

BRANTFORD, CANADA, FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1914

Brantford Beaten In Opener at Hamilton

Red Sox Could Not Hit Donahue—Athletics Turned Them Back With Four Double Plays—Features of the Contest.

It begins to look as if the peevishness of Brantford fans over the weak hitting proclivities of the Red Sox was about justified. At any rate, the Sox were again tied up in knots by Hamilton pitching yesterday, although for the first time in the series the Athletics outbit the Brantford team. The score was 4-0, and there-by hangs a tale.

It was opening day in Hamilton, and about 2,600 people witnessed the fiasco. Mayor Allen did the pitching, Mayor Spence the catching, R. T. Steel the hitting and Adam Brown the umpiring. Sir John Gibson was also on hand. The opening ceremonies were short, Mayor Allen informing the crowd that Mayor Spence, having given Hamilton a beating a week ago, had come to Hamilton prepared to take some of that kind of medicine himself.

Doc Yates relied upon Billy Donahue to do his twirling, and Donahue responded by holding Brantford to two hits. Whether it was weak hitting which gave Donahue his good record, is what is bothering Brantford. In only one inning did the Sox appear to have a chance, and a little bit of bad base running quickly put the kibosh on things, and made a shut out seem inevitable. On the

other hand, Deneau brought out Chase, the Red Sox pitcher, who uncovered a lot of speed, but was as wild as a March hare. Chase did admirably for three innings, but in the fourth he struck a snag when he filled the bases and forced the run over the plate by another base on balls. After that a scratch hit past third base scored two more, and Gero was called in to the rescue.

At that it looked as if Chase would have weathered the fourth, and had umpiring contributed largely to his downfall. Dudley, the first man up, bled to centre, and then Sheppard walked. Jack White, usually troublesome, hit for two bases, Sheppard going to third. With Red Fisher up, things looked dangerous, but Fisher fled out to Chase, making two down. It was then that the big pitcher proceeded to walk with Dolan and Eunich, and it remained for Barrows to beat one down past third which scored White and Dolan. Hamilton got another in the eighth, when Fisher singled and advanced on Sandusky's error and scored on a single by Barrows.

Brantford's attack seemed to be shot to pieces, and inability to hunt again was prominent. In this connection, Rickart fell down on two occasions, when Biddy Burns had reached first, and two double plays resulted. In fact Hamilton turned Brantford back with no less than four double plays, and this feature doubtless contributed to Donahue's two hit record. The doubles which Rickart figured in were avoidable and were due to Rickart's inability to carry out his end of the play at the plate.

In the field the Sox played pretty fair ball. The feature play of the day was by Roth, the new second baseman, who fielded a sharp hit over second in beautiful style and cut off the runner. Roth looked like a good ball player, who will greatly strengthen the Sox.

Umpire Riley, who officiated, looked awful. The umpiring was what spoiled what otherwise would have been a beautiful contest. From either a Hamilton or Brantford viewpoint, umpiring such as Riley's, was unsatisfactory, and if that is what the league is going to get at the hands of President Fitzgerald, there will be no league left in a short time. In calling balls and strikes, a poorer exhibition has never been witnessed on the Canadian circuit than that given by Riley. His work in London also brought forth criticism. A riot is predicted in Hamilton before the week is out.

Help! Help!! Help!!!

Umpire Riley, who officiated at Hamilton yesterday, gave positively the worst exhibition of umpiring ever witnessed in the Canadian League. His continued presence on this live-wire circuit will without a doubt bring about riots and all other kinds of disorders which injure good sport. An umpire who goes through a game trying to make things even for previous mistakes precipitates himself into the rankest pithole of inefficiency and makes matters a thousand times worse. On yesterday's form a course at the O. S. B. would do Riley good, and some kind of a strengthening for the spinal column would help some.

Notes of the Game

We are still cheerful.
 Can't win a game on two hits.
 Connell will pitch to-day against the Hams.
 This is our last offence. "Chase was chased."
 Infielder Roth looked a pretty nifty ball player.
 The official scorer at Hamilton ought to be a popular fellow with

his own players. Anytime the ball is hit, it's a hit.
 Ground rules prevailed at Peterboro yesterday.
 We have only taken one out of four from Hamilton.
 There was little chance for any Brantford cheering.
 Quite a number of Brantford fans accompanied the team.
 This pitcher, Donahue, is real good anytime against Brantford.
 The Peterboro team seems to be getting off to a bad start.
 Mayor Spence actually caught the ball pitched by Mayor Allan.
 Erie scored five runs in the ninth and gave St. Thomas a scare.
 Gero showed good stuff for 4 1-3 innings, the time he was in pitching.
 With 2,600 people present, the Hamilton park was filled to capacity.
 Pinch hitters Lamond and Taylor both failed—but Taylor was robbed at the plate.
 Sandusky dropped a fly in the 8th, but the Hamilton scorers generously gave Eunich a hit on it.
 Deneau frankly admits his worries are not over, but is confident the team will get going right.
 Knotty Lee apparently has a good bunch representing Toronto. Beating Ottawa is no easy trick.
 LaCroix contributed a two base hit, which was a well-timed smash to left. Roth got the only other bingle, a sharp one over second.

Twice Biddy Burns got to first on a base on balls, and twice the man next up failed to sacrifice him.
 Ottawa claims to have had 5,500 people at the opening, but that figure can be pretty well discounted.
 Sandusky's efforts at the bat yesterday consisted of weak grounders for the most part to the pitcher.
 President Nelson was heartily congratulated yesterday from his escape the night previous from getting shot.
 Hamilton didn't beat Brantford's opening day crowd. In fact they fell over 500 short of the Dykeville gathering.
 Hamilton scribes in their new press box, did some splendid rooting. Some scribes; some rooters; some press box.
 Gabby Ivers went hitless. Gabby declares that he will not hit at the first ball pitched again this season. For him, he says the habit is a bad one.
 Harry Lacroix continues to show up so well that he makes other catchers look like deuces in the hole. Ad-die Richardson, the famous Hamilton baseball tott, said he sent away seven wires on LaCroix last night.
 LeCroix scored in Brantford's seventh, but by a freak of the game, the run did not count. Dudley made an error, but recovered the ball and tagged Gero on the line going from second to third. Before Gero was tagged LaCroix crossed the plate, but the umpire did not see it. Deneau kicked vigorously for the run, but the Umps couldn't give a decision. Gero's bad base-running was responsible for the mix-up, also the loss of the run.

Some Changes On the Team

Manager Deneau will have a change in his line-up to-day. Roth, the new man, will replace Rickart at third base, and Wagner will go to second. Rickart fell down yesterday, and may be released even before Johnny Nelson gets here. Deneau has a new man coming on Saturday, but refuses to say for what position the new player is required, nor will the Rube say anything about him until he gets here. Pitcher Worfel will also be along, although it is doubtful if he will be able to pitch for some time.

Penology To-day.

Mother (to conciliate little girl who has been whipped): Was she a nasty cruel mother then?
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Barrows, r.	3	0 2 2 1
Donahue, p.	3	0 1 1 4
Totals	32	4 11*26 10

BRANTFORD.		A. R. H. O. A.	
Burns, l.	1	0 0 2 0
Rickart, 3	0	0 0 1 1
Deneau, l.	2	0 0 10 0
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Gero, p.	2	0 0 1 1
aTaylor, l.	1	0 0 0 0
bLamond, l.	1	0 0 0 0
Totals	26	0 3 24 12

*Gero out for bunting third strike.
 aBatted for Burns in ninth.
 bBatted for Rickart in ninth.
 Hamilton.....00000000-4 11 1
 Brantford.....00000000-0 2 0

Errors—Dolan.
 Summary—Left on bases—Hamilton, 9; Brantford 4. First base on errors—Brantford 1. Stolen bases—Barrows, Two-base hits—White, Barrows, Eunich. Sacrifice hits—Donahue, Double plays—Fisher and Dolan, Barrows, Gilhooley and Eunich; Donahue and Dolan; Gilhooley and Dolan. Innings pitched—By Donahue 9; by Chase, 3 in 2-3; Gero, 4 in 1-3. Struck out—By Donahue 7; Gero 1. Base on balls—Off Donahue 5; Chase 4. Hit by pitcher—Chase (Dudley). Time—2.00. Attendance—2,600. Umpire—Riley.

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