

SOUTHPAW'S SNAPSHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

There'll surely be some hot times out on Lyle street tomorrow night, when those City League crews meet. The present league is said to be the fastest local organization London ever had, and it is a structure that no four teams could be more equally matched. At present the Fortons have a safe lead for first place, but the fight for second and third positions promises to be close. Two teams, the Hermits and the Waterloos, are still tied for third position, while the Orientals only lead them by one game. The deadlock between the Waterloos and Hermits will be broken in tomorrow night's games, as the two teams are booked to clash, and if the Orientals lose to the league leaders, there will be two teams tied for second place instead of third. Surprises are promised in the various lineups, and the struggles should be well worth witnessing.

The latest advice is to the effect that the Saints, of St. Thomas, have decided to take up whist as a form of athletic diversion in lieu of hockey. The trouble came about when our naughty Hermits traveled to the Railroad Burg and handed the Saints a nice soft lemon. Naughty Hermits! How couldst be so cruel?

Verily, it is the day of the pro-charge era. The latest episode to come under the limelight of investigation is Longboat, the great runner of Caladonia. The lanky one is to race in Buffalo Saturday night, and some of the Lake Town sports must have been subject to an attack of chills.

It was absolute cruelty to dumb animals to put old Dave Barry up against Champion Tommy Ryan, as was done recently at Hot Springs. Dave has been whipped so many times that he has forgotten what a victory looks like. Twin Sullivan, Tommy Burns, and Mike Schreck all have decisions against him, and Burns knocked him out twice.

The management of the Arcade bowling alleys intend to boom the exciting indoor sport by offering two prizes, \$10 for first and \$5 for second, to the parties making the highest scores in ten games, on their alleys, during the month of February.

A well-known local hockey enthusiast made the remark recently that London would never have a first-class hockey or Rugby team while so many cliques existed. To a man up a tall tree that remark seems to contain more truth than poetry. Cliques there undoubtedly are—and will be. But where is the town which does not contain cliques? Cliques may have something to do with the lack of good athletic material in this city, but their influence to say the least, cannot amount to a great deal. The whole truth of the matter seems to be that the locals don't go in for sport in a thorough manner. Lack of support undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the poor showing made by the Rugby team last season, but the real fault lay in the laxity of the players in reporting for practice and in keeping in proper condition. When one considers the matter in an impartial manner it is asking almost too much of a town to expect it to support a team that will not try to get into proper trim. The material for a winning team was there. Why didn't they win? Ask the man. Take the local hockey situation and glance over it. What do you find? It's a safe bet that a good intermediate O. H. A. team couldn't be picked out of the city league right now. Of course there is a chance that some high-class talent may yet be developed from the local league, but they'll have to hustle. Why is this so? Ask the other fellow. At least six of the players in the league team on tobacco and late hours. A few of them are in proper condition, but more of them are not. Supremacy in any form of athletic sports was never and never can be gained with lack of condition. Lack of opportunity for practice may have some effect on the condition of many of the players, but lack of ambition for training is what is troubling most of them. A large athletic club, open to all, and broad in its policies would, indeed, be a boon to this city. Such a place would afford the boys ample opportunity to get into proper physical condition and bring some of those afore-said cliques nearer together. The average local football player got his training last season in pushing a pen over bank books, or some other similarly strenuous employment. The hockey players are doing better than that, but there is room for lots of improvement yet.

At that London is getting a better brand of hockey than some of the towns in the O. H. A. Hamilton got theirs 15 to 1, and 12 to 1, besides losing a third game by a large margin. And St. Thomas—nuf sed. Then there is Cannington (wherever that is). Their team won 6 and lost 6. When we look over a list containing items like these we must pat ourselves on the back and feel contented with what we have.

Under the caption, "Irving, of Guelph, has made good," the Toronto News offers up the following line of reasoning in connection with the wholesale charges of professionalism which emanated from Guelph: In an official statement the O. H. A.'s Apologist in Chief declares that: "Practically everything in his (Irving's) statement that has been gone into has been disproven. He has not been able to offer a line of evidence or a single corroboration of what he said, and his own unsupported statement and opinions are a long way from convincing anybody, particularly after his admissions as to his lack of knowledge of many of the things he incorporated in his original statement." Nothing could be further from the truth. Irving claimed that Stratford players competed against a professional lacrosse player. The Stratford players freely admitted the fact, and the O. H. A. proceeded to do a great swatting act, and whitewash the whole bunch. Irving claimed that a letter had been sent to Guelph asking if Tyler could be placed on the team there. Tyler admitted the truth of this claim. Irving declared that Ingram's connection with the Midland club was somewhat suspicious. Ingram defied the committee, and refused to attend the meeting on the plea that he had to leave town. He sent a declaration, Mr. Ingram was in town the previous night, and was able to play with his team in Berlin on the night following the meeting. Mr. Irving made certain charges against Galt, Berlin and Peterboro players. And every man jack of them refused to attend the meeting, send a declaration or attempt in any way to refute the allegations emanating from Guelph. And yet the O. H. A. declares that practically everything in Irving's statement "has been gone into and disproven." As stated before, nothing could be further from the truth. Few have any sympathy with Buck Irving or approve of the motives which actuated his charges, but this is no reason why he should be so grossly misrepresented and abused when as a matter of fact he has made good in every sense of the word.

Young Corbett can certainly be labeled the luckiest boxer in the ring today. After being decisively beaten in his last three or four bouts, he is handed a match with Kid Herman over the head of Brooklyn Tommy Murphy, who, by all manner of reasoning, should have procured the go. Corbett still have the advantage of having Joe Gans for a trainer, but even then he looks to be in for the loser's end. The pair meet in March out in Nevada.

LACROSSE.
NEW SENIOR LEAGUE.
St. Catharines, Feb. 6. — Secretary Timmons, of the Athletic Lacrosse Club, today made public negotiations with the local, The Toronto team is said to be now known as the North End Athletic Club, with J. K. Forsythe and Harry Gillespie as managers.
A meeting to complete the organization has been called for the Toronto Hotel, Toronto, on Feb. 22.
St. Kitts has lost its old-time grounds, but it may be possible that the school board may not erect a new building till fall, in which case the club will get a new lease for the season. Otherwise new grounds will be obtained, but the sports are determined to have senior lacrosse this year.

THE TURE.
YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.
At New Orleans—Black Mary 7 to 1, Delphie 16 to 5, Captain Hole 11 to 1, Gold Proof 11 to 5, St. Valentine 13 to 5, St. Noel 8 to 1, Mafalda 7 to 1.
AT WORK AGAIN.
Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 6. — The bookmakers operated without molestation at Oaklawn today. On the first day of the meeting the bookmakers were arrested as soon as bets were made, and yesterday they adopted the hand-book system. Today, however, the bets were laid in the usual manner, and no arrests were made.

CURLING.
LUCAN LOST TO CRAIG.
Lucan, Feb. 6. — At a curling match here yesterday between two rinks from Alisa Craig and two from Lucan, the visitors won by twelve shots.

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Men's \$1.50 Dolge Felt Bedroom Slippers, turn sole; sale price **98c**
American Gentleman, travelers' samples, in sizes 7 and 7½ only, regular \$5; sale price **\$3.98**

Cut This Advertisement Out—It Means Money to You.

SEAFORTH SEVEN WALKED AWAY WITH THE EAST END RAMBLERS

Won Exhibition Game at the Jubilee Rink by Score of Six to One.

They rambled in, and they turned around, and rambled out again. All is mournful in East London today. Flags are at halfmast, and tank-bark is scattered over the streets. Yes, all is indeed sad in the east end for the erstwhile mighty Ramblers were beaten. Oh, 'twas sad. Seven youthful experts from a little spot on the map by the romantic name of Seaforth wandered into town last night, and wallowed, tramped on, and otherwise roughly and rudely handled our east-end pets in a free-for-all go-as-you-please contest at the Jubilee Rink.

The Hon. Peter Leddy had charge of the dinner bell, and was certainly the most lenient of taskmasters. Tripping, slashing, in fact everything, went with Mr. Leddy. And the game itself? Oh, it was cute, awfully cute. As one spectator put it, it was the limit. In reality it was one continuous promenade for the visitors, and the fact that the score was not a much larger one reflects favorably upon the generosity and lenience of the Seaforth outfit. The fact that the visitors were minus their star man, who had his nose broken in the contest with Clinton the previous night, and therefore could not be present last night, helped the misguided Ramblers; then again, two contests on consecutive nights takes the steam out of any team. In summing up, the Seaforth team depended much on members of the Monroe tribe, while our Rambler pets struggled along as best they could with a brace of the Wagner boys. Both of these families showed to great advantage.

In the first half of the match the prizes of East London played even up with the little fellows from the north-ern postoffice, and the half ended 1 to 1. After that everything was Seaforth. The kid who chalks up scores actually got dizzy trying to count them all, they came in so fast for a time. Right at the start-off the visitors began to give an excellent exhibition of lacrosse, and the way they kept that puck knocking slices out of the atmosphere was a wonder. The elder Monroe drew first blood for the Seaforth boys by scoring a neat one in eighteen minutes of play.

Wagner, the Urv, followed suit four minutes later and tied the score. In the second spasm, E. Monroe baited one in after 2½ minutes of skirmishing, and Smithers followed suit a couple of minutes later. Some-body tried to give Reeves, of the visitors, a shave on the eyebrow with a stick, at this juncture, and play ceased until a bandage was procured. The player was cheered for his gameness in sticking out the game.

Then, just when things looked ripe for another Seaforth tally, Smithers twisted his knee, and was forced to retire. Bell went along to keep him company.

When play was resumed a visitor shot the disc full tilt at the doughty Rambler goaltender, who closed his eyes and stuck out his foot. It looked like a goal and Seaforth grinned twice in succession, but there was no puck in the net when a search was made. Everybody was puzzled for a moment until the referee suddenly became imbued with a bright idea and inspected the goaltender's left foot. The puck was stuck in his skate.

"Yes," said the manager of the Ramblers, after the contest, "and the Indian came near backing into the net, and giving Seaforth another goal."

W. Monroe scored two more points in 15 and 16 minutes, and E. Monroe

coaxed the sixth goal into the east end headquarters with only four minutes to play.

That's about all. Everybody up in Huron County is happy, while the east enders are downcast.

Such is the way of the world—the hockey world. The line-up: Ramblers—Goal, Eckenberger; point, Mahler; cover, Bell; rover, H. Wagner; center, W. Wagner; right wing, Orr; left wing, Arthur; spare, Lattimore. Seaforth—Goal, A. W. Ascott; point, McKenzie; cover, A. Bradford; rover, G. Reeves; center, W. Monroe; right wing, T. Smithers; left wing, E. Monroe.

HERMITS PUT IT OVER THE SAINTS

City League Team Downed the St. Thomas O. H. A. Outfit Four to Three.

It is almost a shame to attempt to chronicle what those crack Hermits of London did to the Saints of St. Thomas last night at St. Thomas.

The score doesn't begin to show how easily the local team won out over the O. H. A. outfit; but then scores seldom do tell the tale they should.

The Hermits proved the superior team at all stages of the game, and that the difference in the relative scores was not greater was due possibly to the fact that the London team did not want to rub it in too strongly.

The Saints seemed to be off in their shooting, and appeared dazed by the fast work of their speedy opponents. Balfour put up the best game he has played so far this season, and the other Hermits showed to splendid advantage.

For the St. Thomas team, Cook, at left wing, played in good form, as did Johns, at goal.

While penalties were numerous, they were mostly for minor offenses, and the game was fast from bell to bell.

The Hermits drew first blood after 21 minutes' hard work, and the Saints followed suit two minutes later.

With only eight minutes to play, and with the score 3 to 3, the London boys worked off a clever combination play, and scored the deciding goal.

The combination work of the Hermits was excellent, and Young's stick-work made the natives of the railroad village sit up and take notice.

After the smoke of the battle had cleared away, the score card read: Hermits 4, Saints 3.

Archie McMahon, the well-known local City League official, refereed in an entirely satisfactory manner.

The boys lined up as follows: London—Goal, W. Callahan; point, H. Callahan; cover, L. Woods; right wing, T. Woolley; center, Balfour; left wing, Young; rover, B. Woolley.

St. Thomas — Goal, Johns; point, Launt; cover, Pracy; right wing, Whittaker; center, Sinclair; left wing, Cook; rover, Manning.

Referee—Archie McMahon. Timekeepers—Abbas and Haines. Penalty—Swackhammer.

BASEBALL.
McGinnity WILL PLAY.

New York, Feb. 6.—Joe McGinnity, the iron man, will not retire from the game after all. In spite of the report that he had decided to quit the New York Nationals in order to take hold of the business left to him by his father, who died recently, McGinnity has sent a letter to Secretary Fred Knowles, stating that he will join the Giants on their way to California. McGinnity writes from his home in South McAlester, I. T., where he owns an iron foundry. This news will be

well received by metropolitan fans, who have always enthused over the pitching of the Iron Man. It also means that McGraw will not be handicapped in the pitcher's box, for without McGinnity the former world's champion might find the National League rather rough for travel.

NO CHALLENGE THIS YEAR.
Montreal, Feb. 6. — At the annual meeting of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, which was held here last night, it was definitely decided that no challenger for the Seawanhaka cup would be made this year, and probably not for a few years to come.

The club has been in existence only eighteen years, and during nine of these has held the cup. The opinion of the members last night was that the club should devote the next few years to building up its strength before considering the matter of a challenge.

BUNCH OF SKATERS ARE DISQUALIFIED

Thirty-Five Put on Black List Because They Competed in Races at Montreal.

The New York World says: That there promises to be action in the skating world within the next couple of days is proved by the correspondence that has passed between the chairman of the national registration committee of the Amateur Athletic Union, Captain John J. Dixon, and the secretary of the National Skating Association, Francis M. Clark.

It is known that several American skaters visited Montreal last Saturday and participated in what are termed outlaw races. As a result all who participated have been disqualified by the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union.

According to the alliance between the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union and the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, these men are barred from competition in all amateur sport, and as a result, Chairman Dixon last evening notified all associations of the Amateur Athletic Union that they must not allow these men to compete.

The matter at present is absolutely up to the National Skating Association. They must take action before the skating championships of that association, which are scheduled for Feb. 12. Following is a letter from Chairman John J. Dixon, to Secretary Clark of the National Skating Association:

"I beg to advise you that the following skaters disqualified themselves by competing in unsanctioned skating races held at Montreal, Feb. 2: E. St. Martin, P. Faford, O. B. Bowman, H. Mant, W. G. Finlayson, E. Aird, B. Moran, R. Wheeler, C. Magrane, F. Hildebrand, F. Heard, F. J. Logan, A. C. Brown, A. Bulmer, A. E. Power, C. Du-halt, A. Jette, M. Pelletier, T. M. Pelletier, M. Brophy, F. J. Brady, H. St. Pierre, G. Couillard, W. E. McGee, A. R. Wilhel, F. Logan, W. Sulphren, Ernest, Edmund and Claudius Lemay, H. Bilec, E. L. Crabbe, T. Thompson, J. C. Karle, A. Anderson.

"The Canadian Amateur Athletic Union has disqualified these men from further competition in amateur sports, and has wired to the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States the names for disqualification, according to our terms of alliance with the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union. I therefore advise you that these men cannot compete in amateur races, not even under protest, and that all who compete with them will be disqualified from further competition in all amateur sport."

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DISTRICT WON BY SEAFORTH SEVEN

Defeated Clinton Four to One—Canadian Soo's Winning Streak Is Broken.

Seaforth, Feb. 6.—The final match for the championship of this district was played here between Clinton and Seaforth. The game was a most exciting one, and was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. Those who came to see a clean, fast game of hockey were disappointed, for while it was fast and fairly clean at times, it was not a good exhibition. The score at half time was 4-0 in favor of the home team, and during the second half the visitors scored one goal, making the final score 4-1 in favor of Seaforth. The only accident was that of D. Stoddart, who received a cut on the face. Mr. Robertson, of London, refereed the game impartially.

WILL FACE EXECUTIVE.
Galt, Feb. 6.—It is understood that at a meeting of the executive and players of the Galt Club, it was decided that "Fib" Johnson, Harry Munn and Jim Brady should go to Toronto on Thursday night to answer the questions which will be put by the O. H. A. solicitor.

It is known that all the players mentioned can refute the charges made against them, but cannot take the adamant declaration of that association.

The O. H. A., however, are not expected to insist on these players taking the cast-iron declaration of the association. It is just possible they may only ask these players to deny the charges made.

The three players will frankly tell the O. H. A. their position, and it is not expected that they will be professionally aided.

APPIN BLANKED.
Melbourne, Feb. 6.—A very fast and exciting game of hockey was played here, in which the Melbourne boys blanked Appin's fast team. Halloran scored in three minutes on a beautiful shot from the side. In three minutes more Halloran again scored on a neat shot. After three minutes' more play Sinclair, after passing two men, passed to Halloran, and Halloran scored. This ended the scoring for the first half. The game now became more exciting, but Appin and his referee couldn't score. Drinkwater and Halloran won through the Appin team at will. The referee was very partial to Appin. Special mention should be made of Snail, the boy player, who promises to be a star. The lineup was as follows:

Melbourne—Goal, G. Seaburn; point, H. C. Ferguson; cover, M. Weisman; center, J. E. Drinkwater; rover, H. G. Small; right wing, D. A. Sinclair; left wing, E. P. Halloran.

Appin—Goal, R. Richmond; point, D. Patterson; cover, Hughes; center, C. McMaster; rover, McIntyre; right wing, J. Donnelly; left wing, A. Campbell. Referee—Duncan Campbell.

PROFESSIONAL GAME.
Calumet, Mich., Feb. 6. — Fortage Lake Hockey Club defeated Calumet 6 goals to 3. It was a fast and exciting game, and hotly contested all the way.

WINNING STREAK BROKEN.
Sault Ste. Marie, Feb. 6.—The Canadian Soo had its winning streak broken last night, when the Michigan Soo cleaned 'em up in the Michigan Soo Rink by the score of 6 to 2. The Canadian Soo appeared lousy, and the fine, speedy team work which has recently distinguished them was woefully lacking. The locals set a whirlwind pace, and had the visitors going from the start. Two goals were made in succession by the Michigan Soo, Pitre and Ward scoring. Marks got in a new one for the Canadian Soo before

the half ended. The locals scored again early in the second half, Ward again doing the trick. Then Taylor got one for the visitors, after which Sweltzer got in a couple for the Michigan Soo. Joseph Stephens, the referee, eliminated all rough play. Ten penalties were imposed, six for the Americans and four for the visitors. The American Soo revised its lineup, putting Pitre on right wing and Laviolette at rover, a change which worked well. The teams: American Soo—Jones, Charlton, Hamilton, Laviolette, Ward, Pitre, Sweltzer. Canadian Soo—Lehman, Brown, McRobie, Lalonde, Taylor, Schofer, Marks.

TOURNAMENT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP

London Mentioned as Likely to Compete for Canadian Basketball Title.

An Ottawa dispatch says: The C. A. A. U. is endeavoring to hold a basketball tournament for the championship of Canada. If it is successful, it is altogether probable that the capital will be represented. Mr. Percy Lee, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., has received a communication from N. H. Crowe, secretary of the C. A. A. U., as to his attitude upon the matter and willingness to support the project. Mr. Lee expressed himself as entirely favorable.

That such a tournament is an excellent move is undoubted. The only way in which a comparison has ever been made of the various big clubs in Eastern Canada has been the occasional tours taken in which the visiting club was often at a disadvantage. Just how far the scheme is feasible remains with the officials of the great organization.

The really big teams in Eastern Canada include Toronto West End, Toronto Central, Montreal, London, Hamilton and Ottawa Y. M. C. A.'s. The first two are probably the finest in the Dominion; Hamilton can give them a close run, while the remaining clubs are rather unknown quantities. The proposition, however, cannot but gain the approval of all the clubs and should prove a great stimulus to the great indoor game.

LADIES CURL WELL IN MONTREAL BONSPIEL

Montreal, Feb. 6. — Curling, despite the zero weather, was as keen as ever today, though the ladies seem to have a decided preference for losing their matches by default. Perth were the offenders today, capitulating to Lachine.

The fair ones express their appreciation of the keenness of the ice and take advantage to put forth some of the finest female curling ever seen on the rinks. Ormstown and Quebec, especially, show excellent form, and the work of the skips all to be desired.

Ormstown, playing against Quebec, put up the feature match of the day, despite the one-sided score, and the fate of each end was never decided until the last two or three shots. The following is the result of the day's play:

Team	Score	Team	Score
Miss L. Bozla	7	Mrs. Jamieson	11
Montreal	7	Heathers	11
Miss Dunlop	16	Mrs. Rubenstein	9
skip.....	16	skip.....	9
Montreal Heathers	13	Mrs. Thompson	8
skip.....	13	skip.....	8
Ormstown	6	Mrs. Somerville	15
Miss Brodie	6	skip.....	15
Montreal	15	St. Lawrence	15
Mrs. Fyre	15	Miss Roca	15
skip.....	15	skip.....	15