

COLD WEATHER FOR BASEBALL PRACTICE

Manager Gibson on Hand Today to Meet His Players— Training Hours 10 to 4.

The weather this morning was not very promising for the first practice of the Toronto ball club scheduled to take place at the Island Stadium. Manager George Gibson, who arrived yesterday, and Trainer Tommy Daly were on the job bright and early, but the sudden sky and threatening cold weather kept them on the inside looking out. Manager Gibson is very sweet on whether Snyder, whom the Toronto club purchased from Brooklyn.



"If he falls to make good, you can blame me, for I selected him out of the ten catchers offered me by big league teams," he said. Russell Goe, the local catcher, will also get a chance to make the team.

The outfielders who have been ordered to report to Manager Gibson are: Westlake, pitcher; Hackman, Holden, Breckenridge, Morten, Harmon, Breckenridge comes from St. Louis; Morton from Montreal; Egan, a south-paw recommended to the Toronto club by the men who discharge "Tommy" Thompson. Manager Gibson is bringing for a Southern college pitcher who he considers to be a wonder. "You've heard all about these second Mathewsons, but this kid is surely another." Big Six," said the manager. "He pitched international ball in college games throughout the far South-west last season and never loses a game. It is twenty years of age, a right-hander and weighs 185 pounds."

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A meeting of the International League will be held in Newark on Friday, when the schedule will be adopted for the coming season.

Tom Estelle, the pitcher who did so well for the Niagara camp team last season, will be sent by Knott Lee for his Bradford team.

Moses N. Frank, president of the Baltimore City and former president of the Baltimore International League Baseball Club, contacted his boys in a spirit of fraternal illumination. Mr. Frank had been in bad health for more than a year, but was about 67 years of age and unmarried.

The Rhode Island Senate, by a vote of 11 to 1, passed its concurrence with the House in the bill legalizing the playing of professional baseball on Sunday. The measure provoked strenuous opposition from the religious societies of the State.

The Pacific Coast Baseball League, after an eight-month organization, opened its 1915 season yesterday. Vernon won at Salt Lake City; Seattle lost to Portland; San Francisco and Oakland defeated Sacramento at that city.

Fitcher Harry (Slim) Sallee of the Cincinnati Nationals was ordered to a hospital by Dr. H. H. Hines, the Cincinnati club's physician, where he will undergo the "hot-air cylinder" treatment for a strained muscle on the right side of the spine.

Motions for directed verdicts in their behalf were made respectively by counsel for the Baltimore Federal League Club and for the National and American leagues. The court is to-day of testimony in the District Columbia Supreme Court in the \$100,000 damage suit of the Baltimore club against the national league. The evidence of the Baltimore club is principally that of the minor leagues have 1,000, which is 2,000 less than in 1912. On cross-examination Mr. Heydler conceded that, largely as a result of Federal League competition, baseball conditions in 1914 were such that disaster was imminent and that, therefore, it was deemed necessary to remove the causes.

RIVERDALE AND MTL. SEAGONS AMALGAMATE.
Recent rumors came to a head last night when members of the Riverdale and St. Simon clubs got together and decided to amalgamate for the present season. Some time ago it was intimated that in all probability this intendment would be taken, owing to the fact that both teams were counting on players returning from the front and who as yet have not put in an appearance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
That the team will be strong is beyond question. If enthusiasm counts for anything the Globe Shield, now adorning the walls of the Beach club, is in for its "hot-air cylinder" or "Bob Fleming's fitness." The team will be known as St. Simon's, with members of both teams constituting the officers. The organization meeting will be held Thursday evening, when final arrangements will be made for the coming season.

RANDOM NOTES ON CURRENT SPORTS

Manager Gibson says this kind of weather reminds him of the weather at the New York Giant's training camp—it's so different.

There will be a shake-up in officers of the new Ontario Amateur Baseball Association which holds its annual meeting here April 26. The association grew so steadily last season that its scope must be widened this year and new blood is a certainty. The Toronto men who are leading the association now will welcome the advent of new men from outside.

Assemblyman John G. Malone, of Albany, who introduced the measure for Sunday baseball in New York State, which also legalizes fishing, said it should not be viewed as a religious question, but as one of personal liberty. He declared that he felt sure those who wanted to get recreation at a baseball game could perform their full religious obligations by going to church in the morning or evening. The new baseball law provides for games after 2 p.m.

Another aspirant for a bout with Jack Dempsey here on Saturday night has turned up in the person of Soldier J. J. Jones of the C. P. R. Hotel at McTier, Ontario, who claims the heavyweight championship of Canada. He claims to have fought several winning bouts in Quebec City for the Red Cross and would like a chance to meet Dempsey. He says he is at present in the very best of shape and weighs 180 pounds. His photograph shows him to be a husky individual of good size, who could take good care of himself in the ring.

English professional soccer clubs are after another Winnipeg player. Preston North End, one of the most famous soccer clubs in England, has offered a contract to Walter Simpson, the 27th Battalion net guard, who helped Norwood Wanderers, of Winnipeg, win many honors before going overseas. Simpson intends to return to Winnipeg this summer for his discharge from the army, and then return to England next year to play soccer. Doug. Thompson, one of the cleverest forwards that ever played in Winnipeg, and who went overseas with the Princess Pats, is playing regularly for Millwall in the English soccer league.

The good old Toronto Canoe Club better get a move on itself or the Parkdale Canoe club will "knock the spots off it" in the matter of increasing membership. The Toronto Canoe Club held a membership campaign a few weeks ago and landed something like 120 members and when they got through you wouldn't know Commodore Charlip Hoare from a pouter pigeon. Now along comes the Parkdale Canoe Club with a membership hustle and they land 150 and odd in the first week. Parkdale, with its new club house had a big call on the "Red Ring" club, but the latter has the handiest location at the foot of York street and will have a grand new clubhouse next season where Stanley Barracks is now located.

The following letter received from Pittsburg by C. A. Ramsay, secretary of the Riverside Athletic Club, explains itself: "Dear Carl—The boys got home this morning and have given a glorious report of the treatment in Toronto. The only thing I regret, is that I was not there also. The boys say they never had a better time in their lives or never boxed before a larger audience. I am glad to hear that everything was satisfactory and next year we will try to help you by sending more of our boys to your city, as they say it is quite a treat to appear in Toronto. I know when they went that they would get the best of everything. I want to thank you for both myself and the boys for the kind treatment. Very respectfully, John T. Taylor, secretary treasurer Allegheny Mountain Association, Amateur Athletic Union, Pittsburg." Mr. Taylor is also second vice-president of A. A. U. of U.S.A.z

Eighteen Teams in Junior T. & D. Soccer

Swansea: Transferred to First Division and Rovers Admitted.
The council of the Toronto and District Junior F.A. met last night and made arrangements for the opening of the season. Owing to Gunnis withdrawing from the first division a vacancy was created. Swansea were transferred from the second division and the entry of Aston Rovers was accepted for the second division.
The association is now composed of a first division of ten clubs and a second division of eight clubs.
The following games, with referees, were scheduled for next Saturday:

- First Division.**
Wychwood v. Parkdale Rangers; W. Dymont; 44 Brock crescent.
Jubilee v. Baraca; J. Glendinning; 32 Morley avenue.
Second Rovers v. Henry Palmer; W. E. Allen; 33 Davenport road.
Riversides v. Swansea; R. Moriarty; 11 Delaney crescent.
- Second Division.**
Linfield Rovers v. Second Rovers; H. J. Sweet; 2 Rathford road.
Parkdale Rangers A. v. Rangers; H. E. Penny; 47 Indian grove.
Sons of England v. Dufferin U.; G. E. Mills; 21 Ennordale road, Fairbank.
Duntosa v. Bays.

The first named club has choice of ground. Club secretaries must advise visiting team and referee of time and place of game forty-eight hours previous to the game.
Referees must phone result of game to W. Scarborough, 9 Pelding avenue, Gerrard at 418, as soon as possible after the game.

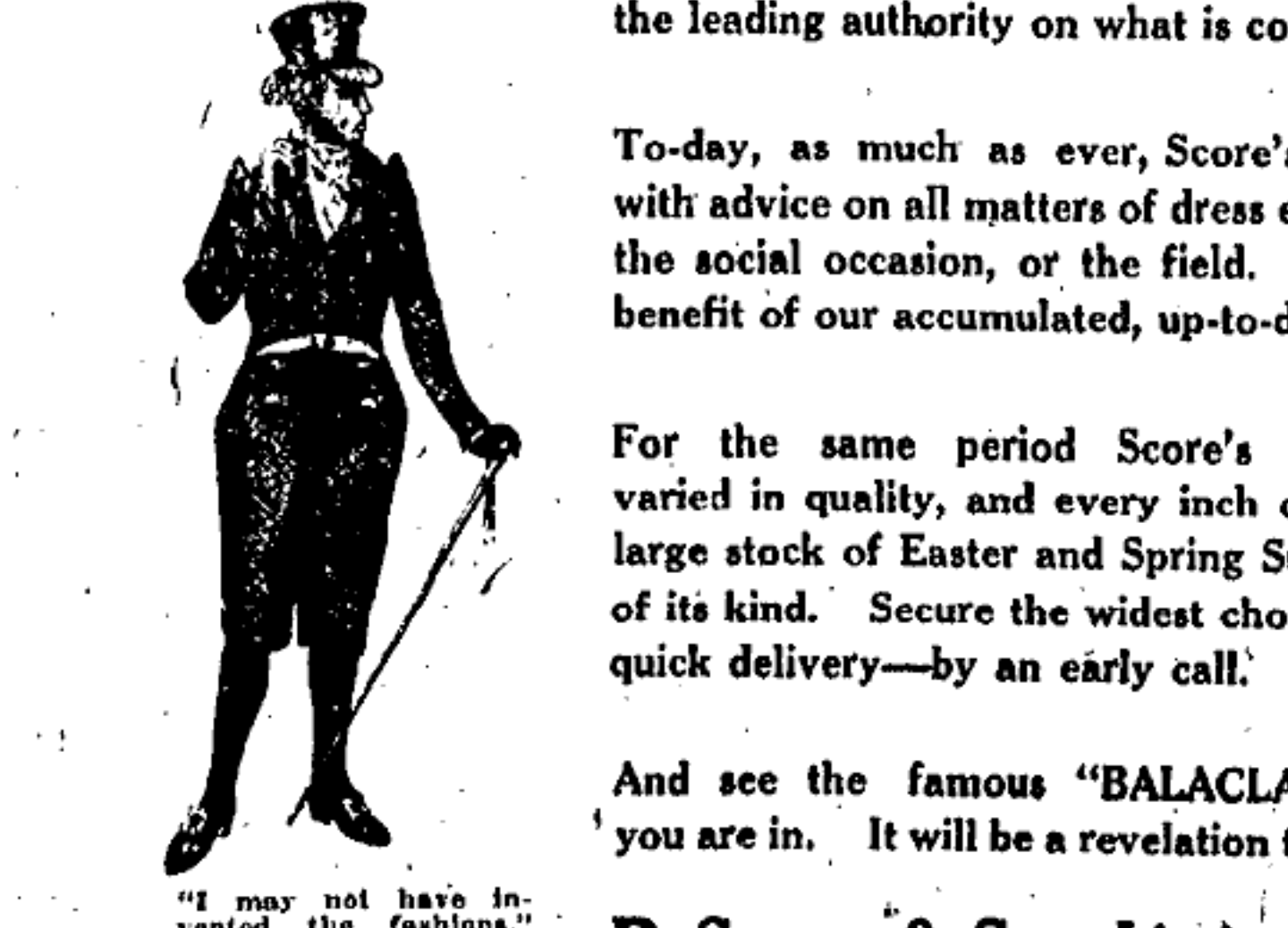
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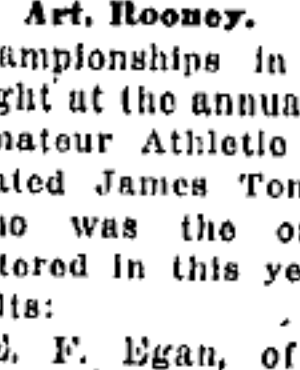


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ART ROONEY BEATEN BY NEW U. S. CHAMP

Pittsburg Boxer Defeated in Boston Tournament — Other Winners.

Boston, April 8.—Ashton Donze, New Orleans, 115 lbs., Frank B. Cassidy, New York, 126 lbs., and Sam Lagonia, New York, 135 lbs., earned the right to represent the United States in the international boxing tournaments in Scandinavia by winning the championships in their classes last night at the annual competition of the Amateur Athletic Union, Donze defeated James Tomaulo, New York, who was the only 1914 champion entered in this year's bout. The results:



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THE INTER-CITY SOCCER MATCH.
Montreal, April 9.—The challenge from the United District Soccer League of Toronto asking that the inter-city game be resumed this season, was discussed at the meeting of the Province of Quebec Football Association last night. The Toronto League suggested that the first game be played in Montreal on May 2, and the return game be played in Toronto on Dominion Day, July 1. The association were unanimous in suggesting dates and in turn have suggested that the first game be played here on July 1, and the return game at Toronto, which which will be Toronto's civic holiday.

C.W.A. ANNUAL MEETING.
Secretary Harry Richard of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association has called the annual meeting for Saturday, April 19, at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, and it will be a lively session. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. when the riders get through with this meeting.

"ROBBY" MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT.
Jacksonville, Fla., April 9.—Manager Wilbert Robinson, of the Brooklyn National League, has announced that the Robby catcher, had been released to Toronto of the International League.

Overrunning First Base

Base-Runner Has Right to Turn in Either Direction.

Editor's Note: This is the ninth of a series of eleven articles by Umberto Billy Evans on interpretation of the rules of baseball. The series is published for the benefit of the fan who does not always know why certain things happen in a ball game. For the fan who is confused by technicalities the series has been prepared by Umberto Evans. The articles are appearing in The Star. Get them all.

By BILLY EVANS.
Years ago when a base runner crossed first base it was necessary for him to turn to the right after so doing. Otherwise he made himself liable to be put out. Many baseball fans are still confused on this rule. They cling to the old version. This is why you often hear some one yell, "He turned wrong," when a base runner after crossing first base turns to his left. A base runner, after overrunning first base, has the right to turn to the right or left to return to that base.

He is subject to being retired, only when he makes an attempt to advance in the direction of second. The moment he does, a play can be made on him. Some people know the runner has the right to turn either way, provided he makes no attempt to advance toward second, but who never knows such a turn on the part of the

base runner must be made in foul territory. They are in error in that respect. Umpires pay no attention as to the position of the runner when he turns, whether in foul or fair territory, provided he does not move by him in the direction of second.

About the Ball, Bat and Gloves.
Despite the fact that most baseball fans have a fairly good idea of the game, few that talk more or less of the technicalities of the game, and who vary only slightly. The bat, of course, must be round. Every umpire in the majors are called upon to examine bats, which the bats must not be over two and one-quarter inches in diameter in its thickest part, nor more than forty-one-quarter inches in length. It must be made entirely of hardwood, but can be taped to a distance of eighteen inches from the end to assist in the grip. The bats must be made of one piece of wood, and can wear a glove of any size. All other players must use a glove weighing not over ten ounces and measuring not over fourteen inches around the palm.

MERVIN ARMSTRONG IS O.G.Y.C. COMMODORE
Succeeds T. A. E. World—New Blood Infused Into the Old Club.
"Things are a-popping down around the Queen City Yacht Club and the old club is not going to be left behind in the present-day sport revival. At the annual meeting last night the members elected an entire new list of officers, with two exceptions, and things look ripe for a good season." T. A. E. World, the retiring commodore, is succeeded by Ex-Commodore Mervin Armstrong, Rear Commodore Bill Ewing moves up to the Vice-commodoreship, while Ernie Maynard, a lively youngster, is selected as rear commodore. Billy Thomas, a veteran officer, was re-elected treasurer, while a new man, J. McCarthy, was elected as treasurer. The sailing committee is full of "pep." Charlie Armstrong is chairman, and with him on the committee are Gus Billie, Monte Gees, Gordon Bay, and W. Peck. The first three are all well known sailing men. Right away the boys decided to build a "Star" boat for the class "R" races for the Lipson Cup to be held at Cleveland this summer, and representatives for the 12 and 14-foot international dinghy challenge races.

SOLDIER TEAMS' PRACTICE
Grand Army and Great War Veterans Out on Saturday.
The Grand Army of Canada baseball team held a very enthusiastic meeting at their headquarters at No. 1 Elm street. It was announced that the team would play in the Y.M.C.A. Senior League, and a committee composed of W. Kirkwood, formerly of the "Pili" League, J. Naughton, the local umpire, and Sergt. E. S. Newton, was appointed to handle matters. Another meeting will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, and all soldier players are requested to attend. The team will hold its first practice on Saturday afternoon.

WANT LALONDE AND CLEGHORN.
Vancouver, April 9.—Two members of the Canadian hockey team, Newby Lalonde and Odie Clegghorn, are wanted for Coast sports this summer. Lalonde's services would be acceptable to Con. Jones, Vancouver lacrosse magistrate, while Clegghorn, an international Baseball League magnet, are after Clegghorn. While it is possible that both Lalonde and Clegghorn will be seen here in their favorite pastimes before next fall, neither intends to stay on the Coast for the present, and both left for Montreal last night.

President Bill O'Hara has called a practice of the G.W.V.A. team for Saturday, at 2 o'clock on Stanley Park. Parkview Baseball Club will hold a special meeting to organize its baseball team for the coming season. Manager Frost requests last year's players to meet on Monday evening at 7 o'clock at Ruskin avenue.

The Toronto Senior Baseball League has signed Frank Huallinan, the popular local umpire, as arbitrator for this evening. The last season Huallinan handled the games of the City Amateur League with great success, and this spring received offers from the Toronto and "Three L" Leagues, but decided to stay at home.

Oshawa Baseball Association has decided to put a team in the Midland League. The officers: Chairman, Professor Mayor Stacey, J. J. Callaghan, W. A. Coad, E. W. Drow, W. H. Ross, P. P. Knight, Charles Schiller, and W. P. Parks; president, George Miller; first vice-president, Ed. Bradley; second vice-president, Dr. Trowling; secretary, Paul Pirey; treasurer, W. A. Pletcher; official scorer, Ernie Parks; Executive Committee, C. M. Anderson, E. Parsons and H. S. Donald.

The Holy Family Baseball Club of the Holy Name League will hold a meeting in the basement of the church this evening. Dr. Trowling, secretary, will be in charge. Anyone wishing to make a place on a fast team are requested to be present. Tom Egan, who has consented to coach the team, will pick the players.

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LOCAL BALL PLAYERS WANT TO GET BACK

Freeman, Donoghue, Hardman and Gammer Apply for Reinstatement.

Local interest in the executive meeting of the Ontario Amateur Baseball Association centred in the application for reinstatement made by Harry Freeman, Bert Donoghue, "Lefty" Hardman and Fred Gammer who played for the Special Service team against a Hamilton semi-pro team, and some of them at least have promised to sign up if they are turned down on Saturday. Frank Sears, of Brantford, who was suspended for playing one game with the semi-pros of that town last season, has also applied. The Hamilton association are also going to present recommendations in the cases of a number of players who have made application through their association.

So many players that have been out of baseball for a number of years are clamoring to be placed in leagues and appealing to the O.A.B.A. for reinstatement. It will be necessary for the executive to take some action. The applications of new players desiring to join the association will be considered.

FRANKIE FLEMING HURT.
Montreal, April 9.—Frankie Fleming, Canadian featherweight champion, was thrown out of training last night, when he suffered a badly sprained ankle at the entertainment given by the Knights of Columbus. Fleming was giving a boxing exhibition with Irish Patry Cline, and, in turning quickly, slipped and spraining his ankle. The accident is an unfortunate one, as Fleming was matched to meet Benny Vaisarg at an early date.

NEW O.A.A. NOMINATIONS.
Secretary J. Dundas of the O.A.A. has received the following extra nominations for the election of officers: The following are: J. Abbott, Toronto; council, A. Booth of Orangeville; H. Hulpin, Sudbury; and L. Robinson of Collingwood. Nominations must be forwarded before Saturday.

A CYCLE RUN.
Victoria Bicycle Club will inaugurate the cycling season on Saturday when they will hold a run. Every cyclist is invited. The destination will be either Weston or Cooksville. The start will be from the Victoria Club rooms, adjoining the Beaver Theatre, Dundas street west, at 3 p.m.

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