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Lesley Burdick has returned to his home in Ailsa Craig from Victoria hospital, London. He has been seriously ill, but is somewhat better. William D. Leishman, F. R. S., represented the Royal Army Medical Corps at the annual meeting of the militia medical officers, was in a reception in Toronto last night at the military institute.

SIME THE SIMP---By ED. MACK

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THE "UNEXPECTED" UPSET DOPE IN COURIER FOOTBALL CONTEST

Avalanche of Surprises in This Week's Contest--Many "Dead Certs" Failed to Come Across With a Win and Few Correct Guesses Are Made

With a total of twelve correct answers, Wm. Taylor, of 222 Sheridan street, jointly with G. Johnson of Landy's Lane, carries off this week's prize for the Courier football contest. Owing to many unexpected results, a high average of correct answers could not be given. Many of the seeming "dead certs" went down, and with each surprising result competitors dropped a precious solution.

Winners, Coupons

Unlike last week's winners, there was very little similarity between the selection of winners by the successful competitors. Taylor got three first league results, four second, one Southern, and four Scottish results correct, whilst Johnson gave four

first league, two second, three third and three Scottish league answers right. Johnson was stronger on the first division, whilst Taylor was better in the Scottish league. On the other leagues each did moderately.

The Games.

Taken as a whole, the games turned out very unexpectedly and many away teams gave their opponents a surprise by the way they obtained the points. Supposedly weak teams went visiting and gave their hosts a drubbing, with the inevitable result that they upset the calculations of the most careful and painstaking competitors. If a man had sat down and just chalked his coupon without discrimination, he would have stood as good a chance, on Saturday results as the man who studies carefully every single result. There is no plan which can be systematically followed with regard to football, for it is a game in which there are wheels within wheels. A wealthy club may have all the players of renown, as have Newcastle United, and yet bow the head to a mediocre team where brilliancy is not a feature, but where doggedness of purpose and co-operation is utilized. Stars without combination do not shine as a collective organization.

First Division Games

Not one in a thousand expects the league ends to hear Burnley at home, and it is a fact that only two competitors marked them to win. Chelsea at home against Aston Villa were equal favorites with their great opponents, against whom they did not survive. Everton had a ground advantage over Manchester City and it helped them to win. Owing to an error, the Courier stated Manchester City as winners, this is not correct, as Everton got through by the only goal of the match. Odds were in favor of Oldham against Liverpool, but the Mersey men managed a point and this caused most guessers to make a miscout. The two Sheffield battles, and their meeting was the cause of a great deal of conjecture. Wednesday eventually coming out on top by a single score. These games are usually fiercely contested, and the result is ever in doubt.

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Second Division

Notts County, who are going well, were up to anticipation and did it good and proper to the discomfiture of a large Bradford crowd to the tune of three goals to none. Bury were thought good enough to account for Bristol, but they could not do it, hence a failing of guessers. Clapton Orient surprised the Fishermen of Hull City by their triplet victory--another failure for guessers. Glossop, make good against the Wanderers, and fulfilled expectations, and competitors had a safe answer. Leeds City overcame Barnsley after a moderate display by the usual three and pleased competitors, soome hwev r, favored the chances of the Barnsley boys.

Southern League Surprises.

With home teams only obtaining 3 points in the aggregate this league was certainly a come-back upon all coupon fillers. Very few anticipated the survival of Queen's Park Rangers, Millwall or Merthyr, yet these teams were not vanquished. Crystal Palace allowed West Ham to steal a march on them and thus they lost the league leadership to Swindon, who regain a lost treasure. Only Brighton were value for two home points when they caused Portsmouth to buckle under after a goaling contest. The Southern League was a trial for the guessers and of the answers no one correct was the average.

Scottish Results.

Kilmarnock gave Airdrieonians a knock when they extracted two points by the odd goal of five in a hot contest. Motherwell acted well and showed Dumbarton how to get goals and points. Their result was expected. St. Mirren presented no difficulty to Dundee, whilst Morton were good winners, and favorably followed against Raith Rovers. Two to one fairly represented a splendid exhibition. The Third Lanark v. Ayr United match was postponed and, therefore does not count.

To avoid confusion in the future in order that one man may win the consolation prize it has been decided that the coupon bearing the first numeral, when two or more are tied will be the winner. In this way it is hoped to avoid dividing the prize.

Competition Grows.

This week's entries were more numerous than ever, and they have assumed dimensions that speaks well for the popularity of the sport and competition. Don't forget about the early number scheme and get one of the first coupons filled in. You all have a chance.

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Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your grocer for a 50 cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company." Don't be fooled.

ERIE CLUB OUT AFTER THE BEST TEAM POSSIBLE

George O'Neil Has Baseball Situation at New City Well in Hand.

Erie, Pa., Mar. 2--George O'Neil, owner of the Erie franchise in the Canadian league, and George Heine, Smith of Buffalo, who will manage the Yankees during the coming campaign, reached Erie last night to take the baseball situation here and make the final arrangements for the season.

Eleven players have signed the contracts tendered them by manager Smith and among the eleven there are men destined to go higher. Smith believes. He has deals under way now for additional men whom he believes will make one of the strongest aggregations in the Canadian circuit. Leroy H. Osborne, of Blandside, N.Y., is a pitcher from whom Smith expects much. Osborne is young and has always played semi-professional ball and until this spring he would never sign a league contract. He is a giant in stature, being six feet three inches in height and he weighs 193 pounds. According to Smith he has a complete assortment of curves with a complete assortment of control. Charles E. Behan was the sensation of the Canadian league last season in the short field position and he comes to Erie with the Guelph franchise.

Leo E. Wilts is a third baseman who was with the Guelph team last year, but he will have to battle with others for his position, for Smith isn't sure that he is speedy enough for the circuit.

Frank Daniels, of Bradford is a catcher who was considered a whirlwind before he threw a ligament of his arm out. Even with the handicap he hit .324 and fielded at .914 in thirty-five games. This spring he visited Bonessetter Reese and his arm is as good as ever, he reports.

W. H. Nagle is a six-foot hurler from Buffalo who flings with his good right hand. He has never been in organized ball, but Smith regards him as a comer and worthy of a tryout. Arthur Pagel is a first sacker and well with Guelph last year. He, too, will have a battle on his hands, for Smith is scouting for a good man for that job.

The signed contract of J. A. Schaeffer, of Toledo, now rests in the strong box of the manager. Schaeffer was the batting sensation of the league last season and hit at the terrific clip of .398. He is a right fielder and had a percentage of .971.

Two youths from Titusville, S. Peer, a shortstop, and John Beck, a catcher, have also been signed. While both lack league experience they were recommended to Smith by a baseball man of experience who believes the youngsters are comers and worthy of a tryout.

Owen Harris, of Baltimore, a fielder, and Paul Warner, of Cleveland, who did some good work at third bag in the city league last year, have also been signed.

Manager Smith will come to Erie about April 12 and the players will be ordered to report at Perry field April 15. The Buffalo Internationals will play in Erie on Sunday, April 19, and it is possible the Philadelphia Athletics will be here a few days later. During the season Philadelphia, Detroit, Washington and Cleveland will appear at the ball yard.

HOPPE DEFEATS JAP.

CHICAGO, March 3--Willie Hoppe last night beat Koji Yamada, 500 to 774 in the first match of the five-man 18.2 balk line billiard tournament. The match ran to innings. Hoppe having a high run of 156 and Yamada's best innings was 91. Hoppe averaged 50 and his opponent 19.30.

Sunday's gale caused damage of \$100,000 in Toronto and vicinity.

Sporting Comment

The pick of last season's soft ball league has challenged the Dufferin Rifles indoor ball team to a game of ball at the Armouries some time in the near future.

The Duffs have become the least bit conceited over their wins lately and the pick of the soft ball exponents can take a fall out of the soldiers.

There are some followers of the sport who are also of the opinion that they can do it, and no doubt it would be a corking game.

Secretary Hewitt of the O. H. A. has selected Chilton Childs, the 16 year old goal tender of the Woodstock juniors to guard the nets for the Western Ontario All Stars for their game against the East. Brantford fans who saw his boy wonder work here this year, will no doubt agree with Secretary Hewitt in his selection as Childs is one of the neatest and cleverest goal guardians seen here this year.

The big stars whom the Feds landed earlier in the year, are gradually coming back to organized baseball. "Fritz" Blandling and George Kahler are the last ones to jump back and Dame Rumor has it that the former is to receive the small sum of \$10,000 and a year while the latter will get \$6,500 per season.

That Canadian hockey teams have something on American teams still was evidenced in Ottawa Saturday night when Ottawa College defeated Princeton University 3 to 2. Baker the Princeton star was easily the best man on the ice.

The O. H. A. season will wind up on Thursday night, and then we will be free to write baseball for seven months.

CHRISTY MATHEWSON SIGNS WITH NEW YORK

MARLIN, Texas, Mar 3--Christy Mathewson yesterday signed with the New York National League team, executing his contract with President Henstead of the New York Club.

ENGLISH SOCCER TEAMS HAVE AGREED TO COME

MONTREAL, Mar. 3--Con Jones, Vancouver lacrosse magnate, who reached Montreal from Europe yesterday says that a visit during the season of 1915 of two of the best old country professional football teams has been agreed to by the English Football Association. It is now up to the Canadian bodies concerned.

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FIVE RECORDS FALL AT INDOOR MEET

Two of These, 600-Yard and 300-Yard Run, Are World Marks.

NEW YORK, March 3--Five new championship records, two of which established new world's indoor marks were made at the indoor national championships of the amateur athletic union, held at Madison Square Garden last night. Two other championship records were equaled.

Thomas J. Talpin, of the Boston Athletic Association, and Alvah T. Meyers, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, set the two new world's records. Halpin won the 600-yard run in the new time of 1:13 2-5. Meyers in the 300-yard run, established a record of 32 1-5.

The other events in which new championship figures were hung up were the two-mile walk, won by Richard F. Remer, Irish-American A. C. in 14:21 4-5; the 1,000-yard run won by Abel R. Kiviat, Irish-American A. C. in 2:15 2-5; and the two-mile run, won by Harry J. Smith, Bronx Church House, New York, in 9:18. Platt Adams, of New York, was a triple winner, winning the standing high jump standing broad jump and pole vault for distance. Meyers and Patrick J. McDonald, both of the Irish-American A. C., were double winners. In addition to making his record in the 300-yard run, McDonald captured the 24-pound shot put and was first in throwing the 56-pound weight for height.

The championship's point banner was won by the Irish American A.C., with the New York A. C. second and the Boston A. A. third.

HOCKEY BRIEFLY.

Last Night's Results.
Northern League.
Western Univ. 8; Elmira 5.
O. H. A. Consolation.
Preston 7, Paris 3.
Sarnia 9; Ingersoll 5.

TO-NIGHT'S SCHEDULE.

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