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NINE CLUBS NOW IN THE INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

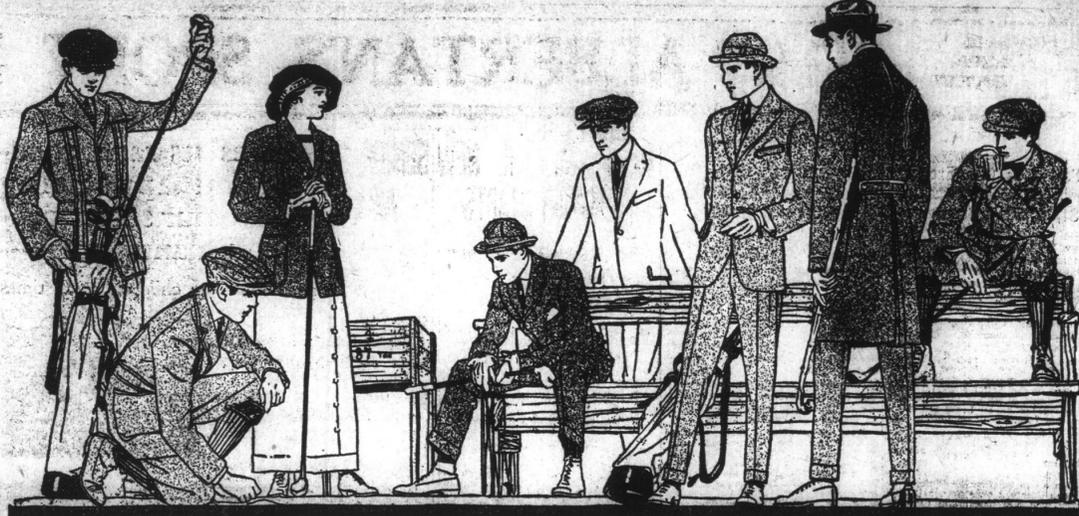
At a meeting of the intermediate league held last night two new clubs, the 123 Rifles and Parkhill clubs, were admitted to the league, thus making nine clubs in the organization. J. G. Cow was in the chair. Several important things were done, among which was the selection of P. Scott, secretary for the season, and the selection of a committee for the drawing up of a schedule, this committee consisting of J. McEwan, G. H. Taylor and P. J. Scott.

SOME CLOSE PENNANT CHASES IN A. A.

There have been three exceedingly close races in the A. A. in its 11 years' history. In 1902, the first season, Indianapolis nosed out Louisville by just two games. In 1907 Columbus finished two games ahead of Toledo. In 1909 Louisville finished ahead of Milwaukee by two and one-half games. Minneapolis in 1910, won by a margin of 18 games from Toledo, the largest lead in A. A. history. In 1906 Columbus was 10 games ahead of Milwaukee.

Liverpool, April 4.—The Grand National steeplechase, the Darby of steeplechasing, a handicap of 3,500 sovereigns, run over about four miles and a half at Aintree, was won today by Sir Charles Assheton-Smith's seven year old horse, Covertcoat, by Hackler-Cinnamon, 11st 8lb, which started at 100 to 9. The winner was trained by Gore, and is in the same ownership as last year's winner, Jerry M. Mr. Tyrwhitt Drake's Irish Mail, by King's Messenger-Betsy Shannon, 11st 4lb, starting at 25 to 1, was second, and Mr. Wilmshurst's Carsey, by Kersey-Fiction, 12st, starting at 100 to 9, was third. The field numbered twenty-two, but only three finished, the race being a chapter of accidents, the American horse, Highbridge falling early, and most of the field following suit.

In this respect the race recalled the disastrous experience of two years ago, when only four horses finished, and of these the winner alone, Glenide, had not fallen. As they went to the post Ballyhackle was a pronounced favorite at 5 to 1, then came in the betting Covertcoat, Carsey, Highbridge and Wavlet, all at 100 to 9, and Axle Pin, 100 to 1. After the first mile Blowpipe led, followed by Ballyhackle and Covertcoat with the field strung out, and already very appreciably thinned, loose horses taking the jumps, and in more than one case abandoning and bringing to grief riders still left in. Blowpipe and Ballyhackle fell in turn, but Covertcoat, ridden strongly, increased his position and had a clear lead at the end of four miles, from whence, jumping faultless, he went on to win by a distance. Carsey was second at this point but visibly tiring, and he blundered and came down at the last jump, when Irish Mail passed him unmounted. Carsey finished for third money. No other competitor completed the course. The complete list of also runs is as follows: Bledstone, Dwyer, Trifanion III, Highbridge, Ballyhackle, Thow Pin, Regent, The Miner, Helmar, Black Plum, Axle Pin, Blowpipe, Rejected IV, Merryland, Fearless VII, Wavlet, Tokay, Ferryat and Foolhardy.



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SCHOOLBOYS BUSY PLAYING BASEBALL GAME
Schoolboy baseball fans overran the Normal practice school grounds yesterday afternoon when the Central school team took the practice team into camp by the score of 25 to 18. The game was made interesting by the fact that the practice school champions last year, and the game was thought by the youngsters to be a sort of criterion of the strength of the two teams this season.

Little Stories About Baseball
(By W. A. Shelton.)
The Dreadful Shakes.
"I have always tried to keep from splitting other players' legs," says Kitty Strimfield, the sturdy old first baseman, and has been lucky in escaping incidents of this variety. "I haven't hit many fellows with the steel, and haven't received the gaff to my great extent, although a first baseman has to step lively if he wants to keep his toes out their original locations." Nevertheless, he had some scares with the spikes one afternoon, and, believe me, I thought I was the meekest guy on earth while the scares lasted.

"It was long, long ago, during the days when I was a catcher with the old Worcester club, and we had an exhibition game slated with a college team from the Massachusetts town. The college kids had a high little team, good and fast, and full of pep, with a right-handed pitcher who had us biting at his high, out-breaking pitches. We took them 3 to 2, but that doesn't really have much to do with the story.

"During the practice before the game I noticed that the second baseman of the college team was limping slightly. I seemed to have a case of charleyhorse, or a turned ankle, and I was mentally commiserating the boy for his lameness in sticking in the fight when he might just as well have been roosting comfortably on the bench. Looking his lameness, this kid was covering a lot of ground, and seemed to have no trouble with his hobble limb. I watched him awhile; then the game began, and I thought no more of him till the third inning.

"In the third, I hit one safe into center, and seeing who looked like a good chance for a steal, I broke for second. The college boy went way over the base and waited for me as I slid. 'Tn heavy, and I slid hard, but that boy had plenty of time to get his shin out of my way. He didn't. The spikes came off, fell into his leg before I could slacken up, and the next instant the leg came off, and shot five or six feet away, while the maimed boy fell heavily upon me.

"Can you imagine the horror of the situation? There I lay, with the maimed youngster across my chest! Out in the field lay the poor fellow's leg, torn off by my murderous spikes; up in the stand the college crowd was shouting a regular babel of noises, and down on the field my fellow-players were making round like madmen, their wits completely gone.

"It was a horrible moment as I lay there and thought of the dreadful injury my spikes had wrought. Then the original boy got up, hopped over to his leg, and brought it back to the base. "Say, Mr. Strimfield," he chirped, "that leg cost \$50, and I can't afford to have it kicked around like this!" And so speaking, he brushed off the leg, began to adjust straps and buckles, and cheerfully hopped to on again, while I sat there, overwhelmed, and the college crowd—all of whom, of course, knew about their youngster's artificial leg—gave me a jolting that rang in my ears for the next two seasons. Anyhow—can you imagine how glad I was that the leg was not a live one!"