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Our Baseball Column.

PLAGIARISED AND OTHERWISE.



Knee deep in August, and the Pennant race goes merrily, crazily, on apace. While some trail, others go neck and neck, and I can't dope the winning club, by heck. It may be the Cubs, or the gray-and-red hose; The Wanderers may cop by a nose; Or the B. I. S. may have the stuff—They have been in the cellar long enough.

The doubleheader to-morrow should result in the best and most exciting games for the season. The Wanderers and B. I. S. are trying for first place, with the Cubs and Red Lions at the end of the ladder without a game to their credit. After to-morrow, therefore, all the teams will be apportioned their positions in the last round for the 1916 championship.

The first game will start at 2 p.m. with the following players:—

CUBS.	RED LIONS.
Hall	.....Cooney
.....Pitcher	.....Power
Clouston	.....Catcher.
St. John	.....Hiltz
.....1st Base.	.....Buckingham
Duggan	.....2nd Base.
Orr	.....Ellis
.....3rd Base.	.....Maher
Lehr	.....Short Stop.
Carter	.....Rolls
.....Right Field.	.....Quick
Tessier	.....Centre Field.
Murphy	.....Jenkins
.....Left Field.The B. I. S. and Wanderers will be the contestants at 3.30 and the line up will likely be as follows:—

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B. I. S.	WANDERERS.
CarewKing
.....PitcherFord
G. PowerCatcher.
RingHartnett
.....1st Base.Hocken
Doyle	.....2nd Base.
Dr. Power	.....Dr. Pritchard
.....3rd Base.	.....Britt
McGrath	.....Short Stop.
O'Reilly	.....Brien
.....Right Field.	.....Hunt
Grace	.....Centre Field.
Channing	.....Dobbin
.....Left Field.The entire proceeds will be devoted towards augmenting the Garden Party Funds held last week in aid of the C. of E. Orphanage. The admission is only 5 cents.

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William Brown had lots of sorrow. Hard luck was his middle name. Not a nickel could he borrow. Gloom was all that ever came. When he went to see a ball game His ill luck pursued him still; Out of fifteen hundred fans a Foul tip picked out poor old Bill.

Demon Dug has some fancy stuff prepared which he promises to pull to-morrow for the amusement and edification of the fans, provided weather conditions permit.

When is a balk not a balk? With one or more bases occupied, the batsman hits a foul ball which is not caught. When the ball is returned to the infield, the second baseman gets it and tries to execute the "hidden ball trick," while the pitcher stands on the slab and makes a complete motion to pitch to the batsman, although the pitcher has not the ball in his possession.

The ball is hit foul; therefore, it is out of play, and so remains until it is returned to the pitcher standing in his box.

The baseball rules seem fairly complex to the fan who is struggling to master them, but that they do not cover every possible contingency was brought out by a recent decision of the American League President.

Ban Johnson, in sustaining the decision of Empire Hill in the recent Boston-Cleveland game, established a precedent for plays in which the umpire interferes with a baserunner. The decision of Hill, against which Boston protested, was that the runner return to his base. So far as is known, no similar case has occurred in major league baseball, and is not covered by the rules.

Turner after making a hit, rounded his first base and collided with Hill, not only once but twice in his progress towards second. Turner thereupon stopped running and walked down to second, where he was promptly tagged out by the Boston second baseman. Turner was called out by the umpire after being tagged, but in conference with Umpire-in-Chief Dineen, Umpire Hill ordered Turner to return to first. This was the official decision which was O.K'd by Ban Johnson, and the Boston protest was dismissed.

We hope nothing like this crops up to-morrow to ruffle the "usually placid" temperaments of the players in the B. I. S.-Wanderers game or the umps. will sure have some busy afternoon.

The farmer loves to hear the crow Of the cock at break of day, While others much prefer the clang Of the breakfast bell, they say. But sweeter far to me's the sound As I sit in the big ball lot— Of the willow's zing 'gainst the old horsehide

Which announces the base-hit swat, Aye! the good old base-hit swat.

The popping cork is music sweet To many a listening ear, Though some prefer the auto's horn With his "honk honk" loud and clear; But soothing after a toilsome day— When troubles should be forgot— Is the bat's sharp crack as it stings the ball Which proclaims the base-hit swat, Yep! the good old base-hit swat.

All will be glad to welcome Ford's re-appearance to-morrow. Charley is a keen and clever player, and when it comes to pulling "inside" stuff behind the plate, well—don't tell us, but ask us.

It is likely that the Irish will be minus their first baseman—Simpson—to-morrow, and the three famous "MACS" of the Wanderers—McLeod, MacLean and McCrindle—will also be missing from their lineup.

"Paddy" Dobbin makes his debut to League baseball to-morrow, and will play left field for the Wanderers, as will also O'Reilly of the B. I. S.

Each year since the inception of the League here, Spaldings, the famous sporting goods house in New York, have presented watch fobs to the championship team. We have seen those presented to the Wanderers for 1915, and they are by far the prettiest they have yet sent down. It is a miniature gold-plated baseball hanging as a fob with the words: "St. John's Champions, 1915," inscribed on them. They are one of the classiest souvenirs we have seen for some time of any branch of sport.

We notice S. E. Garland is advertising a new book "The Triumph of Tim!" Do coming events cast their shadows before?

"The dope I know," the rooster said, "Has set my heart aflame! There isn't half a chance that they will lose to-morrow's game. 'Twill be a rout, a massacre, a lowdown brutal shame." "The dope you spiel," his best girl said, "May set your heart aglow; whereas it only makes me laugh, Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! You pulled that same old brand of dope just one short year ago."

DON'T FORGET THE ORPHANS TO-MORROW. EVERY NICKEL HELPS.

Officers Returning.

14th August, 1916.

Dear Sir,
His Excellency the Governor has received from Captain Timewell, London, a report that Captain Carty, who went to England on Regimental duties, is now returning via Quebec, and he is accompanied by Lieutenant Carter and 2nd Lieutenant Hicks, who are both on sick leave.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR MEWS,

Deputy Colonial Secretary.

The Editor

Evening Telegram.

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