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ST. JOHN'S FIRST SEASON IN ORGANIZED BASEBALL --- THE N. B. AND MAINE LEAGUE

MARATHON BASEBALL TEAM



Top row, left to right—O'Brien, 3rd base; Charles, pitcher; Pinkerton, 2nd base; Flaherty, catcher; F. Leonard, manager; Lee, fielder; Blen, catcher; Pease, fielder.
Lower Row—Ramsey, fielder; Riley, fielder; Waterhouse, shortstop; Tarbell, pitcher.

the home of the Holy Ghosts, and has always proved a popular and valued member of his team.

Billy Riley Did Well.

Billy Riley, the St. John boy, who has for the past few seasons played in the left garden for the Greeks, is the only provincial man who has been kept on any of the teams steadily. He is rated as one of the nearest fielders in the league, while he has batted well.

Eddie Ramsey, of St. John, is the only other Provincial man to have been signed on by any team in the league and although he did not figure in the season or finish it with the Marathons, he played good ball, while banded.

In the Greek uniform, Ramsey is an infielder, but during the time he played with the Marathons this season, he had been playing in the field and on a number of games has been placed at short and at second base, and although he had not the practice that others have had he gave a very good account of himself. He is now playing in the Cape Breton League.

Tarbell's Good Work.

Joe Tarbell the Indian pitcher, who has been with the Marathons for the past couple of seasons, has during the past season pitched pretty steady ball and appears to have grown better as the league drew to a close. His performance on Tuesday last, when he only allowed the champions to make four hits off his delivery was a sample of the class of ball he has twisted.

Waterhouse, the little shortstop, of the Marathons, made his first appearance in this section of the country, this season. He comes from Lynn, Mass., and while his position is one of the hardest to handle in the game he had done well. He is about the youngest player on the team and improved as the season went along. He promises well for the future.

FREDERICTON BASEBALL TEAM



Top Row, left to right—Conley, 3rd base; Stone, 1st base; Dedrich, pitcher; Morey, pitcher; White, right field; Murphy, catcher.
Lower Row—Condon, pitcher; Keaney, shortstop; Duggan, left field; Ganley, centre field; Callihan, 2nd base; Phelan, pitcher.

league was ill in the hospital. Bangor, St. Croix and Fredericton team managers claim that they do not owe money to the league and in fact the league had a most unsatisfactory finish.

Fredericton the Winners.

Fredericton was in the lead of the league race when St. Croix disbanded, and the league became a thing of the past and for the third season the team from the Capital captures the championship. The race for the first position had been a pretty one from the start, between St. John, Fredericton and St. Croix. Bangor got a poor start, and played in hard luck, but they were game, despite the fact that their loss of game after game caused the fans in the Maine City to knock and knock hard. Bangor always had a good lineup, but were playing in the worst kind of luck.

For days during the league race the St. Croix team would be in the lead, then the Marathons would jump into first position, then Fredericton would climb to the top, all through the race was causing great interest among the fans.

A Garrison Finish.

As the season drew to the finish, the Marathons became weak for pitchers and at that time had a comfortable lead for the championship, but Fredericton owners were not going to let the title go without a grand finish and they strengthened with box men, while the St. John team, and others, were weak. Then the champions of the past seasons came along with a runner and putting St. John from the first position to second position, the third championship looked good for Fredericton. St. John fans began to lose interest when their team could not keep in front, and even when the Greeks did get a lead at the first part of a game with their pitcher working well, the game would be booted away by the fielders.

The Defection of Charles.

Charles was apparently the Greeks' great hope of winning a battle as he was recognized as about the best pitcher in the league and when he was needed most, a former St. John man who was in touch with a team in the Cape Breton League, got next to Charles and there was a great surprise.



RAMSEY, Fielder, Secondbase, Marathons.

prise in store for Marathon owners and the fans in general for when they went to the North End grounds to see the Charles work they were given a disappointment when they learned that Charles, the night before, had jumped the Greeks and was well on his way to Cape Breton to pitch for a team there, having been offered more money than he was receiving in St. John.

Of the players in the league this season it would not be out of the way to mention a few who have been prominent in the front.

O'Brien a Star.

Charlie O'Brien who, in the 1912 season, played third sack for the Marathons, and was then counted as one of the best, was again playing that position on the same team this season and showed much better form. He is rated as about the fastest third sacker in the league. An aggressive player with plenty of snap, O'Brien has pulled off some of the most spectacular plays ever witnessed on an Eastern diamond.

Duggan and Bob Ganley.

Perhaps the pick of the Outfielders is P. J. Duggan, manager of the Fredericton team. "Pat" as he is generally called is from Quincy, Mass., and has been with Fredericton for the past few seasons, except when he was playing with Providence in the New England League. Duggan is almost in a class by himself, in the outfield. He has captured fly balls in a sensational manner which with many other fielders playing, would have gone for hits. He has thus managed to save his team from defeat on many occasions, while his work with the bat and on the bases has won games. As associated with Duggan, mention might be made of Bob Ganley, the captain who has been practically the brains of the Fredericton team. In his position in centre field there has been none better. He talked to his team like a father and his coaching was always listened to and worked out in a successful manner.

Hughie Pinkerton, the Greeks' second sacker who played such a good game in the 1912 team, has been with the Marathons this season and has showed improvement not only in playing his position but in handling the bat. Hughie comes from Sanford, Me.

the game of base ball from the start to the finish.

The Champion Pets.

Taking a glance at the Fredericton Club for the past season it has, through the piloting of Bob Ganley and Pat Duggan, worked in a most satisfactory manner. With a snappy infield full of "Old Pep" and an outfield which could gather in any reasonable fly and having a good throw, this team of aggressive players was hard to down. Condon, Dedrich and Morey have been their star twirlers. Phelan another pitcher was only with the team for a short time and was released as he could not get working well.

Perhaps the hardest worker in the team has been Murphy, the catcher. There was not a catcher in the league that had anything on Murphy. He is a scrappy backstop, always working, a good help to his pitcher and a snappy, sure throw to second that generally caught the runner.

Bob Conley was again on the third sack for Fredericton, and proved as fast as ever. His work has been neat and he has proved a valuable man in that position.

Menton has already been made of outfielders Ganley and Duggan, but there is one other in White the guardian of the right field and he ranks with any in the league for good judgment and sure work.

Harry Stone was the Fredericton first baseman during the past season, and he looked after that sack in a most commendable manner, while as a hitter he was one of the best.

Then comes another hardworker, Hank Callihan, the Champs second sacker, and he was there with the goods like the others, always on the job and a man who was of great assistance in helping to coach and steady a pitcher when the latter would get in difficulty.

The Irrespressible Keaney.

Last but not by any means least is Frank Keaney. Here is a shortstop made up of a bunch of nerves. A good stickler, and a good man to play his position but when excitement became intense he at times allowed his temper to get the best of him, with the result that he would get mixed up with an umpire, but would be the first one to be extremely sorry.



FLAHERTY, Catcher, Marathons.

after the occurrence, Keaney, however, fooled the spectators during the last game on the diamond. A Fredericton player and the Umpire became engaged in a lively scrap and Keaney rushed in from the field. Many expected him to immediately get mixed in the wrong, but with happy laugh he carted the umpire away while others carried the scrapping player one side and Keaney was the peacemaker. Like Stone, Keaney is a high school teacher and they left their duties in the States, having completed the vacation at playing base ball.

The St. Croix Team.

The St. Croix team has been on an equal footing with either of the leading teams but unfortunately for them, they did not get the support in the Border cities that the other teams did in their home town. For a time they were the leaders and were looked on as the fastest team in the league. Bill Lynch was their pilot and covered the third bag. He was a hard worker, always in the game and fought every inch of it. Towards the last of the season he was crippled from injuries received, but still continued to play under difficulties until the team disbanded.

Lee, Howard and Conolly composed the pitching staff and they all ranked with the best twirlers in the league pitching heady ball. Howard was perhaps the happiest pitcher in the league. He was never worried, no matter even when he was hit hard but always wore a broad grin, which never wore off. Gross was the St. Croix backstop and proved equal to any of the other catchers. Bobby Vance proved his worth as a first sacker and showed up well as a good infielder, and was also a good man with the bat. Up till the time that he took French leave of his team Terreault was the second baseman and made a good impression in that position. Jacobson and Parker were their star outfielders and their work was on many occasions, of the sensational kind. Pease was in right garden during the first part of the season, until traded for Black and Watt, who went from the Marathons to St. Croix and Pease came to the Greeks accompanied by McPherson a third sacker.



MOREY, Pitcher, Fredericton.

Pease proved a worthy fielder and a good batter. McPherson received injuries during the season, which made it difficult for him to finish out the season. As for Black he was a good fielder and Jack Watt, before being traded to St. Croix, was a good man on first base for the Greeks. At the latter part of the season Watt played with St. Croix as catcher and in the field.

Bangor not the Worst.

The Bangor team which finished last in the league race, were not by any means the worst team in the league. Many of the games they lost during the season were the hard luck sort. Connaughton was the playing manager, and covered second base. He is an old hand at the game, having played in bigger leagues and he played the old game as it should be played.

Boardman, another ex-big leaguer, was the man on third and worked well. Matthews, on first, Towhey at short, and Wakefield behind the bat were all good players. The field looked as good as after by Dolan, Dutton and Reed, while "Red" Willes was also on the team as a shortstop and second sacker.

Wallace was Bangor's best bet as a pitcher, while they also worked Cooney, Hart, McPhee and Gibbs. Bangor had a good team and Manager Connaughton deserved better luck in many of the games that he lost. From the time that the league started until the finish, there were a number of official umpires and they all had their troubles. Among the arbiters who hardly got through a game without trouble with players or fans were Hanley, McCann, Keller, Rudderham, LaBelle, Pare and Connelly, and on a number of occasions, when umpires were scarce, players from the opposing teams were selected to arbitrate.

There is talk of Maine and New Brunswick League next season, but that a try with Halifax, Amherst and Moncton may be made, dropping out the Maine town. The season of 1914 is a long distance off and all the fans can do is to wait and hope.



CALLIHAN, 2nd Baseman, Fredericton.



CONLEY, 3rd Baseman, Fredericton.

The Maine and New Brunswick League for 1913 is finished—perhaps for some time to come, as some of the heads of the league state that as far as they are concerned there will be no such league next season.

Just who is to blame for the sudden blowing up of the league, when it had only a couple of weeks to go until the finish of the schedule is a matter for the fans to guess on. The St. John owners of the Marathons Base Ball Club have no hesitancy in stating that the reason for the abrupt ending was because St. Croix disbanded last Saturday, after their game here with the Marathons, when the Border team refused to continue play during the fourth inning and Umpire Rudderham awarded the game to the St. John team.

It was, perhaps, not only because it was raining that the St. Croix players would not resume play, but they all knew their team would disband after the game and consequently were not particular. Players will not perform in organized baseball, when they can't see any salary coming and from all appearances, there was no money coming to players from the Border City magnates. The owners of the Marathons who had on a couple of occasions, negotiated the sale of players and loaned money to pay the St. Croix ball players in order that the team would continue in the league, refused to assist financially any owners claim that other teams owed money for organization purposes and that it was pretty near time this money was paid.

As for Bangor, the team was ready to continue playing, but their manager telegraphed to Secty Donald that owing to the fair and horse races being held on the Bangor grounds during the coming week, they could not play any scheduled games in Bangor, but would play the games in the Province, provided they received certain guarantees. St. John owners wired back that Manager Lynch of the St. Croix team stated his team was disbanded and that the secretary of the



CONDON, Pitcher, Fredericton.