

Playing for Keeps

Opening Games of the National Baseball League.

Pittsburg, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and St. Louis Won.

Brooklyn Shut Out—Sunday Games at Cincinnati and St. Louis—Other Sporting Events.

BASEBALL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.
Cincinnati, O., April 17.—For the first time in three years the Reds lost the opening game of the season. Nearly 10,000 people witnessed the contest. Pittsburgh outplayed the Reds at every point. Score: R. H. E.
Cincinnati 2 11 2
Pittsburg 5 10 1
Batteries—Hawley and Peltz; Tannehill and Schirmer.

At Brooklyn, N.Y.—The opening game of the championship season brought out an attendance of over 20,000. Eleven innings were played between two as perfectly balanced teams as could be brought together. Score: R. H. E.
Brooklyn 0 4 1
Boston 1 7 0
Batteries—Kennedy and Cassidy and Smith; Nichols and Bergen.

At Philadelphia—It looked like victory for the Washingtons until the seventh inning, when, by opportune hitting, Philadelphia overcame the Senators' lead and won by a close margin. Score: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 5 11 4
Washington 3 12 3
Batteries—Donahue and McFarland; Mercer and McGuire.

At Baltimore, Md.—The rejuvenated Orioles defeated New York in a close game. Score: R. H. E.
Baltimore 5 6 3
New York 3 3 2
Batteries—Kison and Robinson; Doney and Warner.

At Louisville—Both Callahan and Dowling pitched fine ball and had the Colonels supported their pitcher the score would have been a tie. Attendance, 2,600. Score: R. H. E.
Louisville 1 10 4
Chicago 2 11 2
Batteries—Dowling and Kittridge; Callahan and Chance.

At St. Louis—The baseball season opened with a game between the Cleveland and St. Louis clubs, which since last year have changed cities. Tebeau, St. Louis boys easily won the game. Attendance, 16,000. Score: R. H. E.
St. Louis 10 13 4
Cleveland 1 6 4
Batteries—Young and O'Connor; Sudhoff and Clements.

SUNDAY GAMES. R. H. E.
Cincinnati 4 8 4
Chicago 8 9 1
Batteries—Taylor and Feitz; Taylor and Donahue. Attendance, 13,400.

At St. Louis—
St. Louis 6 7 2
Cleveland 5 12 3
Batteries—Powell and Criger; Carsey and Sugden. Attendance, 18,000.

THE ST. THOMAS CLUB.
St. Thomas has signed a new player. His name is George Rust, and he hails from Little Falls, N. Y. He plays third base, and is said to be fast on infield hits, a strong thrower, and handy with the willow. Of course, the signing of Rust means that Nugent will be let go. The St. Thomas team will line up as follows for the practice games: Catchers, Dan Sullivan and John Sullivan; pitchers, Frank Pears, Al Kerns, Glen J. Hogg, C. E. Robb, Harry Hallard, J. H. Hardy, first base, H. Busse; second base, G. Rust; shortstop, D. Sheehan; third base, W. Rodden; fielders, Clinton, Martin, "Dan" Lyons, Pete Tibbald, and the chances are, Joe Knight.—St. Thomas Times.

THE STRATFORD SITUATION.
"Wayfarer," in Stratford Beacon: The remarks of the Wayfarer on professional baseball last week have been indorsed by nearly every citizen, except the professional baseball promoters. There is no yearning desire in Stratford for professional baseball. There is a desire on the part of baseball promoters from other places, aided by a few here, to foist professional baseball on the city. What is there to enthrone over in a hired man playing baseball any more than in a hired man plowing a field? That is not really sport in the true sense which is carried on by hired participants.

PLAYER KILLED.
Grass Valley, Cal., April 17.—Charles Dial, one of the best known baseball players in California, died here of brain fever, caused by his being struck just above the right ear by a pitched ball on Sunday, which knocked him senseless and fractured his skull.

DUTTON CLUB.
The senior baseball players of Dutton held an organization meeting at the Queen's Hotel and organized for the year. Mr. Taylor, B.A. was elected captain, and Archie McKay, secretary-treasurer.

GUELPH'S THIRD BASEMAN.
The Guelph Herald says: Manager

Black, of the Maple Leafs, has signed Elmer E. Smith third baseman with the champion Bay City team of 1897, to play with the Maple Leafs. Smith played a great fielding game that year and had an average of .376. Last season he played third base with the Fall River team, of the New England League, having a batting average of .347. Smith is undoubtedly a strong man.

THE OREGONS.
At a meeting of the Oregon Pleasure Club, the work of organizing and electing officers for a first-class amateur baseball team was accomplished. The officers elected are: President, Mr. Jack Fortner; secretary-treasurer, Mr. Frank Ryan; manager-captain, Paul Healey. The Oregonians intend putting a good team on the field.

FLYS.
Jeff Blakey, who played with Stratford last season, has signed with the Catalpas of Toronto.
The sale of Pitcher J. A. Frisk by the Hamilton club to Detroit has been completed, and in last week's bulletin is noted by President Young. President Stroud, of the Hamilton club, received the price Thursday.

It is announced that the manager of the new Canadian League team at Stratford will be First Baseman Popkay, of Detroit, who played on the Bay City and Chatham teams last year. Popkay will play first base and manage and captain the team.
Pitcher Crystall, formerly of Woodstock, released by Toronto, has signed with the Guelph team.

Guelph has signed Wm. McKevitt, centerfielder, who played two seasons with Bay City. William is no kin of Hamilton's right fielder.
There is some talk of choosing Mr. A. F. McLaren, M.P., of Stratford, for president of the Canadian League this year.

Spalding's Official Guide gives St. Thomas as winners of the Canadian League championship last year. Their percentage is placed at .603. Hamilton .597, London .517 and Chatham .371.

Guelph has signed McKevitt, centerfielder, of the Violets Baseball Club, has signed Catcher Fitzgerald to backstop for his team this year. Fitz will no doubt strengthen the team in hitting and base stealing.

TRIGGER.

MELROSE RIFLE CLUB SHOOT.

The Melrose Rifle Club met on Wednesday, April 12.

200 yards, open hand—
* F. Robinson 3 4 5 5 9-25
W. Robinson 3 5 8 6 2-24
J. Harrison 2 6 5 7-22
* D. Steinhoff 5 3 4 4 6-22
C. Harrison 7 3 5 3-21
B. Harrison 1 6 8 0 5-20
J. Simpson 2 9 1 5-19
A. Steinhoff 6 5 2 3-21
F. Harrison 2 2 1 7 5-17
J. Oliver 2 5 2 4 4-17
A. Harrison 1 3 3 2 6-15
E. J. Shaw 2 7 1 4 1-15
G. Harrison 0 3 1 2 1-14
J. Ferguson 3 1 4 3 2-13
J. H. Challoner 0 1 2 2 6-11
J. H. Challoner 0 1 2 2 6-11
G. Tuckey 3 2 1 0 0-8
* R. Robinson 1 1 0 0 0-8

* Globe and peep-sights.
200 yards on rest—
J. K. Morris 7 7 7 7 7-35
W. Robinson 9 9 5 4 6-33
J. Oliver 6 5 8 7 8-32
J. Simpson 8 10 5 3 6-32
C. Harrison 3 10 8 6 5-32
J. Harrison 8 8 5 6 5-32
G. Harrison 4 3 10 6 7-30
J. H. Challoner 8 6 5 3 7-29
A. Steinhoff 8 8 5 2 2-23
B. Harrison 6 4 5 4 2-27
E. J. Shaw 7 5 6 5 4-27
* D. Steinhoff 2 5 10 3 7-26
J. Ferguson 3 5 9 3 5-26
F. Harrison 3 4 9 6 3-25
J. Harrison 7 4 4 3 2-25
* F. Robinson 8 2 4 6 2-23
G. Tuckey 10 8 3 2 2-20
A. Harrison 1 0 1 7 6-15

* Globe and peep-sights.

Totals—W. Robinson 57, C. Harrison 53, J. Simpson 51, F. Harrison 49, J. Oliver 49, J. Harrison 47, A. Steinhoff 47, B. Harrison 47, J. K. Morris 46, G. Harrison 44, E. J. Shaw 42, J. H. Challoner 40, J. Ferguson 39, * F. Robinson 38, * D. Steinhoff 38, A. Harrison 37, G. Tuckey 28, * W. Robinson 17, * Globe and peep-sights.

WHEEL.

COSTLIEST BIKE IN THE WORLD.
The costliest bicycle in the world has just been finished at a gun factory in Vienna. It will cost 300,000 guineas, which is a little more than \$275,000. The owner is a rich South African diamond king and mine owner, who will present the machine to his wife on her next birthday. It is inlaid with precious stones and diamonds on every possible part.

HILL-CLIMBING RACES.
Hill-climbing competitions are quite the rage in Hungary at present. At a recent race of this nature, held at Budapest, the winner, riding a wheel geared at 73, covered the two and a quarter miles from start to finish in 12 minutes. The rise in that distance was 330 feet. The average gradient was 1 in 14, except for the last quarter mile, which was 1 in 5.

SPOKES.
Tom Cooper, of Detroit, and Earl Kiser, of Dayton, were in Cincinnati in the interest of the "outlaw" bicycle racing men, asking the management of Chester Park to permit them to train on their track. The Chester Park Company refused, and Cooper and Kiser have gone south.

A regular epidemic of cycle thieving has broken out in Paris, and almost daily some cycle store is broken into by burglars.

The Prince of Naples is enthusiastic enough to do all his own repairs. He has recently had a repair shop fitted up for this purpose.

King Leopold of Belgium is fond of witnessing cycle events, and assists almost every year at the races held during the National Fete, for which he offers a valuable prize, usually of silver. This is put up for an event called "The King's Prize Race."

THE TURF.

STRAY-STEP BURNED TO DEATH.
New York, April 17.—A fire took place at the Aqueduct race track Saturday afternoon, destroying a thirty-stall stable, at the end of the home stretch, in a little over half an hour. The well-known race horse, Stray-Step, the property of F. G. Smith, was burned. Stray-Step was a brown horse, 5 years old, by Stratford, out of False-Step. He was formerly the property of Adam Beck, of London, Ont. The remaining twelve horses were rescued with the greatest difficulty. Three times was Lady Dora taken out of her burning

stall, and still she wanted to get back in the raging flames.

AT BENNING.
Washington, April 17.—A large crowd of people saw Delacy, the Hanover colt, win the \$4,000 nursery stakes at Benning Saturday, in the fast time of 49½. The track was deep in sand, and at least two seconds slow.

First race, purse, \$300, for 3-year-olds and upwards, handicap, 6 furlongs—Festigatronic won, Takannasee 2, Red Gid 3. Time, 1:16.

Second race, nursery stakes, \$4,000, to winner, for 2-year-olds, half-mile—Delacy won, Primrose Day 2, Prestigator 3. Time, 49½.

Third race, Washington handicap, \$500, for 3-year-olds and upwards, 1 mile—Duke of Middleburg won, Thomas Cat 2, Nosey 3. Time, 1:44.

Fourth race, \$300, for 3-year-olds and upwards, selling 13-16 of a mile—Sister Stella won, Lady Exile 2, Plantain 3. Time, 1:22.

Fifth race, the Benning steeplechase, \$300, for 4-year-olds and upwards, about 2½ miles—Decapod won, Baby Bill 2, Trillion 3. Time, 5:15½.

AT NEWPORT.
Cincinnati, Ohio, April 17.—Results at Newport Saturday:

First race, 6 furlongs—Our Gertie 1, Sim. W. 2, Mr. Phineez 3. Time, 1:15½.

Second race, 4½ furlongs—Florizor 1, Cheese Straw 2, Miss Dede 3. Time, 56½.

Third race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Aboregate 1, Lobengula 2, Prince Zeno 3. Time, 1:49½.

Fourth race, 6¼ furlongs—Malo 1, Can I See 'Em 2, Bethlehem Star 3. Time, 1:22¼.

Fifth race, mile—Clare Meader 1, Land Ho 2, Charlie O. 3. Time, 1:44½.

Sixth race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Honey Launt 1, School Girl 2, Libation 3. Time, 1:49.

AT MEMPHIS.

Memphis, Tenn., April 17.—Saturday's results:

First race, 4½ furlongs, 2-year-olds—The Conqueror 1, Bonivard 2, Greenack 3. Time, 1:57.

Second race, 1 mile—Freak 1, Lennep 2, Chantilly 3. Time, 1:44.

Third race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling—Joe 1, Bellamy 2, Bright Night 3. Time, 1:50.

Fourth race, 1 furlong, selling—The Tennessee Brewing stakes, for 3-year-olds and up—Verify 1, Mill Stream 2, De Blase 3. Time, 1:29¼.

Fifth race, 4 furlongs, selling—Fine Shot 1, Lord Weir 2, Capron 3. Time, 1:51.

Sixth race, 1 mile and 70 yards, selling—Tony Honig 1, Blue Lick 2, Forget Me Not 3. Time, 1:48½.

AT INGLESDIDE.

San Francisco, April 17.—First race, 5 furlongs, 2-year-olds, purse—Rachael 1, Giga 2, Artilla 3. Time, 1:03½.

Second race, Schrieber stakes, 5 furlongs—Golden Rule 1, Mountebank 2, Ramboulla 3. Time, 1:02½.

Third race, selling, 1 mile—Potente 1, Wyoming 2, Malay 3. Time, 1:41½.

Fourth race, the California Derby, 1¼ miles—Corrine 1, Gauntlet 2, Olinthus 3. Time, 2:08¾.

Fifth race, selling, 1 1-16 miles—Bernardillo 1, New Moon 2, Major Hooker 3. Time, 1:48¾.

Sixth race, handicap, 6 furlongs—Dr. Shepard 1, Tony Licalzi 2, La Goleta 3. Time, 1:41½.

FISTIC.

KNOCKED OUT AGAIN.

Cincinnati, April 17.—Johnny Richie, of Chicago, knocked out Patsy Haley, of Buffalo, in the tenth round on Saturday.

INDIAN NOT IN IT.

New York, April 17.—Owen Zeigler, of Philadelphia, knocked out Frank Wong, a Canadian Indian, in the second round of what was to have been a 20-round bout, before the Greenwood Athletic Club in Brooklyn on Saturday night. Zeigler knocked Wong down in the first round, and the second round had barely begun when Zeigler knocked him out with a right swing on the jaw.

FOOTBALL.

IN ENGLAND.

London, April 17.—The final tie in the English Association cup, the leading football feature of the year, was decided at the Crystal Palace Saturday afternoon. There were 80,000 people present, including Lord Rosebery and A. J. Balfour. The latter presented the cup to the Sheffield United, which beat Derby county by 4 goals to 1. Derby county scored the first goal up to half-time, but in the second half of the game the Sheffield United had it all their own way, and scored four times.

KENNEL.

CANADIAN WINNERS AT PITTSBURG.

Mr. George Douglas, of Woodstock, showed only puppies, except Red Mack, in the cocker spaniel, at the Pittsburgh show, but made a fine list of winnings. Speculator took the Premier Puppy Bowl for the best puppy in the show, with Speculator first in the novice class, first in the limit class for other parti-colors, second in the limit red dog class, special for the best moving spaniel, and special for the cocker with the best feet and shoulders, second in the limit parti-color bitches with Spring Robins, and first in the open with Red Mack.

At the Pittsburgh dog show Mr. George H. Gooderham, of Toronto, won first and the championship with Victrolous, beating Claude Duval; a first and championship with Valse, and three firsts with Durraghmore. Tartar secured a first and Saucy a third.

CRICKET.

CHATHAM'S CLUB.

The Chatham cricket club has been

reorganized with the following officers: President, J. Sutherland; vice-presidents, W. S. Ireland, G. B. Douglas, A. Heyward, Wm. Ball; secretary, John Reese; treasurer, W. R. Kenny; executive committee, Dr. Nicholls, W. B. Wells, John Hartstead, C. R. Atkinson, H. Dennis, S. S. Kofage, P. Miller, J. W. Aikens; match committee, Nicholls, Wells, Hartstead. The president made the club \$50 richer by a donation of that amount.

DROWNING OF THREE FISHERS

While on Their Way Home Saturday Night.

Baby Found Dead in Bed—Its Parents Blamed—Suicide Near Gorrie—Other Casualties.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Deseronto, Ont., April 17.—Three fishermen Jacob Oak and George and William Vanward—left here Saturday evening about 6:45 in a small boat for their home near Howless ferry, and were drowned. The boat was found yesterday morning near the steamboat dock here.

TRIPLE MURDER.

Paris, Texas, April 17.—Solomon Canva, while intoxicated, shot and killed his wife, child and brother at his home, five miles west of Grati, T. F. Canva is a full-blooded Choctaw and was for a long time judge of Klamiti county. He is under arrest.

BABY FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Huntsville, Ont., April 17.—On Thursday morning the 3-month-old daughter of J. T. D. Coulthart, baker, was found dead in its cot. The coroner's jury in the case returned a verdict that the child's death was caused by willful neglect on the part of its parents.

SUICIDE NEAR GORRIE.

Gorrie, Ont., April 17.—A sad calamity took place Sunday morning, when Geo. Sacks, who resided about 5 miles from Gorrie, on con. 12, Howick, committed suicide by drowning himself in the north branch of the River Maitland, about 80 rods from his father's farm. It is believed that he had been temporarily insane for some time.

TROLLEY FATALITY AT TORONTO.

Toronto, April 17.—Charles Edward Higgins, a three-year-old son of E. M. Higgins, was run over by a Metropolitan street car Saturday afternoon, on Yonge street north, and received terrible injuries, from which he died yesterday.

ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

Rochester, N. Y., April 17.—By the falling of an elevator used on a building scaffold on the Fahy block in this city Saturday, five men were seriously injured. The cables of the elevator broke, and the men fell to the ground, a distance of 40 feet.

PORT LAMBERT BOY DROWNED.

Chatham, April 17.—While playing on the shore piling near the St. Clair flats, Clifford Bradley, the 4-year-old son of George Bradley, of Port Lambert, slipped and fell on the moving ice, and from the ice into the water, and was drowned.

SUICIDE EXTRAORDINARY.

Ann Arbor, Mich., April 17.—A. A. Marshall, proprietor of the Sugar Bowl candy store, committed suicide on Saturday in a most extraordinary manner. His head was enveloped in a canvas sack, through which ran a rubber gas tube, the end of which he had inserted in his mouth and then turned on the gas. He was dead when found. No reason is known.

FATAL CROSSING.

Flint, Mich., April 17.—Glenn Colbath, a Gaines township farmer, met with a fatal accident at a Chicago and Grand Trunk Railroad crossing near Otterburn, Saturday afternoon. Colbath, who is about 22 years old, was driving a team of horses attached to a wagon loaded with farm machinery, across the track, when he was run down by the fast train west. One of the horses was killed. Young Colbath was picked up in the cowcatcher, and hurled against the fence, dying instantly from the shock.

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