

M-O Baseball League to Remain Intact for the Season of 1921



LONDON BASEBALL CLUB IS AWARDED THE 1920 PENNANT

At Meeting of Directors at Detroit It Was Decided That Circuit Remain Unchanged for Next Year

DETROIT, Oct. 31.—(Special to The Free Press.)—The directors of the Michigan-Ontario Baseball League, one of the best known minor organizations in existence, concluded business relative to the winding up of the 1920 season here today, awarding the championship pennant to the London Baseball Association. The pennant will flutter at Tecumseh Park next season, as it was decided to carry on in 1921 with the same clubs which went to make up the original circuit in 1919.

A list of matters was disposed of, including an item which has to do with the reorganization of the league itself. The officers and directors voted on record as opposed to the Lasker plan for the revamping of the government of the sport. President Ian Johnson and John Heyder, of the American and National leagues, respectively, as well as Michael Sexton, president of the National Association, will be notified of this move.

MICHIGAN DECIDES.

The Michigan delegates told the directors that if it was the wish of the four Ontario club owners to withdraw from the league, as it was constituted, they would comply with their wishes, but when it was discovered that the majority favored the continuance of the league it was unanimously decided that the Michigan club should remain.

The Mint League officials have for the past season been in close touch with President Ian Johnson, of the American League, as it was their desire to make the M-O, a high-class league organization and have continued faith in the principles of baseball that Mr. Johnson has maintained, and his advice has always been for the best of organized baseball.

The 1920 season proved to be an exceptional one for the M-O, as no less than 20 players have graduated into higher company, half of that number going to major league clubs.

COMPLIMENTED.

A reputation second to no other minor league of its age, regardless of class, has been established among baseball men, and at the Cleveland world series games the M-O League was complimented for the splendid reputation it had made by the president of the American League, Ban Johnson, by President Heyder, of the National League; by G. W. Grant, manager of the White Sox, and the next probable leader of the Detroit Tigers; J. Bruce, chairman of the National Commission, and by several baseball writers of national reputation, including Ring Lardner, Hugh Fullerton, Harry Bullion, J. G. Taylor Spink and others.

Judge Landis, of Chicago, spoke highly of the Mint League, remarking that his conduct of affairs and reputation as an organization standing for that which is best in organized baseball.

All the clubs were represented here today at the Statler Hotel, with the exception of Hamilton, as follows:

London—President W. H. Heard and Manager Wetzel.
 Bramford—President Roy Brown.
 Kitchener—Treasurer Harry Tolson.
 Bay City—President Foss and R. Decker.
 Saginaw—President Clements.
 Battle Creek—Jacob Wickeman.
 Flint—President T. J. Halligan.
 President G. H. Matnes and Secretary-Treasurer W. Wilson were also present.

TERRITORY PROTECTED.

The league territory was protected by the payment of the usual fee of \$100 to Secretary Carroll of the National Association.

President W. H. Heard, of the London club, was appointed a committee of one to revise the present constitution of the league to give clearer definitions of numerous clauses which have been found misinterpreted by various clubs. When various outstanding items are arranged by Secretary Wilson, the league will be on a still firmer basis than last year, with additional funds in the treasury. Several of the clubs moved that a portion of the funds be disbursed to the eight clubs, but this was voted down with the belief firm that every club will be refunded by the league.

TO BE REPRESENTED.

The Michigan-Ontario League will be strongly represented at the National Association of professional baseball league's annual meeting to be held at Kansas City during the week of November 9. The sum of \$200 was voted to delegates at this meeting, aiming at adding more popularity to the circuit.

In addition to Mr. Matnes, Secretary Wilson, Judge Clements, Ray McKee, Buzz Wetzel and T. J. Halligan will attend the meeting.

The official standing of the league is submitted by Mr. J. Stein, the statistician of the league, to-day in as follows:

London	86	22	729
Hamilton	71	48	807
Bramford	65	48	375
Kitchener	53	63	457
Flint	53	63	457
Battle Creek	46	74	384
Saginaw	42	73	371

The following players were reserved by the four Canadian clubs:

London—Shay, Kuhn, Lamb, Donnelly, Witry, Briger, Lamson, Crichlow, Calvert, Thomas, DeLoach, Shuder, Welkie, Lynn, Burri, Moore, Fiesham, Lohman, Wheeler, Webber.
 Kitchener—Barnhart, A. Dunn, R. Dunn, Eckstein, Jordan, Kirby, Kyle, Morgan, McCallum, Norris, Phillips, Ross, Schwab, Sharp, Wood.
 Hamilton—Zinn, Blake, Corcoran, Robinson, Carlin, Brown, Grimm, Lapp, Conley, Schwartz, Reidy, Heck, Peter, Moore, Morrisette.
 Saginaw—Walker, Brady, Murphy, Werre, Winslow, Stupp, Sullivan.
 O'Brien, Hartline, Dye, Keating, Moore, field, Clarke, Gully, Waiter.

Hard Oils Drop Final Game To Sarnia Squad

Petrola Beaten on Their Own Grounds 11 to 9, for the First Time in Twenty Years

PETROLA, Oct. 30.—Petrola, for the first time in 20 years, were defeated on their own grounds, when the Sarnia Intermediates defeated them 11 to 9 today in the final game of the district series in one of the fastest, cleanest and most spectacular games ever played in Western Ontario. A touch-down for Sarnia in the first quarter practically dropped the game for the visitors. Sarnia scoring up a bat and chasing over the line with it.

Both teams kicked often, but more back runs were worked into the game than at any time this year. Fumbles by the Petrola back field contributed to their defeat. In the fourth quarter Sarnia were backed up, the Petrola wings following down both in any of their previous games.

Sarnia almost went over the Sarnia line in the first five minutes, marching the ball down the field on an outside pass. Parrott, Harding, Kuhn and Fitzgibbon started for the winners; Wilson, Currie, Gallivan and George Spiret, who went in at half time, shot a class on the losers' side. Wilson's kicking and ripping-line plunges and Currie's end runs featured.

Sarnia scored their points when Harding dropped a pretty field goal over the bars, kicked out in touch, and forced Wilson to rouse. Petrola netted their tally when Currie showed around the end for 16 yards, Wilson's convert, two rouges and a kick to the dead line. The continual encroachment of the crowd on the side lines slowed up the game.

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 Vainas.....S.
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 Maunroe.....P. E.
 Soares.....Sarnia-Saurwin, McCormick, Prangley, Lambert, Longley.
 Referee—Scott White, Whiting, Elliott, Smith, White, Rainesberry.
 Referee—Babe Burkhardt, Umpire—Robinson.

Hamilton And Ottawa Win In Big Four Series

Interprovincial Series Tightened Up by Saturday's Results. Important Games to Be Played Next Saturday

HAMILTON, Oct. 30.—Argonauts' hopes of going through the interprovincial season without a defeat were shattered here today, when the Argonauts fell before the Tigers by a score of 8 to 6 in one of the hardest fought games that has been witnessed on the local field for many a day. If a team went on the field determined to win it was the Argos. They were at full strength and had no excuses for the day's play. The victory was due to better tactics and the victory was due to better tactics and the victory was due to better tactics.

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Queen's Trimmed By McGill Squad

Slag's Team Has No Trouble in Beating Queens in Intercollegiate Series

MONTRÉAL, Oct. 31.—McGill defeated Queens in an intercollegiate Rugby Union match yesterday by 16 to 0. The game was almost a walkover for McGill, who regarded it largely as a practice game, in which Coach Shaughnessy could release a few new trick plays and give his reserves a try-out. Queens tried hard all the time, but were easily outmaneuvered at every stage. While as a whole the McGill team showed pronounced superiority, the best individual exhibition of the afternoon was given by McKelevy, of the Presbyterian combination. He played for the most part on Queens' wing line and frequently plunged and ran round the ends for good gains. The tally:

McGILL: Position.....Carroll
 Carson.....F. wing.....Anderson
 Ryan.....Halves.....Little
 Edwards.....Quarter.....Stewart
 Bowman.....Halves.....Russell
 O'Connell.....Outside.....Parkinson
 Johnson.....Outside.....Nicholson
 Gilchrist.....Middle.....Liviak
 Shaw.....Middle.....Murphy
 McKelevy.....Inside.....Ambridge
 Jones.....Inside.....McIntosh
 Atchison.....Scrimmage.....Mestresor
 Ellis.....Scrimmage.....Parsons
 Gilchrist.....Scrimmage.....Parsons
 Officials—L. H. Macaulay and F. Park, Montreal.

THREE-CORNERED TIE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE SERIES

Varsity Seconds Defeated St. Michael's by Score of 16 to 3 on Saturday, Tying Up the Series—Prospects Brighter for Locals

ST. MIKES—Flying wing, Ford, halves, M. Sibley, Leblond, Munro, quarter, Brown, inside, Hitebeck, McNeill; middle, Carson, Port, scrimmage, Dunn, Mogan, Servais, outside, Carroll, Troy, Varsity II—Flying wing, Pronger, Gage, halves, Snyder, Kitchener, Patterson were hard to bring down and netted off several long runs. Munro was the best ground gainer for St. Mike's, hitting the heavy Varsity line for big gains. Leblond and Sibley did the back field work, but their catching was none too good.

KITCHENER TEAMS MAY PLAY GAMES ELSEWHERE

KITCHENER Oct. 30.—Kitchener hockey fans may have to go to Preston, Guelph or Hamilton to see the senior, intermediate and junior teams play their schedules this winter, unless there are some radical changes made at the Kitchener Auditorium. This was the decision reached at the meeting of the Board of Health held yesterday afternoon at the city hall, when a resolution was passed forbidding the rink company to open its doors this winter unless radical changes are made in the sanitary conveniences at the Auditorium.

GEORGE HAY HEAD OF PETROLEA CURLERS

PETROLEA, Oct. 29.—Petrola Curling Club was organized to-night for the coming season with the following officers: Hon. presidents, J. L. Englehart and H. G. Fraser; president, George Hay; vice-president, D. Steadman; secretary, vice-president, H. S. Jackson; treasurer, C. Bradley; secretary, W. B. Smith.

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STRATFORD TO HAVE GOOD JUNIOR TEAM

STRATFORD, Oct. 30.—The hockey outlook at Stratford is fair. Carson and Moroz are the only two last year's players who will be back, as the rest are too old. Quite a number of players are known to be in the city, but not quite balanced as to position. The goal seems to be the weak link with Norfolk and Boston as the two candidates. For the defense there is Robinson, formerly of St. Mary's, and McLachlan and McCully, of the City. Forwardly suggested are Carson, Moroz, Zimmer, of Durham, Bastendorf, of Milverton, McLaughlin, of Paris; both of New Hamburg; Cross, of Mitchell; Stroul, of the City League.

R. H. COCHRANE WINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

OWEN SOUND, Oct. 30.—Ralph H. Cochrane, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., this afternoon feated Dr. McDonald in the men's tennis handicap finals for the championship at the Y. M. C. A. Butcher's cement court at his summer home on the west shore. Mr. McDonald a defeat, the former winning his games 6-3 and 6-4. Ernie Robinson refereed. The prize, a fine tennis racket, donated by Christie Brothers, was presented after the game by D. A. Christie.

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GUELPH AGGIES BEAT QUEEN CITY TEAMS

GUELPH, Oct. 31.—In an intercollegiate League soccer fixture here on Saturday afternoon the O. A. C. eleven defeated the senior teachers of Toronto, by 1 to 0, while the Aggie rugby team also trimmed the Denials, of Toronto, by 2 to 2 in an exhibition match. Amongst the interested spectators who took in the games were Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. LeRoy Clarke, who were visitors in the city over the week-end.

OTTAWA WINS

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