

SKI JUMPERS READY FOR NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN CARY, ILL.

By TOMMY CLARK. FOR the past few weeks the expert ski jumpers all over the country have been gelling up their limbs so as to be in first class shape for the national tournament to be held in Cary, Ill., Jan. 27, 28 and 29.

at the crest of the natural hill, and the top of tower is 340 feet in the air. The total length of the sliding surface is 750 feet. With a quantity of snow at the time of the tourney a few records are liable to be put on the toboggan.

on a slope thirty-three degrees from the horizon and coast past a point where the slope increases slightly to the jumping off place. There the momentum is so great as to impel them forward in a flight through midair to land in the soft snow beyond, and if the distance of the man's jump measured from the platform to the spot where he touches Mother Earth is the greatest he is declared the winner.

comes down clumsily on his shoulders. To start the contestants a man is stationed at the "jump off" with a flag, with which he signals to bustle at a certain point, indicating that the track below is clear. Signaling is necessary, because the rider at the top of the incline cannot see all of the course owing to the hump just above the stretch of greatest steepness.



Skiers Lined Up Ready to Take Part in Tourney

challenge trophy, now held and won twice by Barney Reilly of Colorado, Minn., will be fought for. On the third day of the tourney a total of \$500 will be hung up for professional competition.

greatest difficulty is in keeping his balance after leaving the "jumping off" place, and landing below. Skikes are set five feet apart for the benefit of judges of the contests. The distances covered by the jumpers are measured in a manner similar to those used on a football field.

Since its introduction into this country several years ago skiing has become immensely popular, especially in the west, where there is lots of snow. At the tournament held in Duluth in 1909 there were over 8,000 spectators present.

Skis are very simple instruments. They consist of narrow strips of wood, pointed and curved up in front, and are generally from eight to eight and a half feet in length and three or four inches in breadth. At the center under the foot they are about an inch thick, leveling off to about a quarter of an inch at either end.

The motion employed in skiing has no resemblance to skating. While the men are moving the skis are always kept parallel and as close together as possible and are not lifted from the ground like the Canadian snowshoes. On flat ground they are kept gliding over the snow.

Nearly all of the great jumpers in the west are native born Norwegians, who have been in America not longer than four or five years, the ski movement here not having attained any headway until 1910, when the Red Will and Ishpeming clubs were formed.

Cauliflower Ears Do Not Always Grow on Fighters in the Ring

Did you ever stop to figure how many fighters have cauliflower ears and then wonder how they came to get them? There is scarcely a wrestler in the business who doesn't sport a large order of cauliflower ear gratin on at least one side of his head, but it is natural that he should get them after one considers the strenuousness of the mat game.

ment; hence a fighter who knows something is seldom hit on the ear. "But in a gymnasium it's different. The men go on to box, usually little fellows with big ones, and they get careless. They aim to get exercise merely, and the alertness of the actual encounter is not shown; hence all sorts of punches are landed, and the first thing you know—zowie!—up swells the cauliflower, and the fighter is disgraced for the rest of his natural life.

infalible and unmistakable badge of the profession either. Many a fighter has tried to have it fixed up, but without success. It gets worse, if anything, the more it is treated. "It's part of the game, I guess, and when a fighter gets one it's his for all time." The wrestlers get them in contests all right, and one good head hold, with the ear bent over forward, will crush it like so much pulp and give it the fancy badge.

SPORTSMEN GO HUNTING IN SCOOTER ICE BOATS

When I had Kid Herman, who was about as shifty a fellow as any of the second rate lightweights and better than some of the topnotchers," Lewis continued. "he picked up a tinner that was nothing short of a beauty. Billy Stiff, the middleweight, gave it to him in a gymnasium one afternoon, and the car never got any better.

Photo by American Press Association. One of the most novel sights on the Great South Bay, N. Y., recently was several men in their scooter ice yachts out hunting ducks. Nearly every one of them completed a successful day's sport. Picture shows hunter in his scooter yacht.



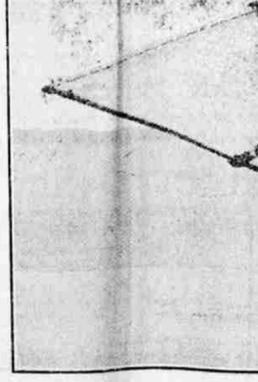
SKATE SAILING AN EXHILARATING WINTER SPORT



Skate Sailer After Receiving a Bump

SKATE sailing has become one of the most popular winter sports during the past few winter seasons. On nearly all the small or large lakes in many cities during the season one can see the skate sailers going around the glassy surface. An expert can travel at an average speed of fifteen to eighteen miles an hour with his sail.

There are few requisites for the enjoyment of this pastime. First and utmost in importance is a pair of sharp skates. A few yards of cotton cloth and some small poles furnish the rest of the material. From these any person can, with a little care, fashion a sail that will furnish him with many a happy hour.



Skate Sailer Going at Full Speed

Uniform Change Brought Success to McIntyre

A CHANGE of uniform brought a change of form to Matty McIntyre. The best batting average Matty hung up during his career as a Tiger was in 1908, when he batted .295.

Had Matty remained with the Tigers he would probably not have hit better than .250. It was the change of uniform and scenery and conditions that sent him soaring toward the place that Cobb holds. Not since was Matty one of the best hitters in baseball last year, but his fielding was by far the best he has shown since the year he fractured his ankle.

CARE OF FEET AN IMPORTANT MATTER FOR THE ATHLETE

ONE of the most interesting sights in connection with athletes is that of a bunch of runners taking care of their feet. It is not hard for the average person to reason out what an important item the condition of the feet is to a runner and especially to a long distance man.

ed their feet into the running shoes without so much as a cotton sock for protection. The tape custom is an old Thirteenth (N. Y.) regiment trick Harry Hillman started it and was followed by Lawson Robertson and Harvey Cohn. Cohn used more tape up his feet than any other amateur that ever lived, winding and winding until his feet were almost embalmied in cotton.

Some of the runners bound their feet up in yards of tape, while others shaved their feet with a safety razor and then rubbed them with a special ointment. The ten mile championship at Celtic park, New York, recently furnished an opportunity to watch some of the greatest distance men in the country look after their feet before a big race.

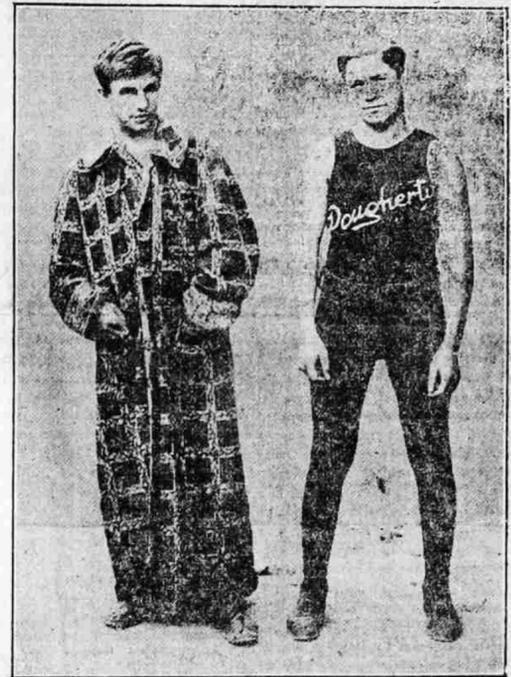
Tender feet are a bane to all runners, and the average athlete will make any sacrifice to get rid of the affliction. Mel Sheppard, some years ago developed tender feet and for months he suffered torture in all his races—especially on the boards. Some kind of a friend told Mel to dip his feet in kerosene and they would "take care" of them. Sheppard took the cure and his feet certainly did "take care." They got so hard that the next time he went out on the track he had to wear a special shoe. The next week Sheppard came home one night with one of his feet swollen to twice its natural size, and the doctor, when called in, said "blood poisoning." To make a long story short, Sheppard had to go to the University of Pennsylvania Hospital for weeks and came very near losing one of his legs.

Ad Wolgast and His Sparring Partner Have Been Chums For Many Years

DAMON and Pythias certainly have nothing on Ad Wolgast, the champion lightweight and Young Dougherty, his second and sparring partner. In their relations it is to be had a glimpse of the gentler and finer side of human nature, which the person unfamiliar with boxing and boxing would hardly expect to find among Queensberry crasmen.

Wolgast and Dougherty were boyhood chums in dear old Milwaukee, and it was while "pork and beaning" in the Wisconsin community that they formed the friendship which still endures despite the fact that Wolgast has in the intervening years attained the highest honor which can come to a lightweight boxer, while Dougherty never has graduated out of the "prelim" class.

and the lowly Dougherty continued to back in his favors. Wolgast's first act after winning from Owen Moran in San Francisco was to return to Los Angeles and present Dougherty with \$200. The champion then supplemented this with a gift of \$500 to Dougherty's mother for the purchase of a home in that city.



Ad Wolgast

Young Dougherty

KID GLEASON IS ONE OF BASEBALL'S UNIQUE CHARACTERS

BASEBALL, perhaps, never had a more unique character than Kid Gleason, who is to be a sort of lieutenant to Jimmy Callahan, the manager of the Chicago Americans, next season. Many tales are told of Gleason, but here are some that developed during a recent fanning bee in St. Louis the other day.

gamest guy that ever put on a uniform. They say he can whip any man in the National league. I saw him go for Fred Clarke in Pittsburgh one day. Gleason was pitching to the Phillies during practice. Clarke walked on the field and started to join the veteran.

SLANTING rearward, we knew that it had to happen. Two of our esteemed citizens who gloried in the fact that they were tagged "white hope" have been left out in the cold, figuratively speaking. It hurts us to cause any pain, but truth compels us to announce that Tom Kennedy and Al Kaufman are the, what may be termed, deceased gentlemen. Carl Morris, the locomotive heavy, caused the aspirations of Kennedy, and Al Falcer wiped Kaufman off the pugilistic map. We aren't figuring on the Johnson-Flynn match.

HOROSCOPE OF "White Hope" Situation

"I see where Charlie Comiskey has signed Kid Gleason to coach and help Jimmy Callahan manage the Chicago White Sox this year," replied Jimmy Burke to "Lefty" Leifeld. "Take it from me, Gleason will surely earn his salary," replied the Pittsburgh southpaw. "Gleason is one of the smartest men in the game and the

"That ain't a marker to the trick Gleason played on Mike Grady, the Cards' veteran catcher," declared Jimmy Burke. "Gleason and Grady were roommates one year. One night the club they were playing with stopped at a pitcher and bowl hotel. You know a pitcher and bowl establishment is an old fashioned hotel without running water in the rooms. They have a hydrant in the back yard and leave a pitcher full of water and a wash bowl in each room every night."

New, glancing in the horoscope Falzer and Morris must settle their differences in the ring and the winner will be entitled to a crack at Johnson. That is what the respective managers will declare from the house tops. Getting right down to cases, the old dope says that Joe Jeannette is one dus 'baby that must be considered before any of the palefaces seek the champion's laurels. Jeannette is fighting with Lefty Ariza, endeavoring to convince the latter that Joe is the proper paragon to muss with. At the last writing John A. says he is willing, but Joe must flash a ten thousand bankroll and let it ride on the line. When the champion sees this far he is willing to talk shop, and there is strong probability that he may consider Jeannette's prayer. From another angle Jeannette is the best heavyweight in the country, bar Johnson. Over in the antipodes they are abouting the virtues of Sam McVey, who put the skids under Sam Langford our famous "far baby." It was not one ago that Jeannette compelled McVey to about "sufficiency" after forty-nine rounds of hard battling in Paris. Jeannette the latter would like the affair to go over the Marathon, as the shames better that distance than in a short fray. It is probable that the wires will start sizzling very shortly. "Kitty" Dransfield are credited with being the best rough and tumble fighters in the national game. All the bad men of baseball give this trio a wide berth.