

CAPITALS LEAD IN LEAGUE RACE

Torontos Defeated by Nationals in a Championship Match in a Sand Pit at Montreal --Shamrocks Beaten at Ottawa.

The championship season of the National Amateur Lacrosse Union, better known as the Senior League, is on in earnest. The old-time champions, the Capitals of Ottawa, have made an auspicious start, having defeated Montreal on the 24th of May and on Saturday winning from last year's leaders, the Shamrocks of Montreal.

The defeat of the Torontos by the Nationals was a big surprise, in view of the way the locals showed up that team at Rosedale the Queen's Birthday in an exhibition match. The Torontos' weakness was where it had been least suspected--on the home.

It was also impossible for the defence field to give much assistance in enabling the home in its combination. For instance, when the home had possession of the ball they were quickly covered by the Nationals' defence men. The Torontos' defence field should have had one man at least down to help them out, but this was impossible, owing to the condition of the field, which was nothing more than a dreary waste of sand. The "going" tired a man out after running up and down two or three times--in fact, it was almost as bad as playing on the shores of Lake Ontario. It might also be said that the team committee when they selected the team allowed sentiment to prevail in one or two cases. With these several exceptions the Torontos have material for a winning team.

Fred Moran was undoubtedly the star of the day on both sides. He was simply indefatigable and always brilliant. Hanley was a sick man and could not do himself justice. The rest of the defence played well, and with the addition of George Wheeler, whose presence was sorely missed, will prove themselves capable of warding off the attacks of any home in the business.

There is one thing to be done, and that is every member of the team should have at least three practices a week regularly. The team committee should also make a point of having the team which will represent them in their matches out three evenings a week in toto. By following up this advice they should have no difficulty in making a strong bid for the championship.

Lionel Yorke played his usual strong and steady game and was a tower of strength on the defence. Frank Moran, having had only three practices, was but intermittently brilliant, but played a hard and conscientious game. Art Snell, although very unwell, played a strong game and used great head-work. If the home had followed his lead more the result might have been different. Alf Stewart had the hardest run to check, viz., Dade, of last year's Shamrocks. The latter consequently does not figure as one of the stars of the day. Cleves gave promise of being one of the best goal-keepers in Canada. Lamb had McKeown to cover, which he did with considerable energy. As a consequence Mac had to have his ear sewn up. Billy Geatrix played a hard game and worked like a Trojan. His opponent was the celebrated Joe Valois, the acknowledged best point down east.

Table with columns W, L, Capitals, Nationals, Montreal, Toronto, Cornwall, Shamrocks.

Montreal, June 11.--The first match of the championship season between Toronto and Nationals was won by the Montreal team by a score of 6 goals to 2 on the new grounds of the latter in Malsonneuve. The match was one of the best seen here in many years, and despite a splendid game put up by the Torontos, they were defeated. Both teams played very fast lacrosse, and the general opinion is that the Torontos were simply defeated by hard luck. In every case where the Nationals scored it was remarked that there was more or less luck about it. The excellence of their game must, however, not be denied.

Toronto's field work at the outset outpaced the locals, but then, with the players settled to their work, it took anybody's game. The soft, loose turf of the recently prepared ground arose in perfect sand clouds as the game progressed. This very greatly interfered with the Queen City representatives, and near the end smothered a lot of vim and dash of the defence field.

The Nationals started out particularly strong, and it looked for a short time as though it would easily defeat the westerners, but hardly had the second game commenced before Toronto's great speed told, and they evened things up. This did not last, however. The following is a summary: Nationals.

Hanley.....Goal.....L'Heureux
Yorke.....Point.....A. Valois
Stewart.....Cover point.....Kavanagh
Lamb.....Second defence.....Marcellin
Ier.....Third defence.....St. Aubin
Fred Moran.....Center.....Brown
Frank Moran.....First home.....Connseau
Snell.....Second home.....McKeown
Querrelle.....Third home.....Dade
Lillie.....Outside home.....Brennan
Geatrix.....Inside home.....Henry
Pete Knowles.....Captain.....Pat Foley
The officials: Referee--George Carpenter, Umpires--Billy Wells and

Frank Wall. Timekeepers -- Dick Kearns, Toronto; H. A. Lacoste, Montreal.

The games were scored as follows: 1--Nationals.....McKeown.....5 mins. 2--Toronto.....Querrelle.....5 mins. 3--Nationals.....Brennan.....4 mins. 4--Nationals.....Dade.....6 mins. 5--Nationals.....Dade.....1 1/2 mins. 6--Toronto.....Snell.....7 mins. 7--Nationals.....Brennan.....7 1/2 mins. 8--Nationals.....Brennan.....14 1/2 mins.

CAPITALS BEAT THE SHAMROCKS. Ottawa, June 10.--The Capitals' lacrosse team won a hard-fought game on Varsity oval Saturday afternoon by defeating the Shamrocks of Montreal by a score of 4 goals to 3. While the match was closely contested, it could not be considered a first-class exhibition of the national game. For the most part of the time, it was but very ordinary lacrosse, and only in occasional instances was any particularly good work done. The teams were:

Capitals (4)--D. Hutton, goal; Costello, point; W. Ralph, cover; C. Robertson, F. Grimes, J. Binks, defence field; W. Stairs, center; H. Ralph, E. Murphy, P. Murphy, home fields; J. Durkin, outside home; W. Bowen, inside home. The team was captained by M. Egan.

Shamrocks (3)--P. Quinn, goal; J. McKenna, point; M. Hayes, cover; Finlayson, McBriarty, Smith, defence field; Currie, center; Nolan, Robertson, Hoobin, home field; White, outside home; Brennan, inside home; J. Tucker, captain.

The referee was F. C. Chittick, and the umpires F. O'Gara and L. Rubenstein of Montreal. The games were scored in the following order: 1st, Capitals, P. Murphy, 1 minute 15 seconds; 2nd, Shamrocks, Brennan, 11 minutes 45 seconds; 3rd, Shamrocks, Brennan, 12 minutes; 4th, Capitals, P. Murphy, 11 minutes 20 seconds; 5th, Shamrocks, Brennan, 1 minute; 6th, Capitals, Durkin, 25 minutes 40 seconds; 7th, Capitals, P. Murphy, 10 minutes.

During the second game, Currie, the Shamrock center, got a bad cut on the head and had to retire. Several changes were then made in the positions of the players. P. Leddy was brought on and placed at cover-point; Hayes was moved out on the defence and McBriarty was placed at center.

LORNE CUP RACE WAS POSTPONED

Merrythought, Vivia and Vreda Cruised to Oakville.

YACHTING ON THE BAY

Caprice Won the R.C.Y.C.'s Race for Sixteen Footers on Saturday.

There were many yacht races on the Bay Saturday. The wind which during the morning was rather stiff and from the northwest dropped considerably but it still held strong enough to enable the White Wings to make excellent time on the Bay courses.

QUEBEC RUGBY SCHEDULE.

Championship Season in the East Will End on the 10th of November This Year--Local Games.

- Montreal, June 10.--At a meeting of the Quebec Rugby Union, held here on Saturday evening, the following schedule for the senior league was agreed upon: Oct. 6--College v. Montreal. Oct. 6--Britannia v. Brockville. Oct. 13--Britannia v. Montreal. Oct. 13--Brockville v. College. Oct. 20--College v. Britannia. Oct. 20--Montreal v. Brockville. Oct. 27--Montreal v. College. Oct. 27--Brockville v. Britannia. Nov. 3--Britannia v. College. Nov. 3--Brockville v. Montreal. Nov. 10--Montreal v. Britannia. Nov. 10--College v. Brockville. All matches to be played on the grounds of the first-name club.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION GAMES.

The Riversides defeated the Seaford Hurons before about 300 spectators, on Varsity Athletic field, on Saturday, by 3 to 1 in a Western Football Association match. The visitors were never dangerous. The play was fast from the sound of the whistle, the Riversides having much the better of the play. Small scoring the only game of the first half, while in the second Gentle and Lewis each took one for the home team, and Jackson scored for the visitors.

The start at Humber Bay in the Parkdale Sailing Club's handicap for the Howard cup was pretty. Typhoon, Griffiths Brothers' 16-footer, was first across the line to windward of Boob, the only 15-footer to start. Cole Brothers' Pickle was third, with Walter Patterson's Viva a length away. J. W. Commaford's Alert was fifth and Frank Howard's Britannia last, but well to windward. Not more than 30 yards separated first and last boats. Typhoon got the breeze first, a puff from the north, and left the fleet. At the first buoy she was 200 yards ahead, but struck a soft spot and rounded with only a short lead. On the second leg, with the breeze from the south-east, she again played tag with the fleet. At the finish of the first round Typhoon led, with Viva second. Alert, which was some distance astern, picked up a breeze and caught the fleet, which was again becalmed just around the buoy. When the breeze did come again Typhoon led to the first buoy, but when the wind dropped on the second leg Viva and Britannia both picked up lucky slants and Patterson's boat passed Typhoon, while Howard was almost upon even terms with the erstwhile leader. It was anybody's race around the second buoy, and Typhoon took a stretch into the lake, wind hunting, while Britannia and Viva held straight for the finishing buoy. Typhoon got the breeze all right, but too late to catch Viva, which crossed the line a length ahead of Britannia, just three minutes inside the three hour time limit. This is Viva's second win this season. Boob dropped out the second round, but Pickle and Alert, the ballasted 16-footers, were close up at the finish, and on the whole, considering the light weather, did fairly well against the skiffs.

Both the Victoria and the Royal Hamilton Skiff Clubs held races at Hamilton. In the R. H. Y. C. 35-foot class Myrtle, the Canada's cup candidate, finished second to the old Erma, and Nadia was third. Flight led the skiff fleet, with Sarah B. second and Stella third and Sothis fourth. Hawatha won the Victoria Club 30-footer contest, with Brenda second. Rosemary was the speediest of the 25-footers. Ko-Ko was second.

BOWLING AT THE ISLAND.

Commencement of Royal Canadian Yacht Club Tournament on the Newly-Made Lawn.

The Royal Canadian Yacht Club Bowling Club commenced a tournament for the entertainment of their fellow bowlers in the city on Saturday afternoon last, and will continue it on the next two Saturdays. Thirty-five rinks entered, and the result of the preliminary and first round, played on Saturday, shows the standing of the Clubs to be as follows:

Table with columns Club Name and Score.

SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

Two Parkdale Eleven's in the Field--McGill Tourists Won Easily at Hamilton.

-Toronto-Rosedale and McGill played a match at Rosedale to-day.

-The Toronto Church School played a cricket match with the day boys of U. C. C. on Saturday, which resulted in a victory for T. C. S. by a score of 51 to 17. The batting of Morrison for T. C. S. was the feature, 33 not out.

-Toronto-Rosedale and Parkdale Cricket Clubs drew on Saturday afternoon at Rosedale. Parkdale had three wickets in hand and nine runs to make, the score being 109 to 100. M. Boyd 53, and F. S. Chambers 26, were the top scorers.

The cricket team of Gordon, Mackay & Co. have decided to take a four day tour through Western Ontario. They will play Brampton on June 30; Guelph July 2; Galt July 3; Detroit July 4; Waterloo July 5; Cramham July 6; and London July 7.

-At the annual meeting of the Deseronto Cricket Club the following officers were elected for the season of 1900: Hon. President, C. A. Millener; Hon. Vice-President, S. Russell, M.P.; President, W. G. Egan; Vice-President, F. J. Cockburn. Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, John Gleave, Captain, I. Albam, Umpire, H. R. Bedford.

The McGill University eleven defeated the Hamiltons Saturday at Hamilton by seven wickets. The Hamiltons made 37 runs in their first innings, and 104 in the second; D'Arcy Martin getting 39 and S. F. Washington 22. In their first innings the visitors made 85 runs, and in the second they made 60 runs for three wickets.

-Upper Canada College defeated Ridley College on Saturday by 4 wickets and 1 run. The game was played on the Upper Canada course. For Ridley, Baldwin 23, Norton-Taylor 11, and Harcourt 13, made double figures. Morrison 19 and 16, Wright 22 and 16, were the high scorers for Upper Canada. Ridley made 63 and 37; Upper Canada made 67 and 34 for 6 wickets.

CANADIAN DERBY ON TO-MORROW

Feature of the Opening Day at Fort Erie-- Closing Day at Hamilton--Jockey Crocker's Funeral To-day.

Toronto turf followers are much interested in the outcome of the Canadian Derby race to be run at Fort Erie to-morrow afternoon. They would like to see victory perch on the Carruthers & Shields stable, and the Canadians have a good chance with the colt Advance Guard, although he has to shoulder 127 pounds. Fred Tatal has been engaged to ride him and if he keeps the colt with the procession until the stretch is reached, Advance Guard will be true to his name in the run home.

The field will not be a large one, but the race is expected to be hot. Charlie Ballard will probably ride Geo. Hendrie's Pharaoh, who is in grand condition, and Harry Lewis may pilot Ed. Peters' Daily Report, who has done all that has been asked of him. The Dymnents' Magog is a possible starter. She can go the route and has the speed, if given a good ride. Sidney Lucas looks to be the most dangerous of the other outside entries.

The list of winning owners at Hamilton is headed by Carruthers and Shields with \$675 to their credit, earned by Topmast and Erwin. John Gardner won \$550 with Gibraltar and Denham Thompson. Joseph Duggan won two firsts and a third with Beak, Violet and Bromo, and received \$525. Hugh McCarran, T. P. Phelan, N. Dymont, Ed. Peters, and Vince and Wray went all over the \$400 mark while between that and \$300 were W. F. Maclean, C. W. Peniston, J. C. Ferris, W. H. Ketchman and J. E. Laxton, Jr. In the next division and exceeding \$200 were J. S. Wadsworth, Geo. Hendrie, John Waters, W. Shields and Hogan & Atwood.

It was said after the race was over that McCarran and his friends had cleaned up something like one hundred thousand dollars upon the event. This is, of course, in all probability one of those exaggerations which fly from the tongues of men under the superb excitement of horseracing. At the same time there is no doubt in the world that the McCarran "push" won a barrel of money over the Sarmatian victory.

It was an easy victory, too, and it went to show that the Elmoro-Arkell horse was vastly better than anybody had figured him to be--that is to say, anybody but those close to the inner secrets of the stable.

Lionel "Chapple" Crocker, whose tragic death at the Hamilton race track was reported in Saturday's Star, was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery this afternoon, the funeral taking place from W. H. Stone's undertaking establishment, Yonge street. At the time of the accident Crocker was schooling a horse for Trainer Alie Gates, and had jumped several banks in good style, when he came to the bank in the far eastern field of the course, where the horse struck heavily and fell, rolling over and lying on the unfortunate young man. As quickly as the spectators could reach the spot he was taken up and driven to the hospital, but died just before reaching the gate of that institution. The coroner was notified, but decided that no inquest was necessary, as it was a pure accident.

Crocker was an Englishman, born at Tunbridge Wells in 1873, and was for seven years in the Boys' College at Brighton. His parents, it is believed, live at Hastings, and he was not known to have any relatives in Canada except some distant connection living in the neighborhood of Barrie. He has a brother in Australia, and his sister was a governess in Lord Duffry's family. "Chapple" learned to ride in Toronto, under George Matrocks, and for half a dozen years he has been well known in the steeplechase field in the west and south, as well as throughout Canada. One hundred and seven racers contributed a dollar each at Saturday afternoon's races for the funeral expenses and to raise a modest stone over his grave.

Crocker rode in all but two steeplechases during the Woodbine and Hamilton meetings.

Steeplechasing will be one of the best features of the meeting, and there is a short course event through the field on the program for the first day. All of the jumpers which were seen at Toronto and Hamilton will be on hand, and some of the cross country runners from Chicago and at the New York tracks have been spoken for for stalls by their owners. The meeting will be rich in all classes of horses, so that large and well balanced fields should be the rule.

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Buffalo, June 11.--Everything is in readiness for the opening at Fort Erie to-morrow, and everything points to the most successful meeting in the history of the sport in this vicinity. The class of horses which will take part in the meeting are as good collectively as at any other track, and from the indications the riding contingent will be better than at any track west of New York.

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