

simply give it that higher finish that the school-boy, by reason of his youth, is unable to attain.

That ice hockey as a game will gain much from its school and college following, there can be no doubt; and it is to be hoped that much of the undue and unnecessary roughness that one now sees too frequently in the game will soon disappear.

At the time of writing, the season in this country and Canada is practically half over. In Canada the race for the Senior Hockey League series shows the champion Shamrocks well in the lead, with a clear board of victories to their credit.

A summary of the games played to February 5th follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Play.	To
Shamrock.....	4	0	4	4
Ottawa.....	3	1	4	4
Montreal.....	2	2	4	4
Victoria.....	1	3	4	4
Quebec.....	0	4	4	4

In the New York Amateur Hockey League tournament the Crescent Athletic team stand at the head of the list with straight wins. A summary of the League games played to February 7th is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Tie.	Play.
Crescent A. C.....	5	0	0	5
St. Nicholas.....	4	2	0	4
Hockey Club of N. Y.	3	2	1	4
New York A. C.....	2	2	2	4
Brooklyn S. C.....	1	3	1	5
Naval Battalion.....	0	6	0	4

EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE Eastern championship speed skating races were held on the lake at Downing Park, Newburgh, on January 27th. The weather was excellent, and the ice in grand condition; in fact, so keen that it was with difficulty that the competitors were able to turn at the end of the stretch. The event was well managed. Unfortunately, the track was a little too small, being six turns to the mile, and this somewhat bothered the Canadian visitors, who are accustomed to a track of four laps to the mile. With the exception of J. Drury, who won the 500-metres, none of the visitors took back any laurels. E. A. Thomas, the local skater, was decidedly the hero of the day, for he carried off two championships and one handicap event. He skated in fine form, and with excellent judgment, and had it not been for a fall in the short race his chances were very good for that event. F. A. Sager, another Newburgher, came off victorious in the long-distance championship. He is a good all-round skater, and a very close second to his townsman, Thomas.

The winners of first and second in the novice race were skaters of considerable promise, especially Williams, who is little more than a boy; I expect to see him in a few seasons among the first on the open championship.

A summary of the events follows:

500-metre championship—Won by James Drury, Montreal; A. E. Pilkie, Montreal, 2; F. D. Gibb, Newburgh, 3. Time, 55 1-55.
 10,000-metre championship—Won by F. R. Sager, Newburgh; E. A. Thomas, Newburgh, 2; James Drury, Montreal, 3. Time, 24m. 55s.
 1,500-metre championship—Won by E. A. Thomas; F. R. Sager, 2; James Drury, 3. Time, 3m. 2s.

The following was the standing of the Inter-collegiate Hockey Association to February 10th:

	Won.	Lost.	To
Columbia.....	2	0	4
Yale.....	2	0	4
Princeton.....	0	2	4
Brown.....	0	2	4

The schedule of the Long Island Interscholastic League had not very far advanced, but the schools stood as follows:

	Won.	Lost.	Play.
Cathedral School.....	2	0	0
Pratt High School.....	1	0	0
"Poly Prep".....	1	0	0
Brooklyn High School.....	0	1	0
Adelphi.....	0	1	0
Brooklyn Latin.....	0	1	0
Brasmus.....	0	1	0

The first game in the New York School tournament was played January 27th at St. Nicholas Rink, between Berkeley and Drisler. Berkeley won by four goals to nothing.

On January 30th the De La Salle Institute and Dwight School played a tie game in the series at St. Nicholas Rink, each team scoring one goal.

The third contest in championship series was played February 2d, at St. Nicholas Rink, between the Cutler and Columbia schools. The game resulted in a win for Cutler by a score of two goals to nothing.

VIGILANT.

SKATING.

3,000-metre handicap—Won by E. A. Thomas; F. R. Sager, 2; E. A. Leach, 3. Time, 5m. 2s.
 5,000-metre championship—Won by E. A. Thomas; F. R. Sager, 2; A. E. Pilkie, 3. Time, 11m. 46s.
 1,500-metre novice—Won by B. A. Leach; J. H. Williams, 2; W. Morris, 3. Time, 4m. 6s.

The annual amateur speed skating championships of the Canadian Skating Association, were held at Montreal on Feb. 3d. The ice was in splendid condition. E. A. Thomas who, the week previous, had carried off most of the championships at Newburgh, N. Y., won the three-mile Canadian championship, and F. D. Gibb brought back the five-mile championship. James Drury managed to retain the one-mile championship honors for the home skaters. At last year's meeting Drury won the one, three, and five mile championships, in better times than they were won this year. Considering the fact that the ice on both occasions was in good condition, this year's performances were not especially good.

The summary follows:

Two hundred and twenty yards—Frank Robson, Toronto; F. D. Gibb, Newburgh, N. Y., 2; Brown, Montreal, 3. Time, 21s.
 Eight hundred and eighty yards—Robert Sonne, Montreal; E. A. Thomas, Newburgh, N. Y., 2. Time, 1m. 25s.
 One mile—James Drury, Montreal; B. Spooner, Montreal, 2; W. Thibeault, Montreal, 3.
 Three miles—E. A. Thomas, Newburgh, N. Y.; James Drury, Montreal, 2. Time, 9m. 22s.
 Two hundred and twenty yards, hurdles—R. T. Holcomb Montreal; F. J. Robson, Toronto 2. Time, 27s.
 Five miles—F. D. Gibb, Newburgh, N. Y.; E. A. Thomas, Newburgh, N. Y., 2; A. E. Pilkie, Montreal, 3. Time, 16m. 17s.
 Eight hundred and eighty yards, backwards—Won by Thibeault; Holcomb, 2. Time, 1m. 32s.
 Half mile, boys 12 years and under—Kenwood; Laderoute, 2.

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