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MEWATA PARK FIELDS

A. B. Dawson, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., has been appointed by the commissioners to look after the allotment of the various fields of Mewata Park to athletic organizations of the city who are desirous of games.

Doc Dawson last year did this work very efficiently, and brought order out of former chaos. Teams wishing dates on the field should book them with Mr. Dawson as soon as possible, as there are about twice as many games scheduled for this summer as there are fields on which to play.

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BIG LEAGUES GET UNDER WAY IN THE STATES

Boston Springs Surprise by Blanking Giants, and Athletics Beat the Red Sox—President Wilson Officially Opened the Season

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NATIONAL

	W.	L.	Pc.
Boston	1	0	1.000
Brooklyn	1	1	.500
Philadelphia	1	1	.500
New York	0	1	.000
Chicago	—	—	—
St. Louis	—	—	—
Cincinnatti	—	—	—
Pittsburg	—	—	—

At New York:	R.	H.	E.
Boston	8	10	0
New York	0	2	3

Batteries: Perdue and Rariden; Tesreau, Crandall and Myers.

At Philadelphia:	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	—	14	0
Philadelphia	3	7	3

Batteries: Regan and Irwin; Chalmers, Mayer, Moore and Doom and Killifer.

AMERICAN

	W.	L.	Pc.
Washington	1	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000
New York	0	1	.000
Detroit	0	1	.000
Boston	0	1	.000
Cleveland	—	—	—
Chicago	—	—	—

At Washington:	R.	H.	E.
Washington	2	6	1
New York	1	8	1

Batteries: Johnston and Insmith; McConnell and Sweeney.

At St. Louis	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	1	6	1
St. Louis	3	7	0

Batteries: Mullen and Stanage; Weilman and Agnew.

At Boston	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	10	19	5
Boston	9	8	2

Batteries: Coombs, Bender, Plank and Lapp; Wood, Hall Foster and Cady.

THE American national game—baseball, not poker—was given a grand send-off yesterday in the States, although the weather man butted in and caused three postponements. The two games that were to be played in Ohio and the one in Chicago were all postponed, but in the extreme east and west everybody, from the President of the United States to the humble office boy, with a dead grandmother, was present.

The game around which most interest centered was the one between the Boston Red Sox, world's champions, and the Philadelphia Athletics, former champions. The battle was held in Beantown and all the Pilgrim fathers, from the mayor down, were there to watch the Philadelphia boys trim the champions in an exciting game, by the score of 9 to 8. Joe Woods, the hero of the world's series, was the selection of Jake Stahl, but Joseph only lasted five innings, during which time the Athletics drove out nine hits and scored five runs. Coombs was on the rubber for Philadelphia, but after four hitless innings went up not to come down until he found himself on the players' bench, and Big Chief Bender at the delivering end. But before the derrick got busy the Sox had tallied five times.

The strain or something seemed to get the nerves of the Sox and a triple bonehead play was pulled off which would have been censured in a Sunday school league. In the sixth, Lapp was on third and Coombs on second, when Murphy hit to Wagner, the latter throwing to the plate to catch Lapp. But Lapp scampered back to third, which he found occupied by Coombs, with Murphy on Second. Cady tagged Lapp at third, but he was entitled to the base and was safe. Coombs returned to second and Murphy moved back toward first. Hall threw wild to Janvrin in an effort to catch Murphy. Lapp then scored and the two Athletics moved up a base each.

Washington Beat Chance.

President Wilson forgot about the tariff and matters of state for more than two hours and watched Washington defeat the New York team of the American league by a score of 2 to 1 in the opening baseball game of the season in Washington. He tossed the first ball from the grand stand, according to custom.

Vice President Marshall, members of the cabinet, senators, representatives and a great number of official folks were there.

Bundled in a heavy, fur-lined overcoat, the President sat with his daughter, Miss Eleanor, and Secretary Tumulty in a box to the right of the home plate. He was obviously an interested spectator, applauding and cheering frequently as the game proceeded. The weather was raw and the skies cloudy. Mr. Wilson has always been a baseball fan, being a frequent visitor at the college games at Princeton, and himself a player in his youth. Charles Sterrett, who played first base for New York, was one of his pupils at Princeton three years ago.

The President was cheered enthusiastically by the crowd.

For an early season game there were few errors and the game did not lack in exciting plays.

McConnell of New York was hit less frequently than Johnson, but the latter had the better support. The President stayed throughout the nine innings.

Weilman's pitching was too much for Detroit, and St. Louis won the opening game, 3 to 1, which was played in St. Louis. Shotten's fielding was the feature of the game.

In the National league there was one real surprise. It was the game between the New York Giants and the Boston Braves. Now, the Braves seem to have a fancy on the last division, and no one looked to see them defeat Muggsy McGraw's men right in Muggsy's own backyard. But that is what happened, and to make it still more interesting, it was a shutout, the score being 3 to 0. McGraw started off with Tesreau, who was yanked in the fifth, with the score 4 to 0 in favor of Boston. Then Crandall went in, but the Braves got to him in the ninth and tallied four more.

Perdue must be given the credit for the first shutout of the season and he certainly deserved it. The weather was raw and cold but Perdue proved to be the real original Eskimo pitcher, and held the Giants so close that not a man got beyond second base and only two of 'em got hits.

The Phillies hooked up with the Brooklyn team. But it was the Phillies who got hooked, although the game was played in the Quaker City.

The Phillies used three pitchers and two catchers, but couldn't call a halt upon the fusillade of hits by the Brooklyns, who won by the score of 11 to 3.

Timely singles by Daubert, a home run by Fisher and a home run by Cutshaw, with the bases filled, were the features of the contest.

The games which were postponed were:

National—St. Louis at Chicago and Pittsburg at Cincinnati.

American—Chicago at Cleveland.

MACK IS AFTER PLAYERS

Anthony McKinley, who is organizing a lacrosse team in the city and provincial leagues, is getting busy and has signed several of the best known players in the city for his team this year. Mac says he will be satisfied with about 15 or 20 out of the 96 players who are reputed to be in town at the present time. He has not yet got all the players under contract and would like any men who would like to play in the provincial or city league to see him today if possible. Mac is a great booster of the game, and aside from politics, devotes all his spare time to lacrosse and hockey. Just now lacrosse is the thing which he has on the brain, and if Calgary does not have a good team this year it will be through no fault of McKinley's.

In addition to several of the players who played on the Saints in 1911, McKinley has signed up Melrose, Harry Reynolds, Dan McLeod, Jack Armstrong and Dick Hetherington. The team will be known as the Chinooks.

HANK O'DAY DID IT

While the news that Orvie Overall had been signed up by the Cubs, and would endeavor to come back, after an absence of one year from the big show, is several days old, the man who finally persuaded the big fellow to break into the limelight again has not been given credit for his deed.

Overall has been dodging all the overtures that Charley Murphy has made to him during the entire winter, and it began to look as if Charley would be disappointed in his effort to bring Orvie back to the fold.

But Murphy is resourceful if nothing else, and when Hank O'Day hobbed up in San Francisco on the morning of the opening game between San Francisco and Portland, he had a smile of satisfaction on his countenance, which he found hard work in suppressing.

The veteran National league umpire, who deserted the ranks of the indicator men last year and tried his hand at managing the Cincinnati Reds, had just made a visit to Los Angeles, having been delegated to make the trip from Chicago for the express purpose of seeing Overall.

Hank had little difficulty in persuading the California boy that it was to his best interests to take another whirl in the majors and after a short conference succeeded in signing him.

Football Game Tonight.

A friendly football game will be played tonight at Mewtata park between the C.P.R. and Dominion Express company teams. The C.P.R. will line up as follows: Counsell, Drummond, Walker, McLaughlin, Fullerton, Muir, Dawson, Cook, McLeod, Bush, Cowie. The reserves will be: Wright, Harlow and Wande. The kick-off will take place sharply at 6:45 o'clock.

THE CENTRAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NOW

Is the Name of Old Central Lacrosse and Hockey Club; Officers Elected

The Central Athletic association is the new name of the Old Central Lacrosse and Hockey club, which has been in operation for several seasons. The change in name was decided upon last night at a meeting which was held in the Y. M. C. A. to consider the prospects for entering a lacrosse team in the City league this season.

At the meeting last night, D. McMillan, for several years prominent in Eastern lacrosse, and a member of the council of the C. L. A., was chosen president of the association. It is the purpose of the organization to enter teams in as many branches of sport as possible.

Another meeting of the club will be held on April 23, when a secretary-treasurer and manager will be appointed. All the other officers were chosen last night, with the following result:

Patrons, D. E. Black, F. C. Lowes, Mayor Sinnott, T. M. Tweedie, E. M. Saunders, A. E. Cross, C. M. Baker, W. F. Waugh, Mr. Charlebois; honorary president, Wm. Georgeson; hon. vice-president, Dr. W. A. Hicks; president, D. McMillan; vice-president, Jimmy McQueen; second vice-president, H. Ross; executive committee, W. K. McCoy, E. W. Small, H. Henderson; finance committee, Jimmy McQueen, A. J. Cook, J. A. Ringhing.

Farrell and Maxwell Draw

Moose Jaw, April 10.—Before a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Royal rink tonight, Billy Farrell of Edmonton and Young Maxwell of Moose Jaw fought ten hard and fast rounds to a draw. Maxwell was somewhat heavier than his opponent, but the little Edmonton boxer created quite a furore among the fans by his excellent ring generalship, and the manner in which he tore into his opponent. Maxwell did most of the leading and score frequently with a straight left, while Farrell's favorite blow was a right swing, which he worked to perfection. The Edmonton boy has a wonderful right uppercut and is pretty to watch. The first two rounds were even, while in the next two Farrell had a shade. Maxwell got the fifth, eighth and ninth, while Farrell got the last. The others were even. Referee Whalen's decision was popular with the crowd.

RACING IN NEW YORK

Barney Schreiber, the veteran turfman and breeder, has always had an abiding faith in the return of good times for racing. When he heard of the probability that the big New York tracks would be opened this spring he went on from his Woodlands farm in Missouri to have the tiding at first hand.

"I have discovered that many people, and not turf folk either, are talking about racing, and judging by their conversation, they seemed to want the sport back," said Mr. Schreiber. "It appears to be certain now that racing will be resumed, probably during the summer. Naturally after a three years' lapse the start will be on a small scale, but I am positive that if everybody works together the result will be gratifying.

Owners shouldn't expect big purses at the start. For the sport's sake they ought to be willing to race even at a loss at the beginning.

JAMESTOWN RACES

Norfolk, Va., April 10.—Sir Blaise ridden by Robbins, won the feature event, the Dixie handicap, at Jamestown, today. Fines' colt was fancied by quite a few but the price was a favorable one for those who had confidence in him. Palanquin, the favorite, was forced to be satisfied with a show, while Yorkville, an outsider, got the place. Monacacy, the winner of the Kenworth purse, was the pick of practically all the knowing ones for the third event, although the public fancies Exton, who showed. Free Trade got the two-year-old event, though Zack Wiggins, which came in second, had been touted as the best horse, while Colors and Charles Cannell were heavily backed. Clem Beachey upset the talent and the public alike in the last fixture of the day, beating out Star Gift the odds-on-favorite.

TO BREAK FROM CANADIAN AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION

Manitoba Football Men Favor the Idea and Notice of Motion Is Given

Winnipeg, April 10.—To break or not to break is the problem which is confronting the amateur football players of Manitoba at the present time. The break, if any comes, will be away from the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, and the reason for the break will be that the Manitoba football men, while not wanting to foster professional football feel that they do not think that the ruling of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union which prevents Canadian Amateur teams playing touring professional teams from the Old Country, is a fair one.

A notice of motion was put through for consideration at the adjourned meeting which is to be held on April 18, which means a definate break from the Manitoba branch of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union.

'PEG TALKING BASEBALL

Winnipeg is talking baseball with its usual pre-season enthusiasm which, sad to relate, usually dwindles down to several notches below zero about the middle of the season. Right now the Winnipeg team, with its manager, Tim Flood, is playing a series of practice games with some Central association teams.

The players who have reported so far are: Tim Flood, St. Louis; Pitchers E. Fosberg, Rockford, Ill.; Edward Fisher, St. Louis; Marvin Peasley, Winnipeg, and W. H. Diedrick, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Catcher Gormer James, St. Louis; First Baseman Ben Gardner, St. Louis; Shortstop Ralph Pierce, Rockford, and Third Baseman Robert Kahl, Colterville, Ill. Pitchers Moe and Glass, Catcher Matthews, Infielders Kirkham and Clothier and Outfielders Farnesam and Freer are expected tomorrow. Tim Flood was kept busy renewing old acquaintances in Ottumwa. He played there in 1898 along with Charley Dooin, now at Philadelphia; Jake Weimer, formerly of the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds, and Ossie Schreakengost, Ruhe Wendell's old receiver in Philadelphia.

The Northern league season will open on April 22.

NO DIVISION OF SPOILS

Will Take Place Among Con Jones' Men

CON. AFTER CUP

Ottawa, April 10.—"I have decided to pay my players a fixed wage again and I hope to hold my team intact," stated Con Jones of Vancouver today before leaving for Cornwall. Continuing he said, "I am sorry a commission was not organized, but as we have an agreement with the "Big Four" everything pertaining to lacrosse should be on a better basis this year. I have not approached any Eastern players yet, but Mr. Yorke is tryinb hard to secure a team for Victoria and he is being assisted by former N. L. U. officials." Messrs. Jones and Yorke leave for the coast next Sunday.

Vancouver, April 10.—Vancouver lacrosse players will not have to worry over split gates this season or an equal division of the gate receipts after each match. The co-operative system was talked over a month ago and might have been carried out this season but for the surprise sprung by New Westminster by opposing the organization of the National Lacrosse Commission to govern the game. Con Jones, president of the Vancouver club, has the Minto Cup bee buzzing again, and now that the lacrosse war will probably be continued between some clubs, he's going to get out a winner for Vancouver. He may have his troubles, but with a working agreement with the "Big Four" he expects to be able to effect a few trades and purchases that will enable him to line up an aggregation of stick handlers that will win cups.

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Little Stories About Baseball

(By W. A. Phelon.)

The Dream of Pat Tebeau.

A great ball club, as a rule, goes to pieces slowly. First one man topples, then another. The machinery wears out cog by cog, section by section, and it is seldom, very seldom, that a team falls in ruins with one tremendous crash. Such an event once happened, though, in the fastest company, and when the dust had cleared away, the heart and gallant spirit of Pat Tebeau were crushed beneath the wreckage.

It was the year that they transferred the powerful Cleveland club to St. Louis—a fighting, scrappy, noisy team that had made itself a mighty figure in the game. As the opening of the campaign drew near, Pat Tebeau, manager, captain and first baseman, was the happiest man in baseball. He could see flags flapping in every breeze and so could a large percentage of the critics all around the circuit. Tebeau was a modest little chap, who hated to brag about himself or his ball club, but he opened up on night and told a little crowd of friends just what he hoped to do. "It strikes me," said Tebeau, "that this is the chance of my life, and I'm going to improve it. How can we keep from bringing a pennant to St. Louis? We have the best catchers in the country; the finest staff of pitchers; the infield is the best living, and the outfield can hit and gather 'em. Best of it all is this: Although the club is one of veterans, every man in the lot has three or four years of topnotch baseball left—we can win the flag this year, and then we can keep what we have won!"

Then came the playing season, and the great team proceeded to "go back" as no other club ever did before or since. The catching staff was made up of O'Connor, Zimmer and Criger. O'Connor and Zimmer, two of the best that ever played, fell away off their ancient form, never regained it, and began their descent to the great career. Cuppy's arm failed completely and drove him from the game. Wilson couldn't catch his stride at all and never regained it.

The great infield was made up of matchless hustlers. Within a few weeks Tebeau, finding the pace too fast, took himself off first base never to return; Chilas, at second, slowed up and hadn't half the old time speed, and McKean the burly shortstop, had to go out of commission before the season was fairly warm. Even the reliable Burkett, in the outfield, fell away in general playing. By June, the great club was a wreck; by August the downfall was complete and it never was any good again. Pat Tebeau's ambitions were trampled down and Pat's game heart was trampled with them.

Tales Told at the Ringside

(By W. A. Phelon).

Mr. Maher, Juror.

Peter Maher was a kinoy and obliging individual, as well as a strong and able fighter. He was also a firm believer in the duties of a citizen; he denounced the man who shirked his vote, dodged his taxe, or wriggled out of jury labors. An ideal citizen was Peter Maher, and he has shown it in a hundred ways since he took out his naturalization papers.

One afternoon in Philadelphia, long ago, Mr. Maher, sweatered and panted, was just coming in from a run on the road, when he was seized in the firm grip of a big man with a star. "I want you, Mr. Maher," quoth this important personage, and Mr. Maher promptly gave tongue like a bloodhound. "I hov done no mon wrong," he howled; "I hov injured nobody, an' fer why do yez arrist me?"

The big man explained that it wasn't an arrest, but a summons for jury service, and that he, Mr. Maher, would please proceed at once to a certain courtroom. On being assured that the jury duties wouldn't last long enough to interfere with his coming ring engagement, and that there would be $2 a day besides, the patriotic soul of Mr. Maher was instantly in flames. "Lade one, me bould bucko," cried he; "I'm a rale American. I am, an' it's meself as 'm proud an' plased to hilp th' lahs an' coorts av me adopted counthry!"

As fate would have it, Mr. Maher was put into a jury which was trying one Cornelius Sullivan for an attempt to slay one Rastus Coburn, African. Of course, Mr. Maher could have no prejudice in favor of Cornelius Sullivan as against Rastus Coburn—oh, no; none at all—but Mr. Maher took views of his own as to the case and the evidence therein. The testimony was duly heard and the jury retired. As the evidence seemed to show the guilt of the defendant past all doubt, the judge waited in expectation of an early verdict—but he didn't get it. Hours wore by. No verdict. The judge went home, with instructions to summon him as soon as a verdict was reached. Towards midnight, the bailiffs imagined they heard noises and the crashing of heavy bodies in the jury room, but no verdict was to be seen.

Morning came; the judge convened the court and ordered the jury brought before him. As they filed in, it was noticed with some surprise that several men had bruises on their faces and even discolored oculars. They were lined up, and the judge queried pleasantly:

"Gentlemen, have you arrived upon a verdict?"

Peter Maher stepped forward:

"I hov, yer anner," said Mr. Maher, "but here are elevin av the most obstinate divils I iver met in all me days!"

Sheckland Goes to St. Louis

Chicago, April 10.—Jimmy Sheckard, the famous outfielder, was sold to the St. Louis Nationals by the Chicago Nationals today. St. Louis obtained him for a waiver price.

Tynesiders vs. Soldiers.

The Tynesiders F. C. will play the 103rd regiment on the East Calgary grounds on Saturday at 6 p.m. sharp. The players will be selected from the following: Levie, Hales, Carrington, Buck, Emery, Payne, Richardson, Booth, Worth, Small, Constable Wylie, Rippon, Milner, Foster, Marshall, Murchell.

On Monday the Tynesiders play their old rivals, the C.P.R., at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Here's what another "good authority" says of Jim Thorpe's case. "Jim Thorpe will make one round of the circuit with the Giants and then be shipped to Toronto." And this is stated despite Muggsy's declaration that he would keep the Indian.

Athletics Practice.

The Athletic Baseball Club will hold a practice 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, at Victoria Park.

Commercial Football League.

The Commercial Association Football league will hold a meeting tonight in the Y.M.C.A., when important business will be discussed.

Wranglers' Football Club.

A practice game will be played by the Rangers' Football club and the West of England team at Mewata park on Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. All players be on hand.

MEWATA PARK FIXTURES.

Friday, April 11.

South Field—C. P. R. vs. Dominion Express.
North Field—Open.
West Field—Open.

No Boxing Law for Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., April 10.—The senate of the Minnesota legislature today killed the Moeller bill legalizing boxing contests in this state.

FIRST GAME OF LACROSSE

While the seniors have been debating the pros and cons, whys and wherefores of lacrosse, the juniors have got busy, with the result that the first game of the season was played yesterday afternoon on the Western Canada College grounds. It was only a practice game, and the Hi boys won by the score of 3 to 1.

It was practically the first practice that the Western Canada College boys had had this season, and as several of the players had never before played in a match game, the showing they made against the more seasoned High School boys was considered very good.

The Schools' Lacrosse league, which has fostered the game among the younger players of the city for the past two years, has now affiliated with the Interscholastic Athletic association.

C.P.R. BASEBALL TEAM

The C.P.R. Baseball club of the Intermediate league held a preliminary meeting in the local freight offices last night, and, judging from the enthusiasm manifested by the supporters in attendance, the C.P.R. boys will be anything but "tail-enders" when the coming ball season closes.

Billy Ferrin was reappointed manager and W. Hunt, secretary, with an executive committee composed of Messrs. Hamlin, Simon and Cale.

Manager Ferrin has already a strong string of 15 men who have signified their willingness to play under C.P.R. colors and their fans are looking for something to fall.

McGraw Reduces N. Y. Team

NewYork, April 10.—Manager McGraw of the New York National league baseball club, reduced his team to 25 players today by releasing Infielder Milton Stook, Pitcher Dave Robertson and Outfielder Jacobsen to Mobile. It is understood that McGraw will keep his eye on the three and bring them back if they show sufficient promise in the minor league.

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