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MANY SPORTS

## DAN McEWEEN HAS FINE STRING OF HORSES WINTERING IN LONDON

The Eel Is In Fine Condition and Expectations Are That He Will Break a Few Records This Year—Wickbrino Is Also in Splendid Condition—Other Horses Promising

[BY JINKS]

Out in the morning at 6 o'clock, and driving until nearly the same hour in the evening, these are busy days for Dan McEween, the well-known horseman. Mr. McEween has a string of thirteen horses at the present time wintering at the stables in Queen's Park, and, despite the unkind weather, he believes that they are the most promising lot of horses that he has handled for many a season. He and his three assistants are hard at work getting them into shape for the spring meets, and if two or three of them do not turn out to be winners, it will not be the fault of the horses, but of the weather.

Prominent among the string is in splendid condition this winter, and it may be seen any day, driven by Dan McEween, in East London in the vicinity of Queen's Park. Its driver is so enthusiastic about its condition that he predicts that the Eel will break a couple more records this summer. Last summer the famous stallion was barred from competing in many of the races on the Grand Circuit, but it is thought that this season, owing to the number of good horses American owners have been developing, that there will be no protest raised at the Eel's entry, and Owner Frank Entenken is looking for a big season.

### THE EEL NOT GOING BACK.

There have been several rumors, started by American horsemen, that the Eel was going back, and losing some of its speed, but there is no doubt but that the Eel is right now just as good as it ever was, and this season should be one of its big years.

Last fall, the Eel did a mile on a quarter-mile track at Woodstock in 2:13, a Canadian record. There was some dispute about the Woodstock track being short, but Alby Robinson, who promotes all athletic events in the Baby City, and who every year extends an invitation to Mr. McEween and the horse, had it surveyed, and it was found to be correct. Considering the fact that the track was a grass one and not in the very best of shape, the Eel's performance was remarkable.

"The Eel had been worked pretty hard that week," said Mr. McEween. The advertiser, when speaking of the Woodstock performance. Two days we had been working him at the Cleveland track, where he paced several exhibition miles. That night he was shipped to the boat to Detroit, and after a nine hours' stand, he was loaded on a train for London, where I gave him a slight work-out. The next morning he shipped for Woodstock, but did not arrive until the afternoon. I had only time to give him a few oats and take him to the grounds. After a couple of heats, I let him out for the trial, and despite the condition of the track, he loved the record."

### ANOTHER GOOD PACER.

Mr. McEween has another pacer that he is optimistic about. This is Swiftline, a five-year-old gray gelding, by the Eel, his dam being by Smuggler. Swiftline resembles his sire in appearance, and is one of the prettiest horses in the string. Minor Eel and Eel are also in the string. Mr. McEween is spending a great deal of time with this winter. The former is a three-year-old gray stallion, dam Mystery, by Rooker, and is bred for speed. The Eel Direct is owned by Sam Mahon, of Leesborough, Ont., and is a five-year-old gray gelding, by the Eel, dam by Lord Ferguson. The Eel Direct string that Mr. McEween is wintering here consists of the Eel, Swiftline, Minor Eel, and an unnamed gray stallion by the Eel, dam by Oro Wilkes.

Another member of the stable is San Toy, chestnut stallion by the Eel, dam by Sphinx, a five-year-old trotter. This horse has been a mile in 2:16, and great things are expected from him this season. He is owned by A. E. Ratz, of Tavistock, who also owns a big brown pacer stallion, unnamed. This fellow is eight years old, and a likely green pacer.

### WICKBRINO, THE BROWN STALLION, FINE.

Wickbrino, the brown stallion, was one of the big winners at the ice meets this winter, is also in Dan McEween's charge, and at the present time is looking fit. Wickbrino, by Keswick, dam Woodstock Queen, is seven years old, and at the ice races at Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal this winter, cleaned up \$1,250. He is owned by J. B. Johnson, of Springfield.

The rest of the horses under Mr. McEween's charge at present are Dossie, a three-year-old brown filly by Kentucky Todd, dam by Baron Flossie. She is owned by C. H. Waters, of St. Thomas, and McEween thinks quite a bit of her. She was worked a little last summer, and then turned out to pasture, of her. Highgrade, by Henry Winters, 2:10 1/4, dam Miss Delmar, 2:14 1/4, by Delmar, is a bay stallion owned by W. A. Jenkins, of this city. He is a promising four-year-old trotter, and worked 2:40 last spring.

A three-year-old brown filly by the Eel, owned by A. Brown, of London. She is a likely looking pacer, and will be worked a little this spring.

A brown gelding, two-year-old by Kentucky Todd, dam Opera Fan, by Geneva, is a fine prospect. He is owned by W. J. Thompson, of this city. He should be fast.

A bay filly, two years old, by Abell, 2:17 1/4, dam, by Wild Brino, owned by M. Ferguson, is a good looking trotter, from whom big things are expected. She is a handsome lady.

### MILE TRACK A GOOD SCHEME.

When asked what he thought of the organization of the London Jockey Club, and the proposal to build a mile track in front of the hotel, Mr. McEween stated that the idea was a good one, and should be a paying proposition. "The Canadian circuit will be a strong one with London and Ottawa included in it," he said, "and all the best horses in Canada and the States would be entered. I would be able to stay here in the spring instead of going across the line to work my horses on a mile track if the proposed course is built here. Yes, I think it would be a splendid idea to build a track in London and put this city on the Canadian racing circuit."

Although Mr. McEween has only thirteen horses in his string at present, he expects five or six more next week, and will have about twenty, all told, before the first of the month.

## Canadian League News Notes

Ottawa Free Press: Word was received this morning from both the Petersburg and Roanoke Virginia League clubs closing the deal for the purchase by Ottawa of Pitcher Larry Hannan and Harry Draper. Contracts have been forwarded both men and they will report whenever required.

The signing of these two men gives Ottawa a front that makes the club look a formidable pennant contender long before the start of the Canadian League season. The roster now includes two first-class pitchers, two catchers, two infielders and one outfielder of class, and this nucleus the team will be built.

The diamond at Lansdowne Park for Canadian League games this summer will in all likelihood be swung around so that the line from home plate to second base will run directly out from the stand at right angles. This will give a deeper left field and a long right field. The removal of the old shed in centre is all that will be needed to make that field as deep as will be found on any big league grounds.

### "SHAUGH" MEASURES IT.

Frank Shaugh, manager of the whole ground yesterday and despite the fact he almost buried himself in drifted snow, he stepped off the diamond and measured the outfield and said running the diamond straight out from the stand was far and away the better way to lay it out.

"With the diamond placed the way it was when Toronto and Montreal played here last summer, the people are looking at the game sideways," says Shaugh. "Ball fans like to be right behind the plate, or failing that, behind the game played in front of the stand. This will give the bleacher crowd a far better view of the game, whether they are in the east or west end of the big stand. Those who have seats behind the plate can see everything the pitcher's got and that is one of the interesting features of baseball. All the plays on the bases will be in full view of everyone. More balls are driven to right and left any day than middle and will produce more fast fielding than would be possible with

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## TRAINING CAMP TIDINGS

### YANNIGANS WIN.

Marion, Ga., March 22.—When Johnny Lush bounced a home run off the roof of a freight car beyond the right field fence this evening the Yankees won from the Regulars. Lush's long harp caught the two runs in ahead of it and turned defeat into a 7 to 5 victory for the Yanks. With each game to their credit the two Yankees teams will meet again on Saturday in a full nine-inning session for the championship of the Toronto Baseball and Amusement Company.

Today's game was a free-living affair, with plenty of running and holding, and was really of more actual benefit to the training athletes than anything which has been attempted since arriving in camp.

Harry Fursusdon, the Toronto "kid," who has become a favorite with the older players on account of his great promise and willingness, was put out of the game in the second inning. He was hit with a pitched ball. He was assisted from the field, but was able to walk to the hotel unattended. The accident gave the Yankees a chance and the former Guelph Canadian League not only rapped out a good two-bagger, but startled the veterans with his speed on the path.

Tim Jordan was at his old tricks again and lammed the ball out of the premises for a home run. Bachman and McConnell did likewise for the regulars, but there was nobody on the sacks ahead of the long drives.

### GIANTS START NORTH.

Marlin, Texas, March 22.—The New York Giants shook the mud of Marlin from their feet tonight and started on their long roundabout trip for New York. The first game will be at Port Worth, where they play tomorrow. The Giants will play Dallas tomorrow and on Sunday they alternate. This all depends, however, upon the weather, which at present is anything but propitious. While the weather experienced by the Giants in Marlin this spring has been the worst for training purposes they have ever had McGraw feels that his players are perhaps a little further along than the members of any other club in the big league. Not a tap of practice could be done today as a cold rain fell all day. McGraw announced that the Giants would be back in Marlin next spring and that the park would be improved.

### RAIN AT DALLAS.

Dallas, Texas, March 22.—McGraw's club arrived today for a game with the Texas leaguers, but were greeted by rain, which continued throughout the day.

## CARPETBALL LEAGUE HAS DOUBLE SCHEDULE

Want To Get Series Over Before the Warm Weather.

In order to finish the carpetball series before the warm weather comes, the league has decided to double up and play two games a day. Two carpets are now occupied by the players at noon hour. A very interesting game was played between Sunshines and Kootenays. The latter had a good lead, but the skillful playing of the Sunshines ended the game a tie.

The league stands as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
Famous	13	6
Bell Oak	12	7
Caloric	11	8
Ravens	9	9
Sunshine	9	9
Pandora	9	10
Kootenay	8	10
Saskia	8	11
Fairy Queen	6	11

## TIGERS AND MEDS MAY MEET AT AYLMER

Game Being Arranged For Easter Monday.

Aylmer, March 22.—Secretary Tom Ross, of the Hamilton Tigers, was in Aylmer yesterday trying to complete arrangements with the management of the roller rink to pull off a game of basketball here on Easter Monday between the Hamilton Tigers and the London medical students. The possibility is that the game will be played here.

### DOGGERS REACH LOUISVILLE.

Louisville, Ky., March 22.—Manager Pahlen and his Brooklyn players arrived here this morning after an all-night ride from Memphis, only to find the local grounds unfit for practice. While no rain fell today, it was cold and damp. This kept many of the players indoors. Trainer Dan Comerford is the latest victim to join the hospital brigade. Today, after reaching the hotel, he was compelled to take to his bed with a well-developed attack of chills, and remained there all day. Rucker, Daubert and Downs have appointed themselves as trained nurses to their trainer. Should there be no further rain between this and tomorrow afternoon, Pahlen and his men will start a four-day exhibition series with the Colonels.

### YANKS PLAY U. OF G. TODAY.

Atlanta, Ga., March 22.—The New York Americans left here tonight for Athens, where on tomorrow they meet the team from the University of Georgia. The morning was given over to hard practice. Manager Wadsworth drilled Catcher Williams in the art of breaking up the double steal. It appears at present as though Street will be first catcher, with Williams at second. The Yankees were spectators at a game this afternoon, the Cincinnati Reds defeating Atlanta 7 to 6.

### RAIN AT MONROE.

Monroe, La., March 22.—At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon it began to rain and at 8 o'clock the hotel today. It is growing colder tonight and there is little chance of a workout tomorrow. Part of the squad leaves here tomorrow night for a game with the Texas club. The entire squad will leave this morning.

Jennings will divide his squad into two teams. Both teams on the same trains. One team drops off at Jackson, Miss, and the other goes on to Hattiesburg. Both will arrive in New Orleans Wednesday morning on the same train.

The squad that plays in Jackson on Tuesday consists of and will probably line up: Westerville, 3c; O'Leary, ss; Gahner, 1b; Crawford, cf; Delehanty, 2b; Willett, rf; Mullin, lf; Stange and Onslow, catchers; Moroney, Covington, Lafitte and Taylor, pitchers.

## BASKETBALL

### IDLERS WIN.

Toronto, March 22.—In a bitterly-contested game at Central "Y" gym last night, the Idler basketball team, of Hamilton, defeated the Central Intermediates by a single point, the score being 48 to 47. Smith and Johnson starred for the winners, scoring eleven baskets between them. For the locals Carlick was the most conspicuous. White and Chubb both played nice ball, although each worked under a handicap through injuries. Mr. Maudesley handled the game well, having the play under control at all times.

### TEAM FROM LONDON BEATEN AT BOTHWELL

Bothwell, March 22.—In the fastest game of hockey seen here this winter, Bothwell defeated a picked team from London by a score of 6 to 5. In the first half London was handicapped by the smooth ice, and were behind by a score of 4 to 1, but in the second they were more at home, and ran in four goals to Bothwell's two. The shining lights were Watts, McAvoy and Walden for London, and the two Blackalls and Begley for Bothwell. Bothwell—Connor, goal; G. Blackall, point; Gay Blackall, cover; Begley, rover; M. Connor, centre; McAvoy, right; J. Hicks, left. London—Watts, goal; Legg, point; Martin, cover; McAvoy, rover; Walden, centre; Callaghan, right; Fetterly, left.

## HORSE TALK

Unfortunately for the interests of the sport and breeding of horses the New York Legislature will not take up the objectionable directors' liability law this year. This is because of the election this fall and fear on the part of some members of the Legislature that sensible action on their part might lose a vote or two.

John Trembath has at Marion a 3-year-old pacer by Givensell out of Belle Midwell, dam of The Eel, that looks like a fine prospect.

The Minnesota State Fair has programme gives \$24,000 for harness races and \$2,000 for runners. A number of the \$1,000 events will be on the half-mile track.

As he has Lou Dillon and two of her daughters, Mr. Billings is in a fair way to start breeding futurity colts now that he also owns The Harvester.

Even Dan Hopkins isn't sure when he will go to the track.

The Canadian ice racing season ended too soon.

Durfee has 40 horses at the Los Angeles track, where 200 are being trained this winter.

It cost Mr. Billings something more than \$100,000 to own the trio of world's champions.

Joe Boy, 2:10 1/4, with a reputed trial in 2:06 1/2, is to tackle the big circuit game this season.

Nelly B., 2:24 1/4, that Herman R. Tyson is to put in the M. and M. is by the Michigan horse, Donald Sphinx.

The Billings champions will be shipped for Russia on April 15 in charge of "Doc" Tanner, and will be back in the season.

David M. Look, who bought Eingen last week, is a contractor by birth, a Princeton graduate and in the '80s he was a well-known football referee.

The weather at Memphis has been so cold that instead of miles in from 2:35 to 2:40 in the early part of this month the trainers have been content with three-minute work.

The latest is to the effect that Ruth McGregor, the good trotter from the Ohio two-aways, is to go to Lon McDonald. It has been Lon one week and our Tommy the next ever since the first snow.

At the Goshen meeting drivers will be given \$50 extra for winning in straight heats and at Monroe there will be a special prize of \$25 to the driver who has the fastest heat in each race to his credit.

H. J. Kline has been talking weight handicaps since he landed in Cleveland and the matinee club is going to try the scheme this season.

McMillon, by John A. McKerron, out of Lou Dillon, is to be trained by Dickerson this year. The colt is 2 years old and they like him.

The Empire stake of \$10,000 at Syracuse will be for 2:14 class trotters. There are two \$1,000 sweepstakes for 2:04 trotters and pacers.

"Pop" Geers and Jack Sutherland, of Collingwood, Ont., are partners in the ownership of a filly at the side of Halie Direct, 2:09 1/4, and by Ess H. Kay, 2:06 1/2.

Wilber Lou, 2:19 1/2, the champion yearling stallion, is to be raced as a 2-year-old this year. He stands over 152 hands and weighs 980 pounds, showing that early work did not stunt him in the least.

Icon is to be trained again this year. Her 2-year-old by Siliko is highly regarded by Lon McDonald.

Judge Parker is to be trained again this year in the hope that he will be another two-tener for Paronecia.

They say that Joan is sound as a dollar this spring and if so she will make Colorado E. step for laurels in the free-for-all trots.

The movement to build a half-mile track and equip a park at Mount Clemens has appealed to the civic organization of the Bath City and has a good chance of going through this year.

The action of the Michigan State Fair in including in the conditions of the \$10,000 Michigan stake one trotter in the R. T. C. type is being favorably commented on all over the country.

Dan A. McEween has an even dozen trotters and pacers in training at London, Ont., including six colts by the Eel, which horse is said to look as though he never had been to a race track in his life.

Yours truly, a great brood mare by Mambrino King, broke her leg at Grand Rapids and had to be destroyed. She was the dam of three with records of 2:15, and another with a trial of 2:10. Her yearling by Ashland Wilkes Junior is in all of the Futurities.

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## BIG ATHLETIC ORGANIZATION TO BE FORMED AT HAMILTON

Hamilton Baseball Club and Other Sporting Associations Will Amalgamate and Purchase Britannia Park—Big Arena To Be Erected and Pro. Hockey League Organized.

Bobby Robinson, secretary of the Canadian League, and also one of the directors of the Hamilton Baseball Club, was in the city for a while yesterday afternoon. He was on his way to Detroit, where he intends interviewing the management of the Detroit Arena for the purpose of securing information in regard to building an artificial ice rink. The purpose of the Hamilton Baseball Club, together with several other athletic organizations of the Ambitious City, are about to amalgamate and form a big athletic organization for the purpose of controlling all sporting events in Hamilton. They plan to purchase Britannia Park and build an ice arena, besides making the park into one of the best small parks in the Canadian League. In reference to the scheme, the Hamilton Spectator says:

A BIG SCHEME. If present plans carry, Hamilton sport lovers are about to be confronted with the most gigantic athletic undertaking that has ever been attempted in this city. This is nothing less than the formation of an East End Athletic Association of such proportions that all other organizations in the city will look minute in comparison. The scheme involves the purchase of Britannia Park, the famous east end athletic field, Britannia roller rink, the well-known Barton street auditorium, and some adjacent property, and the erection of an artificial ice rink, a modern baseball and athletic field, with up-to-date grandstands and bleachers and a complete clubhouse. The proposition has been under way for some time now, and things are in such good shape that the definite announcement of the project today marks the launching of a task which while big should prove quite within the range of possibility, especially as it is being undertaken in the right manner.

The deal, to be plain, involves a business partnership of the Hamilton Baseball Club, the Alert Football Club and several well-known citizens who are interested in the formation of a company to build an artificial ice arena. Options have been secured on the Britannia Park property and upon the Britannia roller rink property, the sale of the latter piece of property being subject to the removal of the roller rink by the present owners, having named their price and issued an option on the land itself, reserving the right to sell the present building.

The options on the land were secured this week, and immediate action was taken to form a stock company to handle the deal, and this should not take long, especially as the majority of the stock that will be issued has already been spoken for. The Alert Football Club is taking a large block and the Hamilton Baseball Club a good-sized slice. As soon as the company is formed and stock is issued, the building on the property will be cleared and steps taken to start work on the rink, which a well-known contractor has undertaken to erect, his offer being of such a nature that it seems that only enough money will have to be raised to clear the land. In fact, the contractor is ready to break land in two weeks and guarantees that if the proposition is carried out, the rink will be ready for use next November or December.

Each organization will run separately, combining forces simply for the sake of grounds, and the amalgamation making the purchase of the grounds pretty reasonable for each sport—a great deal cheaper, in fact, than it would have been for the hockey interests alone. The Alert has attempted to engineer the purchase of the grounds alone. In addition to vast improvements to the grounds, making the modern in every way for all sports and the erection of a monster arena, a club house for the football club will be built, embracing gymnasium, baths, etc., as well as quarters for the hockey players in the winter time and the ball players in summer.

AMATEUR HOCKEY. Amateur hockey will be encouraged

and everything done to build up good O. H. A. teams, while a professional team will be organized, providing the present agitation for a big pro league, comprised of Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, and possibly Detroit, Cleveland and London, amount to anything, as it most likely will. The head of stands, and the athletic club, suitable for both baseball and football, the plans being such that the entire plant will prove one of the most up-to-date and adequate in the country. Plans for the rink are now being drawn up, while an artificial ice expert from Pittsburgh is expected in the city on Saturday or Monday to go into final details with those interested, the idea being to erect a rink 250 feet long and 150 wide, affording a huge ice surface for skating and hockey. In addition, the manufacture of ice for commercial and domestic purposes will be carried on in the summer time, the plant being in service at all times of the year.

Already the residents of Hamilton's growing east end are keenly interested in the proposed deal, and the Britannia Park, with its baseball and football, has many pleasant associations for many of them, and with a degree of permanence attached to the plan, it is sure to grow, and in addition will be greatly augmented by the erection of a rink and the filling of that big gap in Hamilton's winter season. In other words, the proposition looks like a winner.

## Picked Team Will Play O. H. A. Players

A team composed of City League stars will line up against the London Intermediates at the Westminster rink on Monday evening. For some time effort have been made to get two such teams together, as it was thought that a team picked from the City League teams could beat the local O. H. A. players. That there will be a good game is certain, and there are many who believe that the City League will win. The teams will be as follows:

Picked team—W. Callahan, goal; Fetterly, point; Walker, cover; Legg, rover; Wells, centre; Arthur, left; Walden, right.

Intermediates—Wardrobe, goal; Chantler, point; Wagner, cover; Lecky, rover; McAvoy, rover; Munroe, left; Collins, right.

## CHESS TOURNAMENT.

[Canadian Press.]

San Sebastian, Spain, March 22.—Winning from the leader in the semifinal and drawing his game in the last round, A. K. Rubinstein, of Lodz, chess champion of Russia, carried off the chief honours of the second international chess masters' tournament, which has been in progress at the Gran Casino here since Feb. 19.

His final score was twelve wins and eleven losses, although actually he lost but two games outright, to Spielmann and Duras, respectively, the rest of his debit score being made up of drawn games. In the tournament, Rubinstein has again shown himself to be one of the greatest experts in the annals of the game. This is the fourth time Rubinstein has finished at the top in international contests.

The loss to Rubinstein so late in the tournament was a bitter disappointment to Rudolf Spielmann, of Zurich, who had led from the start. He had to be content to divide the second and third prizes with A. Nimzovitch, of Riga, both having scores of 11 1/2 to 7 1/2.

## AN OLD PITCHER HONORED.

Guelph, Ont., March 22.—William Sunley, who pitched the Guelph Maple Leafs to the Canadian championship in the old days, was presented with a gold-headed cane, suitably engraved, by Progress Lodge, I. O. O. F., for his services to the order during his 40 years of membership.

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