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BASEBALL LEAGUE

Negotiations Among Four Teams Completed

St. John, Halifax, Moncton and Pictou County All in Line, But Local Team Must Bear Big End of the Expense

After nearly two months of strenuous negotiations, arrangements and re-arrangements, propositions and counter propositions, the formation of the Maritime Baseball League has been completed and the clubs are now ready to go ahead and secure their teams for the opening games, which will probably take place on May 23.

At the league meeting which was held here on Saturday St. John, Moncton and Halifax were ready to go ahead with the proposition and required only the cooperation of the Pictou county men to make the league go. It was impossible for the Pictou county men to get here, so Joe Page, the promoter, and William McMullen, of the Moncton club, went to New Glasgow yesterday and succeeded in coming to an agreement with N. A. Mason, of the Pictou county club, which puts all four teams in line.

In order that the league might become a certainty St. John is obliged to grant further concessions to the Pictou county team, besides those there and playing games for nothing. The new Glasgow team would not consent to come to St. John and play under the conditions suggested, a guarantee of \$50 with a privilege of 40 per cent of the gate receipts and asked for a flat rate of \$75 a week day and holiday morning games and \$175 for Saturday and holiday afternoon games. This was, after some discussion agreed to with the condition added that they were to be guaranteed nothing in case of wet weather.

The arrangements between the different clubs are now as follows: St. John and Halifax will play at Moncton and New Glasgow and receive no share of the gate receipts. New Glasgow will receive from their games with Halifax, \$80 for a week day and holiday morning games; \$75 for Saturday games, and \$100 for holiday afternoon games, flat rate, without privilege of percentage.

New Glasgow will receive from their games with St. John, \$75 for week day and holiday morning games, and \$175 for Saturday and holiday afternoon games, flat rate, without privilege of percentage or guarantee in case of wet weather.

St. John and Halifax will exchange games with a guarantee of \$75 a game, the visitors having a privilege of taking 40 per cent of the gate receipts.

New Glasgow will receive from their exchange games with a guarantee of \$30 a game, or the privilege of taking forty per cent of the gate receipts.

The Pictou county men at yesterday's meeting asked for a flat rate of \$400 for every three games played in St. John and after considerable argument agreed to the \$75 and \$175 proposition. This agreement was reached only a few minutes before train time, but has been signed by Mr. Mason and the league is already now for the start of play.

Although there has been considerable difficulty in getting the teams into line, it is now hoped that there will be no further difficulties met and that St. John will again enjoy organized baseball.

Claims Middleweight Title

(FROM T. S. ANDREWS)



Milwaukee, May 4—Managers of boxers nowadays are quick to take advantage of opportunities. Recently Billy Murray (who by the way is a Portuguese) had the good fortune to get a draw with Jimmy Clabby in a 20-round contest in San Francisco. Previous to this match Clabby had contracted with Snowy Baker of Australia for a tour of that country, with the understanding that he must sail in April. Clabby fulfilled his engagement with Murray and as per his contract, sailed for Australia. Murray, through his manager, Jack Kearns, challenged Clabby to another match, but he must have known that Jimmy was under contract to go away. After Jimmy's departure Manager Kearns began to make the best of things and here are a few extracts from a letter just received from him: "Because of the peculiar action of Jimmy Clabby in running out on Billy Murray, I am now claiming the middleweight championship of the world for

Murray. I believe that the public will realize the justice of my claim. Murray recently boxed Clabby to a draw. Following the bout Promoter Coffroth offered them a return match. Did Clabby accept? Not at all! Instead he sailed for Australia immediately after the Murray bout. Coffroth did everything in his power to get Clabby to consent to a return match, but he refused the issue. On this account I am claiming the title." Had Manager Kearns issued this statement before Clabby departed for the Antipodes, it would have given the Hammond boy a chance to defend himself and his claim to the title. Clabby is too game to run out of a match with anyone in the world at his weight and it is not right to take advantage of him in this way. We will admit that Murray is a high class boy; in fact, he must be in order to have the chance as he will not have, but it will be far better for him to go along and get his reputation by fighting as Clabby has done and no doubt he will. The chances are he will not wait a great while for it is the intention of Clabby to return to the States in about five or six months and then the San Francisco boy will be given an opportunity meet in the meantime Clabby should meet with a set-back on the other side.

Sport News of A Day; Home and Abroad

MOTOR CYCLE

Local Club Elects Officers.

The St. John Motor Cycle Club held its annual meeting last evening and elected the following officers: President, A. R. Cruikshank; vice-president, E. A. Gilbert; secretary-treasurer, G. G. Gilbert; captain, J. Olive; vice-captain, Chester Brown. The secretary reported that the finances of the club were in an excellent condition and that indications pointed towards a successful year for the organization. A club run to Hampton on May 24 will mark the official opening of the season. Six 1914 model motor cycles have been sold to date and the agents anticipate a greater demand when the season opens.

Sidcars are becoming popular with the members and in addition to own six of the convertible machines will be listed here this summer.

BASEBALL

Some Players We Now

Manager Bob Ganley, of the Perth Amboy club in the Atlantic League, who was field manager of the Fredrickton Pets last season, has on his roster Frank Flynn, better known in these parts as "Forky," who started the season last year in the outfield with the Pets and who up to the time of his release, was well up in the batting list. Bert White, of Lowell, another of the Pets' outfielders is also slated for a position in the Perth Amboy team. During his stay in the N. B. and Maine League White did some good stick work, hitting for .284 last year.

Ganley has also made a bid for Pitchers Condon and Detrich, both known in this section, who are now with Lynn in the New England League, but was unable to pry them loose from the Lynn squad.

It is possible that Victor Shankey, the Marathons' big first secker and utility pitcher, may also get a berth on the

Perth Amboy team, it depending on the present incumbent's success.

Among the old N. B. and Maine Leaguers now in Lynn uniforms are Lee, the old St. Croix catcher; Reed, who was in the Bangor outfield; Red Murphy, Fredrickton's old catcher; Outfielder Jacobson, of the St. Croix club, and McPherson, who was in the St. Croix infield. Catcher Flaherty, who was with the Marathons last year is second catcher on the Lynn roster, having beaten Red Murphy out for the position. It is said that Murphy and some of the other players will be released as soon as the season is well under way.

National League

All games postponed, rain.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. (Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New York, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, Boston)

International League

All games postponed, rain.

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. (Washington, New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit)

American League

Washington, May 5; New York, 0.

Washington, May 5—Johnson shut out New York today, allowing only four hits. Not a Yankee reached first base until the seventh inning. The score: New York 000000000—0 4 1; Washington 00202000—6 10 2. Batteries—McAle and Sweeney; Johnson and Ainsmith.

Cleveland, 4; Detroit, 2.

Cleveland, May 5—The feuding of Turner and Cobb, the pitching of Hagerman and the hitting of LaJole were the features of today's game which Cleveland won from Detroit 4 to 2. The score: Cleveland 4; Detroit, 2.

At St. Louis

St. Louis, May 5—Chicago won from St. Louis today 8 to 1. Manager Richey used eighteen players in a fruitless effort to check the visitors score: Chicago 14020001—8 13 1; St. Louis 000010000—1 6 4. Batteries—Russell and Mayer; Taylor, Mitchell, Manning and Agnew.

International League Standing

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. (Newark, Baltimore, Rochester, Jersey City, Buffalo, Providence, Montreal)

American League Standing

Table with columns: Team, Won, Lost, P.C. (Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, Boston, Cleveland)

Federal League

Buffalo, 5; Chicago, 2.

Chicago, May 5—Buffalo won a twelve-inning game from Chicago today. The score: Buffalo 0000100000—5 7 1; Chicago 000000010100—2 5 1. Batteries—Krapp and Blair, Allen; Lange, Watson and Wilson.

Kansas City, 8; Pittsburg, 2.

At Kansas City: Kansas City 000001001—2 4 2; Pittsburg 000000000—3 9 1. Batteries—Dickson and Berry; Cullop and Easterly.

Indianapolis-Brooklyn, postponed, rain.

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inning, but at their second attempt, ran up the big score of 387 in which C. J. B. Wood and Coe contributed 120 and 116 respectively. The Essex men were set with 369 to win but came to grief before the Leicester bowlers and were all dismissed for 120. The score follows: Leicestershire 124 and 387; Essex 148 and 120. Surrey entered upon the first game of the season at Kennington oval against Northampton and made a bad start in the championship games, losing by 164 runs. With a lead of 140 on the first innings, Northampton gave a fine display at the second attempt, and, running up 287 for five wickets, declared, leaving Surrey with 488 to win. Although giving a better show than in their first innings, they were put out for 268. C. N. Woolley just missed the century for Northampton, making a brilliant 92. The score follows: Northamptonshire 287 and 287 for five wickets, declared; Surrey 157 and 268.

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