

O. H. A. EXECUTIVE PUTS LOCAL JUNIORS IN SEPARATE GROUP

EASTERN GROUP GIVEN ALERTS

Manhattans With Glencoe and Sarnia.

160 TEAMS GROUPED

Junior O. H. A. Groups.

Group 13.—Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Woodstock and London Alerts, Jack Greer convener.

Group 14.—London Manhattans, Glencoe, Sarnia. Convener, John Best, Glencoe.

Intermediate.

London, Ingersoll, St. Thomas and Tillsonburg. Convener, Jack Greer.

This was the information given The Advertiser regarding the O. H. A. grouping of local interest. The junior groupings hold the most interest. Manhattans had suggested both themselves and Alerts in one group, and Alerts had recommended that the two teams be placed in separate districts.

Over 160 teams had to be handled by the O. H. A. executive, which met last night in Toronto, and the problem of meeting all the clubs' desires kept the session going until a late hour this morning.

INGERSOLL SQUAD ARE GETTING INTO SHAPE

INGERSOLL, Dec. 9.—Under the course of training which they entered recently the local hockey squad is rapidly rounding into form. The players are indulging in physical exercises three nights a week at the Mason Arena, and hope to be in fine fettle by the time ice is available. Judging from the number who rallied to the call for both junior and intermediate, the prospects are bright for two strong teams.

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GRABS ALL THE PURSE



Johnny Downes and his manager—Mrs. Johnny Downes.

condition all the time. "I took a course in business administration at high school," says Mrs. Downes, formerly Virginia Lodge of Milton, Mass. "Handling a boxer's business is just like any other business. It is more interesting when you happen to be married to the fighter." Mrs. Downes tells Johnny what to do in each fight just before he leaves his dressing-room. His trainer handles him in the ring, but she studies his opponents before she signs up for John. "I look over the boys when they are fighting other boxers," she says. "Then I figure out how John can beat them." "Only if they get a life contract with as good a fighter as I have and if he makes as good a husband as mine does." Downes fought preliminaries in Cleveland, his home, before going to Boston, where he is very popular.

WORKOUT OVER 30 ON MONDAY NIGHT

Alerts May Adopt Argos' Double Blue As Colors.

Over 30 youngsters are expected out at the Monday night workout of the Alerts at the Y gym. Thirty-one certificates have been signed and others will be signing theirs at the workout. In several instances, players have signed certificates for both clubs, not knowing it was illegal, but this matter will be arranged between the two clubs without going to the O. H. A. about it.

Adopt Colors. While colors for the Alerts teams have not yet been selected, there is a strong possibility that the double blue of the Argonauts of Toronto will be adopted. If this is done it will be something new for this part of the province and is not likely to be duplicated by any of the other towns. Some of the intermediates will be out on Monday night. Floor work, followed by a run around Victoria Park, the showers, and a brisk rubdown will be the procedure followed.

Settle Details. At a meeting over the week-end an intermediate may be decided upon for the intermediates. At any rate, other details for the season's program will be settled. The biggest of these is regarding the seating. Last year, the rush for seats, found many of the team's loyal followers hanging on the S. R. O. signs. This year certain sections will be reserved and those reserving their seats at the first of the season will have first choice on the game, throughout the winter.

RACE IN THISTLE EUCHRE LEAGUE CLOSING UP

Averages issued show that J. F. Bryant is heading the Thistles Euchre League by a small fractional margin. There is a Connor right on his heels. With a bit more evenings of play left so interest is at a high pitch. S. Wood, with a 6-point lead, shows the way to the lone hand artists. The averages are: Bryant, 85.2; Connors, 86; Ferguson, 85.1; English, 84.8; Durkin, 84.8; Mannes, 84.8; J. Wilson, 82.6; H. Henderson 82.2. Lone hands—Wood, 28; Bryant, 22; J. Wilson, 21; Dunsheath, 21; Kesson, 20.

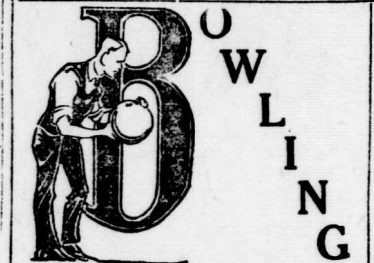
WILL APPOINT NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. White's Parliamentary Duties Will Prevent Him Continuing.

MEET NEXT WEEK

A general meeting of the Manufacturers' Amateur Athletic Association will be held next Wednesday evening, when a president will be elected and winter sports discussed. At an executive meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. Friday night it was decided to elect a president to take the place of Frank White, London's member-elect for the Dominion House.

At the organization meeting held about two months ago Mr. White was unanimously chosen as head. There are several names mentioned as the association's new head. The executive meeting last night was small and no business that had been planned was taken. However, next Tuesday is it proposed to get the manufacturing concerns down to a sound working basis for the winter months.



PRINTERS' LEAGUE. Standing.

	Won.	Lost.
Breviers	15	9
Paces	14	10
Minions	10	14
Nonpareils	9	15

The Nonpareils lost the first two games yesterday afternoon, but won the last game, when "Jawn" Hately, the heavy man of the Breviers went to pieces. Captain Eddie Moore led his hired help with a total of 488 for the three games. Alfred Apsley is copying the "whirl" ball from "Willie" Vincent, and in a few more weeks' time this pair should create a lot of excitement when they come together.

	Won.	Lost.
A. Apsley	133	159
T. Apsley	143	139
J. Floyd	135	122
E. Moore	156	187
J. Hately	158	124
Totals	790	891

	Won.	Lost.
G. Egan	86	107
E. Ellwood	142	135
A. Orr	124	112
P. McIntyre	119	112
W. Dalton	146	214
Totals	609	696

	Won.	Lost.
Nationals	18	6
Maple Leafs	11	17
Selaks	11	17
George Karry's Nationals	11	17
Selaks	11	17

	Won.	Lost.
P. Wilson	144	204
R. Ferris	174	238
A. Orr	192	171
T. Martin	197	230
W. Jones	197	230
Totals	921	1048

	Won.	Lost.
P. Mascari	158	153
J. Sansone	205	175
D. Catalano	176	245
N. Adams	189	169
G. Karry	192	226
Totals	952	954

	Won.	Lost.
Garage Motors	11	4
Operators	10	8
Line No. 1	10	8
Sales	9	6
Stores	2	10

	Won.	Lost.
Jarvis	129	134
Cook	90	115
Boileau	153	87
Corrin	131	178
Costello	116	193
Totals	629	717

	Won.	Lost.
Flaney	148	188
Jackson	127	157
Potter	148	138
Brown	194	123
Edgar	149	162
Totals	787	782

	Won.	Lost.
Gilbert	132	176
Green	109	95
Murphy	127	96
Booth	126	84
Bailey	212	139
Totals	682	585

	Won.	Lost.
C. Conroy	195	141
J. C. Pirie	128	97
Hammond	98	112
G. McNiven	109	102
D. McNiven	116	119
Totals	676	571

	Won.	Lost.
Ramford	102	184
Murray	143	159
Burrell	161	136
Elwood	207	180
Blay	107	106
Totals	660	793

It's Instinct, Not Speed

IE leading base runners are not always the fastest. The other day there came a story from the west that Arnold Stutz, the Coast League sensation, was leading George Sisler in stolen bases in the Winter League. From the story one would think that Sisler was rated as a great base runner, and that Stutz, in showing the way to the St. Louis star, had accomplished an extraordinary feat. George Sisler is a very fast man, but Sisler is not a great base runner. No player in either major league can step down to first much faster than George. However, after reaching the initial sack Sisler is unable to take advantage of his great speed. Base running is as dependent on good judgment in selecting the spot to take a chance, and in getting a good lead when taking that chance, as it is on speed. The leading base runners are not always the fastest men in the league. I don't believe I ever saw a better base runner than George Moriarty, now an American League umpire, yet Moriarty was far from being a fast man on the bases. It seemed that he could sense the proper time to go. Incidentally he never went unless he got away to a good lead. When Moriarty was a player it was not an uncommon thing for him to steal home a half dozen times during the season. Of late years if a base runner turns the trick once during the year, he is satisfied that he has pulled something out of the ordinary. I know any number of fast men who during their major league career never even attempted a steal of home. Base running is an art. A certain amount of speed is, of course, necessary. In addition there must be plenty of judgment in selecting the spot to take a chance, and in getting a good lead when taking that chance, as it is on speed. —B. E.

The election of Tom Halligan to the presidency of the Mint League will come as a surprise to London fans. An outside man would have looked much better as local fans at least. George Maines may not be president of the Mint League, but with an interest in the Hamilton franchise for many years, his father, president of the Flint franchise, and Tom Halligan of Flint, president, the number of feathers clipped from George's wings wouldn't cover any more than the first sack away.

With Knotty Lee, George Orme, Edgren and Babe Dye on the Toronto Leafs' roster, the Queen City team will look very much like the old Brant Red Sox. Toronto fans probably wouldn't be puffed if they played like that bunch, too. He had access to Tecumseh Park—she never had to wait. He'd tip a wink to the gink in charge, and she'd be right through the gate.

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CANADIAN A. A. U. HOLDS 34TH ANNUAL

President Urges More Unity in Amateur Ranks in Dominion.

TORONTO, Dec. 9.—A strong plea for national unity in the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada was made at the opening session here this evening of the thirty-fourth annual meeting of the union, by its president, Dr. D. Bruce MacDonald. He emphasized the fact that the union was a national body, not sectional, and that the welfare of the whole should be the chief consideration in connection with any question that might come up. The delegates, he said, were sent to the annual meeting to legislate in the interests of amateur sport throughout the Dominion. The president suggested that the union should afford the services of a full-time secretary, who could visit 12 different branches and thus promote unity of aim and effort.

ROSS SOMERVILLE STAR OF VARSITY'S TEAM

Ross Somerville of this city, who is attending University of Toronto and who during the past rugby season was the star player of the Varsity team, was responsible for Varsity III's win over the Aura Lee hockey aggregation in Toronto Thursday night. The students won the game, 8 to 6, by scoring three goals in the last two minutes of play. Somerville started the students off towards victory and aided greatly in getting the other two goals.

F. STONE MAKES BID FOR RED SOX

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—Fred Stone, the comedian, said tonight that he had offered Harry Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox, \$750,000 as a purchase price for the local American League baseball club. A conference regarding a sale will be held tomorrow, it was said. Frazee said he had not heard of the offer from Stone. It was said that the comedian had approached the Red Sox manager through Frazee's representative.

SKIERS TO INTRODUCE WINTER PASTIME IN N. Y.

New York, Dec. 9.—Skiing, a popular winter sport in Canada and the Northwest States, is to be introduced into New York. Taking the initiative in the move more than 50 devotees of the sport made up of Norwegian, Swedish and Swiss residents will meet tonight to form a club and to select from number of prospective skiers a ski running course. DECISION TO LYNCH. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Joe Lynch, a former bantamweight titleholder, was given a decision over Maxey Williams tonight after the latter's seconds tossed a sponge into the ring in the eighth round of a ten-round bout. Williams appeared to be the victor of a knockout when the bout ended.

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