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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ROYALS TO CLASH IN OPENING GAME

## EXPECT GREAT STRUGGLE WHEN OLD RIVALS MEET

### Paavo Nurmi Fears He Has Burned Himself Out In So Many Contests

#### Second Game To Be Played on South End Diamond

When "Bob" Atcheson strolls out to the pitcher's mound on the North End diamond Monday morning and announces the batteries for the first of the opening games of the City League, a big crowd is expected to be on hand to see those old-time rivals, the Royals and St. John the Baptists, take off on another season of campaigning and keen rivalry that has made these two teams the greatest amateur drawing card in the city for a number of years.

The same goes for the afternoon game on the South End diamond between the Water Department, headed by Charlie Gorman, and the well-named Trojans, champions of last year's South End League. The fans are counting on a great struggle between Leslie Kerr and Ira Hannah in this game, not to mention an exhibition of slugger and hitting prowess by such keen-eyed batsmen as Gorman, Kerr, Wiley, the two Bartleys, Cyril Moore, Snodgrass, Frank Campbell, Corrigan, Doherty and a few others.

Many Bitter Struggles. A careful search through the records of games between the Royals and Saints for the last two years produces one outstanding fact—there has not been a game between them that was not marked by a tense struggle. Time and time again these teams have met, and the result has always been the same—a hard, bitter fight until the last man was out. Bill the "Royals vs. Saints" on the South End grounds and a record house would be in attendance.

The Opening Game. For the North End game, which will start at 10:30 o'clock, the Saints probably will send "Bunker" Murphy to the mound. The Fairville boy recently received his B. A. degree from St. J. X., but that won't awe the Royals much, and they'll watch his fast ones carefully. Pittsford will be behind the plate, and as this boy has a great throwing arm, the base-running won't be wild and easy. For the Royals, either Earl Nelson or Freddie Diggs will be on the mound. Nelson, the best southpaw in city amateur circles, made a great name for himself in the South End by his heady all-round play and he is reported to be going faster than ever. Diggs pitched a no-hit game last year and is out this year to duplicate that feat. Austin will be behind the bat.

Afternoon Feature. The South End game will start at 2:15 o'clock, and another pitching duel is expected between Kerr and Hannah. Last year, in two exhibition games, the big Trojans right-hander conquered the provincial champions, and his teammates feel he can do it again this year. In addition to the card offered, twenty-five per cent. of the receipts will go toward the kiddies' summer camp for children at Fairview, and with this in view, an addition will be made to the regular charge. For the remainder of the season the admittance will be the same as obtained last year.

To Help Kiddies. In addition to the merits of the card offered, twenty-five per cent. of the receipts will go toward the kiddies' summer camp for children at Fairview, and with this in view, an addition will be made to the regular charge. For the remainder of the season the admittance will be the same as obtained last year.

#### ARRANGE FOR THE OPENING GAMES

Intermediate Baseball League Will Start May 26—Cup Presented by President.

A meeting of the executive of the City Intermediate Baseball League was held last night at the residence of the president, Charles W. Ellsworth, when it was decided to open the league on May 26, when the six teams of the league will play.

St. Peter's team will meet the Nationals, champions of last year, in a game on the North End diamond. The Imperials will meet the Canucks on the Nashua diamond, while St. Luke's will play the Martlets on the West End athletic grounds diamond.

Trophy Donated. Other games in the league were arranged as follows: May 27, Imperials play St. Peter's team in St. Peter's park and the Nationals play the Martlets on the West End diamond. On Thursday, May 28, the Canucks will play

#### Along The Sport Trail

By RAY HANSEN

THE BOXING COMMISSION in New York are considering the feasibility of making public, at the conclusion of each bout, the way the referee and the two judges voted, the announcer giving the name of the official and the boxer for whom he voted. This is a move which will undoubtedly meet with the approval of fans in general, but it is doubtful if the officials themselves will favor it. There is one thing certain, if judges and referees were held personally responsible to the ringside fans at the time decisions are made they would take no chances of making any haphazard guesses as to the winner. In several bouts held locally decisions rendered have met with a storm of protest and there was considerable speculation as to who was responsible. If boxing commissions in general adopt this plan it should certainly do away with some weird guesses. In this city the judges usually act without any remuneration and it might be unfair to allow them to be made the target for verbal barrages hurled at them by unthinking fans. However, they should not be ashamed of their verdict if rendered conscientiously. If promoters and fans are dissatisfied with their work there is an easy remedy. Weighing the matter pro and con it looks like a good move.

BOXING FANS in England have scored a distinct triumph for they have Jack Dempsey's promise to appear in Brighton at a charity bout to be staged there next month. It is not known who will be the champion's opponent, but it will in all probability be Phil Scott.

A BONESITTER residing in Rochester seems to be reaping a harvest these days. Dexter Mills, pitcher for the Cardinals, is there now receiving treatment. He got away to a great start but his arm suddenly went bad on him and he forthwith set out seeking relief. Carl Mays of the Cincinnati Reds took a kink in his arm recently while working out and he also came to the same bonesetter. Next we hear of Heinie Groh, third baseman of the Giants, taking a train for Rochester to see if he can undergo some treatment which will make his knee cap behave. He apparently has a loose cartilage which refuses to stay in the same place a couple of days in succession. The two twirlers have in all probability developed muscular trouble, which should respond to treatment, but from reports Heinie Groh's case is more serious. If it is a loose cartilage, very little can be done for him and he is bound to have trouble with it as long as he indulges in baseball or any form of athletics.

HONG FONG LEE, a Chinese who aspired for ring honors in the States, failed to realize that cherished ambition. He found that some of the rough and ready American boys had a nasty style of passing out punches. He is now looking for a laundry site.

HAS PAAVO NURMI bitten off more than he can chew? Not content with endeavoring to break the world's record for the mile in Harvard Stadium next Friday evening he is to race Alan Helfrich of Penn State College in New York on May 26 in a special half mile race. Helfrich is conceded to be one of the best middle-distance runners in America and if he lives up to expectations has more than an even chance to defeat the Finnish marvel. If Nurmi loses, his prestige is bound to suffer, and as a result he seems to be taking a foolish chance. He has established more records since coming to America than any runner in history, and should have been content to let well enough alone. This will be his last appearance on the track in America, at least for some time to come, as he is scheduled to sail for home on May 28. As a result his farewell race may end his long string of victories.

#### Chapel Grove Country Club To Have Grand Opening Monday

The Chapel Grove Country Club will hold their grand opening on May 25. The club rooms have been gone over and some alterations made, with a view to improving the facilities for the members. Boating will be enjoyed, while facilities for swimming have been greatly improved. A big dance will be one of the features on the holiday card.

At a recent meeting of the executive of the St. Luke's on the North End diamond. Mr. Ellsworth has donated a cup to be awarded to the player in the league making the best batting and fielding average for the season.



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#### LOSS OF FRISCH AND GROH DOES NOT KEEP GIANTS FROM WINNING

Continue Championships Stride—Kelly Drives Out Home Run—Speaker Scores From First On a Single

NEW YORK, May 21.—Despite the loss of two regulars, second baseman Frisch and third baseman Groh, and the absence of Manager McGraw, who has been ill, the New York Giants are today swinging along in their championship stride. George Kelly, utility player, rose to the occasion yesterday in the role of second baseman by driving out his sixth home run of the current season with two on. The Cubs went out of the ball game with the drive, 6 to 1.

Brooklyn dropped back into a dead lock with the Phillies for second place in the National standing, after four Robin pitchers had been buried under 22 Pirate hits. Meanwhile, Philadelphia was busy taking the final game of the series from the Cards 8 to 4, making the count two out of three.

Cincinnati sent the Braves down 15 to 8, after gathering 16 hits, off five Boston pitchers, four of whom shared the box in the sixth inning, when nine runs were scored. The Mackmen defeated the Browns 8 to 6, to assume a two game lead on the world champion Washington Senators. George Sisler's batting streak fell with the fourth inning, when he had his first hit in the season. He had binged safely in 34, straight games.

Speaker Wins Game. Six runs in the ninth inning paved the way for Cleveland to down the Yankees 10 to 9, Speaker scoring the winning counter, from first on a single by Finch, hitting Shaute, and a bad throw to the plate by Ward.

Led by Cobb, the Tigers rallied in the eighth for four runs to obtain a 7 to 3 verdict over the Senators at Detroit.

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Philadelphia 9, St. Louis 6.  
Detroit 7, Washington 8.  
Chicago 10, Boston 7.  
Cleveland 10, New York 9.

Team Wins Lost P.C.  
Philadelphia 21 7 759  
Washington 20 10 687  
Chicago 20 12 635  
Cleveland 18 17 621  
St. Louis 18 19 441  
New York 16 19 346  
Detroit 11 23 424  
Boston 8 22 267

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
New York 6, Chicago 1.  
Phillies 8, Cardinals 4.  
Reds 15, Braves 8.  
Pirates 12, Dodgers 8.

Team Wins Lost P.C.  
New York 16 14 531  
Brooklyn 16 14 528  
Philadelphia 13 14 481  
Pittsburgh 13 14 481  
Cincinnati 12 16 481  
Boston 12 16 481  
St. Louis 10 18 457

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE  
Buffalo 7, Rochester 6.  
Reading 5, Jersey City 2.  
Baltimore 12, Providence 3.  
Baltimore 6, Providence 2.  
Toronto 9, Syracuse 2.

Team Wins Lost P.C.  
Buffalo 22 10 687  
Baltimore 21 12 656  
Toronto 22 16 582  
Jersey City 18 16 529  
Reading 15 18 455  
Rochester 12 23 423  
Providence 11 23 324  
Syracuse 2 27 200

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#### McTigue Is Training



MIKE MCTIGUE IN TRAINING. Here we have Mike McTigue, light heavyweight champion of the world, trying to toss the real bull at his Summit (N. J.) training camp, where he is getting in shape for his bout with Paul Bernbach the latter part of this month.

#### SAYS HE WILL NOT RETURN TO STATES AGAIN

Attendant Says He Is Worried About His Last Races

NEW YORK, May 21.—Newspapers and photographers are no good—this from Paavo Nurmi, greatest of all runners, whose pictures and deeds have filled many columns of the nation's periodicals.

Condemns Cameramen. The Finn was approached yesterday in the locker room at a field where he is training for his mile race at Cambridge, Friday, and his final appearance here, at the Yankee Stadium on Tuesday. His opinion of newspapers was solicited. He added his condemnation of the cameramen. The attendant at the locker room had some information to divulge. Nurmi, the attendant said, is worried about his last two races in this country, fearing that he has burned himself out in his many contests throughout the United States since January.

His Last Visit. According to the same man, Nurmi has said he never will return to the United States after he sails from New York on May 28.

Nurmi's face was a picture of disgust as he turned to respond to a reporter's query for an opinion of the United States press.

Sore on Papers. "Newspapers? No good, no good; photographers—no good, no good; blurted out the Finn.

The track attendant declared he had asked Nurmi one day about the published report that he would return to the United States.

"No come back, no come back," had been Nurmi's reply, he said, adding the opinion that he believed Nurmi was "disgusted."

#### TO TRADE PLAYERS

Brooklyn Dodgers May Put Through Deal With The Boston Braves.

NEW YORK, May 21.—(United News)—The Brooklyn Dodgers, it is reported, are discussing a deal whereby they hope to unload some of their excess infield material on the Boston Braves in exchange for a pitcher.

Since Horace Ford was bought from the Phillies and negotiations were completed with the Cubs to bring either Midget Adams or Bob Barret from Chicago when Marvyn returns to the Cub line-up, the Dodgers have found themselves with eight infielders. It is understood that one or two of them will be traded to the Braves for a pitcher.

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#### Issues Warning To Ball Players

W. E. STIRLING, junior vice-president of the Maritime Branch of the A. A. U. of C., and also representative for New Brunswick, issues a warning that only affiliated clubs can form leagues and only regularly sanctioned leagues will be eligible for the New Brunswick and Maritime play-offs. All athletes making applications for cards are instructed to send along their fee.

#### M. R. A. TEAM WINS

Capture Second Game in The Commercial League From N. B. Power Company.

The M. R. A. ball team won from the New Brunswick Power Co. team in the second game of the Commercial League played last night on the Barrack Green diamond. The score was 9 to 2 in favor of the M. R. A. team and the scores by innings was as follows:

N. B. Power Co. .... 00020—2  
M. R. A. .... 0441—9

#### Canadian Players Win Tennis Match

NEW YORK, May 21.—(Canadian Press)—The Canadian Davis Cup team, Jack Wright and Willard Crocker, yesterday won their first round in the doubles of the Castle Point tournament being held on the courts of the Hoboken Tennis Club, when they defeated A. F. Von Bernuth and P. L. Kynaston, 7-5, 6-3.

#### RUTH HAS WORKOUT

Home Run King is Recovering His Strength After Weeks of Illness.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Babe Ruth indulged in another light workout at the Yankee Stadium yesterday, after autographing a stack of baseballs in his hospital room for scores of admirers. He will rejoin the New York club May 28, officials announce, but is not expected to play before June.

#### ENJOY BALL GAME

Members of Oak Hall Staff Compete in First Challenge Match of Season.

The Oak Hall boys' shop team defeated the furnishings department team last evening on the East End grounds, 16 to 15. Features of the game were home runs by DeVoe and Holder and the all-around playing of Captain Whitcomb, who was the star of the evening. Burton and O'Connor formed the battery for the winners, and Flewelling and DeVoe for the losers.

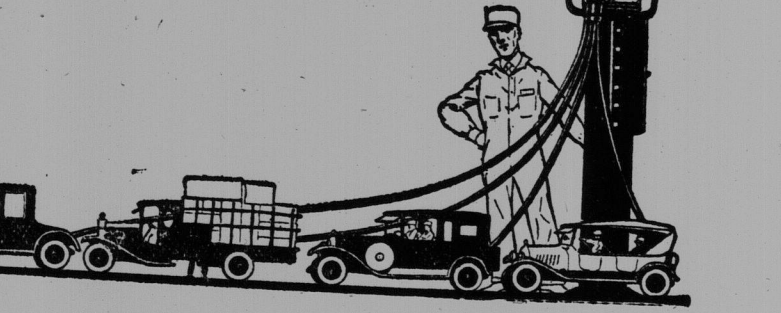
#### Jack Renault Gets Decision Over Risko

CLEVELAND, May 21.—Jack Renault, Canadian heavyweight, won the decision over John Risko, Cleveland, in a 12 round bout here last night.

Holding Hands. "Why in the parlor clock stopped every morning?" "It's daughter's beau."

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