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M-O OUTLOOK IS NOT VERY PROMISING ONE

Hamilton Watching for First Break to Come—May Join Canadian League.

Hamilton, April 3.—"Boss" Wetzel, manager of the Hamilton Club of the M.-O. League, left for his home in Columbus not any too well satisfied with the outlook of the league for the season of 1925. Hamilton appears to be the only club ready to toe the scratch, and Wetzel is of the opinion that the inactivity in the other cities is a bad omen.

However, if anything happens to the Halligan League, Hamilton fans will not be denied professional baseball. The Canadian league fostered by Joe Page, wants both Hamilton and London, and is waiting only for something definite about the M.-O. League before making his move to grab both clubs.

Wetzel is very much in favor of the all-Canadian idea, and has advised Billy Carroll, owner of the local club, to go ahead if the M.-O. falls to function this year.

Joe Springs, who will be with the Hamilton club this year, will be in fine shape when he reports to Wetzel at Columbus on April 12th. Jess and Mickey Roach work out daily at Scott Park.

SISLER'S BATTING IS PERFECT TYPE FOR HIT-AND-RUN



By AL DEMAREE
(Former Pitcher, N. Y. Giants)

George Sisler, the great playing manager of the St. Louis Browns, is one of the real natural hitters of baseball history. He is a master at dragging the ball, hustling, and is able to hit long and hard to either field, making him an ideal "hit and run" man.

While he is not what is known as a choke hitter, he does not grip his bat on the extreme end and is one of the hardest forearm hitters in the game.

In 1922 Sisler hit safely in 42 successive games, breaking the American league record of 41 games held until then by Ty Cobb.

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

The more or less effete east has been properly castigated in a hockey sense. All that the east can reflect on now is the glory that once was theirs. Undoubtedly Canadiens proved to be a poor travelling team, while the ten-man team of Victoria was apparently too much. The question now arises, where does this Cougar team fit in among the great teams that have held the cup. They are undoubtedly great, but are they better than the Ottawa team of 1921? What a battle Frederickson of the present day and Nighbor of 1921 would have provided. In 1920 Ottawa beat a team which had Holmes, Foyston and Walker as its brightest stars, and certainly these three can't be any better to-day. The others are unknown quantities in the east. All fandom can hope is that the same Victoria team repeats next year, and comes east, so that they may be appraised and their merits proven or disproven under the fire of competition away from home.

The defeat of Canadiens probably means the passing of another machine that failed to hit the heights they should have attained. Temperament did much to mar this graceful combination, and the fact that the athletes could not keep themselves attuned to conditions did much to hold them down in the race during the season. Had Canadiens played Vics at home they probably would have won. Canucks are not as good a training squad as Ottawa or Hamilton, and the east would have been best represented by the latter when their form in the final games is considered. The record of the Ottawa team in being the only aggregation to twice bring the cup back from the west will not be equalled or surpassed for many years.

The Kingston Tennis Club hopes to run on a bigger scale than ever this season and indications are that the membership will be very materially increased. The club plans to have a few social events thrown in with the tennis this summer.

The golfers are getting impatient and are ready to go. It won't be long now before the caddies will be doing the trailing act.

O.B.A.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

Early Start Will Be Made This Time.

Toronto, April 3.—The Ontario Baseball Amateur Association annual meeting, booked for Saturday at the Carls-Rite Hotel, promises to make history in the amateur baseball movement in this province.

President MacFarlane, of Harrison, has planned to open the session at 9.30 a.m. The report and lengthy list of amendments, as well as the election of officers, necessitate an early start in order that the work of the convention be finished in time for the delegates to catch the evening trains.

SOUNDS LIKE MOVIES.

Horse Poisoned Before Kentucky Race.

San Diego, Cal., April 3.—Chilhowee, famous Kentucky race-horse, was poisoned shortly before running the Cofroth Handicap at the Tianguana course last Sunday. It is indicated here in the statements of course veterinarians, owners and trainers who have been conducting an investigation. Chilhowee was at no time a contender during the race, although he was the favorite.

returned to its stable and fell in a heap, with a fever of 104 degrees. Ernie and Harry Hart, owners, declared.

Trainer Dick Watts and Jockey Fred Sharpe attended to the preparing of the star for the race. Veterinarians who have been attending the horse state that all indications point to poison having been administered.

After the running of the race, it was with great difficulty that the horse was returned to his stall, according to the Hart brothers.

Chilhowee was said to be an extremely sick horse, and in a state of utter exhaustion.

Detectives have been employed to guard the horse, and are aiding in the investigation. Hart brothers stated, Jockey Club officials are lending every co-operation.

STILL HOLDS OUT.

Babe Dye is still missing from the Buffalo training camp, and rumors have it that no further overtures will be made to the Toronto boy. Babe was awarded a contract which called for more money than he received last season, but he sent it back unsigned, and the Buffalo management has not bothered any more about it. Webb has only three outfielders, however, and unless he can pick up another before the international league season opens, he may have to talk to the Babe. The Buffalo News says that Dye proved a fairly good

hitter last season, but that he looked mediocre in the field at times.

SARNIA ADMITTED.

Will Play in Kent County This Year.

Chatham, April 3.—The executive of the Kent County Baseball League at a meeting here accepted the application of the Sarnia team for a berth in the Kent county circuit by a unanimous vote, and in the same manner designated that the league for the coming season be composed of four teams, Dresden, Blefheim, Chatham Independents and Sarnia. The London and St. Thomas teams, who were reported to be seeking admission to the league, were not presented at the meeting. The matter of an application had been informally made to President Little

of the Kent League by George Martin, London, and President McFarlane, of the O.B.A.A., but the motion made limiting the league to four teams eliminates all chances of those two southern counties' aggregations becoming members of the Kent League this year. W. B. Jennings was named as Sarnia's representative on the executive board.

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INSIDE GOLF

By Chester Horton

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The average player's sense of the golf swing goes wrong when it makes him think that the whole body turns from right to left with the swinging of the club. It seems obvious that it should so swing, but it doesn't.



When you adopt the "straight line" principle you will observe that the left arm keeps straight and that the head stays down. It is imperatively important to keep the head down. It makes little difference if the head moves back and forth some with the swing, but it must stay down. The player must be careful, too, about the right side—it has a tendency to collapse as the clubhead nears the ball. Keep the right shoulder up as you come forward. The finish should find the right foot "dragging" over to the left, the whole tendency of your weight being to go forward. The left hip may, in practice, turn some to the left at the finish of the swing, but the hip line has been straight through the ball, and if it does so turn it will be after the hip punch has been applied to the ball.

What Will Happen?

Boston is not the only team which has an eye on Billy Burch. Some of the Western Canada teams would like to have him, but Percy Thompson announces that he is not for sale, all of which makes it look as though he was counting on William to play centre for Hamilton again next season. The talk of the Hamilton players who went on strike being expelled from organized hockey should be allowed to waft out the same ear it goes in.

Conductor J. C. McCulloch, of the Westport sub-division, Canadian National Railways, has been given three merit marks for having discovered a switch in defective condition and taken prompt action.

At Clayton, N.Y., on March 30th, Francis Xavier Colon, aged 89, one of the oldest residents and for years a widely known boat builder of the St. Lawrence river, passed away.

BOXING GOSSIP

Going on a pound for pound basis, the three greatest fighters of all time, asserts John J. McGraw, were (1) Joe Gans; (2) Jack McAuliffe, and (3) Terrible Terry McGovern.

Benny Leonard has written a physical culture course, called "The Benny Leonard System of Promoting Physical Fitness." The book should yield him splendid financial returns.

Jack McAuliffe, retired undefeated light weight champion, is the only boxer that ever lived who was never defeated.

Jack Dempsey now runs the best equipped gymnasium in Los Angeles. Many famous fighters train there, including Mickey Walker (world's welterweight champion), Louis Kid Kaplan (American feather-champ) and Tony Fuento (who recently knocked out Fred Fulton).

Ruby Golstein is New York's latest fistic sensation. He comes from the East Side and is heralded as a second Sid Terris.

When Gene Tunney beat Harry Greb recently he proved once and for all that he was Greb's master. This was the fifth meeting of the men.

What champions in the various classes engaged in the most bouts? Here is the answer. In the heavy weight division Jack Johnson leads with a complete record of 51 engagements, and Dempsey comes second with 49 bouts. Harry Greb, the present champion, heads the middle, having fought 219 times, while Philadelphia Jack O'Brien comes next with 186 fights. In the welterweight class Jack Britton leads with 280 scrapes tucked under his belt, and Kid Lewis follows with 221 engagements. Among the lightweights, Benny Leonard (200) and Joe Gans (171). Johnny Dundee is the first of the featherweights with 305 battles; Abe Attell is next with 201. The bantams are headed by George Dixon, the great negro, who fought 212 times, and Jimmy Wilde is first of the flyweights with 128 scuffles.

Court Assesses Motorist For Damaging Locomotive

San Mateo, Cal., April 3.—A man should show some consideration for a locomotive, held Justice of the Peace Walter Bird recently in assessing Hugh Jamieson \$67.72 for damaging with his automobile a Southern Pacific engine proceeding peacefully along its own right-of-way.

The evidence indicated that Jamieson drove his car down the railroad, parked it on the tracks and went to sleep. Members of the train crew said they had to awaken Jamieson after he had been carried for sixty feet on the engine-pilot. The locomotive got the worst of the encounter. Jamieson was not hurt. His car was not badly damaged. Railroad officials said it cost \$67.72 to fix up the engine, and the court entered judgment accordingly.

OUT OUR WAY



MORE HUMORS OF HISTORY

By Arthur Moreland



Archbishop Lanfranc died in 1089. He was a moderate man whose councils often checked the Conqueror's excesses. Rufus, relieved of this powerful influence, found a minister more to his liking in Ralph, a Norman clerk. Under his guidance, Bishoprics as they became vacant were kept so and their revenues diverted to the Royal Treasury. These depredations earned for Ralph the name of Flambard, or "the torch."

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