

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

"CHUMS' BANQUET"
TENDERED GORMAN

Canada's Skating Ace Feted
by Local Admirers—His
Great Record.

Last night at the Hotel Dunlop a "Chums' Banquet" was tendered to Charles I. Gorman, New Brunswick provincial indoor and United States National and International outdoor champion. Frank White, friend of true amateur sport in this section of the country, was the chairman and about 200 friends of the champion were present.

The dining hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion and silver trophies won by the champion were placed at intervals on the three or four rows of tables.

The menu card was unique in design, showing an excellent picture of Champion Gorman on each of the seven pages. The committee in charge was congratulated on the excellent manner in which one of the best banquets ever held in the city was carried through.

There were toasts and speeches and orchestral and vocal music interspersed with humorous stories by some of the chums present.

There was much address by prominent citizens which did not allude to the wonderful performances of Gorman, Hilton Belyea and other athletes of St. John. They all pleaded to citizens to assist these skaters and oarsmen as well as to look after the coming champions, of which there were many right in St. John, the home of champions.

Gives Sketch of Gorman's Career.

Immediately after the toast to the King was acknowledged, Chairman White made a few introductory remarks to the members of the "Optimistic Club" under whose auspices the banquet was held. He took occasion to give a short sketch of Charles Gorman's career.

He said that when Canada called for men to help fight for honor and country, among the many brave fellows who responded to that call was Charles I. Gorman. When he served in France he was wounded in the leg by a German bullet, but, fortunately, not seriously enough to prevent him taking up skating and running after his return home. Before going overseas to fight for King and country, Charlie was among the leaders in the class of junior skaters.

Being spared to return home to his family and friends, Gorman once more entered into the skating game. Mr. White told of a programme of skating which he had followed in 1920 and how he was impressed with the wonderful showing made then by Gorman. It was after the races, Mr. White said, that he approached the present champion and talked over the matter of sending him to Lake Placid. Gorman stated that he would like to have a chance. An appeal through the press for the amount for expenses was quickly met, with the result that Gorman, under the care of Fred Logan, a former international champion, made his debut in the fastest company of skaters in America. His performances at this meet and also at Saranac Lake so impressed the racing authorities that they placed Gorman on their circuit list.

Sets World Record.

During the season of 1921 Charlie Gorman was skating under the colors of the Commercial Club of St. John. He went to Montreal, where he won third place in points in the Canadian Nationals. From there he went to the United States national meet at Saranac Lake and here he won third place in points. From Saranac Gorman journeyed to Lake Placid to the international championships and started the skating world by establishing a new world record for the 440 yards race. After coming home he captured the Maritime championship.

In the season of 1922, in the Canadian championships held on Lily Lake, Charles Gorman did not do himself justice as he was overanxious and nervous from a mental strain, being fully aware that his own people expected much of him. From St. John Charlie went to the United States National championships, held at Plattsburg, and here he also failed to make his usual good showing.

From Plattsburg Gorman traveled to Saranac Lake, N. Y., and competed in the international events. Here he realized that it was up to him to do something if he was to qualify for the great Diamond Trophy meet at Lake Placid, to be held the following week.

It was necessary for each skater to make 60 points to qualify, the points being made in the three championships, Canadian United States and International. Charlie went right at the game, winning the half mile and 440

Will Giant Togs Bring Back
His Winning Ways?

Manager John McGraw of the New York Nationals is sure an optimist. The doughty leader of the Giants expects Pitcher Joe Oeschger to be the sensation of the National League during the coming season. Oeschger was recently acquired by New York in the trade that took Bancroft to Boston.

Last season Oeschger won only five games out of 20. He lost 10 in a row, going nearly three months without scoring a victory. McGraw is confident that with a strong club like the Giants behind him, Oeschger will win at least 15 games.

Oeschger holds a unique pitching record. Working for Boston he went 26 innings against Brooklyn, the game ending in a 1 to 1 tie.

Wins More Championships.

On returning to St. John, Gorman won the Maritime and New Brunswick championships, the latter win making his first claim on the beautiful Eaton trophy.

In the season of 1923 Gorman skated under the colors of the Gyro Club. He went to Newburg, N. Y., and while skating there on New Year's Day received a severe cut on the leg. He won the half mile race at Chicago and was runner up in the gold cup series, receiving a silver cup for second place. At the international meet on Lily Lake, this city, Gorman forced Jewtra to make a world record in the 220 yard dash, Charlie being only six inches behind the winner. In 1923 Gorman also won the New Brunswick championship, which gave him a second win on the Eaton trophy.

In the Season of 1923-24

Gorman skated under the colors of the St. John Skating Association. He was unfortunately not getting ice here owing to the mild weather and there was sent to Boston under the care of Everett McGowan where he got in some fairly good work, returning to St. John when ice formed, McGowan coming with him.

He trained on Lily Lake for a few days before it was time for him to sail for France as Canada's only representative in the Olympic games. It was most unfortunate that Gorman had not the proper time to get into proper shape or condition when he reached France, there being only a few days intervening from the time he landed in the Victoria rink in 1920 and at least two months training before the meet to become acclimated and to get used to the Canadian track and conditions. This showed the handicap that Gorman was under when he competed in France. It was generally known that it was the St. John champion who was forced to withdraw from the only race captured by an American.

His Most Successful Tour

Gorman had returned home and was here only a few days when he started on what had proved his most successful tour.

At the United States National Championships at Saranac Lake Charlie won the half mile event, and then followed by winning the 440 yards race but smashing his own world amateur record for that distance as well as the professional record, making the remarkable time of 56-5 seconds.

He won the United States national championship, and then journeyed to Lake Placid for the international championships. Here he won the 440 yards. He won the half mile but was disqualified but not discouraged. He came in third the three-quarter mile race and won the mile. Then came the crucial test, the three-mile race and he won it, showing that he was not only spry but a long distance runner. He not only won this race but the international championship of America.

The record of Gorman for this season was one that not only he should be proud of, but one of which every citizen of St. John and in fact, of all Canada, had real reason to be pleased. Returning home he won the Provincial championship for the third time and became the owner of the beautiful Eaton Cup.

At the conclusion of his address Chairman White extended congratulations to champion Gorman and there was hearty applause from those assembled.

Toast to Guest.

The toast to Charles Gorman was proposed by H. R. McLellan, who



JOE OESCHGER

spoke at some length on the wonderful ability of the local skating ace and of the great advertising St. John obtained through the success of Gorman abroad.

Mr. McLellan also spoke in the highest terms of the work performed by Hilton Belyea as an oarsman.

In reply to the toast, Charles Gorman delivered a brief reply of thanks for the nice things that had been said about him, and for the kindness of his friends in making it possible for him to compete in the championships abroad, as well as for the honor done him by tendering the banquet.

After an address from E. A. Schofield, who proposed the toast to the "Optimistic Club," in which he praised the excellent work performed by Gorman and Belyea, Charles Baillie responded to the toast in a brief but humorous reply.

The toast to the Canadian Olympic committee was proposed by R. A. McAvity and was responded to by A. W. Covey, president of the Maritime Provinces branch of the A. A. U. of C. Robert Sims was called on for an address, and after speaking of the wonderful performance of Gorman, asked those present not to forget the fact that Hilton Belyea was soon to leave for the Olympic games and requested that all support him financially.

The toast to "Charlie's Chums" was proposed by the chairman and was responded to by James Christie.

In addition to excellent orchestral music during the evening, there were vocal solos by Ernest Till, Chester Bourne and James Coats, while Harold Mitchell delighted those present with amusing stories.

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MANCHESTER AND
BURNLEY VICTORS

Fourth Round Replays For
Association Cup—Next
Games 29th

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Manchester City meets Newcastle at Birmingham, and Burnley meets Aston Villa at Bramall Lane, Sheffield, in the semi-finals of the cup series to be played on March 29.

Soccer Games.

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English League, First Division.
West Bromwich Albion, 0; Chelsea, 0
Aston Villa, 2; Arsenal, 1.
Bolton, 4; Liverpool, 1.

Second Division.
Bradford City, 0; Clapton Orient, 0.

ENGLISH THIRD DIVISION.

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Northern Section.
Wrexham, 2; Lincoln, 1.

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FAMOUS WRESTLER
TURNS TO MUSIC

Stanislaus Zbyszko May
Quit the Mat for the
Piano.

Chicago, March 13.—(United News)—Stanislaus Zbyszko, who at the age of 51 is disgusted with the wrestling game, may quit the mat and issue a challenge for a piano duello with Ignace Paderewski, his fellow countryman, as an occupation more in keeping with his years.

This isn't quite as big a joke as it seems, for Zbyszko, a graduate of the University of Vienna, is an accomplished pianist and is regarded as an artist in his native land. He thinks he will make a living at it. Experts point out that Zbyszko has an advantage over Paderewski in weight, but they are agreed that the player has it over the wrestler on the scales.

At any rate, Zbyszko is made. He declares Strangler Lewis recently beat him by punching, and Alderman McDonough of Chicago, who grants wrestling licenses, refuses to let Zbyszko wrestle here again until he meets Zbyszko in a return match.

SPEAKER HAS JOB
TO PICK BOXMEN

Has Eighteen on Hand and
Must Select Seven
or Eight.

Lakeland, Fla., March 13.—(United News).—Tris Speaker will now begin the arduous task of selecting 18 men who are technically big league pitchers, in the hope that some seven or eight of them will prove sufficiently gifted to represent the Cleveland Indians next summer.

This has assumed financial responsibility for the board bills of 33 ball players, but his principal need is pitchers. He has George Uhle and Stan Coveleski, who were the main winners last year, and Sherry Smith and Guy Morton, old-timers who may never get in shape again. Edward and Shaut, young left-handers who were the S. O. S. men for the team in 1923, but his principal need is pitchers.

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PARKE WINS ON SISTER
JOSELLA IN DEBUT AS
REGULAR JOCKEY

New Orleans, March 13.—Jockey Ivan Parke, whose sensational career as an apprentice rider is at an end, celebrated his entrance into the ranks of the regular jockeys recently when he made his debut on Sister Josella in the second race at Jefferson Park and brought the filly home a head in front of Stamp. Parke took no chances in his first full-blooded ride, but he did not force the filly along at a smart pace and wore down the leader, Mrs. A. Swenke's Jane in the third race, but this time he failed to finish in the money. He did not ride in the last three events on the card.

NEW BRUNSWICK
LEAGUE IS FORMED

Will be Entered in Organized Ball—The Two I.
League Passes.

Satisfactory arrangements were arrived at for the closing out of last year's business and tentative plans advanced for the league this year at a meeting of the executive of the International Independent Baseball League last night, in the G. W. V. A. rooms. W. J. McMahon, president of the league, presided. Other attending were: R. J. Vaughan, representing the Fredericton club; Harold N. Price, Moncton club; Gerald McGovern, St. Peter's club; J. V. Shea, G. W. V. A. club; and A. L. Machum, secretary-treasurer.

The new name for the league will probably be the New Brunswick Baseball League, and will be affiliated with the National Association of professional baseball leagues, under class "B" of the league.

R. J. Kelley, of Moncton, was heard in connection with the proposal to enter a second Moncton team in the league. Final consideration was postponed until the next meeting.

The resignation of W. J. McMahon as president and A. L. Machum as secretary-treasurer were accepted. The executive expressed their gratitude to the retiring officers for the excellent work they had done for the league.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on March 19, when nominations for all the officers of the league for 1924 will be received. Officers this year must be composed of the three officers or park managements. The executive will be composed of each of the clubs entered in the league.

The representatives at the meeting last night will report to their clubs all matters under consideration for the future of the league, and at the next meeting will be armed with the sanction of their club, and be able to make any recommendations or amendments at their clubs suggest.

NEW GLASGOW WINS
BY SMALL MARGIN

Defeats Dartmouth by Total
Score of 4 to 3 in
Play-off.

Halifax, March 12.—A rolling puck from centre ice, which wended its way past Whobby in the Dartmouth nets in the second game of the home and home series here tonight, shattered the championship aspirations of the Halifax City League winners, for although the harbor town hockeyists managed to come through with a 3 to 1 victory, they were unable to overcome the three-goal lead established by the Antigonish-Pictou County League champions in New Glasgow on Tuesday night, the visitors winning the two-game series by one goal, the total score being four goals to three.

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NEW YORK REPORTS
RECORD TURF YEAR

Says the Season of 1923 was
Greatest in Century—
Outstanding Events.

Albany, N. Y., March 13.—Last year was the greatest racing season in New York State in a century, according to the report of the State Racing Association which was submitted to the Legislature this week. The report was signed by James W. Wadsworth, chairman of the commission; Harry F. Sinclair and George W. Loft.

"The racing season of 1923 in New York State so far surpassed previous ones that it will take an enviable place in the turf history of the present century," the report said. "It will be notable for the first international race, with Zev and Papyrus competing, the biggest event of its kind ever attempted. It gained world-wide fame for the sport in the Empire State as well as cementing a firmer bond of friendship between the two great English-speaking nations."

The report stressed the fact that not one complaint of the manner which racing is now being conducted in the State was filed with the commission last year. There were 158 days of racing in the State in 1923. The report also emphasized the fact that the State is rapidly progressing in the breeding of thoroughbred horses. In this connection the report said:

"New York State boasts four important stud farms capable of producing horses of the sort that can compete with the finest from the blue grass lands of Kentucky."

In reviewing the public benefits derived from racing, the report continued:

"Racing itself, in addition to being a fine sport, has proven of great value to the United States Army, the State Constabulary and the farmer. The State Breeding Bureau, as maintained by the Jockey Club had numerous prizes to its stallion list last year. Advertisements and premiums for breeding bureau stock were offered, as usual, at the New York National Horse Show, the Genesee Valley Breeders' Horse Show, the Westchester County Horse Show, the Erie County Horse Show and others."

The commission said that it had no recommendations to make to the present Legislature.

CHOOSE OTTAWA
FOR CUP SERIES

Canadiens Will Play on Artificial Ice for the Stanley Cup.

Ottawa, March 12.—Montreal Canadiens, National League champions, will play their Stanley Cup series on Ottawa's artificial ice, according to Leo Dandurand, manager of the Canadiens. It is likely the champions will train here.

It is expected the first Stanley Cup game will be played next Wednesday, though this date is not official.

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Toronto Player
Is Shot In Hand

Havana, March 13.—Eusebio Gonzales, second baseman of the Toronto International League club, probably will be unable to play baseball for some time, while recovering from a bullet wound in the left hand, received in an encounter at the ball park. Pepe Conte, a sporting editor, charged with the shooting, was released in \$200 bail.

BETTING IS BRISK
FOR BIG STAKES

Lincolnshire Handicap and
Grand National Steeplechase Cause Interest.

Betting in London continues brisk on the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first of the big stakes of the flat-racing season, and on the Grand National Steeplechase. The former will be run first—Wednesday, March 26—over the mile course at Lincoln. With Epland out of the running, attention is centered on the other French candidate, Captain J. D. Cohn's Sir Galahad III, which is now held at 8 to 1.

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B. Cohen's Jarvis, which will carry 105 pounds, is now held at 100 to 8, while Frank Curzon's Soval, which finished third at Lincoln last year, is quoted at 100 to 6, the same price offered against Sol Joe's Pondoland. Soval's weight is 107 pounds, while Pondoland is asked to carry only one pound less than Sir Galahad III.

For the Grand National, recent quotations make W. H. Midwood's Silvio, the choice at 7 to 1, with Major C. Dewhurst's Conjuror II, at 9 to 1, and Taffyus, owned by J. C. Bullock, at 10 to 1.

TO PRESENT PRIZES
AT Y. M. C. I. TONIGHT

The presentation of the cups and medals won at the School Boys' and Maritime Skating meets will take place at the Young Men's Catholic Institute this evening. There are 21 cups to be presented and the donor of each is expected to be there to make the presentation. A programme of musical numbers and motion pictures, which will begin at 8 o'clock has been arranged.

Dr. W. P. Broderick, president of the Y. M. C. I., will preside at the opening, and will pass the direction of the proceedings on to R. Cleary, acting chairman of the physical committee.

GAMES IN CITY
BOWLING LEAGUES

Results of Last Evening's
Candle Pin Matches on
Local Alleys.

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE.

The St. John Iron Works team took all four points from the E. S. Stephenson Co. team in the Manufacturers' League. The scores follow:

Team	Score	Total Ave.
Chamberlain	89 78 85	226 75-3
Stephenson	88 85 77	250 82-3
McDonald	77 81 86	244 81-3
Denning	85 78 74	234 79-3
Cunningham	86 74 77	237 81-3

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COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

The Opticians took all four points in the Commercial League game on Black's alleys, last night, against the New Brunswick Power Co. team. The scores were as follows:

Team	Score	Total Ave.
Opticians	84 85 86	255 85-3
Cunningham	82 79 84	245 81-3
Rockwell	109 85 88	282 94-3
McDonald	77 81 86	244 81-3
Stanton	77 81 86	244 81-3
Whittaker	89 90 95	274 91-3

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C. AND C. S. LEAGUE.

In the Civic and Civil Service League on the Imperial alleys last night the Customs House took all four points from the Hydros. The Superintendent's office will meet the Water and Sewerage Department on the Imperial alleys Tuesday night. Last night's scores were:

Team	Score	Total Ave.
Customs House	80 85 86	251 83-3
Hydros	84 85 86	255 85-3
Willis	79 87 84	250 83-3
Abell	105 78 73	256 81-3
Whittaker	89 90 95	274 91-3
Yeomans	81 95 100	277 98

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