red Sox have only won two out of seven games thus far, while Washington has won five out of six. It looks like a great year for Griffith's team.

Jack Sloan, the local wrestler, accepts the challenge of R. Myers, dealer and place to be named as soon as possible. Jack who is a member of the Alexandra Athletic Club, points out a typographical error in The Courier which gave the club 18 instead of 180 members.

The ball diamond at Agricultural Park this year will be skinned, uniformly around the base lines. There were occasions last year when the Brantford grounds were the prettiest on the circuit, and much attention is being paid this year to that feature.

Malcolm Barry had two hits against Toronto Sunday and he is fielding in excellent style. How that boy can bring the ball.

Wrestling

Conkle Defeated Willis.

Hamilton, April 21.—Unable to continue after he had taken a grueling at the hands of Charley Conkle, Sil or Jack Willis lost the wrestling bout here last night before a large crowd at the old Armories. The men had been wrestling for fifteen when Conkle got the deadly toe hold and bending the Sailor's leg till he groaned a tendon in the knee snapped as he tried to get back in a position to defend himself. Conkle was awarded the decision.

While the bout lasted it was a rough and tumble one, with each man using everything in the game. The speed of Conkle, after many months of idleness, was wonderful, and still shows that he is as good as any at his weight. He was more aggressive and had the Sailor on the defensive. The latter showed that he could stand the grueling but he does not know as much about the game as his opponent. Both men weighed 142 pounds when they entered the ring. The injury to Willis may interfere with his career as a wrestler, and had the bout not terminated so abruptly it would have been a good one.

St. Andrews Athletic Club.

There will be a special meeting on Tuesday, April 22nd of the St. Andrews Athletic Club at 8 o'clock, when all members, and intending members are requested to attend for special business.

The Northern Senior League will play at Jesse Ketchum Park this season instead of at the stadium of the University of Toronto.

Washington made it three straight over New York on Saturday. Walter Johnson shutting out the Highlanders by a score of 3 to 0. Only one of Chance's men reached second. Johnson struck out all told, eight men. Chance shifted his infield and sent Chase back to first and put McKenchie, the former Pittsburgher, on second. McKenchie played great ball in the field.

Cockshutt United Won 1-0—Other Results

Brantford Football League Got Away to a Good Start on Saturday—The Games Played

The 1913 football season was officially opened on Saturday afternoon, when four games were played in the City League, and from what can be learned from the players and spectators they were all fast exhibitions of the game. Some of the teams were in a little better condition than the others and this played an important part in the results, especially in the latter half.

The weather was rather raw and terribly windy, and consequently, the games were not as largely attended as they would otherwise have been. The Tutele team took the Duffs into camp, the Y.M.C.A. captured the Dragons. Cockshuts United trimmed the S.E. eleven, while the All Scots and the Holmdale Tigers had to be content with a draw.

Y.M.C.A. 4, Dragons 0.

The match on Saturday between the Dragons and the Y.M.C.A. was a closely contested one, ending in a win for the "Y.M." by 4-0.

Both teams played good clean football and the referee, Mr. Smith, was par excellence.

Tommy Harbour, captain, at full back, played a splendid game and a mention must be made of Marlatt who as right half, H. Platt, outside left; W. Lord, outside right; and McDonald, centre half, who played the game in a manner which won the approval of the spectators.

During the latter part of the second half, lack of condition began to tell and the Y.M.C.A., who are a splendid team, wore down the Soldier boys and obtained the victory.

The 35th lads are not the least downcast over their defeat, and will train all the harder and will undoubtedly be heard from later.

Holmdale 0, All Scots 0.

This match was played on the O. I. B. grounds before a good attendance at 6 o'clock sharp. Both teams were at full strength with the exception of Marlatt who was ill, but it is hoped he will be better for the next game. His place was taken by Hart, Street taking Hart's position as inside right. The Tigers kicked off, the left wing taking the ball down, centres it between them, but the wind took the ball out of place; in fact, the wind spoiled the game all through. Mr. E. Holster, referee, had to run about as fast as the ball. J. Scott, Holmdale right half, should strengthen that team. Owen and Mason played a fine game, feeding their forwards in fine style, but when the forwards got the ball they would lose it to one of the other side. The defence was great, but if the forwards will only play combination instead of kicking the ball anywhere, it will be difficult to win. Archer and Scanlon played a great game; the former was a little individual, but he will mend this in time. Street and Moorcroft played a good game. Moorcroft being pretty fast. Williamson got a nasty kick on the knee which stopped the play for about five minutes. The game started again and very soon the same player received another kick which put the final touch on him, and he had to be taken home. Scanlon kept the goal pretty well again on Saturday, making some good saves. Hoyle just on time makes the dash of a life time down the left wing, centres it and Scanlon put it over the bar. Stewart played well for the Scots, but when he got to the backs, Hart put a check on him. This player plays pretty well. He has played nearly every position on the team. It was a fast game throughout and spectators were sorry to see it end in a draw.

The Tigers' practice on Tuesday night on Holme street.

The Cockshutt United and S.O.E. teams played their opening game in the Brantford League last Saturday at Mohawk Park, before a fairly good attendance of spectators, several ladies graced the occasion and lent a coloring to the somewhat sombre surroundings.

The game was timed for 6 p.m., but owing to a misunderstanding, some of the Sons missed the car, which made the start off 15 minutes late. The Scots having won the toss, took what advantage there was in a nasty cold cross wind, and elected to play towards the pavilion goal. Richardson set the game in motion but the United forwards did not get far until they were dispossessed by Biggs, and the Sons forwards through nice play brought pressure to bear upon the United's defence, which only helped to display the sterling qualities of the

Leafs Drop a Pair on Saturday and Sunday

Brant Twirled Magnificently Against Newark—Toronto Batted Very Hard, but Wretched Fielding Cost Game at Jersey City.

JERSEY CITY, N.J., April 21.—Weird fielding by Joe Kelley's athletes, combined with a generous distribution of passes by Johnny Lush, and Herbert, his running mate on the pitching slap, framed up an even 11 to 6 victory for Jersey City in their opening clash of the season with the Toronto Leafs.

Leafs Hammered the Ball

The champions batted all around the Schaffly crew, but their thirteen safeties failed to overcome the advantage obtained by the home team in their first two trips to the plate. Lush, out of condition, was lacking in deception and control, and after having made a bad mess of things for Toronto, Johnny beat it to cover with only one out in the second chapter, three runs in and the bases all occupied. Herbert took charge in the box, but before he could get going right Jersey City tacked on three extra tallies and had the contest securely sewn up.

Skeeters' Good Southpaw

Thompson, a southpaw, recently turned over to Jersey City by the Boston Nationals, made his bow in a Skeeter uniform and earned brackets by steady work, not withstanding that he was hit hard in spots. He showed his nerve when, bases filled and none out in the third period, he pulled through safely by striking out big Tim Jordan and Bradley, and forcing Schultz to hit into Knight's hands.

Kelley Was Banished

Manager Joe Kelley had a talk fest with Umpire Hayes over the leafing judgment on strikes, and was ordered

from the sidelines. Fitzpatrick, who started at second base, was forced out of the game in the fourth inning with a badly split finger, and will be out of action for several days.

Rudolph Deserts the Leafs

Dick Rudolph, who deserted the club after the game at Newark, failed to appear yesterday afternoon, and Manager Kelley decided that there was no good reason for the Bronx boy's action. He is not worrying, however, as he expects Dick will be back on the job before the champions move on the next stop.

The Leafs started as though they meant to break away from their losing streak. After Fitzpatrick fanned 1, O'Hara singled to left, stole second and was wild pitched to third. Northen hit to Vaughn, who fell down on the way, and O'Hara rushed home. Jordan forced Northen at second. Bradley singled to right, but Shaw was retired at first.

Bill Bradley had a double and two singles yesterday. O'Hara took down three good hits and stole Toronto's only base. Somebody fired Bradley before the season was even opened. Let's hire him again.

Young Schultz did fairly well by way of making his bow yesterday for the Leafs. The fast youngster had a home run, a double and a single in four times up. He is a hustling, sensational fielder, with a world of speed. Fred Mitchell, of the Boston team, formerly with the Leafs, says that Schultz will take International League fans by storm.



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