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NEW BALL GROUNDS WELL UNDER WAY Diamond is sodded and the Framework of the Grand Stand is Up.

brother officers of the Montreal Club. The question is, will the grounds be in shape for the opening game, which is scheduled for May 2nd? It looks very much as if the ice and snow were doing their best to ruin the feelings of the baseball people, and were taking a childish delight in keeping the field covered. Caretaker Mackay thinks that it will be O.K. for the opening game, but there are a good many who do not share his optimism. At present, however, the officials are hoping for the best, and if the rain and wind continue for a few days more the ice and snow will be a thing of the past as far as the grounds are concerned.

Umpires Meet on the 23rd. Rochester, April 12.—Umpire "Sik" of Longhiter returned yesterday from New York city, where he had been in conference with President Powers of the Eastern League. "Sik" anticipates an unusually successful season in the Eastern League, although considering that prospects are bright for a struggle between the National and American. When questioned as to whom President Powers would select to fill out the staff of umpires, he did not venture a prophecy, except that there was very little prospect of Tim Huns being seen in the circuit this season. He says that Huns is resenting a disability on the road at a salary which includes his return to handling the umpire, "Sik," together with other umpires, will report at Syracuse on Tuesday, April 23rd, to meet President Powers and receive instructions together with the route for the season.

The Amateur's Corner. The Old Orchard Baseball Club (youths) would like to arrange a match for any Saturday; average age 13 years. The Youth Braves desired the Spadinas by a score of 5 to 2. Runners for winners—Jones, Currie, and Blumhard.

Montreal, April 12.—There is one feature of the early opening of the baseball season here, which is causing some anxiety to President Shearer and his

FINALS TO-NIGHT IN BOXING TOURNAMENT

Canadian Championships Depend Upon the Outcome of the Bouts ---Excellent Contests on Last Night's Program--- A Fine Wrestling Match.

-105 pounds.— C. Godwin, "B" Bicycle Club, Toronto, won from J. Rowe, Waverly A. C. Decision. A. L. Hewitt, Toronto L. C., won from J. Hoan, Ottawa A. C. Decision. -116 pounds.— W. Harrison, R.C.B.C., won from T. McCarthy, Ont. A. C. Decision. Claude Ansthorpe, Toronto Boxing Club, stopped R. L. Ramsay, Toronto Boxing Club, in the second round. -125 pounds.— J. Somerville, Night Owl A. C., won by default from P. Carroll, Peterboro' B. B. C. E. Moylan, Riverside A. C., Toronto, won by default from J. Strike, Point St. Charles, Montreal. W. Hodson, Apollo Club, who had the bye, withdrew. -135 pounds.— J. Horn, Parkdale Hockey Club, knocked out T. C. Fare, Parkdale Athletic Club, in the second round. Vivian Austin, Ottawa A. C., knocked out Harry Bremner, Argyle A. C., in the first round. -145 pounds.— S. B. Thompson, Hamilton F. B. C., won from J. Jansen, Argyle A. C. Extra round. Decision. P. Holland, Toronto B. C., won from W. Starrs, Capital A. C., Ottawa. Decision. J. Nolan, Shamrock A. C., Montreal, won from W. Henderson, "B" Bicycle Club. Decision. -158 pounds.— J. J. Smith, Argyle A. C., won from J. McDonough, Peterboro' B. B. C. Decision.

Both contests in the 135-lb. division were in knock-out. They came in quick order. Tommy Hare, who fights with his right side to the fore, contrary to all the boxing authorities, was an easy victim for J. Horn, another Parkdalian. Horn showed up as a vicious puncher with both hands. He put Hare down after two minutes of boxing with hard swings to the jaw. Hare was allowed an opportunity to go on for the second round, but he didn't last very long. Horn put him down with great force on the broad of his back, and his right arm in hand, and going high, the force went out for keeps. Horn didn't show much style, but he has a wicked punch in either hand. Harry Bremner of the Argyles was no match for Champion Austin. The Ottawa man jabbed Bremner a couple of times in the left hand, getting him in his own corner, crossed him with a stiff right on the jaw, and the Toronto man went down and out for keeps.

There were no contests in the 125-lb. class. P. Carroll, Peterboro Baseball Club, and J. Strike, Point St. Charles A. C., Montreal, did not put in an appearance, so J. Somerville, Night Owl B. B. C., and E. Moylan, Riverside Athletic Club, who were in the finals without a contest. W. Hodson, Apollo A. C., who drew a bye, withdrew.

The Argonauts are having great luck with their C.A.A.U. boxing and wrestling championship tournament, as the bill provided so far has been the best ever seen here, while visitors from Ottawa and Montreal say it discounts anything they ever had in their section of the country. Mutual Street Rink last night held 1,500 people, who saw ten boxing contests and as clever a wrestling bout as has ever taken place in Toronto, in fact, the professionals present, referee R. N. Harrison, D. McMillan, and Joe Lynn, pronounced it one of the cleverest amateur exhibitions they had ever seen. Capt. R. K. Barker made the announcements in his clear, ringing voice, and kept everybody informed as to what was going on in the ring. Some of the boxers had friends in the crowd, who couldn't see how their favorites could lose and when the decision went against them they hooted the referee. Mr. A. J. Phillips. It is well to know that Mr. Phillips does not hand out the decisions; this is the sole prerogative of the judges, Messrs. John L. Scholes and Joe Wright, and unless his associates disagree. Bob Harrison had charge of the wrestling bout, and will officiate in to-night's contests. The veteran is very popular in Toronto.

There were three contests in the welterweight class at 145 lbs. S. B. Thompson, one of the half-backs of the Hamilton Rugby Club, tackled J. Jansen of the Argyles in the first bout. Thompson had a great advantage in height and reach, being six feet tall, with arms in proportion. He had a good left jab, but got rattled, and Jensen, who worked hard throughout, gave him a hard tussle. They were even up at the end of the third round, and in a two-minute extra round Thompson did the most leading, and earned the decision.

Wrestling—135 Pounds. Meanwell (Rochester A. C.) v. W. Aldridge (Toronto Scots Football Club). 145 Pounds. F. Neilson, West End Y. M. C. A. G. Guthrie, Peterboro B. B. C.

Mary's will be held on the old Upper Canada College grounds, corner King and John streets this afternoon at 2:30. Manager Clarke requests the attendance of all players. Local Association Football Clubs are practicing to-day. Every cyclist and skater in the Dominion will be glad to hear that "Jimmy" Druy is out of danger and improving fast.—Montreal Star.—Two more games were played off in the Lederkrantz bowling tournament last night, when Gans' team defeated Johnson's and Rooney's defeated McGee's.—Harry Vardon met James Braid yesterday on the links at Elytham, in a 36-hole match. Both played brilliant golf, and a splendid contest was the result. Vardon won by two holes up and one to play.—The annual meeting of the Canada Bowling and Lawn Tennis Club will be held in the Masonic Hall to-night.—At the annual meeting of the Bowmanville Football Club the following officers were elected: President, Mr. F. H. Frost, B.A.; Vice-President, Fred Downey; Captain, Dr. J. C. DeWitt; Manager, F. C. Dixon; Secretary, Treasurer, F. R. Kerslake; Committee, N. Heath, N. Inch, R. Clarke, A. McLaughlin, Frank Downey.—The Queen City Bicycle Club entertained the hockey section of the club at dinner on Thursday evening at the Ocean House, King street west. Over fifty members of the club were present, including President A. E. Walton and Secretary H. B. Howson, representing the C.W.A., and President John Maxwell of the Royal Canadian Bicycle Club, representing slater clubs. President Thomas Wright occupied the chair, with Messrs. "Bert" Damison and Fred Rutland in the vice-chairs.

Mr. Hendrie Declares Kendalwater and Swordfish Out of the Race. Kendalwater, ch.e., by Derwentwater—Queen's Own, and Swordfish, br.c., by Derwentwater—Finman Haddie, have been declared out of the Queen's Plate by Mr. Wm Hendrie. The public had settled upon this pair as the best of the Hamilton man's string of Platiers. The four others are fillies. Maple Sugar is the pick of the bunch. The talent were very much surprised to-day at the announcement of the withdrawal. Topics of the Turf.—Jockey Dawson is dying from consumption in Arizona.—The hounds will meet at Crew's Hotel at 3 o'clock this afternoon.—Racing about Chicago will begin on Monday, when Lakeside opens.—Mr. T. C. Patterson of this city has been asked to judge horses, colts, and ponies under saddle at the Philadelphia Horse Show the week of May 2.—Ada N., 13 to 5; Porous, 7 to 2; First Call, 6 to 5; Alaska, 2 to 1; Scotch Plaid, 16 to 5, and Meoprs, 5 to 2, were the winners at Tanforn yesterday.—The Horse Show entry list is not yet completed owing to the large number coming in by mail, but many well-known exhibitors are already represented.—Memphis winners yesterday: H. L. Colenan, 4 to 5; Hansford, 12 to 1; Sevoy, 6 to 1; Miss Bennett, 3 to 1; Red Hook, 5 to 1; Tammany Chief, 4 to 1.—Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., will be

Canada's National Game.—The Fergus Thistles are practicing picking stones off Victoria Park.—The Port Hope Ontarios claim to have sixteen first-class players in town.—The St. Catharines Star says the Athletics will have a strong twelve this season.—The Uxbridge Times says: "Pat" Nolan will play the game with Galt this summer. Ben Coombe and "Joney" Lott will be with Sudbury, and we hear some talk of "Ethie" Rainey taking the flags for Markham.—President A. F. Rutter of the Toronto Lacrosse Club left last night to attend the meeting of the Senior Lacrosse League, which is to be held in Montreal to-day. The schedule for the coming season will be drawn up.—The following have been elected as officers of the Richmond Hill Lacrosse Club: Patrons, Messrs. Savage, Pugsley, Johnson, and Farquharson; Hon. President, A. Pugsley; President, J. H. Sanderson; Vice-President, W. E. Wiley; Captain, John Glass; Secretary, Chas. E. Ellerton; Treasurer, F. J. Rowland; Committee of Management, the officers and also Grover, Grainger, Trench, and W. A. Glass. It was unanimously decided to join the C.L.A. and to compete in the Intermediate series.

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Intermediate Football League. The Toronto Intermediate Football League in the Central Y. M. C. A. parlors last evening elected the following officers: Hon. President, Rev. W. E. Hassard, B.A.; Hon. Vice-President, J. A. Jackson, B.A.; President, B. C. Wilson; Vice-President, F. Waghorne; Secretary-Treasurer, R. E. Stagg, 114 Crawford street. A committee of the officers and the following gentlemen was appointed to look after grounds: Mr. K. Jones, Mr. J. Woodward.

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