

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT



Ahoy! Launch Lobsters! Gird thee thyself for mortal combat one week from Tuesday next. We cheerfully agree to—

While the train bearing the Sox and Pilgrims paused at St. Thomas, Ont., on Sunday, some one remarked that Bob Emslie lived there. "In that event," Jesse Tannehill said, "we are traveling on the Empire State Express." Loud and prolonged cheers.—Chicago Record Herald.

It is reported that Miss K. L. Wilks, of Galt, Ont., owner of Cruickston Farm, is negotiating for the purchase of the sensational trotting mare Sonoma Girl, 2:06 1/4. The report said further that Miss Wilks had offered \$25,000 for the mare. When questioned regarding the matter, J. D. Springer, part owner of the great mare, said that she was for sale if anyone wanted to pay his price. Rumor has it that the price which the owners of the mare have placed on her is \$35,000.

Jim Corbett's first easy money was made in a rather peculiar manner. The great pugilist, then at the beginning of his career, was sitting in the veranda of his hotel, when a young fellow, rather inebriated, strolled up and noticing a shiny high hat on a peg above Jim's head said, "Say, young fellow, I'll give you \$5 for the privilege of kicking that hat. Have you any objection?" "Not at all," politely replied the future pugilist, and the fellow kicked the hat until it was a shapeless mass. A friend remonstrated with him, saying that the hat must have been worth more than \$5. "Undoubtedly it was," responded Jim, coolly. "But, you see, I really have no idea who owns it."

Mr. J. D. Springer, the Western man who drives the famous trotting mare Sonoma Girl, 2:06 1/4, revealed the secret of his success with that high-strung mare when he recently said that during the first two years he handled her that she frequently exasperated him beyond description. "But," said he, "she never knew it." The man who can take a suspicious, high-strung horse and never allow him to know how annoying his actions are is the one who can, eventually, make a trustworthy horse out of any that is not naturally vicious. Many men have this peculiar gift which permits them to gain the confidence of horses. Those who do not have it never become noted among the men who educate horses for the various positions in life in which they become trusted companions of men and women.

Referee H. Ingram reported to the N. L. U. Intermediate series as follows: "In the game which I was appointed by you to referee on August 8, at the National grounds, Montreal, between the Nationals of Montreal and the Nationals of Ottawa, I was assaulted by one of the Nationals of Montreal with a lacrosse stick, breaking my nose and rendering me unconscious. The players of the National Club of Montreal used threatening language to me during the entire game, finally winding up by committing the above assault. I wish also to report the action of some of the members of the National Club of Montreal, throwing chairs from the directors' gallery down on some of the visiting players as they entered the dressing-room; also a mix-up at that end of the field between the players, in which the spectators took part."

The race for pennant honors in the Eastern League appears to have settled down to a contest between the Toronto and Buffalo teams. With seven weeks more to play, Toronto holds the vantage position by 31 points over Buffalo. Newark's slump has brought the Sailors down to a poor third, 113 points now separating the Sailors and the leaders.

A few weeks ago Newark appeared to have a chance for fighting it out for the pennant, but the recent slump has lessened the Sailors' chances considerably. In addition to losing ground to Toronto and Buffalo, the Sailors have a fight on their hands to hold third place, being closely followed by Jersey City, Baltimore, and Providence.

Toronto has split even so far with Buffalo, and has won the series from all clubs but Newark. The Bisons have beaten all other clubs but Toronto and Montreal, the tall-enders, having tied the champions so far in the series.

Alfred Shrubbs, the famous English champion at long distance running, is the despair of those who are working to have him in condition when he starts in what will undoubtedly be a spectacular three-mile contest.

Shrubbs resents what we call "form." He says he made all his records and won all his laurels by doing exactly opposite what the trainers say is necessary. He holds both the amateur and professional records for from one mile to twelve miles. He has been at the game eight years, and sees no reason now to change his style.

"America does a great many things better than we poor bloomin' Brit-fishers," said Shrubbs, "but tell ye wot—ye don't hit it right in distance-running. That's why you've got no A number ones better than the mile, while we've got lots of good 'uns at any distance from the mile to ten. You blokes keep the body too long off the ground when you stride—you take too long a stride. That brings the body down each time with such force that it weakens the ankles, knees and hips more than would be the case with a short, snappy stride that wouldn't carry the body too far from the earth."

What is known as "Shrubbs's style" has become recognized by all long-distance runners. It is somewhat freaky to the amateur observer, but to students of distance work it is plain that Shrubbs's idea is correct.

"I cover distance with my short, quick strides, while you American runners are up in the air—that's a bloomin' American joke, ain't it, I say? But it is just what I mean," said Shrubbs. It sounds good, but, of course, Shrubbs doesn't know where the laugh is.

"Fact is," Shrubbs continued, "form is all tommy-rot. Form takes the strength out of a bloke. It lasts while your full powers are left, then stroke it, it's all in my bloomin' hey. Your pace slackens and it's: Wot to, Bill, or all of a sleep."

Lacrosse has not yet reached the stage where it can be classed with tennis for gentleness.

Alex. Duncan, the champion four-mile runner of England, has decided to move across the Atlantic, and will take up his residence in Montreal. Duncan is one of the best four-mile men the sport has ever known, being capable of covering the distance in 19 minutes 51 2/5 seconds. He won the championship of England in this time, and will be a very valuable addition to athletics in Canada, making our list of middle and long distance men easily the best in the world.

Laporte, the third sacker of the New York team, and one of the most natural batsmen in the league today, was recently complaining of the sickness of the fans. It was brought about by the fact that a large number of the Gotham rooters got after the big fellow because he had taken a temporary slump in his batting, and they thought he ought to have got a couple of hot liners that were sent down to him as if they had been shot from a thirteen-inch gun.

All at once some fellows in the left field seats began to yell for Griffith to put Conroy back at third. When Laporte came in to the bench at the end of the inning he was remarking to Willie Keeler about how a ball player was a prince in the estimation of the crowd one day, while the next he was liable to be the most reviled among human beings.

"Well," replied the philosophic and rather taciturn Keeler, who has developed certain views on life, "it's the same all over the world; it's easy to make friends, but it's hard to keep them."

"It's not so in my case," chimed in that noted satirist, Pitcher Doyle, as he gave his belt a hitch; "I have several friends who appear to be perfectly willing to let me keep them."

"DOC." NEWTON FOOLS TIGERS

Detroit Players Unable to Solve Yankee's Left-Hand Delivery.

Detroit, Aug. 15.—Just when all the fans thought they were through with the southpaws, Clark Griffith and his wily band stole into Detroit and shoved "Doc" Newton against the Tigers, now suffering the slump that all teams seemingly undergo before the season closes.

A little while ago the southpaw pest seemed to have passed. Yesterday Newton held them to four scattered hits and only his wildness prevented him from getting a shut-out victory. Eddie Slevier was in for Detroit and pitched a good game. They beat him 2 to 1. One run was made on hits. The other came as a result of errors on close plays.

Norman Elberfeld returned to the Yankees fold yesterday, when they reached town. The suspension against him was lifted and he was taken back. He played a star game, opening the way with a triple to right that clinched the run necessary to win. Willie Keeler got a scratch hit to Downs and Elberfeld batted one to right. The ball was a rather high drive that hit just back of first and bounded down the base line into the right field corner for three bases. Keeler walking home.

Yanks Score in Fifth.

They landed another in the fifth. Hoffman hit to Downs, who had to make a hurried play to first to get him. Rossman dropped the ball. Newton hit to O'Leary and Charley made his first error in many days, a bad finger getting in the way of the ball. Coughlin forced Hoffman. Slevier to Coughlin. Keeler was hit by a pitched ball and the bases were full. Elberfeld was thrown out by Downs, but Newton scored.

The Tigers' lone tally came in the last round. It looked as though they were to pull off another of their closing-inning finishes, but it was not to be. Newton furnished plenty of excitement, when he walked Coughlin and Crawford, but he forced Cobb to pop to Thomas, Coughlin and Crawford worked a double steal. A good single would have tied the score. Rossman flied to Hoffman and Coughlin scored. There was still a chance. Downs was an easy out, however, Williams to first and the game was over.

	A.	R.	E.	B.	H.	P.	O.	A.
Detroit	4	0	1	4	0	0	1	0
Coughlin, 3 b.	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Crawford, c.	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Cobb, r. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rossman, 1 b.	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Downs, 2 b.	4	0	0	3	7	0	0	0
Payne, c.	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
O'Leary, a. s.	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	0
Slevier, p.	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	0
Willett, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mullin	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	4	27	15	0	1	0

	A.	R.	E.	B.	H.	P.	O.	A.
New York	4	0	1	10	1	0	1	0
Moriarty, 1 b.	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Keeler, r. f.	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Elberfeld, s. b.	4	0	1	1	5	0	0	0
Laporte, 3 b.	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
Williams, 1 b.	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Conroy, 1 b.	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
Thomas, c.	4	0	2	4	2	0	0	0
Hoffman, c. f.	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Newton, p.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	2	9	27	13	0	0	0

*Batted for Slevier in the eighth.
Errors—Rossman, Payne, O'Leary, Williams.

Summary: Innings pitched—Slevier 8, Willett 1. Base hits—O'Leary 8, Laporte 1. Two-base hits—Moriarty, Laporte. Three-base hit—Elberfeld. Sacrifice hit—Williams. Bases—Jones, Coughlin 2, Crawford, Conroy, Hoffman. Bases on balls—By Newton 3. Hit by pitcher—By Slevier 1, by Newton 1. First base on errors—New York 3. Left on bases—Detroit 5, New York 8. Struck out—By Slevier 2, by Newton 2. Double play—Elberfeld, Moriarty and Thomas. Wild pitch—Newton. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Sheridan. Attendance, 4,067.

	W.	L.	P.	O.
Philadelphia	53	45	541	
Brooklyn	48	56	462	
Cincinnati	45	59	433	
Boston	33	64	373	
St. Louis	32	62	281	

	W.	L.	P.	O.
At Cleveland	000000002	2	7	0
Philadelphia	101001000	3	11	5
Batteries—Jones and Clarke; Bender and Powers. Umpire, Connolly.				
At Chicago	0000300	4	3	0
Chicago	0000000	4	3	0
Batteries—White and Hart; Morgan and Shaw. Umpire, O'Loughlin and Evans.				

	W.	L.	P.	O.
Philadelphia	61	39	610	
Detroit	59	49	596	
Chicago	53	44	589	
Cleveland	53	45	567	
New York	47	54	465	
Boston	44	58	431	
St. Louis	43	57	430	
Washington	39	59	399	

	W.	L.	P.	O.
At New York	000001000	2	11	1
Cincinnati	020000002	4	8	0
Batteries—Ewing and McLean; White, Mathewson and Bresnahan. Umpire, Rigler.				
At Brooklyn	200000240	9	16	1
Pittsburg	000000000	0	4	2
Batteries—Phillips and Phelps; Pas-torius and Ritter. Umpires, Emslie and Carpenter.				

	W.	L.	P.	O.
At Philadelphia	012000002	5	8	2
Philadelphia	000001000	1	3	4
Batteries—Pfeister and Kling; Moren, Brown and Dooin. Umpires, O'Day and Klein.				
At Boston	200000000	2	5	2
St. Louis	000000010	1	7	1
Batteries—Karger and Noonan; Flaherty and Brown. Umpire, Johnstone.				

	W.	L.	P.	O.
Chicago	77	29	775	
New York	62	41	539	
Pittsburg	60	41	593	



Counting 'Em Out in the American League.

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	W.	L.	P.	O.
At Buffalo	000000000	0	4	0
Buffalo	000000000	0	4	0
At Rochester	000000000	0	3	0
Baltimore	000000000	0	3	0
Rochester	000000000	0	3	0
At Toronto	000000000	0	3	0
Toronto	000000000	0	3	0
Jersey City	000000000	0	3	0
Batteries—Mitchell and Carrigan; Worn-wood, Lake and Butler. Umpires, Conway and McCarthy.				

	W.	L.	P.	O.
Toronto	51	35	555	
Buffalo	50	38	564	
Newark	48	40	511	
Baltimore	48	50	490	
Providence	48	50	490	
Jersey City	48	51	485	
Rochester	42	55	453	
Montreal	40	60	353	

JENNINGS EXPLAINS

Detroit, Aug. 15.—Jennings is still optimistic.

"Philadelphia is bound to have a slump," he maintained last night. "They haven't had one for about two months now."

"How about those three straight games you fellows took from that club when they were here last. Wasn't that a slump?"

"Slump, no," was the answer. "Philadelphia was playing just as good ball when the Athletics came here on the last trip and lost three straight as they were on the present trip in which they have beaten us. They played just exactly as good ball. We were the ones to change, not they. We have had the slump due to the wear of the hard eastern trip and the lack of morning practice. We're going right again now and we'll be up there pretty soon."

Philadelphia must tackle Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago now, while Detroit plays New York, Boston and Washington. Jennings is not afraid of Boston.

"They are playing no better than when we beat 'em. They have simply been going against easier clubs."

For full account of Toronto Game See Page Four.



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LATEST LOCAL AND TELEGRAPH NEWS BASEBALL—RACING—BOWLING—BOXING LACROSSE—RUNNING—QUOITING—TENNIS

A Brief Sketch of London's Premier Twirler

Undoubtedly one of the fastest pitchers, if not the very best that ever broke into City League company, Walter Gibson also has the happy faculty of being able to drive out a hit when most needed, besides fielding his position in major league fashion.

This sterling twirler has pitched eleven of the fourteen games the champions have played this year, and he has taken eight of that number. Two of the losing contests were dropped by a single run.

Gibson first broke into local baseball last year, when he signed up with McClarys. His work at that time, while not sensational, showed that he had the making of a successful twirler. Hard luck previous to this year played a prominent part in his work in the box, but he has come into his own.

In the first season of the present series he officiated on the slab eight times, lost but three of his battles. Two of these were against the Stars and the other against the Rockets.

In the second season he has won every game. Gibson has, in all, pitched five games against the Tierneyites, and has won three out of the bunch.

His batting average for the first part of the present series was .275, while in fielding he stood close to the top with .917. Recently, at Port Stanley, he dashed out batters for the Champs against the Ingersoll team, and in the seven innings played the opposition never got a semblance of a hit, and would not have reached first base at all had not a batter deliberately placed himself in the way of a



Walter Gibson, of the Champion McClarys.

slow ball. Of course, Gibson has had the advantage of excellent support all the way, but good support alone won't pull a pitcher through unless he has the goods. Besides being a most excellent twirler, Gibson plays a nice game in the infield, especially at second base. Ever a gentlemanly player, a hardy, he dashed out batters for the Champs against the Ingersoll team, and in the seven innings played the opposition never got a semblance of a hit, and would not have reached first base at all had not a batter deliberately placed himself in the way of a

THE TROPHY MATCHES

Rowing Club Defeats Asylum in Fifth Series.

The London Rowing Club yesterday defeated the Asylum Club bowlers in the fifth of the series of twelve matches for the Bank of Toronto trophy. Summary:

Rowing Club	Asylum
J. A. Connor.	Dr. Neely.
F. Love.	Dr. Harris.
F. H. Bolt.	J. Hazard.
A. Tillman.	R. B. Reighway.
V. W. Meek.	W. H. R. Talbot.
J. Vining.	Dr. G. McNeil.
J. Pritchard.	A. Throver.
F. Stevenson.	J. Richardson.
Total.....39	Total.....31

TWO FAVORITES WIN

Bay City Horseman Treated to Some Fine Racing.

Bay City, Mich., Aug. 15.—Two favorites took first money in today's races. In the third race the first choice failed to show at first and darkness caused the free-for-all race to be postponed until Friday afternoon.

Racing today was all that could be desired. Only one race was won in straight heats. The attendance was larger than on the preceding day and the spectators were thoroughly satisfied with the result.

Bourbon J. made his supporters look sad when he did nothing better than take third and second in the first two heats. Betting turned a little in favor of Jimmie Burns' Abdell, who captured the first two heats. But the favorite came back and won three straight. The Liar had an easy time of the 2:20 pace, winning in straight heats. Billy Brino ran second to him in all three. William C. sold as first choice in

the free-for-all pace. Missouri Chief won the first two heats and the favorite succeeded in taking numbers three and four. Darkness put an end to this race, which will be finished the first thing tomorrow. Summaries:

2:17 trot, purse \$400—	
Bourbon, br. s., by Jay	3 2 1 1 1
Bird Padgett,	3 2 1 1 1
Abdell, br. s., by Ad-	
bells (Burns)	1 2 3 4
Sid Thorne, b. g. (Rich-	
ley)	2 4 3 2 3
Bernardo, ch. g. (Suther-	
land)	4 6 4 4 2
Glen H., b. g. (Colby) ..	5 3 6 5 5
Busy, b. m. (Cares)	6 5 5 6 4
Time, 2:20 3/4, 2:19 3/4, 2:17 3/4, 2:20 3/4, 2:21 3/4.	

2:20 pace, purse \$400—	
The Liar, b. h., by Ananias	1 1 1
(Mather)	1 1 1
Billy Brino, b. g., by Wildbrino	
(Lang)	2 2 2
Prince Medium, b. s. (Hayes)	4 3 3
Glen S., b. s. (Paseman) ..	3 4 4
Little Mink, br. g. (Hubbell)	5 ds
Time, 2:19 3/4, 2:17 3/4, 2:19 3/4.	

Free-for-all, pace, purse \$400 (un-finished)—

Missouri Chief, blk. h., by	
Red Hart (Roche)	1 2 3
William C., b. g., by Civil-	
ization (Freeman)	5 1 1
Alpha W., b. m. (Gray) ..	2 2 3
Robert Lee, b. g. (Hoffman)	3 3 4
William Mac, blk. g.	
(Sphinx)	4 4 5 dr
Time, 2:14 3/4, 2:14 3/4, 2:15 3/4.	

THE TURF
YESTERDAY'S WINNERS.

At Fort Erie—Webber even, Ralph Reese even, Lady Elkhorn 4 to 5, Eowitte 6 to 5, Charley Ward 1 to 2, Lord Dixon 8 to 5.

At New York—Priceless Jewel 3 to 1, Minors 4 to 5, Posing 3 to 5, Colloquy 9 to 5, Hambridge 1 to 2, Clyde 4 to 5.

At Saratoga—Anteus 2 to 5, Paprika 3 to 5, Kerry 15 to 1, Konyello 3 to 5, dead-heat between Bonoso and Hy-perion; Rockstone 1 to 5.

Buy the Best Clothes Made at a Third Off

For us, the summer campaign sees its end in the next few days—for you, there's a month and a half to get daily use out of summer togs. The last few days here sees the