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BY BUD FISHER



Advance Guard of London Club Hits Buzz's Training Camp

McWaine, Alert Rookie, Hopped Off Train Yesterday Afternoon—Candidates Jump Right Into Work, Full of Pep.

DELAWARE, Ohio, April 4.—Although "Buzz" Wetzel had to hold some of them into their toes today he declared he had another winner this year. Only 12 of the 20 men signed with the London, Ontario, 1921 league came out in their appearance at the spring training camp here today, when "Buzz" sounded the call for the first workout of the new year. As usual the London uniforms are late, and several players have wired that they have not received theirs.

The only ones on the scene are the Ohio lads who live close to the camp. McWaine, alert rookie, hopped off the train yesterday afternoon and was in the camp this morning. He was full of pep and showed no lack of anxiety to do the unis and swing a bat. He wanted to know all about everybody.

One of the first things most of the lads asked about was the weather predictions. Wetzel said he had been sleeping on an almanac and checking up each day to see if the weatherman was keeping his word. It will be remembered that the outfit during their spring training last year did most of the indoor gymnasium work, and reports from the camp each day were more on the weather than on the progress of the Londoners. All the men that had uniforms were tossing the horseshoe for fair this afternoon.

The sun was warm, and the air just right for a workout. Class and Sanders of Middletown, Ohio; Mathews of Drake, Ohio; Linahan of Cambridge, Ohio; Wise of Troy, Ohio; and Daniels of Jacksonville, Ohio, all infielders, were romping "en this afternoon. Pitchers Pinto, Chillicothe, Ohio; Hillyear, Murray City, Ohio, and Hall of Delaware, Ohio, were in the list as batters. They worked out a while. Herbert of Cleveland, also was here. Catcher Curran of Chillicothe was on deck. The rest of the crew is expected tonight.

Three games are scheduled with Ohio Wesleyan University, on whom lot of the champs are working, to be run off this week. The first is to be staged Wednesday evening. It is too early to predict anything, but fans who were out today watching the Canadians pass the ball are banking again on Wetzel, with whom they fell in love last year. They are banking on his claim that he will develop from his green material another outfit that will either top the league flag or give the winner a chase for his life.

BAIL OF INDICTED PLAYERS DECREASED

Reduction From \$24,000 To \$7,500—Six Players Named.

CHICAGO, April 4.—The bond of each of the seven indicted Chicago Ameri-

can League baseball players was reduced today from \$24,000 to \$7,500 by Chief Justice McDonald of the criminal court. The players named were: Joe Jackson, Eddie Cloutier, Claude Williams, George Weaver, Oscar Fetsch, Fred McMullin and Charles Riesberg. Attorneys for the defense, in arguing for the reduction, pointed out that the players had not disappeared when under \$600,000 bonds on previous indictments.

Defence counsel told the court that the bonds would be furnished in a week. The men are not under arrest.

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GOOD MILLING AT SARNIA TOURNAMENT

Two K.O.'s in Cruiser 145-Lb. Division—Finalists Both Hurt.

SARNIA, April 4.—The inter-club bouts held at Sarnia tonight provided a big crowd with some fast and deadly milling.

The finals of the 125-pound class had to be called off when McDonald and Pettit, both of Sarnia, could not answer the summons owing to minor but painful injuries.

The 145-pound cruiser class, though, provided two knockouts. Kelly of Sarnia K.O'd Campbell of Petrolia in the semi-finals, but Loner repeated it on Kelly when they met in the final.

The results:

105 Pounds.
S. Garvin of Sarnia won from Ted Randall of Petrolia.

110 Pounds.
Young Lamont of Port Huron outpointed Jack Jennings of Sarnia.

125 Pounds.
Ralph Bennett of Petrolia, after outpointing McLeod of Sarnia, for three rounds, won the title when the finalist injured his hand and could not appear.

135 Pounds.
McDonald of Sarnia outpointed L. Bennett of Petrolia.

Pettit won from McFadden, both of Sarnia, after an extra round.

145 Pounds.
Joe Loner won on a foul from Slater of Petrolia in the first round.

Kelly of Sarnia won by knockout over Campbell of Petrolia.

Final—Loner won by knockout.

HIGH WIND MAKES TRAP SHOOTING UNCERTAIN

Fifteen members of the Springfield Gun Club tried hard to break the black discs on Saturday afternoon. The wind was strong, and many of the unbroken birds drifted back to the trap-box.

McCauley had a run of 39 targets, which was the best for the day.

The following is the score of a 50-bird event:

J. McCauley 21 24
R. Day 24 24
R. W. Glover 22 22
McNeill 22 22
A. Tillman 20 22
A. H. Clinger 19 21
J. L. Anderson 18 19
J. Blackburn 22 17
L. Bruner 21 18
T. Baker 18 14
E. Nellie 13 16
T. Smallman 16 13
W. Smith 16 13
Lawrence 13 15
J. Smallman 14 15

ON THE ALLEYS

Nationals.
Macart 216 202 186-604
Hawkins 194 201 176-571
D. Catalano 180 181 170-531
G. Karry 201 181 176-558
M. Sansone 182 195 208-585

Totals 643 940 916-2799

Maple Leafs.
W. Crawford 217 213 191-621
McGowan 184 179 198-566
Crummey 189 144 182-494
Hunter 177 151 193-511
T. Crawford 199 278 185-662

Totals 945 965 984-2844

Hank Manns.
Cooper 128 59 116-308
C. Downing 157 159 197-417
Collins 121 149 137-407
Clements 119 191 124-434
W. Downing 171 163 169-508

Totals 706 721 726-2163

Lonsome Lukes.
Summers 101 104 80-285
Campbell 113 135 84-334
Wilson 173 187 151-497
McFie 161 81 137-379
Osborne 97 136 140-482

Totals 651 682 614-1947

LEWIS THROWS JOHN PEZZK OF NEBRASKA

NEW YORK, April 4.—"Strangler" Lewis of San Jose, Cal., world's heavyweight catch-as-catch-can wrestling champion, tonight threw John Pezzk of Nebraska, Nebraska, with a bar and arm lock, after wrestling one hour, thirty-four minutes, and thirty-two seconds.

HERMAN WINS IN SEVENTH

FREEMONT, N. Y., April 4.—Pete Herman, former bantamweight champion, defeated Johnny Holberg of Brooklyn here tonight, the referee stopping the twelve-round battle in the seventh round. Holberg had been forced several times.

WORTH WATCHING



Many great infield combinations have been said to be the perfect unit, but when it came to a division. Certainly most of them when taken apart and placed with less brilliant players have performed in a mediocre manner.

Take Eddie Collins, for instance. Collins looked bad when he left the Athletics and found himself on a losing White Sox team. He looked bad at bat and in the field. Then the White Sox developed another winning combination and with a good shortstop like Risberg to his right and a safe first like Gandil to his left, he was back to his old self.

This year Collins will be between a pair of recruit infielders. He will have protection on neither side. If he conceives plays in a flash, as he has always done, he will not have the assistance to carry them out, and he will be much like a great painter who is handicapped. At bat there will not be the batting strength before and aft, the kind of strength the Athletics had and later the White Sox, where a pitcher could not save his strength for Collins, but would have to give it up for every batter with the possible exception of the pitcher. This year pitchers can "lay" for Collins and Schalk, unless some of the recruits show surprising hitting strength, and there is nothing now to indicate that they will.

WHO'S NEW IN MAJORS

NELSON A. POTT, Pitcher, Indians.

Born—Cincinnati, Ohio, July 16, 1900. Bats—Both ways. Throws—Left handed.

Weight—165 lbs. Height—6 feet 1 inch. Club in 1920—Cincinnati, Minn. Delta College, one year.

College Record—Two years at University of Cincinnati, one year at Delta College.

Notable Performances—Pitching 49 innings in 1919, winning 18 games, losing 9, and winning 11 with home runs.

1920 Record—No averages of Delta College issued.

HAMILTON ROAD BALL

NINE IS ORGANIZED

The Hamilton Road Baseball Club has organized for the season with the following officers: Ben Butterworth, president; John Joyce, treasurer; Vade Davidson, secretary; Angus Munro, field captain; A. J. Scafe, manager.

They are open for games Saturday afternoon. Communicate with A. J. Scafe, 25 Glenwood.

BASEBALL RESULTS

At Wichita Falls: R.H.E. Detroit (A.L.) 9 9 0
Wichita Falls (T.L.) 6 6 8
Oldham, Bowman and Bischoff.

At Fort Smith, Ark: R.H.E. Chicago (A.A.) 4 13 8
Fort Smith (W.A.) 1 8 4
Martin, Ambrose and Partey; Boyd, Rolf and Schmidt.

At Mobile: R.H.E. Cleveland (A.L.) 6 10 0
Mobile (S.A.) 0 8 2
Bagby, Petty and O'Neill; Sigman, Greel and Pott.

At Birmingham: R.H.E. New York (A.L.) 7 10 2
Brooklyn (N.L.) 5 12 2
Quinn, Ferguson and Schang; Mitchell, Mohart, Miljus, Miller and Taylor.

At Okmulgee, Okla: R.H.E. Chicago (A.A.) 4 13 8
Okmulgee (W.A.) 6 12 3
Hodge and Lees; Klepper, Barnes and Schauer.

At Philadelphia: R.H.E. Baltimore (I.L.) 11 15 2
Philadelphia, 2nd team (A.L.) 7 8 6
Mathews, Sullivan and Egan; Learlan; Slappey, Keefe and Styles.

MORE FIGHTS.
JACKSON, Tenn., April 4.—The exhibition game here today between the Washington Americans and New York Nationals was forfeited to the Giants, 9 to 0, in the third inning, when Manager McBride of Washington defaulted a ruling by Umpire Brennan.

At Joplin, Mo: R.H.E. Joplin (N.L.) 14 16 3
Joplin (W.L.) 4 8 5
Brenton and Wingo; Young, Roetger, Burger and Cady; Smith.

At Spartanburg, S. C.: R.H.E. Toronto (I.L.) 13 14 2
Spartanburg (S.A.L.) 2 9 6
Snyder and Sandberg; Giard, Henry, Norham and Hauser.

Majors Stare Jinx in Face, Starting On Hoodoo Date

April 13 Sounds Ominous, But It Doesn't Come On a Friday Fortunately—Were Usually Superstitious.

Some new and novel is for the major leagues to select as kickoff day April 13. Previously the big fellows always have side-stepped April's hoodoo date as one which to open, and previously they never have arranged things so that the campaign got under way on Friday—unless they are likely to. The first Saturday gate is invariably a big one, if the weather is at all decent, and opening on Friday would mean, if an opening was rained out, that two big gates would be consolidated into one. That, more than superstition, is the reason the big league swing into championship action in the middle of the week.

Superstition has probably kept the club owners from heretofore slating the blow-off operations on April 13, the 14th having been one of the favorite dates picked previously.

In the early days of the pastime the club owners figured that it wasn't wise to swing into action until the 1st of May. That date was the opening one for the seasons of 1878, 1879, 1880, 1882, 1883 and 1884, and practically for 1881 and 1885. In the last two mentioned years, some of the National League clubs played their first games on April 30 and the others on May 1 to 2.

In the first year of the National League—1878—the lid was lifted in Philadelphia on April 22 and in Louisville, Cincinnati and Brooklyn on April 25. Jupiter Pluvius may have fixed the date for the openings for the Cubs and the Superbas (then Mutuels), who took on the Braves, paired with the Phils in the first game ever played there April 9, 1878. This was how the first games of 1878 in the National League turned out:

April 22, at Philadelphia—Boston 6, Philadelphia 5.
April 25, at Louisville—Chicago 4, Louisville 0.
April 25, at Cincinnati—Cincinnati 2, St. Louis 1.
April 25, at Brooklyn—Boston 7, Mutual 6.

Al Spalding pitched the first National League shutout on opening day 45 years ago. It is an oddity that since then no Chicago National League team has ever won on opening day.

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ORGANIZE JUNIOR SOCCER AT BIG MEETING TONIGHT

Four Teams Already Certainties—Six Teams Probable—20-Year Age Limit Likely.

A meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the rooms of the 1st W. O. R. at the armories in order to organize a junior soccer league for the season. Four teams—Machine Gunners, 1st W. O. R., 12th Field Battery, and Grand Trunk Apprentices—are certainties, and the Hussars, with another team, will come in, it is expected. A team representing the Y. M. C. A. would be a welcome addition as the sixth team.

The age limit is the big question of the hour, and will be settled once the league is gotten under way tonight.

Some of the military teams say an age limit of 18 years, which has been proposed in some quarters, would make it too close for them, as they do not sign on recruits until they are 18 years past. A 20-year age limit might prove more acceptable, however, than jumping to the 21-year age limit desired by one club.

The high cost of equipment is a great hindrance to the development of sport along junior lines in many games, but happily this is not so big a problem with soccer, the equipment for which is the cheapest of any pastime.

SARNIA TO CONSIDER A CITY LACROSSE CIRCUIT TOMORROW

Sarnia Lacrosse Club Is Behind the Move, But Won't Run Show.

SARNIA, April 4.—Wednesday night Sarnia will make its first attempt to bring the national game within the reach of the young fellows of the city who want to play, but are as yet uninitiated into the how of the playing lacrosse.

The Sarnia Lacrosse Club is behind the move, but won't run show. A team, as well as supply players for the intermediate ranks for the future, will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms.

Norman Glantz, who broached the idea and started the ball rolling, explained the idea to the meeting, and it is altogether likely that a number of the officers of the parent body will be present to prove that the Sarnia Lacrosse Club is behind the move.

Whether the City League will be run by the lacrosse club or whether they will elect their own officers and run their own affairs, to allow the lacrosse club to devote all its time to the O. A. L. A. details will be decided at the meeting. That matter will rest with the lacrosse club.

Every young fellow who wants to take a whirl at the game this year is welcome to the meeting. Some of the strongest players in Sarnia, as well as other O. A. L. A. teams, last year played their first games and made good during one season, simply proving that years of experience is not necessary to pick up the game. In case there are more players on hand than are necessary to fill out teams for the club represented, one or two new teams will be organized.

The American League began operating as a major organization the next year, and like the National, it has consistently avoided April 13 as a day on which to give the fan his first chance to satisfy his voracious appetite. Once the opening gun in the two leagues was fired as early as April 10, and when Ebbets Field was ready in 1913 the first game was played there April 9, this being a special date that was moved up.

Everybody but the magnates feeling sure the pastime, after its necessary closing, would go big in 1919, only a 16-game schedule was adopted for that year, and the opening date, beyond a special opening in Boston on the 19th for the Braves and Superbas, was April 22. Last year Kieckhefer pitched on April 13 was that of 1911 between the White Sox and the Tigers, who were stormbound on April 12. Detroit won, 4 to 2, with Big George Mullin pitching against Large Ed Walsh.

AS YOU WERE (BY SEE S. GEE)

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CLYDE DEFEATS ALBION.
GLASGOW, April 4.—(By Canadian Associated Press.)—In a Scottish League association football game played here today Clyde defeated Albion by 2 to 0.

BOLTON WON.
LONDON, April 4.—(By Canadian Associated Press.)—In a first division of the association football league match played today Bolton defeated Preston North End by 3 to 0.

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