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GOOD BASEBALL FOR FIRST OF THE SEASON

Eight Games Played in the Big Leagues —Some Very Sensational Contests

Every one of the eight games in the big leagues was played today and in every game there was a keen and active contest.

In many of the games extra innings had to be played. As will be seen in the score there were some shut outs. Smith of the Chicago White Sox held St. Louis down to a hit, and Walter Johnson, the whirlwind flinger of Washington, shut Philadelphia out without a run and with only one hit.

The most keenly contested game was that between the Boston and New York Americans. New York caught the Bostons in the ninth by a rally and not another run was scored until darkness brought the contest to a close in the fifteenth.

There was an extra innings game between Detroit and Cleveland, and Boston beat the New York Nationals in the eleventh.

There was a record attendance at all the games.

The American League.

At Washington—The opening of the American league season in Washington today, between the locals and Philadelphia club, was a most auspicious one. President and Mrs. Taft, Vice President Sherman, and many other notables being present. The home team won 3 to 0. For the first time on record, a president of the United States threw out the ball, and what was more, seemed to greatly enjoy the contest. The attendance broke all records. The game itself was stubbornly contested on both sides, Walter Johnson being the particular star. He held the visitors down to one lone hit, and as a result the locals were never in danger. Plank, on the other hand, was hit hard, thirteen hits for a total of 19 bases being the Washington's batting record. Back of the pitchers, the fielding was exceptionally clean and sensational. Score:—

Washington	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	—3	13	1
Phila	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0	1	0

Batteries—Johnson and Street; Plank and Thomas. Umpires—Evans and Egan.

At Chicago:—

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0	1	2
Chicago	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	—3	5	0

Batteries — Graham, Lake and Stephens; Smith and Payne. Umpires —O'Loughlin and Perrine.

At Detroit:—

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	4—9	14	2
Detroit	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2—7	10	1

Batteries—Mullin and Stannage; Joss and C'ark. Umpires—Sheridan and Kerin.

At New York:—

Boston—

	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—4	11	0

New York—

	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0—4	11	2

Batteries—Cicotte, Wood and Carrigan; Vaughan and Saleny. Umpires—Connolly and Dineen.

The National League.

At Boston:—

New York—

	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0—2	7	2

Boston—

	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	—3	4	0

Batteries—Ames and Schlei; Mattern, Evans and Smith. Umpires—Klem and Kane.

At Philadelphia—Brooklyn won the opening game of the National league season today, 2 to 0. The contest was a pitchers' duel between Rucker and McQuillan. Score:—

Brooklyn	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	—2	7	1
Phila	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0	2	0

Batteries—Rucker and Bergen; McQuil'an and Jacklitsch. Umpires—Rigler and Emslie.

At Cincinnati:—

Chicago	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0	4	2
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—1	5	1

Batteries—Overall and Archer; Beebe and Clark. Umpires—O'Day and Brennan.

At St. Louis:—

Pittsburg	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	—5	7	1
St. Louis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1	8	5

Batteries—Camnitz and Gibson; Willis and Bresnahan. Umpires—Johnstone and Moran.

PROPER SCORING AND CLEAN BALL

President Eckstrom is Most Emphatic on Two Important Points

C. J. Eckerstrom, president and secretary of the Western Canada Baseball league, is evidently determined that the league affairs will be conducted on strictly business principles this year. In a letter to the sporting editor of The Leader, Mr. Eckstrom says:

"This year I shall insist that the scores must be sent in promptly, and on the first of each month every club will be furnished with the complete records of each individual player. This creates a lot more interest among the players and it is but just to let them know where they stand."

Insists on Clean Ball

Mr. Eckerstrom goes on to say: "I am going to insist that the ball played in this league this year shall be absolutely clean. The game is worth nothing to me unless it is clear of rowdyism and played with all the players on their toes with the proper ginger and playing on merit.

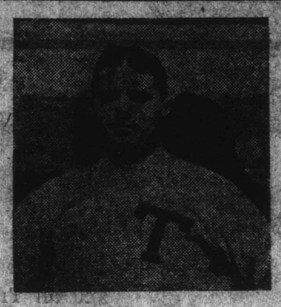
Schedule Late

"Regarding the schedule," continues the president, "we are somewhat hung up, waiting for Winnipeg to state what dates are desired by them at home. We will be able to wive Regina the dates desired and will try to get out a schedule fair to all. The secretary of each club will receive a copy in due time so they can be published all over the circuit on the same date."

WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE SCHEDULE NEARLY FINISHED

Will Be Released Some Time Next Week Simultaneously to the Press

President Eckstrom today announces that in all probability the schedule of the Western Canada League will be completed and released simultaneously to all papers on the circuit at the end of this or the beginning of next week. Rigid restrictions will be placed upon the date of publication so that all papers interested may print at the same time. The delay has been occasioned by the non arrival of the Winnipeg draft, which, however, it is understood is now on the way to the president's office.



FRED HICKEY
Star pitcher of Toronto team.

Ball News From The Home Plate

(By Chand.)

In less than three weeks' time, the fight for the 1910 championship will be under way, and from present appearances, we are about to witness a class of ball far superior to that which has been dished out in the past. Baseball in Western Canada is gaining in popularity every year, and judgng from the way the young Canadians are taking to the game, it is only a matter of a few years before Canada will be well represented in the professional leagues throughout the United States.

Baseball as it is played is the cleanest and healthiest sport in which the youngsters can indulge, and every encouragement should be given them.

At this time of the year, on every vacant lot throughout the cities of the States you will find a ball game being played, and while in the majority of the cities play grounds are laid out, at the expense of the city, we hope that the time is not far off before here in Calgary the boys will have like accommodations.

Now that Manager Carney has given out his regular line-up all we can do is to take things easy and await the arrival of the team.

After a few exhibition games on the coast, where Manager Carney will test his club against the North Western league clubs, the start for Calgary will be made, and they should reach this city about the 25th. On the 26th, 28th and 30th games will be played with the local Semi-Pro team, and the fans will be able to get a line on the men before the opening of the season. While Carney has an exceptionally strong outfit, he will have to travel pretty fast to make a clean sweep in the series, as the local players are a pretty fast bunch and can go some themselves.

Having already played with the majority of Carney's new men, I can safely say that the team that will represent this city is not only far superior to any club we have yet supported, but, man for man, a harder hitting and more evenly balanced team has never played in this section of the country.

Last season, although we did not win a pennant, the Calgary team was a credit to the city, for a more gentlemanly bunch of players would be hard to find, and Manager Carney this year has worked on the same principle, for not alone has he gathered together a fast ball team, but there is not a rowdy player on his pay roll.

Here in Canada the fans will not tolerate rowdyism upon the field; all we ask for is good, clean sport, something we are bound to witness this coming season. Everybody likes to see a hustling, scrappy ball player, and in Bill Carney we have a man who is scrappy from start to finish, a player who is always fighting for his rights, and we can rest assured that the team will be ably handled upon the field, and while Bill is liable to make things unpleasant for Mr. Umps at times by his aggressive work, he keeps his players in the games at all times.

It seems as if Parks is making a very serious mistake by holding out on Manager Carney. Last year was practically his first year as a professional player, and while he had a very good season he was by no means a star. He is rather a hard man to handle, as he is what you might call a grouchy player, and at his best he will have a hard time landing a permanent position on the team. Carney has in Manning a big, husky left hander, with a world of speed, who is even a better all-round man than Parks. Even so it would be very good policy for our last year's southpaw to fall in line, as it's a case of playing here or dropping out of professional ball.

I have a letter at hand from Pete Standridge, and Pete says that all the boys are looking forward to the time when they will reach Calgary. Pete seems to think there is nothing to it, and has already written to President Savage to buy the pole, that they will get the flag.

It looks as if Bill has made a good catch in landing Catcher Flanagan, who is a strong hitter and a heady catcher.

As to our pitching staff we need not dwell very long, for outside of Pitchers Jack and Manning all are well known to the fans. Geehan and Standridge are sure of positions and as Carney will carry but four pitchers, the two positions lie between Jack, Manning and Parks, should he report.

For first base it looks like Hughey Kellackey. Kellackey has been in the North Western league for some time, and is a classy catcher. Carney used very good judgment in signing a man who can fill in as change catcher.

Kellackey is both a left and right hand hitter and hits the ball hard.

At second Chuck Connors, I think, has the drop on Duggan. Duggan has played on the coast for some time, but last season drifted back in the New England league, where he played with Worcester. Duggan is a good hitter, but a trifle erratic, and while he would make a good utility man, I hardly think he can beat Chuck for a regular position. Conners, as we all know, is a good hitter, and as heady a little ball player as Calgary has ever had. The fight between the two should be interesting.

At short we have Walker, who Carney says is bound to be a star here. Walker played with Denver last season, and has a fair arm and is a fast all-round man.

Third base, Nally Smith. Enough said.

Our outfield is a "pippin."

In left field Babe Clynes is bound to shine. At Spokane in 1908 Clynes was slated for the big league, and Carney has put through a clever deal in landing this man. Babe is a big, husky fellow, of a very quiet disposition, and he surely can clout the ball. Not alone is he a good hitter, but he is a finished player with a very graceful style and a strong throwing arm.

In center field it lies between Wolfe and Tallant, both fast men. Wolfe finished the season with Los Angeles last season, and is very fast on his feet and a great ground coverer. Tallant has made quite a reputation as a college player, and Carney says he will have to hustle to land a job in the outfield himself.

But no doubt we will find out genial manager holding forth in right field, and Bill is there. Pete Standridge writes that Bill is hitting like a fool on the coast, so he may manage to land that right position.

So take the team as a whole it looks very strong, every man has had plenty of experience in professional ball, and what is more, they will deliver the goods.

The batting order in the coast games will be: Duggan, 2nd; Carney, rf; Clynes, lf; Smith 3rd; Tallant, cf; Flanagan, c; Kellackey, 1st; Walker, ss; Standridge, Geehan Manning, Jack, pitchers; Miller, utility.

With Carney, Clynes and Smith following one another in the batting order, it looks as if we will have a wrecking crew that will win many a game during the season.

At the Home Plate Cigar Store a complete line of dope will be given the fans during the season, and the scores of both the Western Canada and North Western leagues will be posted every night. Call up 2366 and any questions pertaining to baseball and sports will be answered to the best of our knowledge.

LARRY PIPER OFFERED TO THE REGINA CLUB

Offer Comes too Late as Regina Have all the Outfielders They Require.

Regina, April 14.—Larry Piper, the midget outfielder of the Winnipeg Maroons, has been offered the Regina Club. Larry is the property of the Sacramento, Cal., club, from which Secretary Arthur L. Smith, of the Regina club, yesterday received a letter offering Piper in exchange for the pick of the Regina club at the end of the season.

It is scarcely probable the local club will accept the proposition. A few weeks ago it made a bid for Piper, but with Donovan, Collins and Letcher signed, there is little chance of the "rabbit," good as he is, getting a chance in the garden. Anyway, the price is a steep one, as the pick of this year's Regina team will undoubtedly be of big league calibre.

It is hard on Piper, as he would like to get on a real ball team and the Regina turndown will no doubt mean another year in Winnipeg.

According to information received yesterday the schedule will be released the beginning of this week or the beginning of next.

Damaged grain sale. See advt. on page 12.

Catcher Lynch Worth Money.

Lethbridge, April 14.—Minneapolis wants to acquire the services of Joe Lynch, the "iron man" backstop of Lethbridge. Chesty Cox received a telegram from Manager Cantillon, of Minneapolis in the American association, offering to pay $500 for the Lethbridge catcher. The local magnates, however, will think twice before parting with Lynch even at this figure, which is a fairly handsome one, for where would we get another like Joe?

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THE SHIELD GAMES ARE NOT WELL ORGANIZED

The Manitoba Football Game Asking for Some Changes.

Winnipeg, April 14.—That it is high time the rules governing the People's Shield were modified and the competition governed more satisfactorily is unanimously approved in the west. The Manitoba Football association is taking active steps to bring about these changes and the resolution drafted at the annual meeting has been sent to all provincial associations in the country as follows: Hamilton, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver, Manor, Regina, Ladysmith, B. C., Qu'Appelle, and to the Winnipeg and District league.

The motion which was made by delegate Boyd, Minnedosa, seconded by delegate Sanderson, Scottish Football club, Winnipeg, was as follows:

"That the secretary be instructed to write G. A. Parker as representing the donors of 'The People's Shield' that owing to the unsatisfactory manner in which the competition is governed, until it be regulated by some clearly defined rules, and responsible trustees appointed who will see that such rules are properly carried out, this association declines to recognize the trophy as emblematic of the championship of Canada, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the various provincial football organizations."

In forwarding the resolution, Secretary Larkin asks that the associations send him their views on the matter.

City Team Will Be Strong.

The Calgary City Football club expects to be much stronger this year than last season. Secretary Dickinson has signed up two players who played on the team three years ago. These are Walshall and Conners. The former has been away from Calgary during the past two seasons. During that time he played on the Banff Football team and was one of their best players.

Connners left the city three years ago and during his absence has played football with a number of clubs. They have also signed up Barnes and Stevens of last year's East Calgary team.

Of the old material Oxley, Little Jock McEwen, Black, Dickinson, Jones and West have all signed.

THE TORONTO CLUB INFIELD
McDonald, Vaughan, Fitzpatrick, Deal

SCENE AT THE TORONTO BASEBALL CAMP.
Delehanty at Bat and Vaudy is Catching.

LANGFORD WON IN FIFTEENTH ROUND

Defeated Barry in a Fiercely Contested Bout in Los Angeles—Terrific Slugging and Infighting

Los Angeles, Cal, April 14.—In a fight which demonstrated anew the ability of Sam Langford of Boston, and added to the reputation of Jim Barry of Chicago only for gameness and ability to stand punishment the Boston "Demon" sent his white antagonist to the mat for the final count in the sixteenth round at the Verona Arena today. It was a vicious go from start to finish, with the negro well in the lead after the first six rounds. After the tenth, in which Barry went down twice for the count of nine, until the sixteenth when a straight left to the chin ended the combat, it was one-sided.

Langford landed almost at will and a knockout appeared only a matter of time.

Barry's weight was given as 196 and that of Sam Langford as 166.

In the clinches the white man was far the stronger.

The pugilists went at one another viciously at the sound of the gong for the first round. There was fast fighting at close range in the second and both men were bleeding at the mouth at the close.

In a clinch near the end of the third round Barry almost threw Langford through the ropes. From this time until the eighth the milling was a mixture of terrific slugging rallies and in-fighting, Barry throwing the negro around and around in the clinches and enduring severe punishment whenever they fought at long range.

In the tenth, the negro executed a coup in ring tactics. He suddenly threw the white man against the ropes, and, catching him on the rebound, landed a terrific swing flush on the jaw.

The last four rounds were marked by a succession of slugging matches. It was during one of these hard rushes in the sixteenth round that Langford caught his almost exhausted opponent with a straight left to the chin and ended the combat.

LAUDER HAD THE BETTER OF THE WINNIPEG BOUT

But Decision Was a Draw— Ten Round Battle

Winnipeg, April 14.—Billy Lauder of Calgary, lightweight champion of Canada got a draw here tonight in a ten round bout with Kid Ask, a colored boxer. The bout was a good one and those present generally conceded that on points Lauder got slightly the better of the mill.

Ask had a good defence, but could not land on the shifty Calgary boy, whose footwork often got him out of danger. Before the bout Ask was the favorite as he has met some good ones.

CALGARY LACROSSE TEAM WILL PRACTICE TONIGHT

Arrangements Being Made for Provincial League Meeting

Tonight at 6:15 the Calgary Lacrosse club will hold another practice at Victoria park. Allan McDonnell, manager of the club, will be present and asks that all the players turn out.

The Calgary club has been in communication with President Stanley of the Alberta Lacrosse association about the annual meeting of the league. The president has written all the clubs organized and those contemplating organizing, but has not yet heard from them all. He has, however, heard from most of the clubs with views of having the league meeting take place in Calgary. The president expects to call the meeting about the end of the month.

Those interested in the formation of a provincial league meeting take the view of the president, that there is plenty of time for the calling of the league meeting. It is the intention to give the clubs lots of time to organize.

Owing to the unsettled weather during May the president does not think it advisable that any schedule should be drawn up that would call for games before the 24th of May.

Time Extended for Juniors.

The Central Alberta Football league association has extended the time for Junior clubs to enter the league till Monday next. Western Canada college is the only entry. Hillhurst Y.M.C.A. and St. Mary's may enter and the time was extended to give these clubs an opportunity to get in.

The High school has material for a junior team, and if the schedule could be complete by July 1 it may be possible that they also will enter the league.

Jack Johnson Wants no Trainers

"Jack" Johnson, heavyweight champion, insists that he needs no trainer for his fight with "Jim" Jeffries. After dodging recent legal leads in New York, Johnson gave a reporter an outline of training camp plans for the battle that is attracting world-wide attention.

"I have been fighting so long that I do not need to be told what to do," said the big negro. "Of course I will have a large staff of so-called trainers, but they will do what I instruct them to. I am not hiring any one to tell me how to train. 'Joe' Gans will be in my corner when I need advice, but in the actual preparation for the bout I will follow my own system."

"What is it?" asked the awed listener.

"Simply this," said Johnson. "I will box with strong men and fast fellows, do road work, eat and sleep. Mind you, I do not say that I do not need training. It's trainers I do not want."

Weight Never Worries

After making this distinction, Johnson was drawn into conversation again, when his weight was discussed. "It never worries me how much or how little I weight," he declared. "My training is all based on how I feel and perform. If I could hit as hard, be as fast and feel as well, I would not care whether I weighed a ton or 150 pounds. But common sense tells me that 198 or 200 pounds is enough for me to weigh and be at my best. I do not expect to weight an ounce more than 198 when I meet Mr. Jeffries.

"It is not necessary for me to tip over buildings or wrestle with bears. All I need is some outdoor work, a little boxing to retain speed, and I will be there without an excuse prepared."

Johnson's training methods do not differ greatly from the old routine of training camps, except in the principle that the fighter is his own boss. On this point "Sam" Fitzpatrick and Johnson broke in Australia. There have been many reasons advanced for Johnson's sudden turn from Fitzpatrick had many visitors to the training is in the following facts:

Does Not Like Advice

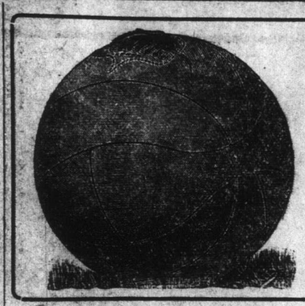
As a native of Australia, Fitzpatrick ha dmany visitors to the training camp when Johnson was getting into condition for his fight with "Tommy" Burns. Some of the well-meaning visitors did not like Johnson's style of preparing for a world's championship fight and they made suggestions. Johnson heard them and was quick to resent. From these training camp experiences developed the feeling of dissatisfaction which resulted in Johnson turning a valuable, conscientious manager and adviser adrift.

Johnson has some sound logic of an epigrammatic nature in his comments on training. He says:

"A fighter when in the ring may wish he had some of the strength he wasted on a woodpile."

"No heavyweight fighter needs to starve in order to be fast enough to enter the ring."

"It is tax enough on any one's strength to fight, so it is better to save all your power by refusing to worry."



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