

THE ADVERTISER'S BIG DOUBLE SPORT PAGE

BIERBAUER'S SINGLE IN NINTH GIVES LONDON THE DECISION BEFORE RECORD CROWD OF FANS

Canadian League Opening Marked by a Notable Win From Toronto Club—Heck Strikes Out Ten Batters—Game Was Interesting and Exciting.

By "Jinx."

Louis Bierbauer's left-handed hitting and Mr. Murphy's loose-handed fielding, all in the ninth inning, were two of the things that enabled "Doc" Reising's pennant-rustlers to beat "Knotty" Lee's gang of Beavers from Toronto, in the regulation distance of the curtain-raising pastime at Tecumseh Park yesterday afternoon.

All that stood between the London team and an extra inning joust was the trusty stick of "Lefty" Louis and Mr. Murphy, the famous skating champion. The said Mr. Murphy was perched on second base, having a splendid view of the 4,500 raving souls in the audience in that eventful ninth, having arrived at that point through the generosity of Mr. Murphy, Mr. Lee's "sho' stop," who obligingly allowed E. Lamy's hit to percolate through him and stray out into the outer garden.

Provided with this opportunity, the famous skating champion improved it by stealing second in his own champion-like way; so you see quite a bit depended upon Mr. Bierbauer. With two gone, the situation was decidedly tense. Mr. Lamy was up there with the run needed to settle the argument. Mr. Bierbauer was up there with the bat to make the hit that would score the run that would win the game, and there you are.

Visions of late suppers and shades of night falling fast. Out in the box a slim gent named Kirley rubbed some more slippery elm on the ball, took another hitch in his pants and prepared to deliver. What the London first sacker did to that pill is now Canadian League history. He pushed it down the third base line just a foot or so inside the foul line, and it fell out in left field, while Mr. Lamy reported at the plate and the crowd dispersed.

It was a pleasing finish to the opening game of the 1914 Canadian League season in this city, and it placed the stamp—4,500 stamps, to be exact—of approval on the collection of balltossers the Caldwell dentist has chosen for London's 1914 team. The final score was 4 to 3.

Heck Struck Out Ten Men.

To Bobbie Heck, the leading twirler in the Canadian League last season, went the pitching honors of the day, and while the visitors secured 7 hits off his assortment, most of them were scattered, and the best they could do with him in some of the pinches was to strike out. Ten Toronto batters were retired by the Syracuse southpaw in this manner, and in the fourth, having fanned the side in order. He was a trifle wild, issuing five passes in all, but he was always strong when men were on bases, and with skillful support the Lee gang would have been lucky to score a run.

The London team showed a fondness for Kirley's assortment that produced two runs right off the reel in the first inning. They hit him at frequent intervals all through the game, but until the seventh were not able to score any more runs. In this inning they got to him for a brace of bingles and tied the score after the visitors had scored two in their half, and taken the lead.

The game was played under good opening day conditions. The sky, which had threatened rain all morning, cleared up shortly after noon, and Old Sol came out and beamed down on the festivities. The fans began gathering at the park early. A big crowd remained downtown to witness the start of the automobile parade, but by the time the procession arrived at the park the stands were pretty well filled, and the crowd was overflowing the field. By the time the game started the diamond was about the only place that

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N. S. Taber is a member of the Oxford relay team which captured the four-mile relay race in the Penna relay games in the greatest finish in recent years. Taber went to Oxford from Brown University as a Rhodes scholar.

Bierbauer, 1b.....4 0 2 11 1 0
Whitcraft, ss.....4 0 1 1 2 0
Reidy, rf.....4 0 0 1 0 0
Mullin, 3b.....4 0 2 0 1 1
Danford, c.....4 0 1 10 2 1
Heck, p.....4 0 1 1 6 0

Totals.....35 4 10 27 16 3

*Two out when winning run scored.

Runs by Innings.....R. H. E.

Toronto.....0 0 0 1 0 2 0 7 3

London.....2 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 4 3

Summary: Stolen bases—Schneider, Lindehorn, Lamy. Sacrifices—Isaacs, Danford, Lamy. First on base—Off Kirley 2, off Heck 5. Struck out—By Kirley 5, by Heck 10. Left on bases—Toronto 8, London 10. Double plays—Murphy to Ort to Schneider. First on errors—Toronto 1, London 1. Hit by pitcher—By Kirley, Mullin. Time—2:01. Umpires—Evans and Riley.

BIG STRUGGLE IN LOCAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE SATURDAY

Asylum and Bolt Works, the Undeclared Teams, Meet on Carling Heights—Other Promising Battles.

The City League soccer fixtures tomorrow will have an important bearing on the league race, and considerable interest is attached to the games as a result. The struggle between the Asylum and Bolt Works teams is probably exciting the keenest interest, as neither team has been defeated so far this season.

Hard to Dope a Winner.

These teams will play on Carling Heights, and there is so little to choose between them that it is almost impossible at this distance to dope out the winner. The Asylum club has won three games and run up big scores on its opponents. The Bolt Works has won two games, and both were decisive victories. Referee F. Bryant will call the game at 4 o'clock, and it is likely the biggest crowd of rooters that has attended a City League game this season will be on hand. The teams will line-up as follows:

Asylum—W. Smith, goal; Newman and Humphries, backs; Goodman, left half back; May, centre half back; Warren, right half back; Garrett, outside left; O'Brien, outside right; G. Garrett, centre; McInnis, inside left; Whitting, inside right.

Bolt Works—Hall, goal; J. Green and S. Greening, backs; P. Stewart, left half back; G. Spilburg, centre half back; G. Frost, right half back; W. Richardson, outside left; G. Moffatt, outside right; R. Ferris, centre; C. Green, inside left; R. Moulton, inside right.

Referee—F. Bryant.

St. Davids and Leonards Meet.

St. Davids and Leonards will meet on the Trafalgar street grounds at four o'clock. Both teams will have strengthened lineups and each is confident of winning. They have only participated in one game each this season and they should be an interesting one. Leonards will line-up as follows:

Goal, Coggin; backs, Reid and Sheard; halves, Williams, Haverley, Millman; forwards, Turner, Oakley, Leavy, Plumb and Wakefield. Skidmore, Jones and Francis will be reserves. J. Marshall will referee.

Liberals vs. Socials.

The Liberal Club and the British Social Union will meet in the other game. They will play on the Asylum grounds at 3 o'clock. The Socials have been putting up a good game so far this season, but the Liberals are confident of beating them, and they will present the strongest lineup they have shown this season. Charles Tagg will officiate.

McClary's Drop Out.

The McClary team has notified the league officials that it intends to drop out. It has a bye in the schedule this week but it is likely it will participate in any more games. Most of its players have found considerable difficulty in getting off in time on Saturday afternoon to play the games and the management thought it advisable for the sake of the league to withdraw from the league.

Christ Church May Enter.

An effort will be made to secure the Christ Church team to take the vacancy left by McClary's. The Anglicans have a strong team and have already played some exhibition games with City League clubs. The matter will likely be brought up at the next meeting of the league in Hyman Hall Thursday night of next week.

Diamond Clints From Yesterday's Struggle

Let's do it again today.

We felt certain that we would win that old game and we did it, by Heck.

Wasn't it the cute little finish though? Louis steps up with the scenery all set for a dime novel climax. Two out, two strikes, the bleachers shouting themselves hoarse at a—and beats the cover off for a clean drive through the property around third.

Heck made himself strong with the fans when in the fifth, with the bases full, he struck out Ort. It was no mean stunt at that.

When it comes to being polite and giving the first game to your adversaries and all that, don't you know, we put our table manners and diamond manners on the shelf.

The knockers were conspicuous by their absence, yesterday.

And while we are on the subject, London fans show that they appreciate real ball, even when the thrillers are pulled by their rivals. When Trout made that long run into the foul territory to the right of the home plate and pulled down a difficult fly, the fans voiced their approval in a manner not to be misunderstood.

The "little of the old-time pep," was there with the fifty-odd varieties, alright.

It's not hard to see how Bierbauer stands in. The chorus "come on Louis, get a hit," as rendered by the innumerable small boys, makes his popularity a sure go.

Reising made a good impression with the fans. His quiet, gentlemanly, yet authoritative manner won instant recognition.

No Claude, the players will not wear tango trimmings on their uniforms.

The weather man smiled kindly on London fans. About noon the deluge broke tried to work his pumps overtime, but a cool wind damped his ardor and made him think better of it.

Bobbie had them bending after 'em all through the game. One or two times when he appeared to be up against it, he got out from under in a way that was highly satisfactory to his friends.

That score reminded one of the little couplet entitled, "you take one and then I will take one also."

Danford is some little receiver. He uses his head as well as his hands, and he doesn't let any green sward grow under his feet, either. He had a nice peg to second that comes to earth where the sliding rumor is found. Base runners will do well to take few chances with him at the receiving end.

Kirley is a good one and lost through hard luck more than anything else. He will be a formidable heavier for the Queen City aggregation during the season.

That boy Lamy in the centre garden has all the earmarks of a real fielder. The ear marks are in an advanced stage of development too, as shown by his performance in the field. With Cy Reidy and Long the "outsiders are covered to the Queen's taste."

Eddie Linnenburn is one little speedy second sacker. His whole trouble seems to be that he wants to get the pill on its way before he has scraped an acquaintanceship with it.

That "physiological moment" stuff was worked overtime, but its dope that makes the real ball game.

NORTHERN ONTARIO BASEBALL LEAGUE HAS BEEN FORMED

Nineteen Teams Have Been Entered and Four Groups Are Arranged.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WALKERTON, May 7.—The Northern Ontario Baseball League has been formed and a great deal of interest is taken at the present time in the organization, particularly in the towns represented by the league. The league is composed of four series, the nineteen different teams entered being grouped off to the best advantage possible. The different groups are as follows:

No. 1 Group—Walkerton, Hanover, Durham, Chesley.
No. 2 Group—Owen Sound, Meaford, Warton, Collingwood, Timmins.
No. 3 Group—Kincardine, Wingham, Brussels, Lucknow and Teeswater.
No. 4 Group—Clifford, Harriston, Palmerston, Mount Forest, Arthur and Belwood.

A meeting will be called this week to arrange the schedule and elect officers.

Let's hope the old adage, "wins first, loses last," will be put in the cupboard along with the rest of the old saws that have "long since fallen into the ranks of 'has beens.'"

There were no air blows in that initial corner, were there?

Likewise, Mullin on the third hesitating point knows how to stay on the payroll. The boy covers the ground too, and lucky he does not show that cat-at-night on the bag spirit.

Heck knows how to hold back the pill if he wants to. Turning suddenly in the sixth he was about to throw to second when he saw that no one was at home on that "crisis." He kicked his fingers just in time on the horse-hide to save a tad slip that would have let in a run.

Some game! Some crowd! Some team!

Bierbauer's hit in the ninth was the nicest little baseline drive a fan could wish for. Maybe it didn't cheer the hearts of 5,000 fans. Now we guess it didn't.

That leaf aggregation is there.

Toronto was there with the "pap!" Make no mistake Trout is no fish.

His whip is better than ever and his was some catch. It brought the stands to their feet (stands have no feet but the crowds have).

This boy Lamy is some speed king. "He's no lamb—he's a bear," said one of the fans.

He is as fast on the paths as our own little Lenny and there is some question as to whether he isn't faster. A nice 100 yards dash between the two would be a good one.

"Cy" Reidy is still with us as chief comedian.

Danford's two sack pole was a mighty swat. It was a pity he was caught cold off second after smashing it.

Kirley pitched himself out of some bad holes. He used his head even if he had an error or two chalked up against him.

Ragged fielding in pinches robbed Heck of what should have been a no run game.

Six strike-outs in the second, third, and fourth innings was a pretty fair record for Bobby.

Knotty Lee is the same as ever. The league may change but not Knotty. His uniform has changed it is true but not his tongue.

Doc Reising tried the Hughie Jennings "pose" for a while, but it was too much for his knee. He squatted for the rest of the game.

Mullin, showed a reversal of the form he has shown in his game against the Wobly League champions.

Warning up before the game was called, "Doc" showed the fans some real speed.

That catch of Lamy's was some stunt. He picked the pill right off the top of the grass.

The fans missed Matty from behind the plate but this chap Danford looks good.

Both Trout and Danford had wild throws to their credit. They caught nice games notwithstanding.

ST. THOMAS MAY DROP OUT OF W. F. A. GROUP

Convenor Charley Hollins of the local W.F.A. group announced this morning that the schedule for the group would be out in a few days. The delay is caused by the St. Thomas club not being sure of having a team. Strathroy has a good team and it will be a member of the group. If St. Thomas drops out, the group will be reduced to four teams which will be just as good as the five team district.

DEADEN BASEBALLS

Plan to Make Home Run Getting More Difficult.

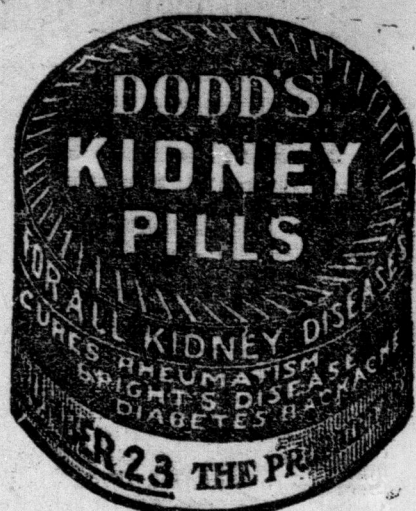
Chicago, May 8.—Umpires and managers of the Federal league were asked yesterday, to give their opinion of the change made to deaden the official ball of the league. It was thought by President Gilmore that too many balls were hit for home runs. A layer of cotton has been wound around the balls used in the past few days. The cotton layer under the cover, it was thought, would reduce their resilience fifteen per cent.

RICKY, OF BROWNS, RELEASES A SHORSTOP

CLEVELAND, May 7.—Manager Ricky of the St. Louis American League club tonight announced that he had released Shortstop Walsh to the Rochester club of the International League.

JOHNNY KILBANE WILL MEET JOHNNY GRIFFITH

CLEVELAND, May 7.—The intention of Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane to campaign in the lightweight division was evidenced today when he signed articles to fight Johnny Griffith, of Akron, Ohio, at Canton, Ohio on July 4. Griffith, lightweight champion of Ohio, has fought most of the leading lightweights of the country. He and Kilbane will weigh in at 135 pounds ringside.



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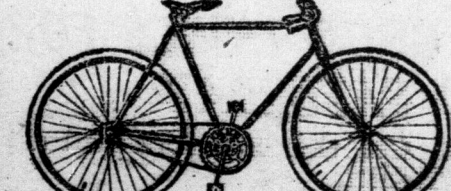
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