Stratford Wants Game ❁ Kitchener Beats Argos ❁ American Attacks Homer

Stratford Wants Game With Local O.H.A. Intermediates

The intermediates are invited to Stratford next week, and Coach Lee Walden said last night that he would accept the bid, providing tonight's turnout justified. Even lacking condition, this sort of a game would put some spirit into the outfit right away, something that indoor workouts will not do. Moreover it will serve to show the athletes how badly they need conditioning and going up against the Morenz-Carson hockey symphony might conceivably show the local candidates a turn or two of real hockey and how the pastime should be played.

Meantime, the general workout called for tonight at 8 o'clock at the "Y" gym is the main thing. Everybody will get a welcome, and every man that reports will get a chance to make either of the teams if he shows anything at all, once the ice workouts start, and that applies to both squads.

Some Available.

Arthurs, Gillies, Hynd, Mays, Burgess, Pring and Kenney are intermediate players available to jump right into workouts. There is some more intermediate material around the city that will be looked up. Dutch Hymmen of the R.C.R., stationed at Wolseley Barracks, is a prospect that might easily be developed into a good defence man. He hasn't had much playing experience, but he's a good skater, is a heavy, rugged chap and with a little attention might easily develop. He played in the Garrison Hockey League last year.

Coach Hi Ferguson, who takes over the junior squad, will be in deep thought the next few weeks but for a different reason than Walden. His worries will consist of unraveling a squad from the wealth of junior material available in the city. Fans who remember the merry struggles between Alert and Manhattan juniors last winter will realize just what an undertaking this is going to be, for these two small packages weigh up pretty evenly.

CAMBRIDGE BEATS OXFORD ELEVEN

Big Varsity Tilt Goes Scoreless For First Half.

London, Dec. 13.—Cambridge beat Oxford 2—0 in soccer today. There were about 3,000 spectators at the grounds at Sydenham, where the game was played. The weather was dull and the turf soft. Before the start of the game Dr. Randall, headmaster of Winchester College, unveiled the Corinthian club's war memorial to members who fell in the war.

The teams lined up as follows:

Oxford—Ward Clarke, Stephenson, Cahill, Bayliss, Potts, Platts, Kingsley, Phillips, Lewis, Barnard and Fraser.

Cambridge—Bell, Wilkinson, Chalk, Johnson, Mustell, Forsyth, Lowe, Sorensen, Duthwaite, Thomas and Capelslaughter.

Cambridge attacked on the right, and Lowe caused Ward Clarke, Oxford goalkeeper, to handle in the first minute. Oxford's right wing came back very persistently, but the Cantabs defended finely. Both sides showed weakness in front of goal. Wilkinson accomplished a fine piece of work when he stopped Barnard close in. Fraser, Oxford's right, got away with the ball and sent in a lovely center, but Mustell intervened cleverly.

Clarke a handful, but the Dark Blue goalkeeper saved high up. Later, with the Cantab goalie, Bell, on the ground, Phillips missed an open goal. Oxford missed another splendid chance to score when Lewis headed over from four yards' range, with Bell again on the ground. The half-time whistle blew with neither side having scored.

In the second half Cambridge began to get more of the play. Sorensen hit the upright with one shot. The Cambridge left wing, after being neglected got a chance from Capelslaughter's fine center. Sorensen sent in a shot which brought the Dark Blue goalkeeper to his knees. Soon after Capelslaughter raced away again, and from his center Sorensen scored.

Barnard then got through but tailed, while, transferring play to the other end, Sorensen missed an open goal. Ten minutes from the end, Duthwaite raised Cambridge's score by a brilliant shot.

TENPINS

Picas took two from Minions in the Printers' League yesterday. Vincent was high with 532.

Minions.				
A. Apsey	141	137	120—	398
F. Millett	173	150	147—	470
A. Wilson	116	148	188—	452
F. Smith	162	159	189—	510
Totals	592	594	644—	1830
Picas.				
A. Delaney	104	109	139—	352
F. Cameron	166	169	177—	512
F. Vincent	166	166	200—	532
J. McLean	207	143	162—	512
Totals	643	587	678—	1908

CITY LEAGUE.

Albas.				
King	120	173	172—	465
Merritt	170	244	209—	623
Falconer	188	172	213—	573
Martin	221	192	169—	582
Totals	699	781	743—	2243
Marconis.				
D. Catalano	178	183	172—	528
F. Catalano	211	214	218—	643
F. Sansone	156	167	224—	547
D. Mascari	195	159	180—	534
Totals	740	728	794—	2252

CANADIAN NAT. EXP. LEAGUE.

City Office Staff.				
Bawers	158	130	188—	516
Craig	83	150	108—	341
Jackson	143	223	217—	583
Deveney	136	194	154—	484
Totals	560	697	667—	1924
Night Staff.				
Hutchinson	130	169	99—	398
McVicar	130	139	131—	400
Mont	168	92	101—	361
Clarke	172	135	169—	474
Totals	600	535	500—	1633

GALT FANCIES HOCKEY CHANCES THIS YEAR

Galt, Dec. 13.—There is great rivalry on in the local grouping of the intermediate series which is looked upon as the strongest in Ontario. Galt is sure to be up in the fight, with Coach Harry Smith having a great squad to pick from. In addition to all of last year's players, champs of 1920-21, he has several others. Les McCulloch, Wilfrid McGill, the Hoffman twins from Zurich and Harry Henrich, formerly of Elmira, are five.

REFUSES HAMILTON OFFER.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13.—Morley Bruce, substitute player of the Ottawa N.H.L. team, for whom Hamilton was angling, has declined Hamilton's offer and will not come. The eight players who are here are being put through stiff practices by Art Ross.

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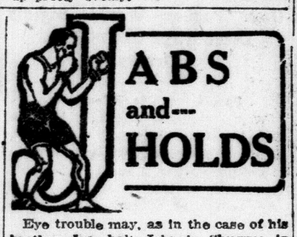

Eye trouble may, as in the case of his brother Joe, halt Johnnie Shugrue in his march toward the lightweight championship. Johnnie, who created a sensation the other night by being the first lightweight to knock out Willie Jackson, is obliged to wear glasses right up to the time he goes into the ring. He'd wear them inside the squared circle too if possible, as at times his sight is affected by the big arc lights, and he appears to sort of flounder around the ring.

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Johnny Kaiser, rising young bantamweight boxer, is rapidly putting St. Louis on the pugilistic map. He is one of the leading contenders for the featherweight title now held by Joe Lynch.

Pugilistically, St. Louis has been on the fritz. While Missouri's metropolis can snub many neighbors with George Sisler for the American League batting champion, Rogers Hornsby for the National League swat king, the Scullins as the national soccer champions, Eddie Held as the winner of last summer's golf tourney for players not identified withc lubs, there has never been a stir for a fistic title until Johnny Kaiser qualified for the bantamweight class.

Kaiser, now at the age of 18, is regarded as the fanciest piece of padded mitt machinery ever developed in St. Louis. Graduating from the amateur class a year ago, where he swept through the class of simonpures with a knockout punch, he has advanced to the gates of Joe Lynch's pedestal.

Fighting as an amateur for three years, Kaiser won 63 out of 66 bouts with a knockout punch. And that wallop is what has impressed the Mound City sharps.

Kaiser is built along the same lines as Lynch, tall, slender and as active as a cat.

His most prominent bouts have been with Pal Moore, Jack Wolfe, Ashton Donza, Billy Mascott and Young Montreal.

Up until several weeks ago Kaiser had never engaged in a bout away from his home arena. However, he is going through the test at present and is in New York to prove that he is entitled to a match with Lynch.

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Joe Symonds, former English flyweight champion, who is at present in the United States looking for bouts, will fight his first battle at the Trenton A. C. of Trenton, N.J., on Monday evening, Dec. 18. Leo Flynn, manager of Symonds, has signed up the little Englishman to meet Martin Judge of Philadelphia for ten rounds.

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Panama Joe Gans, the colored champion, who gave Young Fisher, the Syracuse fighter, such a great battle at Syracuse last Friday night, has been rematched to meet Fisher in another bout at the same club on the night of Dec. 15. It is expected that the bout will be a hard-fought one, as the men put up an interesting scrap when they met before.

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The ten-round bout between Dave Shade of California and Frankie Schoell of Buffalo which was to have been fought at Omaha, Neb., on Dec. 7, but which has been postponed on account of Schoell's illness until Dec. 15, was done so at the request of Schoell and his manager. This contest should attract a big crowd, as both men are very popular fighters.

WINDSOR NORWOODS TO PLAY ELKS HERE DEC. 29

Basketball fans of London and St. Thomas will have an opportunity to see the much-heralded Windsor Norwoods in action when they play the Askin Street Elks on Dec. 29, and the St. Thomas Orioles the following day.

The Norwoods are entered in the intermediate league of Windsor, and so far have won all their games, defeating last year's champions. If the 12th Battery can secure a gym for a date between Dec. 27 and Jan. 1 the Norwoods are willing to play them, providing they put up the necessary guarantee.

EDDIE EAYRS.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 13.—When this burg decided to get back on the baseball map by purchasing a franchise in the Eastern League, Eddie Eayrs was selected as the man to put it over. He will manage the team.

Eayrs was a baseball sensation at Brown University a decade ago. Pittsburg paid a fancy price for him. Later he was sent to Boston in the National League.

Last season New Haven bought him from Boston for $4,000, said to be the largest amount ever paid for a player by an Eastern League club.

Eayrs has political aspirations. He had practically decided to give up baseball and run for a berth in the Rhode Island Senate (his home is in Providence), when the offer came to manage Worcester. It was so alluring that he decided to pass up politics, for a while at least.

Always a good hitter, Eayrs finished last season with a batting average of .328. He will fill the role of playing manager.

KITCHENER BEAT ARGOS EASILY

Ex-Champs With Little Practice Spring Surprise.

GET INTO FINALS

Greenshirts Meet Varsity For S. P. A. Cup As Result of Win.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—After three practices during the last ten days, Kitchener defeated Argonauts by 4 goals to 1 in a semi-final S. P. A. game at the Arena tonight. The visitors were much superior and their win would have been by a greater margin had it not been for the splendid goalkeeping of Roy Worters.

The scullers' goalkeeper in the first period had more to do than Hainsworth had during the entire game. Kitchener will now meet Varsity in the final for the S. P. A. cup.

The Argos had no speed at any stage of the game, and the green-and-white clad players were not forced to exhaust themselves to win. Kitchener tore in on the scullers' goal in two and three-man dashes, and three of their four goals were the result of splendid combination.

Kitchener's goals were scored by W. Schnarr, Roth and two by Hiller. Sullivan notched the Argos' lone tally.

Pan Drieds Do Not Like Dates

Tillsonburg, Dec. 13.—There is a big difference of opinion among local fans as to the hockey schedule drafted in London for the intermediate series, and the schedule certainly crowds the Pan Drieds on their home games, having to play three home games in seven days, which probably will not help the financial end of the team, and, again, Tillsonburg fans will not have an opportunity to see their home team in action here until Jan. 19, and it appears it would have been much better to have wedged one home game in between the three out-of-town games. It is likely some action will be taken with Convener J. A. Greer of London to remedy the schedule drafted.

If the present weather continues, the intermediate crew will take the ice this evening for the first time, and should be in excellent shape for their opening game in London on Jan. 5.

SENIOR BOYS ARE OFF

Prelims To Y Hexathlon Contests Finds "Knockouts" Team Leading.

The Senior Business Boys' athletic contests got off to a good start last night, with a good many boys taking part. These weekly events are preliminaries to the hexathlon events which are run off a little later on in the season. The events for last night were the broad jump and the foul shot. The standing broad jump was won by Frank Clark, jumping 8 feet 9 inches.

The team leading in these events up to date are the Knockouts, captained by Ernest Hatfield, with a total of 78 points; second, Busters, captained by Russ Sparan, with 65 points; third, Invincibles, captained by Clive Vollick, with 62.5 points, and the Battlers, captained by R. Finlayson, with a close 62, making only .5 points difference.

The events for next week are the three-potato race against time and the twelve-pound shot-put.

OFFERS WILLARD BOUT, BUT WITH CONDITIONS

New York, Dec. 13.—Tom O'Rourke, matchmaker, has made Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, an offer to enter the ring again with his successor, Jack Dempsey, but the offer had a string on it, he declared today, corroborating the reported receipt of an offer by Willard's managers at Los Angeles. "Sure I made him an offer," said O'Rourke, "and I offered him 20 per cent of the gate receipts for a match to be staged at the Polo Grounds—which would amount to considerably more than the $37,500 Willard allowed Dempsey for the battle at Toledo. I made it clear, however, that my offer was based on this offer: That Willard would have to satisfy the press and the public two or three months before the date of the fight that he was in earnest and in condition. If Willard cannot get in condition I won't sponsor the match.

O'Rourke estimated that a championship so at the Polo Grounds would bring to the gate at least $500,000 which would give Willard at 20 per cent, $100,000, for his work, win or lose.

PLAY IN PITTSBURG.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Montagnards, champions of the city hockey league, leave tonight for Pittsburg to play a series of games with the champion amateur team of that city.

FRANK LEROY CHANCE.

The former manager of the Chicago Nationals and the New York Americans has signed a contract to manage the Boston American League club for 1923. Announcement of the deal was made in New York last night by H. H. Frazee. President Frazee stated that Chance's salary would compare favorably with those of the highest paid managers in baseball. The Boston owner also said that the engagement of Chance marked the first step in the reconstruction of the Red Sox. Chance will have full authority and control in rebuilding the club, and may appear in playing uniform on the coaching lines. He will not, however, engage in actual play.

WITH THE PUCK CHASERS

SENATORS LOOK GOOD.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Ottawas' workout last night was similar to that of the previous day. Senators are now right at the top of their game and a practice Thursday will give them that keenness and edge necessary to carry them into their first game at Hamilton.

CHECK PRO INROADS.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Ottawa amateurs are all primed up for a meeting tonight at which the underlying idea will be to prepare for next spring and summer activities, and to consolidate the amateurs in such manner that they can combat the inroads of professionals in any of the interested lines of sports.

There are hundreds of young amateurs in Ottawa, it is claimed, who simply await development and the opportunity of going higher in their classes.

SOO AND SUDBURY HAVE TITLE WAR WAGING

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 13.—Sudbury has refused the Sault proposal for a four-game schedule or four games in each city, and is holding out for a six-game schedule. The Sault might compromise on a five-game schedule, but citizens of the city are protesting against more. They claim they will not attend more than three games here with the Wolves.

It is apparent that Sudbury is out of luck for games, after winning its point to draw the Sault into a two-team group in the N. O. H. A., while the Sault never had a larger or more attractive series arranged for this winter, covering teams in the American Association, Port Arthur and Fort William and other teams.

JUNIOR GROUP NO. 11 TO OPEN SEASON JAN. 3

Galt, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of representatives of the four teams in Group No. 11 of the O. H. A. junior series here today, the following schedule was adopted:

Jan. 3—Galt at Paris, Preston at Brantford.
Jan. 8—Galt at Preston, Brantford at Paris.
Jan. 12—Brantford at Galt, Paris at Preston.
Jan. 16—Preston at Galt.
Jan. 17—Paris at Brantford.
Jan. 23—Paris at Galt.
Jan. 25—Galt at Brantford.
Jan. 26—Preston at Paris.
Jan. 29—Brantford at Preston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STRIKES AT HOMER

Would Establish Home-Run Zones—After Homely Pop-bottle, Too.

PLAN DISABLED FUND

$10,000 To Be Set Aside Each Year From World's Series Receipts.

New York, Dec. 13.—The American League at its annual meeting today took action to check what is regarded as two detriments to the national game—home-run hitting and pop-bottle throwing.

The club-owners recommended to the joint rules committee, representing both the American and National Leagues, that home-run zones be established in all big league parks to curb the abnormal growth of circuit hitting, and urged that steps be taken to regulate the sale of soft drinks so that fans no longer would be tempted to use the bottles as missiles.

The league, which closed its 1923 session late today, also voted to open the season on Wednesday, April 18, and decided to establish a fund of $50,000 to aid disabled ball players or their families by setting aside $10,000 annually for five years, beginning in 1923, from the American League's share of the world's series receipts.

Homer Detriment.

The action designed to curb home-run hitting was the result of a decision of the majority of the club-owners that the increased heavy botting was a detriment to the popularity of the game. While details of the zoning plan will be left to the rules committee, members of which will be appointed later by the presidents of the two leagues, it was the general opinion among the magnates that a minimum distance of 300 feet be established outside of which home runs would be allowed in parks where short fences or stands abutting on the playing field afford easy marks for heavy hitters.

An important announcement was the purchase by the St. Louis Browns for $15,000 of Hollis Thurston, right-hand pitcher of the Salt Lake City club of the Pacific Coast League.

Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit club, was re-elected vice-president of the American League. President B. B. Johnson retains office under a twenty-year term, to which he was elected in 1919.

A new waiver rule was adopted by the league, providing that if a releasing club does not withdraw its offer within 48 hours, a club filing a claim for the player or players involved must make the purchase at the waiver of $4,000 per player. Under the present rule the releasing club has five days in which to withdraw its waiver request.

R. M. BRISCO CUP MUST BE WON THREE TIMES

Mfrs.' League Hockey Trophy in Trusteeship of Messrs. Patterson and Ferguson.

In a letter to the Manufacturers' Hockey League, R. M. Brisco, donor of the Brisco Cup, names the conditions under which the trophy is given:

Mr. P. Suddick, Sec. M.H.L.

Dear Sir,—Below finds the desires of the donor in respect to the cup presented to your league.

It shall be known as the Brisco Cup.

It shall be a trophy for the various clubs which from time to time comprise the Manufacturers' Hockey League of London.

It shall be won three times in succession to the property of any one club.

It shall be governed by the constitution of the said hockey league and subject to changes which may be made from time to time in said constitution.

It shall have as trustees Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Patterson who are life members of the said league.

Lastly—Its intrinsic value is earthly and therefore small, but it does carry with it a spiritual value, the emblem of sport, which being manly effort put forth by the individuals exercising the greater use of his given power. For these reasons the donor does endow it with his best wishes, and charges the trustees, in accepting the trust to see that it is always the emblem of true and honest sport.

R. M. BRISCO.

"BISCUITS" AND LEWIS TO MEET FOR TITLE TONIGHT

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—Ed ("Strangler") Lewis, heavyweight wrestling champion, and Stanislaus Zbyszko, former champion, will wrestle here tomorrow for the world's championship. Both men went through light workouts today. Zbyszko tips the beam at 234 and Lewis weighs ten pounds more.

Zbyszko is 43 years old and Lewis is 30.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE. BY AHREN.

Play 12 Minutes In Rugby Game

BY WALTER CAMP.
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New York, Dec. 13.—Perhaps the most interesting basis for intensive study of the trend of the game of football was presented by the analysis of the Boston College-Holy Cross contest, made by Fred Burleigh, an official. His figures show that in the entire game the ball actually was in play less than twelve minutes, although the game lasted over two hours, including the intermissions. Of this time, Burleigh estimated that 48 minutes and 37 seconds were consumed in giving signals for the 132 plays which were run off, 35 of which took place in each of the first and fourth quarter and 31 each in the second and third periods.

Many students of the game now are figuring on some method of reducing these delays.

TEX MAY USE NEW YANK BALL PARK

Rickard Said To Have Option From Ruppert, Now Sole Owner.

LOOKING FOR CONTENDER

Rickard Has Brennan, Johnson and Firpo Series in Mind.

BY HENRY FARRELL.

New York, Dec. 13.—Change in the control of the New York Yankees not only remains the big talk of baseball, but it began to be looked upon as a big factor in New York boxing today.

With Colonel Jacob Ruppert as sole owner of the club and its properties it means practically that Tex Rickard will conduct whatever boxing is staged in the new million dollar Yankee Stadium.

Rickard as much as said today that Ruppert had given him to understand some time ago that the club decided to permit the use of the Stadium for boxing, that he was to be in charge.

Colonel Huston, retiring half owner of the club, was said to be in favor of granting the permit to a syndicate composed of several of his personal friends.

Rickard, at least, is proceeding along the line that he will get the privilege at the new park, and he is looking to at least two big matches for next summer.

In line with the wishes of Colonel Ruppert, Rickard said no weekly boxing exhibitions would be conducted on the grounds. Only a few of the biggest bouts—possibly two and no more—will be arranged.

Not Considering Wills.

Rickard said he is figuring on another Leonard-Tendler fight, and one in which Jack Dempsey will be one of the principals. He let it be known that he is not considering Harry Wills as the opponent for the champion.

"I don't believe Dempsey and Wills ever will meet," Rickard said, "I do not know of any state that will permit the bout, and when such a huge amount of money is involved New York and New Jersey are about the only states available."

Rickard wants to develop a contender for the heavyweight title, and has his eyes on Luis Firpo, the giant South American champion. He already has Bill Brennan and Floyd Johnson, one of the new sensations, matched. He then wants to sign the winner with Firpo and send the winner of that bout against Dempsey.

He denied that he has any kind of a contract or agreement with Dempsey, but he has no doubt that he can come to terms easily with the champion when he gets a good proposition for him. The bally-hoo is already out for the Leonard-Tendler bout. Billy Gibson, the manager of the little lightweight champion, was mingling around the baseball meeting yesterday and telling the boys how much the champion hated and detested the Philadelphia southpaw.

"Fight him again? Never. Benny won't let that Tendler make another big purse of him. He doesn't like him," Gibson said.

BASKET BALL QUIZ by Referee

DISQUALIFY.

What is a disqualifying foul?

When in the opinion of the official a player indulges in rough play that is entirely uncalled for, he can class such action as a disqualifying foul and remove the offending player from the game.

JUMPING.

Can a player jump center without having his hand in contact with his back?

When the ball is put in play in the center, each center player shall stand with both feet in his half of the circle, with one hand in contact with the middle of the small of his back.

Basketball Strikes Stride With Big Tilt Monday

Northwestern College, Illinois, Meets Western At Y Monday—London and District May Take Senior Rating Instead of Intermediate.

The formation of a London and District Basketball Association on Friday night at the "Y," an exhibition tilt in which Northwestern College of Napierville, Illinois will play Western University first team at the "Y" Monday night, with Shamrocks against an all-star girls' team from St. Thomas as curtain-raiser and appetizer, and Western University out with the announcement of their first and second teams for the year, shows basketball hitting a dizzy stride.

Monday night's exhibition should be a real basketball opener. This is the first appearance of an American team on a local floor in years, and it should give the local fans some hair-raising cage stuff. American basketball, like their football, is highly developed, and on the courts much ahead of Canada. Western students haven't any high hopes of beating the invaders, who are on a tour which takes them to Toronto and Hamilton, but they are certain they can hold the Yanks to such a pace that the fans will get a good look at them anyway.

The preliminary canter sees the popular Colleens making their first official bow of the season, and the first since their wonderful game with the Eskimos, which sent nearly 2,000 fans home in a state of mild frenzy.

The net proceeds will be handed over to a Christmas fund for the kiddies.

The London and District Cage Association idea is going over bigger than at first thought, and there is much more enthusiasm about the project now than when it was first broached.

Dr. Smith of Western U. will suggest at the meeting Friday night that the intermediate series be raised to the senior rating. The physical director of Western knows too much about basketball, and especially about the Toronto and Hamilton end of senior basketball to delude himself into thinking that "senior" basketball will be played the first year but he's a firm believer in the old adage of aiming high, with a lot of psychological justification for his belief.

Apparently he argues: "Let any four mediocre teams believe they are playing senior basketball long enough and they will be playing it eventually, and more, it tends to attract players, and the stimulating effect is felt all down the line."

Any twelve good men and true could almost convict him of "Couleism" on that belief, but whatever "ism" it is it's been done before in sport, and it's a suggestion that will be adopted in all probability Friday night.

Western University "fives" will elect their captains and managers at a special workout called for the medical gym Saturday afternoon. The teams have already been chosen and are already entered in several leagues.

The candidates who made the first team are: V. L. Callaghan, G. Wainwright, W. Johns, W. Beemer, L. Callaghan, E. Calbert, J. Sifton, Coles (spare).

The juniors are: Hungerford, Walker Hambly, Woods, Morris, A. C. Rose, Mulveney, Burton (spare).

LOCAL MAN'S BOOK ON BOXING PRAISED

Physical Director Blake of Central C. I. Has Done Splendid Work.

The first volume of Scientific Boxing, of which Physical Director Blake of the Central Collegiate is the author, has arrived in the city, and even a hasty perusal stamps it as of the most lucid ever written about boxing.

Splendid introductory prefaces, one written by Dr. James W. Barton, M.D., physical director of Toronto University, and the other by Dr. George A. Smith, physical director of Western University, pay not only a high tribute to boxing as a sport, but also to the author.

The author himself wastes little time with "stalling" preamble, but gets right into his subject from the start, and from the time the novice student first lifts his gloves into a defensive position, clear, concise directions and splendid illustrations make the way plain.

How to Judge.

The author has not been unmindful of the poor, harassed individuals often called upon to judge matches, and he has, with unusual understanding of the problems, many and varied, facing the judges, set forth the main points which must be watched for, and has also provided a simple scoring method.

Appended are extracts from the rules as they apply to Ontario, the athletic commission of which province sponsors the work.

Those who have read Scientific Boxing predict for it a foremost place amongst the standard books written about this sport, and Mr. Blake is receiving congratulations from every source on his achievement.

BRITISH SOCCER

London, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Football games in the Old Country today resulted as follows:

Scottish League—First Division.
Airdrie 1, Third Lanark 0.

Rugby Union.
Portsmouth Services 5, Guys 8.

County Championship—Rugby.
Surrey 21, Middlesex 0, at Richmond.

Just Between Us

By C. S. G.

The Hamilton Herald says: "Les Brooks, business manager of the Hamilton M.-O. League club, was reappointed yesterday at a meeting of the club owners.

"He announced this morning that his first move will be to secure a new manager. While Ernie Calbert led the Hams home in front this year, Brooks feels that a change would be for the better, and he will leave on Friday morning for Columbus, Ohio, to talk matters over with 'Buzz' Wetzel, who piloted the London Cockneys last summer. As announced exclusively in the Herald in September, Wetzel has resigned his position in London. He would be glad to come here, so he stated in a letter to the Herald sporting editor some time ago.

"Brooks has other changes in view that will result in several of the champions being traded or sold. The salary list this year was altogether too heavy to make ends meet, and the owners think they can do just as well with a sprinkling of the older fellows and the injection of new blood. Two new outfielders will be sought, which practically means that Ernie Calbert will not be brought back. There will also be a shift or two in the infield.

"Last year 'Buzz' Wetzel had a cheap team in London and chased the Hams to the wire. He ought to be able to provide Hamilton with a strong crew, and his ability to get smart ballplayers for reasonable salaries should more than atone for him sitting on the bench throughout. Bench managers are not usually desirable in Class B ball, but Wetzel's case is different from the ordinary run."

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The foregoing is interesting in view of the fact that Judge Arthur Clement, owner of the Saginaw Aces, has already announced that he has signed "Buzz" for the coming season. The judge apparently slipped up by not announcing it "exclusively" in the Herald.

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Though Siki was little known outside the continent before his sensational defeat of Carpentier on the continent, the black was known in every little town and city, and, according to Harry Reeves, British army champ, who fought him three or four times, finally being knocked out by Siki at Marseilles around the tenth round, he has more friends than enemies all over the continent.

In Rotterdam, where his wife lives, the Senegalee is a sort of city character. He goes out on a few wild stampedes, but nobody minds him, and the Dutch police all have his house address in their little books. From these small towns and cities, who know only the boyish, harmless Siki, the source of a big reaction in his favor may be expected to come.

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