

## WET GROUNDS STOPPED LEAFS-GRAYS TUSSELE

### RAIN STOPS FIRST BATTLE FOR LEAD

Grounds Unplayable—Hearne Will Pitch Against Grays Today—Ball Gossip.

The fight for the lead of the International League has yet to get a start. The Providence Grays and the Leafs were billed to wage war yesterday, but the rain stepped in and stopped the argument. The grounds were a sea of mud and water after the all-night rain, and at noon the fixture was called off to make up for the day.

The Leafs are a fraction of a point ahead of the Grays, and the series will decide the lead in the league.

Manager Jack Egan yesterday expressed confidence that his team would leave Toronto as undefeated leaders of the league. The Grays arrived yesterday morning from their victories in Montreal, and will be hard to beat.

Yesterday's rest will not do the Leafs any harm, and they should be in great shape for the important series. Manager Egan will use Sunny Hearne against Providence this afternoon, and this should set us away to a flying start with a win.

The Grays' team is practically the same as when here before, except that Fred Brannard, the centerfielder and substitute catcher, is an absentee. Brannard is now in the U.S. army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Catcher Walter Meyer is with the team, as well as the new Sunny Hearne, his finger split in the last series in Toronto. Pitcher Bader, of the Boston Red Sox, has not yet reported, and is not now expected. Bader was in a deal with Boston, by which Catcher Meyer and Shortstop Conroy are to be traded to Boston.

There will be no contests in the junior or middle series. In the junior, the Pastimes of the Spalding League are the champions, and will play the Grays for the prize. While Philadelphia, of the Playground League, are the middle champions.

The draw for the games is as follows:

Sept. 1—Orioles (Playgrounds) v. Brown Bats (Lake Shore).  
Sept. 2—Winners Riverside League v. winners Western City League; winners Oriole-Brown Bats v. St. Mary's (Toronto).  
Sept. 3—Final of senior series.  
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Sept. 28—Final of junior series.  
Sept. 29—Final of middle series.  
Sept. 30—Final of senior series.

At Harbor square on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Toronto championship team will play the Elizabeth junior championship team. The Toronto team will be 3-1, but the North Toronto had two of their regular men away. This Saturday both teams will be in good strength, and there should be a good game.

New York has made a poor showing on the Detroit grounds this year, winning only four out of eleven played.

A Lafayette's (Ind.) dispatch says: Walter Truesdale, catcher for the Boston National League Club, failed to pass the physical examination for the new national army here today. He has a stiff thumb, which was broken five times while playing ball.

George Burns, the Detroit first-sacker, has passed the physical examination for the new American national army, and will report when needed.

Among the players who are practically certain to be retained by the Dodgers for the season of 1918 is Ray Myers, centerfielder, who at the start of the current campaign bade fair to be one of the big factors in the work of the Brooklyn team. It wasn't long, however, before Myers fell and fractured his shoulder, and then came a long period in hospital, so that he was lost to the team at a time when he was needed most. Myers is a fine player, and he has put forth a series of brilliant plays, and recently his playing has been so fine that Robin adherents unite in declaring him to be one of the most valuable members of the team. Myers reached the height of efficiency on Tuesday, when he made five hits in six innings at bat in the game between the Dodgers and Pirates, that went thirteen innings before it was called on account of darkness. Myers not only played heroically on the attack, but his work in the field was equally efficient.

While admiring his league stars with the latest in a series of sports upon the familiar road of Hal Chase, who is making many fans believe he is the greatest first-batter of the day, Chase is at the top form. Those who have followed

### BASEBALL RECORDS

#### INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Toronto	74	80	.477
Providence	68	86	.441
Baltimore	70	81	.462
Boston	69	82	.456
Rochester	68	83	.448
Buffalo	64	89	.419
Richmond	63	90	.411
Montreal	46	73	.387

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	75	46	.620
Cleveland	71	50	.588
St. Louis	67	56	.545
New York	62	61	.504
Washington	54	62	.467
Philadelphia	42	71	.373

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	71	39	.644
Philadelphia	60	48	.556
Cincinnati	58	52	.523
Chicago	50	67	.431
Boston	47	60	.439
Pittsburgh	36	78	.315

#### THURSDAY SCORES.

Chicago	4	Washington	2
Boston	4	St. Louis	2
Cleveland	4	Philadelphia	2
Detroit	4	Philadelphia	2

#### NO FRIDAY GAMES SCHEDULED.

#### AT CLEVELAND—ALTHO NEW YORK MADE

as many hits as Cleveland, the locals made better use of their safe drives and won, 4 to 2. Tris Speaker made his entrance into the game after being out eight days as the result of being hit by the head with a pitched ball by Pitcher Danforth of Chicago. He caught the first time up and retired in the sixth inning. With Bates on second and Speaker at bat, he singled to right, and the bases before he could return to second.

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