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NEWS OF SPORT



UMBERTO BLASI

Umberto Blasi, the Italian long distance runner, who has made a mark for himself during his stay in America, will be heard from again shortly in other big "pro" races.

YOUNG CHINAMAN PROVES FAST SPRINTER

Eighteen Years of Age and Naturally a Runner—Now at American College and is Clever Student.

Washington, Pa., April 13.—Interest in track athletics among the colleges of the Middle West this season is centered in the work of Mo Chung Tsai, a Chinese boy, who is appearing as a Varsity contender under the colors of Washington and Jefferson College located here. The speed displayed by the young Celestial in preliminary and indoor meetings has caused the American sprinters at the various institutions to take notice, and the prediction is freely made that the Chinese runner will show his heels to a majority of the Americans with whom he races during the coming season.

The young Chinese is a natural runner. He is eighteen years old, well set up, of average height, rangy and graceful and is the most enthusiastic candidate for Varsity honors at Washington and Jefferson. Tsai is modest in demeanor, a hard student trains well and is popular among the students. He has great faith in his future as a runner and runs with confidence.

Mo Chung Tsai is a member of one of the wealthiest and most prominent families in the Chinese Empire. His father, Nai Wong Tsai, is a multi-millionaire and is the Tao Tai, or governor of the province of Kiang Su, of which Shanghai is the capital. The family home, however is at Canton.

LOST TO AMERICANS NOW POLO CHAMPIONS

Lakewood, N. J., April 13.—In the polo game yesterday between the English and American teams, the latter won by a score of 9 goals to 4. The Britons were badly handicapped by the huckmaster being out of the game on account of his injury in practice.

JEFFRIES' FIRST TEST

Ben Lomond, Calif., April 13.—The must talked of "first boxing bout" between Jeffries and Berger seems to have pleased the big fellow's trainers today, by its results. To them the most satisfactory point developed was the excellent showing by Jeffries. The wheezing and labored breathing which characterized his bouts on the stage has disappeared entirely. Berger was enthusiastic. "He has improved a thousand per cent. since I boxed with him last," said the manager. "The big fellow hardly seemed to breathe and in the clinches his strength was such that it was like wrestling a stone wall."

Jeffries himself wore a complacent smile after he had completed the bout some rope skipping and bag punching. "I am in good condition right now," he declared. "Work on the gymnasium was commenced today. The roof is to be taken off immediately above the ring, thus permitting fresh air and more light."

One of the bylaws of a cottage hospital in Wales reads thus: "No patient shall curse or swear, or use any indecent or abusive language, nor shall play at cards or dice, nor smoke within the infirmary without the authority of the medical officer, and at certain hours."

WINNER WILL BE SENT TO ENGLAND

Reward in Brantford to Hamilton Marathon—Cotter Sails for Old Country Next Week.

Hamilton, April 13.—Great interest is being taken in athletic circles over the grand Canadian Marathon, popularly known as the Brantford to Hamilton Marathon, to be held on Tuesday, May 24, under the auspices of the Hamilton Spectator. The announcement that the Spectator will send the winner of each year's race to England in the following spring to compete in the English Marathon held in May of each year, under the direction of the London Polytechnic Harriers, has created an unusual stir among the long-distance performers of Canada, and the United States, and a monster entry list is assured. The first runner to finish in the big race will receive in addition to the trip to England a solid commemorative gold medal, and will at the same time retain possession of the \$300 Marathon Challenge Trophy for one year. The second and third men to finish will receive smaller replicas of the Challenge trophy which will become their own possessions, in addition to the commemorative silver medals for second and third places. All the starters to finish within the limit of three hours and thirty minutes will also receive silver commemorative medals. The prize list, including the trip to England, is valued at \$1,000 the largest sum ever spent on amateur prizes for a long distance race in Canada or the United States, making the Brantford to Hamilton race the long distance classic of the American continent.

COTTER SAILS FOR ENGLAND

Eddie Cotter, the Burlington boy, winner of the 1909 race, and holder of the record of 2:51.53 sails for England in a week, accompanied by Dick Baker, the Toronto trainer, who handled Cotter in the Brantford to Hamilton run last year. Cotter will have a month in England to prepare for the English Marathon, to be held on May 21st, over the famous Olympic course, starting at Windsor Castle and finishing in the Olympic Stadium—Cotter is the first Canadian to start in this famous race, as he is a grand long distance performer, unusual interest is being taken in his appearance in the Old Country.

BASEBALL TALK

President Ban Johnson of the American League, announced the assignment of the umpires for the opening games as follows: Chicago, O'Loughlin and Perine; Detroit, Sheridan and Kerin; Washington, Evans and Egan; New York, Connolly and Dineen.

Manager Barrow has loaned Outfielder Bailey and Infielder Hall to the Bridgeport Connecticut League Club.

With the purchase by the Baltimore Club of Outfielder Walsh from the Philadelphia Americans, the prospects of Jack Dunn's 1910 aggregation look bright.

"Cy" Young says he is good for major league ball for at least five more seasons.

John McGraw says he does not intend to play Beals Becker regularly at the start, but will keep him on the bench until he finds the proper place for the ex-Boston outfielder. "I certainly did get the best of that Boston deal," is the comment of McGraw, who sent Herzog and Collins to the Doves in trade for Becker.

Jimmy Collins is going to give Winn Duffy, a former Mattapan and Wolcott school player, a tryout with Providence. Duffy is a left hander and was wanted by the Lynn New England league team.

INTERSCHOLASTIC MEET

The Interscholastic Athletic meet, which will take place in June, is creating much interest throughout the province. There may be strong opposition to St. John as the place for the meet. However, the local boys feel that the board of management will decide in favor of this city. It is probable that the St. John High School Athletic Club will meet on Friday to elect a track captain and arrange for preliminary training for the interscholastic meet. While new talent will be worked out in the sprints, most of the favorites in the other events will be on hand this year. Moncton will place a strong team in the meet and are quite confident of landing the championship.—St. John New Star.

It is an excellent plan in washing sheer muslin curtains to put them in cheesecloth bags before immersing them in the water.

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McGILL TO HAVE GYM TO COST \$250,000

Class of 1910 Making Effort to Raise Money—Believe that Building can be Begun this Year.

The graduating class, of McGill, is going ahead busily with their scheme to obtain a gymnasium for the college. \$250,000 are needed to carry out their plans, and "10" confidently expects to raise the money. It is to be done by public subscription. Students friends and graduates of the university are to be diligently canvassed. Several friends have already promised substantial financial support, if the students will join in and do their share.

The work of collecting money from the students has already begun. A petition has been circulated in each class, by signing this a student authorizes the bursar to transfer to the gymnasium fund \$2 to be deducted from his caution money. It is hoped to raise about \$2,500 this way. Caution money is the sum of \$5 paid each year by a student to cover any damages done during the year. At the end of the year the \$5, less enough to cover damages, is returned. In the arts faculty, where the \$5 is usually returned almost unbroken the petition is being signed without hesitation; in medicine and science, where, owing to the amount of damage to delicate laboratory instruments, etc., the \$5 is usually almost entirely consumed, there is more delay, as the student must make up the \$2 subscription from his pocket. The medical and science students, however, are quite as openhanded as the arts men and their leaders declare that their subscription will, in each case, be larger than the arts faculty one.

The graduating year have decided to appoint a salaried organizer, and an advisory committee of students, graduates, faculty members and business men to extend the scope of campaign if necessary, and to direct the canvass. The canvass will be carried on by the members of the year '10, the graduating class. Active work will begin after exams, and the climax will be reached at convocation. The site for the proposed gymnasium is on McTavish Street south of the library on the Joseph property. Plans have already been drawn up and they include an indoor running track, swimming pool, armory and shooting gallery, as well as training quarters and extensive dressing rooms.

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