

LIVE TOPICS OF SPORT AT HOME AND ABROAD

LOCAL BALL SEASON OPENS WITH TWO GAMES THIS WEEK

St. John fans will enjoy their first baseball of the season this week when on Thursday the Marathons will cross bats with the St. Stephen-Calais team and on Saturday there will be two big games with Fredericton, last year's winners. Since reporting at Boston the St. John team have been playing together under the sole direction of Manager Leonard and he reports to the local owners of the team that he has succeeded in getting together a fast crowd of ballplayers who will be "on their toes" every minute of the game and will make each match in which they participate a real hot game.

Largely the Marathons will be an unknown quantity to the local fans for only two of the men who will compose the team at the start of the league race have played in St. John before. These are Buff Riley and O'Brien, the speedy little third-sacker who held down that job so nicely last season. Harry Dutton may be on hand to handle first base but whether he will arrive on Thursday is not known by the team owners. In fact the standing and make-up of the entire team is up to Manager Leonard. He has not been lavish in his advance estimates of the team but this is not surprising since it will be remembered that when Mr. Leonard was asked some weeks ago as to his prospects for the season he said it was the easiest thing in the country to pick a winning team on paper

but that it was a practice he had not indulged in. He has said, however, that he has a snappy collection of ball-players together and that he is well satisfied they will give a good account of themselves.

The mettle of the St. Stephen-Calais team which opens the local season on Thursday was shown last week when they defeated a fast Biddeford aggregation by the score of 21-0. All the St. Stephen-Calais pitchers were worked out in that game and all proved champions to the Biddeford men. However, a better line on the merits of the two teams will be given on Wednesday when they clash at Calais for the first game, coming here on Thursday.

Saturday's visitors will be the Fredericton men and they are always known to give a good account of themselves. Bob Ganley has had his team in shape for some time and there is no doubt that he will annex both games on Saturday if it is at all possible to do it by playing clean fast ball.

Word as to the probable line-up of the Marathons for the games on Thursday and Saturday is expected from Manager Leonard today or tomorrow. Until it comes the fans will be kept guessing as to just how the team will look. All the men signed have records as good players but until they can be seen in action little can be said of them.

IN THESE DAYS WHEN CLOSE PLAYS ARE PICTURED, THE "FANS" HAVE NO "RAW" DECISIONS TO ARGUE OVER



Here is a photograph showing that the camera sees more than the eyes of many of the "fans." The snap shot man pressed his button as Boals Becker made his slide for the plate after driving the ball to the centre field fence in a recent New York-Cincinnati game. The picture shows that a relay of Shafer from Snodgrass to the catcher enabled Meyers to keep the runner from touching the home base at all.

AMERICAN, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Washington, 5; Detroit, 2.
Detroit, May 17.—Washington today hit safely when runs were needed and defeated Detroit, 5 to 2. Score: Washington . . . 0001000—5 10 1
Detroit . . . 0001000—2 6 1
Batteries: Groom and Henry; Hall, Klavitter and Kordman.
Cleveland, 7; Philadelphia, 3.
Cleveland, Ohio, May 17.—Cleveland easily defeated Philadelphia, 7 to 3, today. Kahler outpitching the three pitchers used by Mark. Score: Cleveland . . . 30120010x—7 13 1
Philadelphia . . . 1000000—3 6 2
Batteries: Kahler and O'Neill; Bush, Taff, and Lapp.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Twelve Inning Tie.
New York, May 17.—New York and Pittsburgh played a 1 to 1 twelve inning tie today. The contest was a pitchers' battle. Tesreau and Crandall for New York and Hendrix and Adams for Pittsburgh. Score: New York . . . 001000000—1 8 0
Pittsburgh . . . 0000000—1 8 0
Batteries: Adams, Hendrix and Cline; Tesreau, Crandall and Myers.
Cincinnati, 2; Boston, 6.
Boston, May 17.—James, the Boston pitcher, held Cincinnati safe in all but one inning today, while the locals batted out a victory, 6 to 2. Score: Boston . . . 02101002x—6 8 2
Cincinnati . . . 000002000—2 6 1
Batteries: James and Whaling; Brown, Harter and Clarke.

RIFLEMEN ON RANGES SATURDAY

CITY RIFLE CLUB.
The St. John City Rifle Club held their regular weekly spoon match on Saturday afternoon on the local rifle range. There was a large number present, but the weather conditions were not the best. Some good scores were put on the winners of the spoon in "A" class was a most popular one. Everyone present was pleased to see E. S. R. Murray carry off the spoon with the ace score of ninety-five points.

The following were the winners, with their scores at each range:

A Class.
200 500 800 T 41
E. S. R. Murray, spoon 21 33 41—95
Jas. Sullivan, second 32 29 29—90

B Class.
A. Bentley, spoon . . . 28 32 27—87
Mal. W. C. Magee, 2nd 31 30 24—85
The club will hold two matches next Saturday, the morning match at 9 o'clock, distances 800 and 900 yards, and the afternoon match at 1.30, at Kings Ranges.

ST. ANDREW'S CADETS.
The first match of the season in the Cadet Series of the Canadian Militia League, was shot on the local range Saturday morning. The weather conditions were bad, being very cold, the light was dark and quite a mirage was rising from the damp ground, while the changes of wind with sudden puffs would puzzle the older shots. The following were the scores made by the Cadets:

Lieut. A. E. Stephenson . . . 200 500 T 41
Bergt. W. A. Welford . . . 30 31—61
Cadet J. Chandler . . . 29 20—49
Corporal F. Walsford . . . 27 21—48
Lieut. W. B. Wesley . . . 23 23—46
Cpl. Sgt. J. M. Gibson . . . 16 23—39
Bergt. M. White . . . 17 11—28
Cadet J. Thompson . . . 15 11—26
Cadet L. Weatherhead . . . 12 11—23
Cadet G. Metcalf . . . 11 3—14
211 184 395

ST. STEPHEN CADETS.
In the cadet series Saturday the

JOHNSON IS IN NEED OF MONEY

Chicago, May 17.—If Federal Judge Carpenter, in whose court Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, was convicted of violating the white slave law, will consent, Johnson and Luther McCarty, white heavyweight champion of the world will meet. Arrangements for the match were agreed to by Billy McCarty, manager of McCarty, and Johnson today.

Johnson said that his statement of a few days ago that he was "broke" was absolutely true. He said he needed money now worse than he had ever needed it.

When asked if he would meet Luther McCarty, Johnson showed his gold teeth and said he would be glad of the chance to share the gate receipts of a championship battle.

"The only thing that stands in the way," said Johnson, "is the consent of Judge Carpenter."

McCarty wired Johnson today that he would match McCarty against him when Johnson received permission of the court to fight.

BALL PLAYER KILLED.
Pottsville, Pa., May 17.—Clarence H. Irvin, a star baseball pitcher of this vicinity, who was signed by Manager Connie Mack of the Philadelphia American League club, and who was to report for duty May 23, was instantly killed here by tripping and falling in front of a Philadelphia railroad locomotive near Cresson, Pa.

Members of the St. Stephen cadets found the wind tricky, although the weather was fine. The cadets made pretty good shooting despite the fact that it was the first of the season. The following is the score:

Yds.
Capt. M. Brown . . . 25 28—53
Sgt. R. Boyer . . . 29 24—53
Lieut. F. Hunter . . . 25 25—50
Sgt. H. Brown . . . 27 23—50
Corporal K. Boyd . . . 23 23—46
Sgt. R. Capson . . . 23 22—45
Corp. J. Gaulton . . . 23 11—34
Lieut. Corp. D. Allen . . . 16 16—32
Private J. McKay . . . 16 16—32
Totals . . . 230 207 437

SPORTOGRAPHY BY "GRAVY"

Ed Walsh, White Sox Pitcher, is 32 Years Old Today.

Ed. Walsh, the well known slab artist of the Chicago White Sox aggregation, was born in Pennsylvania thirty-two years ago today, May 19, 1881, and began his career in the equally well known coal mines of that great State. Miners in those days only had to work a dozen hours a day, and then they had to go driving or play golf, or tennis, or baseball. Walsh chose baseball as his favorite pastime, and after his day's toil was over, used to motor out regularly to the country club, and play ball with his fellow miners. Things went along in this way, with big Ed playing ball just for sport, until he had passed his twenty-first milestone. It was in 1902 that Walsh was given a chance to make good in professional ball with the New London club of the Connecticut League. He looked so good that the Newark, N. J. club took him over, and in 1904 Old Roman Conkles called him up higher. Walsh was wearing white hosiery ever since. He made good with Chicago fans early in the game, and it wasn't long until the White Sox rooters were calling him the "greatest pitcher in the world."

Ed says he pitched the game of his life on July 4, 1902, when he was still

GUN CLUB SHOOTING SATURDAY

There were some good scores made by the members of the St. John Gun Club on Saturday, and Col. J. L. McAvity, who shot at 100 and broke 92, which is the best score made in the history of the club. The following is the result of the shooting:

Shot at 100.
J. W. Andrews . . . 75 81
J. L. McAvity . . . 100 92
W. E. Baxter . . . 75 46
Mr. Allingham . . . 125 91
W. W. Gerow . . . 50 28
James McGouey . . . 50 27
J. J. Lelecheur . . . 75 17

Snipe Shooting.
The following is the score made out of 25:
J. W. Andrews . . . 14
J. J. Lelecheur . . . 13
Mr. Allingham . . . 13
James McGouey . . . 13

ENGLISHMEN SAY DATES TOO EARLY

Boston, May 17.—The Harvard track management has received a cable from the managers of the Cambridge-Oxford teams that it will be impossible to hold an international track meet on June 19. This date is not acceptable to the English athletes, because Cambridge and Oxford do not close until nearly two weeks later.

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PITCHER EDDIE PLANK



Eddie Plank seems to improve with age, for at 35 he is pitching better ball than ever before in his career. Frank Chance, after battling against Plank, recently declared he was the best outpaw he has ever faced.

Last season, Plank won 26 and lost 6 games with a team that finished third, while Marquand won 26 and lost 11 with a pennant winner. Still, there were no \$100-a-week vaudeville offers waiting for Eddie, and it is just as well, as he would undoubtedly have turned them down. No white lights for him, but back to his Gettysburg farm.

BASE-CREEK GAME PLAYED BY THE GIRLS

Boston, May 18.—At the athletic demonstration of the Sargent School girls at the Boston Arena Monday evening the game of base-creek will be seen in Boston for the first time. This is a new game invented by Chas. C. Malton of Everett, who describes the game as a healthy, exciting pastime and one that promises to excel any of the present sports.

The game will be played between two teams of girls from the Sargent School. Although the game is played between two teams an individual is the winner. The game is a cross between baseball and cricket. The wickets are set out in a diamond similar to baseball and the batter runs after making a hit to the first base. If reached safely it counts one run. The ball is then pitched or bowled to the batter at that wicket. The ball must be caught or thrown to the wicket keeper for an out.

IN THE COURTS

PROBATE.
Estate of Arthur P. Hazen, bank manager. Last will made after his wife's death, whereby the Royal Trustor gives all his estate of every nature to the Royal Trust Company and to Fred R. Taylor, barrister-at-law, upon trust for his two infant children in equal shares, a share to be paid over to each child as soon as the child attains the age of 21 years as the trustees in their discretion may deem advisable. If one of the children dies before such share is so paid then the whole to go to the survivor. If both such children die before receiving such share then provision is made for the estate of the estate among the brothers and sisters of the testator.

For special reasons letters testamentary are issued to The Royal Trust Company and to Fred R. Taylor, the executors named in such will without waiting the usual lapse of fourteen days. Real estate, consisting mostly of an undivided fifth in various properties owned by the late Robert P. Hazen, \$5500. Personalty, \$35,000. Life insurance, \$3000. Total estate, \$46,500. Edward C. Weyman, proctor.

ENGLISH POLOISTS.
New York, May 17.—The English polo team will get its first practice in America on Monday, when it goes up against a scrub team recruited from some fairly good players at Piping Rock.

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THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

1902—Kid McCoy defeated Kid Carter in six rounds at Philadelphia.
1908—Sam Langford outpointed Sandy Ferguson in 12 rounds at Boston.
1909—Jack Johnson outpointed Jack O'Brien in six rounds at Philadelphia.
1910—Billy Papke knocked out Joe Thomas in 16th round at San Francisco.
1911—George Kirkwood and Joe Rivers fought a four-round draw at San Francisco.

MONCTON NEWS.
Moncton, May 17.—Stephen Dwyer, former employe of the Record Printing and Machine Co., died this morning at Mansion House, 53rd street.
W. F. Taylor, general storekeeper of the Intercolonial, has gone to Chicago to attend the convention of the Railroad Storekeepers' Association.
At a meeting of ladies of the Baptist church last evening it was decided to assist the building committee, Mrs. W. P. Starrat was elected president and Mrs. Geo. O. Spencer secretary.
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Read have returned from a three weeks' trip to different American cities.

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MARITIME FOREIGN NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF

St. John Man, Mistaken For Strike Breaker, is Assaulted at Halifax—Montreal may have a Civic Shake-Up.

Mystery is Solved.
Toronto, May 17.—The mystery surrounding the suicide of a Miss Mabel Thompson in a Milan hotel, some time ago, has been cleared. It appears that a victim belongs to Toronto, and was a daughter of the late James Thompson of this city. Miss Thompson and W. K. Thompson of Tyndall street, and Mrs. Florence Peters, of 13 Close avenue, are relatives. Miss Thompson had not been in Toronto for about five years, having been traveling on the continent for practically the whole of that time, practicing her profession as a nurse when the occasion demanded. She was 55 years of age.

St. John Man Assaulted.
Halifax, May 17.—Bliss A. Dunfield, traveller for the J. A. Moore Lumber Company, of St. John, a passenger on the Ocean Limited was mistaken for a strikebreaker and assaulted as he stepped from the train on arrival at North street Station last night. Mr. Dunfield was struck over the eye with a stone and badly cut. He states that he was called at the office of a North End physician and requested to have the wound dressed. The physician refused to treat him, saying that he would not "dress the wound of a d—strikebreaker injured." He then went to the office of another physician and had the injury attended to.

Civic Shake-Up in Montreal.
Montreal, May 17.—In an effort to secure more efficient work from the various department heads, the Board of Control has, it is said, but not yet confirmed, decided to reorganize all the departments at the City Hall. Among men slated to retire or to be removed are Hon. L. O. David, City Clerk; Dr. Louis Laberge, Medical Officer of Health; Alcide Chausse, Building Inspector; and L. O. Champagne, Boiler Inspector, and many others. A number of these, such as the two first named, have been in the city's service for over thirty-five years.

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