

A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL GOOD SPORTS

BEACHES TURN IN ANOTHER DRAFT

Eastern Intermediates Ready—Juniors on Thursday—News of the Players.

St. Patrick's and Crescents practiced together last night. Each club had about half a dozen out and a good workout was had. The players were in the life of the workout. Adams and Fox were at the St. Patrick's end and this is going to be a hard battle to get past. Crooks was not out, but Collett turned out. The Crescents' main strength was out again for the half-moon.

St. Patrick's leave for New York on Friday night to meet the Wanderers on Saturday in New York.

That western senior group is a hummer. Both Kitchener and St. Paul have real strong teams and when Hamilton goes out, full team they will take some. It is believed that the senior group will line up strong as the final. It looks like the best senior season in the history of the O. H. A.

This will be an idle day at the Arena. No hockey practice will take place.

De La Salle trotted out a big squad for their practice yesterday. This was their final prep before their opening game on Thursday night with Aurora. The schedule for the Eastern Beaches League, intermediate group, is as follows: Jan. 1—Oriens v. Red Wings, at Varsity.

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Jan. 14—Maple Leafs v. Red Wings, at Withrow Park.

Jan. 21—Maple Leafs v. Oriens, at Aurora.

Jan. 28—Oriens v. Maple Leafs, at Norwood Park.

Jan. 31—Oriens v. Red Wings, at Withrow Park.

Feb. 4—Maple Leafs v. Red Wings, at Withrow Park.

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BUSY IN ATHLETICS AT THE WEST END Y.

Clever Performances by Many of Over Four Hundred Boys in Competition.

During the last month, one of the busiest in the history of the West End Y.M.C.A. Boys' department, the following athletic events have been run off: Short potato, stand broad, 50 yards dash, snap-under-bar.

Over 400 boys competing each week made things fairly hum, some very fast times were made in the 50 yards, and in the standing broad jump several good jumps were recorded.

There are 12 teams in the junior school 12 in the junior business, 4 in the senior school, and 4 in the senior business, while in the Comers Club, that is boys between the ages of 16-18 years, there are 12 teams. Below will give the various teams standing to date:

Comers Club—Points.

Tigers	412
Giraffes	409
Foxes	386
Beavers	346
Lions	328
Deer	319
Moose	308
Raccoons	294
Kangaroos	292
Wolves	285
Panthers	285
Elephants	285

Junior School—Points.

Team	Points	Standing
No. 1	741	1
No. 2	1920	8
No. 3	1528	11
No. 4	2529	2
No. 5	1928	7
No. 6	1784	9
No. 7	2659	3
No. 8	1223	12
No. 9	2273	4
No. 10	2223	5
No. 11	2223	6
No. 12	1223	10

Junior Business—Points.

Team	Points	Standing
No. 1	2521	1
No. 2	2659	2
No. 3	2273	4
No. 4	2223	5
No. 5	1928	7
No. 6	1784	9
No. 7	2659	3
No. 8	1223	12
No. 9	2273	4
No. 10	2223	5
No. 11	2223	6
No. 12	1223	10

Senior Business—Points.

Team	Points	Standing
Y.M.C.A.	514	4
Verdun	305	1
Harvard	285	2
Ypres	285	3

Senior School—Points.

Team	Points	Standing
Comers	2521	1
Parkdale	2521	2
Riverdale	2521	3
Oakwood	2521	4

In the senior school many very interesting events have been scheduled for the great number of members who have taken part. The following is the team standing to date: F. Hancock, 1364; M. Wilson, 957; I. Walker, 765; H. Adams, 772; G. Chisholm, 690; J. Swartman, 658.

New Year's Day will be a busy one all day. In the morning the old boys will hold away. All of the old timers are requested to be on hand as soon after nine as possible.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock there will be athletic events and at 3 p.m. volleyball.

J. K. ROSS, OF MONTREAL, PAYS \$30,000 FOR MARATHON.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 31.—One of the biggest turf deals of the year was pulled off today when H. G. Belwell, the Maryland trainer, purchased from J. B. Respass the great sire Marathon. Belwell was acting for his employer, J. K. L. Ross, the Canadian millionaire, and the price was reported to be \$30,000. It was only a few weeks ago that Belwell purchased the colt Cudger for the same price and for the same man. Marathon will be fourteen years old Tuesday, and is an imported horse by Manzanar, out of Groville, and is an inbred B.D.R. He is the sire of numerous sires to be, including Jack Hare, Jun., Grey Queen, Desiro and James Foster.

BOOTLEGGERS HEAVILY FINED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—A fine of \$1,000 and costs or six months in jail was the sentence imposed on George Wilson, convicted bootlegger, who came before the magistrate in the city police court today.

FIRST FOUR CLUBS WILL GET A SHARE

In Both National and American—Flat Rate for Series' Contenders.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Teams finishing in the first division of the National and American League pennant races will share in the players' receipts of the winter series. This decision was reached at a conference here today between August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, representing the National League, and President Ben Johnson of the American League.

The new plan of dividing the annual baseball prize means that eight clubs will share in the money, instead of only the winners of the two league championships. Under the new scheme, players of the club winning the world championship will receive \$2000, while the losers will be awarded \$1000 each. What amount the other clubs in the two leagues will get has not been definitely decided upon, but it will be figured out according to a percentage basis, Chairman Herrmann said.

The present plan will be given a try-out next fall, and will be made permanent if it proves satisfactory.

After awarding the winning players \$2000 each and the \$1000 each to the losers, we will divide the remainder of the prize money among the players of the teams which finished second, third and fourth," Chairman Herrmann said.

"Originally we intended to place all of the sixteen clubs on a percentage basis, but decided to make a flat sum for those who participated in the series."

"I think the new division will be satisfactory to all concerned. It will stimulate interest in the races. Clubs that are third or fourth or fifth a month before the close of the season will strive to better their position and get into the larger share of the prize. I do not believe there will be any lagging of clubs hopelessly."

"I am sorry to say that there has been a case in previous years in the outgrowth of an agitation which has been on for several years. When the world's series was conceived it was not thought that it would ever reach a point of proportion. Those who drafted the early plan of the baseball class believed that winning players might receive as much as \$2500 in some years, but they never dreamed that the players' prize would reach \$5000 or \$4000."

W. Dineen Tells Prize Stove League Ball Story

There was a discussion of the merits of Grover Cleveland because it happened that several baseball fans met and such a discussion has been quite interesting ever since President Weeghman of the Cubs, announced that Grover has become one of the Cubs. The general opinion of the fans was that the Cubs now possess one of the greatest pitching stars of the time.

Naturally the talk brought up other stars of the past and present and led to the question "Who was the greatest pitcher of all time?" A story told last summer by Bill Dineen, American League umpire and former pitcher for Toronto, Boston and St. Louis, helped in solving the question. Dineen's story, saved for the hot stove league, was about as follows:

"Back in 1904 the Boston Club was in a hot fight for the pennant, the season was nearly over, and we were booked in Philadelphia. It was the Wadsworth turn on the slab, and we needed that game. Before leaving the hotel we conspired for the hot stove league, was about a friendly wrestling bout before the game and perhaps tire him enough so we could beat him."

"During the batting practice Rube was fouling out at first base and La Chance started joshing him about fishing and hunting. When an opportunity presented itself La Chance would give Rube a friendly shove or a slap on the back. One shove led to another a bit harder, and just when La Chance thought he had the big left-hander worked up to the point of grapple he was given the surprise of his life."

"Jimmy giving warning Rube yanked off his glove, grabbed La Chance with both hands, raised him clear above his head and then dashed him to earth in a heap."

"Rube was barely able to play that first day, and Rube shut us out with two hits."

All Direct, Dan Elger, Dustless McC...

While Long Shots Win the Other Six at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 31.—The races today resulted as follows:

FIRST RACE—Purse \$400, claiming, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs.

1. King of the Wind, 112 (E. Pool), 6 to 1.

2. Mary's Beau, 109 (Kelsay), 16 to 1.

3. Even 1 to 2.

Time 1:16. Miss Elly, W. H. Buckner, Azur Little Princess, Dalwood, and John Hyner also ran.

SECOND RACE—Claiming, for all ages.

1. Blaise, 108 (O. Willis), 10 to 1, 4 to 1.

2. Auntie Curt, 107 (M. Garner), 6 to 1, 3 to 1.

3. J. C. Cummings, 108 (W. Overt), 6 to 1, 3 to 1.

Time 1:08 1/2. Little Alita, Meelcke, Twin Six, and Rosella, also ran.

THIRD RACE—Claiming, for all ages.

1. Perpetual, 116 (Warrington), 6 to 1, 3 to 1.

2. Minnie F., 109 (Loudner), 8 to 1, 3 to 1.

3. Andes, 112 (Rice), 3 to 1, even 1 to 2.

Time 1:42 3/4. O. Tis True, Dahlia, Sonada, Dundreary, Perseus, John Graham, Bogart, Meddling Miss, Ben Levy, Rose Juliet and Mirza also ran.

FOURTH RACE—The Red Cross Purse, private sweepstakes, 3-year-olds and up, mile.

1. Merchant, 108 (Overt), 8 to 1, 3 to 1.

2. Dolina, 103 (Walls), 5 to 1, 2 to 1.

3. Indulgence, 108 (Garner), 8 to 5, 4 to 5.

Time 1:45 1/2. Sharp Frost, Penrod, Bayou, and Hope also ran.

SIXTH RACE—All ages, claiming, one mile.

1. Senator James, 112 (Pool), 10 to 1, 4 to 1.

2. Conflagration, 112 (W. Collins), 12 to 1, 6 to 1.

3. Rubicon II, 107 (Loudner), 12 to 1, 6 to 1.

Time 1:45 1/2. Ora McGee, Royal Tack, Freeman, Napoleon, Hostena, Sister Key, Bonito Lassie, Courtier and Plaudite also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile and a sixteenth claim, for all ages.

1. Dancer, 106 (W. Collins), 13 to 5, even 3 to 5.

2. King Hamburg, 108 (Loudner), 5 to 1, 2 to 1.

3. Mary Warren, 103 (Overt), 30 to 1, 15 to 1, 6 to 1.

Time 1:48 3/4. Sir Raymond, Col. Mott, Esterpe, Christie, Budweiser and Iniquita also ran.

APPEAL REFUSED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Judge Haggart today refused Harold Hutchings, of the Great West Saddlery Company, permission to appeal to Ottawa in connection with his claim for exemption which was disallowed.

SIX IN FREE-FOR-ALL PACE AT MT CLEMENS

Looking Over the Horses That Will Race Over the Michigan Ice Tracks.

Detroit, Dec. 31.—That there will be plenty of sport during the ice race meeting which opens on the 3d at Clemens track Jan. 2d is made plain by a glance at the entries in the early closing stake events, which are headliners of the first five afternoons.

While the number of horses in the free-for-all pace is not the largest, only six being named, this stands out as the feature, for it should result in a new winter record for the Clinton View Park oval, if the weather and footing are right for speed.

Three of the six have won their laurels at ice racing. Hal B. Jr., having been one of the best in his year, while Bel Direct is a graduate of the Canadian winter season. Mussel Shell tackled the game with winter with considerable success. Cleo B. race so well during the summer that it is thought she will be in the race, while the way Peter G. and Sunburn Pointer perform is a matter of interest.

Hal B. Jr. was a very tough proposition when racing in the free-for-all events along the Grand Circuit and he was given a special preparation for the best of the open class horses. Then he went back and had a bad year, but he came back and beat those all of the half-mile track pacers on their heads, miles better than 2:07 being his specialty.

Bel Direct arrived via the frozen track, but he was in training, few knew of his coming, and he was a wonderful fair grounds, altho to this day there are plenty who insist that he won the third heat, which would have given him the race.

No horse has been knocked over and no one year he seemed to be all in, but he came back and beat those in his class handsomely.

He should take to the ice as he has surprise, for his daddy was a bear at that game. The Bel was called Silver Joe when he was in training, few knew of his coming, and he was a wonderful fair grounds, altho to this day there are plenty who insist that he won the third heat, which would have given him the race.

King William is a rugged sort of a trotter and fooled the masses at the late Cleveland meetings.

Widower Peter, that is coming down from Milverton, Ont., is a wonderfully bred horse and intended to head a stock farm. He is being fitted on the other side, where there has been plenty of ice and probably knows the game.

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