

SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

Dave Brain is being talked of as a possible manager for the Bostonians, but it is doubtful if the present owners of the Beaneaters will depose Fred Tenney, who did as well as could be expected last year.

As compared with last winter's games those being played down east this season are as gentle as a session at crokinole or croquet. Slashing and tripping have been noticeably absent, and while it is pleasant to think that some of this is due to agitation through the press and individual regeneration, it must be admitted that the double umpire system is mainly responsible for the cleaner game. May the O. H. A. soon be moved to give it a trial.

Jim Jeffords, who has been teaching the students of the university to hit, stop and get away, is yearning to take another plunge into the ring. Jeffords has nearly every physical attribute necessary for a good fighter, but his performance has not been of the in-and-out character. He surprised nearly every one two years ago by clearly besting Gus Ruhlin, and then a little later he lost the popular decision to the man from Akron. John Teas, the old Pennsylvania football player, who has been put through a course of fistic stunts by Billy Elmer at the latter's gymnasium in New York, has expressed a desire to meet Jeffords. In all likelihood, however, the first opponent Jeffords will meet will be George Gardner, the Lowell boxer. If Jeffords succeeds in outpointing him he will be right in line again.

What for a time threatened to be a poor season in Montreal and Ottawa hockey has developed into a close and exciting series. Jealousy and internal dissension amongst the clubs of the metropolis furnished a gloomy outlook, but the hatchet has been buried, ruffled feelings smoothed and everything is lovely in the E. C. H. A. Despite their defeat at the Capital the Wanderers have an excellent chance to carry off first honors, and incidentally take the Stanley Cup to its original resting place. Right on the heels of these two teams are the Victorias, with an exceptionally fast forward line. It would not surprise eastern followers of the game to see them nose into second if not first place. Then come the Shamrocks, with a team of youngsters, gritty and fast, while both Montreal and Quebec are liable to upset calculations and may materially aid in settling the championship by defeating some of the leaders.

That the Middle West colleges, the "Big Nine," should tackle the problem of football reform is characteristic of western courage and initiative. It is a bold step, much more so than that displayed by the Harvard faculty in abolishing the game. Many will say that this action is characteristic of Harvard. For many years that institution has, athletically, had a yellow streak, and it would appear as if it had infected the faculty. Time and again Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania, in football, baseball and rowing by sheer grit and stamina have plucked victory from the Cambridge men just as it appeared to be within their grasp, and it is safe to say that it will be these colleges that will have the courage to blaze away to football reform in the east. That there is a football problem will not be doubted by anyone now, and while the western colleges do not expect to eradicate brutality and dirtiness in a season, that they are earnestly and systematically seeking a way to a cleaner game is encouraging to all lovers of the game. All hail to the "Big Nine."

George Edward Waddell is, of course, the synonym for eccentricity in baseball. As long as his mind is on the game, Rube is unbeatable, but once the opposition gets his attention and makes him either angry or forgetful, he is done.

The first time I ever saw George Edward was at Butler, Pa., when the team was in a dilemma. They wanted a catcher. They had the pitcher, all right, but there was no one who could hold him. Finally they secured a catcher who was willing to make the attempt. George Edward, accompanied by his father, came out. The first ball he pitched at the new catcher was called up to cannon-ball speed. The catcher merely ducked his head and let the ball splinter the boards in the stand. Then he went down and gave George Edward a heart-to-heart talk. Rube agreed to slow down a bit—and he did. After the game the catcher bandaged his black and blue spots and vowed that if George Edward ever got any sense he would be the greatest pitcher the world ever has known. Half a dozen managers have agreed with that catcher.—Buffalo Courier.

Willie Hoppe, conqueror of Vignaux, and the most imposing figure in the billiard world today, is a native of Cornwall, N. Y., and has been playing pool and billiards ever since he was able to hold a cue and climb on a table. His father ran a billiard and pool room at Cornwall. Willie and his brother spent all their spare moments in the room. The two boys learned pool and billiards together, and when in their teens gave exhibitions around the country. They were hailed as the juvenile billiard wonders, but Willie had the most aptitude for the game and eventually began to outstrip his brother as a billiard player. Then he developed speed enough to play exhibitions with the big guns, and toured America with Jake Schaefer.

His father gets credit for teaching the boy much of his preliminary knowledge of the game. The elder Hoppe has seldom left his son's side. He accompanied him on all his tours, and always kept the boy at practice. The father knows a lot about billiards himself and picked up a great deal of money by keeping tab on the big professionals. He drilled all his knowledge into his son, and then made the boy school himself into all the new wrinkles of the game by constant practice.

Hoppe challenged George Slosson, of New York, before departing for Paris, but Slosson took his time about accepting the deft and Hoppe, fearing Slosson had no intention of playing him, took a steamer for Paris and challenged Vignaux.

The interest in welterweight boxing, which for some years back has been practically dead, will be greatly revived by Joe Gans' capture of the championship from Twin Sullivan at Frisco. In fact for some months back the caliber and number of the men in this division has been steadily rising. Joe Walcott, the Barbadoes Demon, was for many seasons the king pin in the welterweight class, but so few were the good men at the weight that he was obliged to take on middleweights and light heavyweights. Since his retirement some months ago, quite a bunch of good men have turned up. By general consent Buddy Ryan stepped into the negro's shoes, especially after trimming the husky Honey Melody, but he soon went down before Jimmy Gardner, who in turn succumbed to Sullivan, and the latter to Gans. Gans appears to have regained his old form, but although his win was clean cut and clever, the public will wait for another such victory before placing much confidence in the colored boxer. Great fighter that he undoubtedly is, he has been mixed up with too many shady affairs of the ring to be popular. He will never have the confidence that was given such men as Sullivan, Fitzsimmons, McAuliffe, Dempsey, Jackson or Dixon. It would be interesting to know just how much Al Herford, his former backer and trainer, has had to do with Gans' remarkable reversal of form. Not long ago Herford testified in court, as an expert witness, that Gans was all in as a fighter. Subsequently, he announced so that all could hear, that he had severed all connection with the boxer, but it's dollars to doughnuts that the Baltimore promoter is still manipulating the reins. Maybe there is something beautiful cooking, off which the guileless sporting world will be asked to dine some of these fine days to the enrichment of Mr. Herford's bank account.

COVERPOINT.

THE GUN.

CLOSE OF HAMILTON SHOOT.

Hamilton, Jan. 19.—The Hamilton Gun Club's shoot wound up this afternoon. It proved one of the most successful in the history of the club. Though the big live bird event was finished yesterday, today's programme was particularly attractive. There were eleven events, one live bird, two miss-and-out, and eight inanimate target events. J. R. Taylor, Newark, Ohio, had the highest average for professionals in the live bird events. He hit 46 out of 50 birds, and had an average of 92. E. E. Fletcher, Hamilton, had the highest average for amateurs, his average also being 92. Dr. Green, Hamilton, came second with 90.

FOOTBALL.

SAIL FOR AMERICA.

Southampton, Eng., Jan. 20.—The Line steamer New York here today, having on board the New Zealand football team, which they probably will play Jan. 30.

an exhibition game at New York against an all-Canadian team, and another at San Francisco against the Vancouver players.

ATHLETICS.

A RAID ON SHARKEY'S.

New York, Jan. 20.—The Sharkey Athletic Club was raided by the police last night. Six men were arrested on the charge of aiding and abetting boxing exhibitions with a charged admission. Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist, was not present. The arrested officers contended that the admission into the club was open to members only.

CURLING.

BONSPIEL POSTPONED.

St. Thomas, Jan. 21.—Owing to the inclement weather the curling bonspiel, which was being held here this week, has been postponed until Tuesday, when it will play Jan. 30.

LONDON INTERMEDIATES
LEAD THEIR GROUP, BUT
JUNIORS ARE AT BOTTOM

The Berlin seniors and intermediates are at present at the head of their groups in the O. H. A. race, and unless the unexpected happens they will retain that position. The seniors have won their three games, and still have three to play, whereas Galt has played only one game—a tie—Stratford has broken even, St. Georges has only won one out of three, and Woodstock has failed to land a game.

The Berlin juniors have also won all their games, Galt breaking even, with Preston and Guelph still farther down the ladder. The Stratford intermediates lead their group, while London, in group 8, as well as the best showing so far, playing four games and winning all.

The London juniors show up poorly, having lost all of their games.

The standing:

Group No. 1—	Won.	Lost.	To Play.
Berlin	3	0	3
Stratford	2	1	3
Midland	1	2	3
Marlborough	0	1	5
Group No. 2—			
Berlin	3	0	3
Galt	1	0	5
Stratford	1	2	3
St. Georges	1	2	3
Woodstock	0	2	4

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Marlborough	0	1	5
Group No. 2—			
Berlin	3	0	3
Galt	1	0	5
Stratford	1	2	3
St. Georges	1	2	3
Woodstock	0	2	4

Group No. 5—	Won.	Lost.	To Play.
Welland	2	0	4
St. Catharines	1	0	5
Grimby	0	1	5
Port Colborne	0	1	5
Group No. 6—			
Berlin	2	0	3
Galt	1	1	4
Preston	1	1	4
Guelph	0	2	3
Group No. 7—			
Stratford	2	1	4
Goderich	1	1	4
Ingersoll	1	1	4
Paris	0	2	3
Brantford	0	2	3
Group No. 8—			
London	4	0	4
Seaforth	1	1	4
Clinton	1	2	3
Hillburgh	0	3	3
Group No. 9—			
Alliston	2	0	2
Sudbury	1	1	2
Barrie	1	1	2
Newmarket	0	1	2
Group No. 10—			
North Bay	3	1	0
Sturgeon Falls	2	2	0
Sudbury	1	3	0
Group No. 11—			
Gore Bay	1	0	1
St. Catharines	0	1	1
Group No. 12—			
Orangeville	1	1	2
Owen Sound	0	1	2
Group No. 13—			
Defaulted.	1	1	2

The same for SENIORS.

Group No. 1, Section A—	Won.	Lost.	To Play.
Georgian	2	0	0
Queens	1	0	0
Meets R. M. C. in Section B.			
Group No. 2—			
Brooklin	3	0	3
Strathcona	2	1	4
Port Hope	1	2	4
Belleville	1	2	4
Peterborough	0	2	4
Group No. 3—			
Peterboro	4	0	3
Colborne	1	2	4
Port Hope	1	2	4
Group No. 4—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3
Group No. 5—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3
Group No. 6—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3
Group No. 7—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3

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Georgian	2	0	0
Queens	1	0	0
Meets R. M. C. in Section B.			
Group No. 2—			
Brooklin	3	0	3
Strathcona	2	1	4
Port Hope	1	2	4
Belleville	1	2	4
Peterborough	0	2	4
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Peterboro	4	0	3
Colborne	1	2	4
Port Hope	1	2	4
Group No. 4—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3
Group No. 5—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
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Welland	1	2	4
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Brooklin	3	0	3
Strathcona	2	1	4
Port Hope	1	2	4
Belleville	1	2	4
Peterborough	0	2	4
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Peterboro	4	0	3
Colborne	1	2	4
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Group No. 4—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
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Woodstock	1	2	4
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Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3
Group No. 7—			
Welland	1	2	4
Woodstock	1	2	4
St. Catharines	0	3	3

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Georgian	2	0	0
Queens	1	0	0
Meets R. M. C. in Section B.			
Group No. 2—			
Brooklin	3	0	3
Strathcona	2	1	4
Port Hope	1	2	4
Belleville	1	2	4
Peterborough	0	2	4
Group No. 3—			
Peterboro	4	0	3
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Welland	1	2	4
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