

London Will Fly the Pennant

Cockneys Win the Closing as They Did the Opening Game.

In the Contest for the Canadian League Trophy.

Resume of the Club's Remarkable Career for the Season.

Retrospective Look at the History of the Game in London.

Hamilton's Rank Wind-Up—Close of the Wheelmen's Meet at Montreal—Turf and Other Sporting Matters.

BASEBALL.

Canadian League Standing.

Team	W.	L.	P.	Ct.
London	23	20	43	22
Woodstock	23	26	49	22
Hamilton	23	29	52	22
Guelph	23	25	48	22

IT'S LONDON'S PENNANT.

No more during the year 1899 will citizens witness a Canadian League ball game. With Saturday's match the season was prematurely closed, as many expected it would be, after the Hamilton meeting of Monday last. Disputes had been sent out, and appeared in some of the papers on Saturday afternoon that the games on Saturday would be the last. The local management knew the intention, and although not announced, the disbandment had become general news.

The game on Saturday was of a reckless sort, and the spectators present joined in and good-naturedly criticized the players, especially the visitors. The Maple Leafs started out with their usual determination to win, but before three innings had been played they lapsed into half-heartedness, and merely played to finish out the game. Away on the horizon, emblazoned by the setting sun, were the words, "Home, Sweet Home," and before many days pass the Guelph players will be safely encoined in their homes awaiting the spring of 1900, when they will send out their stories of what deeds of prowess they did against the clubs in the Canadian League, but could not defeat the three times champion London, on the London grounds, once during the season.

Seiver pitched the closing game, and, like Cooper in the opening game, he won it easily. Not once was the game in jeopardy, and before it was half over it became uninteresting. Several ludicrous scenes occurred, and once it was really laughable. Black again attempted to cover right. He dismally failed, and in the fifth he ran in a circle, danced a two-step, waltzed across and back, and finally ended with a high kick endeavoring to catch a long high fly. It was so laughable that all the Guelph players rolled over and watched the runner travel around the bases with Black frantically chasing the ball over the track. He good-naturedly evaded the joking, and got back on the ground when Cooper muffed a sixth. Cooper had replaced Franck, who had a finger split with a pitched ball. Black rushed out and shook Cooper's hand.

Carey and Wagner were the only players who were successful in hitting Seiver's shots. Carey's three-base hit was on a ball that bounded away from Mohler and Reed, and should have been good for one base only.

The ninth inning was also amusing. With two out, Manager Black faced Cooper. "Run for the bus," was Francis' order, as they had to leave on the six o'clock train. Francis remained behind while the other players rushed from the ground. Black swiped viciously, and to everyone's surprise, placed a safe one in left field. Francis ended the game by going out to Jones.

Kostal pitched an easy, indifferent game, and did not seem to care whether the ball was hit or not. The Londoners managed to get thirteen clean hits, two of them being doubles and three triples. The fifth inning was particularly heavy when the three triples were made, and Babbitt was caught at third endeavoring to stretch his long drive to left into another triple. Wagner played a remarkable game. Three times he returned the ball to bases and retired runners, while his catches were all difficult ones.

Score:

LONDON.					GUELPH.				
A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.
1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
2	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0
3	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	0
4	1	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0
5	1	1	1	0	5	1	1	1	0
6	1	1	1	0	6	1	1	1	0
7	1	1	1	0	7	1	1	1	0
8	1	1	1	0	8	1	1	1	0
9	1	1	1	0	9	1	1	1	0
10	1	1	1	0	10	1	1	1	0
11	1	1	1	0	11	1	1	1	0
12	1	1	1	0	12	1	1	1	0
13	1	1	1	0	13	1	1	1	0
14	1	1	1	0	14	1	1	1	0
15	1	1	1	0	15	1	1	1	0
16	1	1	1	0	16	1	1	1	0
17	1	1	1	0	17	1	1	1	0
18	1	1	1	0	18	1	1	1	0
19	1	1	1	0	19	1	1	1	0
20	1	1	1	0	20	1	1	1	0
21	1	1	1	0	21	1	1	1	0
22	1	1	1	0	22	1	1	1	0
23	1	1	1	0	23	1	1	1	0
24	1	1	1	0	24	1	1	1	0
25	1	1	1	0	25	1	1	1	0
26	1	1	1	0	26	1	1	1	0
27	1	1	1	0	27	1	1	1	0
28	1	1	1	0	28	1	1	1	0
29	1	1	1	0	29	1	1	1	0
30	1	1	1	0	30	1	1	1	0

Stolen bases—Mohler, Schwartz, Schuchert.

Two-base hit—Seiver, Babbitt.

Three-base hit—Reed, Jones, Lohman, Carey.

Base on balls—By Seiver 1, by Kostal 1.

Struck out—By Seiver 5, by Kostal 2.

Hit by pitcher—By Kostal 2.

Double plays—Franck to Schwartz.

Umpire—F. W. Popkay.

Time—2:05.

WIND-UP AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 14.—The concluding game of the short-ended Canadian League season here Saturday was a burlesque. Recent sales of men had reduced the Hamilton team to eight men, and Jennings, a rule of the semi-professional crop of 1878, played center field, while Pitcher McCann was on first base, and Pitcher Bradford in right field. Hageman was hammered unmercifully, and in the ninth, he did not try to throw out.

WOODSTOCK.

A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Hemphill, c.f.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Martin, 1.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Richardson, 2.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Schall, 1.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
McLellan, 1.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Snyder, 3.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Conwell, c.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Reid, 1.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
O'Brien, 2.b.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Crutcher, r.f.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Pickard, r.f.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3
Thompson, p.	6	5	5	0	0	1	3

HAMILTON.

A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Hagerty, s.s.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Richardson, 2.b.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Schall, 1.b.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
McLellan, 1.b.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Snyder, 3.b.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Conwell, c.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Reid, 1.b.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
O'Brien, 2.b.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Crutcher, r.f.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Pickard, r.f.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3
Thompson, p.	5	2	1	2	3	2	3

Two base hits—Busse, Reid, O'Brien. Three base hits—Handiboe, Richardson, Conwell. Runs—Handiboe, Reid, O'Brien, Pickard, McCann, Richardson, Snyder. Sacrifice hits—Martin, Reid. Stolen bases—Handiboe, Busse. First on balls—By Thompson 3, by Hageman 2. Double plays—Martin to Eddy. Umpire—Jas. McKeever. Time—2:10.

THE CHAMPION LONDONERS.

The third series of Canadian League games winds up with the Londoners, and they have the undisputed right to the pennant if one is ever furnished away back in '77 and '78 London gained the right to recognition in the baseball world by playing some of the hardest-fought and longest games of ball on record. Several of the leading players in the country made their reputations in London. Take, for instance, Fred Goldsmith, Powers, Hornung, Barnes and Doerschler. During one year, two of the medals given by the New York Copper Club to the best players in each position were won by Doerschler and Hornung.

As year after year rolled on, amateur, semi-professional and professional clubs appeared on the London diamond, but not until now has a club ever approached the wonderful record made by the club of 1899. When the season of 1898 closed The Advertiser urged that it would be the correct thing to give Peter Lohman the entire control of the team for 1899. This step was undertaken, and it will never be regretted, although the management have not profited financially, according to the quality of baseball put up. The past winter was not wasted by Lohman, and early in the spring when he arrived here, he had he had engaged were announced. Quietly seated in The Advertiser editorial rooms last April, Lohman gave the individual history of his men, and said he had a team that would give Londoners the best ball ever played here. The words were truthfully uttered, as the sequel shows.

On the London grounds 45 championship games have been played. Only two games were lost, one drawn, with forty victories. Phenomenal! Some have asked, "Why so many victories on the home grounds?" the outside press have said that it was due to the grounds. Spectators will not bear this out, although in a measure it has helped the club. But to Peter Lohman belongs the credit of placing the city before the baseball world in such an enviable light. He promoted harmony, friendship and esteem among his team, who worked faithfully at his command. No petty jealousies have existed, and his efforts have been well rewarded. He has used excellent discretion in his management, and few, if any, mistakes have marred his control. His players have respected him, and will not forget his kindly advice and judicious instruction.

Good team work, spirited base-running and well-judged coaching, are the principal causes for the many victories. The team has virtually remained intact since the opening. Three times the Londoners captured the pennant this year, and they have almost continually held the lead.

The season was closed at the request of Hamilton, backed by Guelph. The Advertiser on Friday stated that the object of the Hamilton meeting was to get permission from President Young to close the season early. Nick Young has evidently sanctioned the request, and Hamilton is jubilant. The Hamilton officials have been urging this disbandment for some weeks past. Because their team have been tail-enders nearly all season, they have been "quitters." If Hamilton had been in the lead their shouts of disapproval of this action would have been long and loud.

The season was to close on Sept. 12. The Londoners will not disband until Sept. 15. Exhibition games will be played, and, if possible, the club may make a Michigan trip, if guarantees can be secured. The team will all be re-signed, although one or two of the men may be drafted. Babbitt will likely leave for the coast in a few days at his own request.

To President W. J. Reid and Secretary Bert Sheere congratulations are extended. They have at all times been earnest and indefatigable in their efforts to give the sporting public the best that could be secured.

[From Hamilton Times of Saturday.] After today there will be no more Canadian League baseball this season.

son. The league has not disbanded, but has wound up the season three weeks before the time originally set, Sept. 4, with the consent of President Young, of the National board, to whom the four clubs' protection money for 1900 has been paid. Each club in the league is required to pay the salaries of all the players it wants to reserve up to the date mentioned above.

Of the four clubs London was the only one which wanted to continue playing. The principal object of the other three was to get protection for next year, and this has been done.

The season has not been a good one. A mistake was made at the outset, allowing the club to go in without putting up any guarantee deposit. The failure of the St. Thomas club to meet its financial obligations was the next trouble, and the changes necessary gave the league an unstable reputation. The public lost confidence in it. That meant small attendance and loss, and an early wind-up was the wisest thing under the circumstances.

London is to be congratulated on the work of its team this year. It has practically been first all the time, and has made a wonderful record in its home games. It has well earned the championship. The management of Pete Lohman, under the veteran hand of Bert Sheere, has been most praiseworthy. Up to three weeks ago Hamilton was always near the top, but a killing slump then set in. Guelph has had a hard pull for some weeks, but Woodstock is now more enthusiastic than ever. There is talk of a club union next year, and one in Brantford.

PARTING SHOTS.

Poor Hamilton! Give us that rag for 1899. The Londoners have been photographed as the champions of 1899. George Black will return to London this week—but not with his team.

Will Hamilton claim the pennant from us like they did with St. Thomas last year?

Stroud, Collins & Co. said that Hamilton was too strong for the Canadian League, and wanted to get into the Eastern League. The Dundas Swamp League will about suit them in 1900.

Well! St. Thomas, Chatham and Stratford, here's to your more creditable withdrawal! Not so with Hamilton!

The D. A. C. club, of Detroit, may play here Civic Holiday.

The Advertiser suggests a benefit game for Manager Lohman. Let it be a good one.

That is, on Saturday by Woodstock of the Hamilton quitters was a fitting climax to their recent actions.

THE THREE-TIME WINNERS.

London's record of the whole championship season from May 10 to Aug. 12: Won From Chatham, 9; Guelph, 4; Hamilton, 14; Stratford, 2; St. Thomas, 8; Woodstock, 10. Total, 65.

Lost—To Chatham, 2; Guelph, 5; Hamilton, 7; Stratford, 0; St. Thomas, 1; Woodstock, 4. Total, 19. Percentage, .74.

There was one tie game with Hamilton on May 20; score, 9 to 9.

The first season wound up on June 10. London won 18; lost 4. Percentage, .81.

Second season wound up July 3. London won 14; lost 5. Percentage, .737.

Third season wound up Aug. 12. London won 23; lost 10. Percentage, .698.

Fourth season wound up Sept. 15. London won 42; lost 16. Percentage, .724.

Exclusive of the tea games, won and lost given to each club at the beginning, and therefore show the exact percentage.

LOHMAN'S ADVICE.

At the close of Saturday's game the Londoners gathered in their dressing-rooms and were given instructions by the manager, Peter Lohman.

The manager of the management for the balance of the season. He stated that the club would be kept together until Sept. 15, and they could not look upon the disbandment as a relaxation of rules and regulations. They were still liable to fine and suspension, and he expected every member of the club to continue to carry out his wishes, as they had during the entire season. It is something creditable to the team and to Manager Lohman to state that not one cent of fines has been imposed upon the team by the local management.

EASTERN TEAM PLAYS GOOD BALL.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 14.—President P. T. Powers, of the Eastern League, was in town Saturday, and saw the game between Montreal and the local team. He expressed himself as highly satisfied with the work of the local team. He added that every team in the Eastern League was playing great ball.

When asked as to the rumor that his visit to this city was to investigate the alleged rowdiness of some of the Rochester players, he said that such was not the object of his visit. In reference to the question about the Toronto game, Mr. Powers said that he had telegraphed the Canadian management that the extra game must not be played, and if anyone was to be punished for alleged offense it would be the Toronto team. He thought that the game would be eventually counted for Rochester in the next series to be played with the Canadian team, but could make no definite statement until after a meeting of the league directors, which will be held in a few days.

NATIONAL LEAGUE—SATURDAY.

At New York—First game—R. H. E.
New York 9 13 4
Cleveland 1 4 3
Batteries—Doherty and Warner; Bates and Sugden.

At New York—Second game—
New York 6 9 1
Cleveland 2 5 5
Batteries—Garlick and Warner; Schmidt and Sugden.

At Boston—First game—
Boston 2 10 1
Cincinnati 7 9 1
Batteries—Wills and Bergen; Taylor and Peitz.

At Boston—Second game—
Boston 7 5 5
Cincinnati 7 9 1
Batteries—Bailey and Clarke; Phillips and Peitz.

At Baltimore—
Pittsburg 2 3 4
Baltimore 16 14 1
Batteries—Cheesboro and Schriver; Kitson and Smith.

At Philadelphia—
Chicago 0 3 3
Philadelphia 5 13 2
Batteries—Callahan and Donahue; Donahue and Douglas.

At Washington—
Washington 3 9 8
St. Louis 9 13 8
Batteries—Mercer and Duncan; Cuppy and Schreckengost.

At Brooklyn—First game—
Louisville 7 12 2
Brooklyn 0 12 6
Batteries—Dowling and Power; Dunn and Farrell.

At Brooklyn—second game—
Louisville 2 7 4
Brooklyn 6 8 1
Batteries—Williams and Zimmer; McJames and McGuire.

NATIONAL LEAGUE—SUNDAY.

At Weehawken, N. J.—R. H. E.
New York 9 13 4
Louisville 5 8 1
Batteries—Seymour and Warner; Phillips and Zimmer.

EASTERN LEAGUE—SATURDAY.

At Hartford—R. H. E.
Hartford 7 12 1
Rochester 1 4 5
Batteries—Hodson and Urquhart; Becker and Smink.

At Springfield—First game—
Springfield 6 11 5
Syracuse 4 5 2
Batteries—Pappalau and Gunson; Keenan and Steelman.

At Springfield—Second game—
Springfield 6 11 1
Syracuse 2 8 3
Batteries—Bishop and O'Neill; Pappalau and Phelps.

At Providence—
Providence 2 7 5
Toronto 1 7 3
Batteries—Evans and Leahy; Best and Butler.

At Worcester—
Montreal 6 12 1
Worcester 2 13 4
Batteries—Felix and Moran; Horton and Yeager.

EASTERN LEAGUE—SUNDAY.

At Providence—R. H. E.
Providence 8 13 5
Toronto 7 12 2
Batteries—Braun and Leahy; Suchoff and Rothfuss.

WESTERN LEAGUE—SATURDAY.

At Buffalo—First game, Detroit 7, Buffalo 6; second game, Buffalo 14, Detroit 7.

At Minneapolis—Minneapolis 8, Milwaukee 1.

At Grand Rapids—Indianapolis 6, Grand Rapids 2.

At St. Paul—St. Paul 7, Kansas City 5.

At Minneapolis—Milwaukee 7, Minneapolis 5.

At St. Paul—St. Paul 4, Kansas City 2.

At Grand Rapids—Grand Rapids 9, Indianapolis 1.

THE AMATEURS.

A game of baseball was played on Saturday on the Manhattan grounds between the Orient and Manhattan clubs, resulting in favor of the Orient boys. Score, 14 to 16. Batteries—Graham and Terry; Ayers, Penwarden and Hornsby.

GLENCOE AND STRATHROY.

The Strathroy team defeated Glencoe on Thursday, 11 to 5. Batteries: Glencoe, Depey and McKinnon; Strathroy, Lucas and McBeth. Umpire—Mr. Scott, Glencoe.

LAOROSSE.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.
At Galt—Fergus 5, Galt 3.
At Montreal—Nationals 6, Capitals 4.
At Quebec—Quebec 10, Toronto 4.
At Toronto—Tecumseh-Elms 5, Cornwall 3.

TURF.

GETAWAY DAY AT WINDSOR.
Windsor, Ont., Aug. 14.—This was get-away day at the Windsor race track. Results:

First race, 6 furlongs, selling—Johnny Williams won, Semi-colon 2, Bromie 3. Time, 1:15 1/2.

Second race, 4 1/2 furlongs, selling—Prince Real won, Robert Gray 2, Onoto 3. Time, 1:05 1/2.

Third race, 7 furlongs, selling—Allie Belle won, Trilene 2, Hilee 3. Time, 1:20 1/2.

Fourth race, Essex stakes, 5 furlongs—Siddow won, Alpaca 2, Profit 3. Time, 1:02 1/2.

Fifth race, 1 1/4 miles, selling—Ollie Dixon won, Virgle 0, 2, Henry Launt 3. Time, 2:09.

Sixth race, 6 furlongs, selling—Charlotte M. won, Elsie Barnes 2, Juanetta 3. Time, 1:16.

Seventh race, handicap, steeplechase, short course—Alarum won, La Colona 2, Last fellow 3. Time 2:48 1/2.

At Saratoga, N. Y.—Oread, Vendig, Don d'Ore, Dear Heart, Handicapper, and Merlin.

At St. Louis—Pawnee, Eight Bells, Kodak, Kentucky Farmer, Ozark stake, for 2-year-olds, value \$15,000, 6 furlongs—Mint Sauce and Etholm.