

SPORTING NEWS

EDMONTON TAKES TWO FROM MEDICINE HAT.

Edmonton jumped onto Medicine Hat with both feet on Saturday and cleaned up both games, winning in the afternoon 2-1, and in the evening 6-3, the latter going only six innings. The first game was easily the best ever seen in Edmonton, bar none, but the second was very much the reverse, thanks to Benny Zurilago, Works et al and the inability of would-be Umpire Priest to handle the game.

The evening contest started promptly at 6:30, but as soon as the Hat got a 50 lead the batting commenced with kicks a plenty on Priest's decisions—and he sure handed out some humorous ones—until the opening half of the seventh, when Manager Benny's abuse found expression in offensive language, then Priest showed he was anything but a saint, and by firing Benny 5-0 and putting him out of the game and then off the grounds, Benny was at the bat when the umpire squelched him, and Hollis did the batting in his place, but by the time the innings ended darkness was setting in for their night and the game had to be called.

NOTHING TO IT BUT EDMONTON.

The Legislators made it two straight from the Miners by taking last night's contest 7 to 2. The game was the sort that any kind of a home fan can enjoy thoroughly, being crammed pretty full of spectacular work and enough of the other variety to season the sport thoroughly. Only for a serious mishap to Cris in the third it would have been a shutout, sure, but there is no occasion for regrets that account as the Morrisonians are a fine bunch of ball players and it would be silly to let a single game pronounced an exhibition of them.

Lethbridge looked due in several spots to run up a much better score, but in the critical moments they showed themselves a finished ball player, and backed up with the same line of support all over the diamond, the Miners were cheated out of several tallies. Some particularly good samples of this sort of mahogany baseball were pulled off in the fourth when Bennett's great throw down O'Dea at the plate prevented what looked like a sure score. Harper handled Mackin's bounder faultlessly and, while in the same inning Cris took a great chance and got Rogers at third on Foster's fielder's chance, and again in the chapter Baker also shut off a score by a great stop of O'Dea's ugly liner down third, getting the runner on a fast, accurate swing to the hit column.

Lethbridge lost solely because of the great fielding of the Miners. The Miners got away with as many safeties as Edmonton, but the fast throwing by the outfielders kept the runners on the bags.

EDMONTON LEADS THE LEAGUE NOW.

Edmonton Won Lost P.C. Medicine Hat 30 23 .566 Lethbridge 26 30 .464 Calgary 19 33 .363

For the second time in the season Edmonton is at the top of the Alberta Canada League and there is every prospect that the Legislators will hold down the championship for some time, and not for a brief twenty-four hours as was the case when the locals went to the top about the end of June. On the previous occasion the top-notch honors it was Calgary that topped the Hat, beating Edmonton on their own field and enabling the Gauleiters to remain in first place. This time, however, Calgary was Edmonton's ally and it was the Hat that was defeated from the leadership by a couple of defeats at the hands of the Chinooks. Things look promising for the Legislators staying at the front this time. The players are all in first class shape, particularly the pitchers, and all hands are hitting the ball in championship form. On the previous promotion to the high place, the team was comprised of cripples and no one looked for them to hold the lead.

Edmonton finishes up the present home series tonight by beating the away for a trip around the circuit, games and then to Medicine Hat next week, thence to Calgary for three days, and then to Lethbridge for a similar series.

The Legislators are a great team on the road, and as Graham, the new third baseman, and Erickson the new outfielder arrive they should not have any serious trouble holding down first place. Erickson will join the team at Calgary and Graham is expected to report before the end of the week also. Medicine Hat is about all in. The pitchers have lost their cunning and all hands have gone back with the stick. The gas town club is pretty shy on funds and even had their long season, it is pretty late in the season to be picking up finished twirlers.

Calgary papers admit there is nothing for them but the collar championship. Lethbridge has shown this week that they are not in Edmonton's class and with Benny's brigade on the loose, the side and Edmonton playing finished ball every game it's pretty hard to see anything but the homesters for the pennant.

MORRISON A MARK, EDMONTON WINS.

That lunch Tom Rooke's served the Legislators on Wednesday afternoon at the Canada Club, the home store into winning form for sure, and there was nothing to it but Edmonton in last night's game with Lethbridge. The game was a homecoming and while Morrison's pitching was largely responsible for the trimming, the support he got was what counted, and will have to be improved on wonderfully if the Miners have any intention of even staying with

Baker getting around to third.

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While the knowing ones do not anticipate the kid making good backing up such crackjack leaguers as Plank and the well-known Babe Waddell, who are now playing in the major leagues. Yet they are confident that with careful handling in faster company than ever, he will be able to do some of the stuff in him to show league circles. He is expected to be a regular in the big league line up with the good speed along the lines with the good Manager White has also been asked to set a price on pitcher McArthur by the San Francisco club and Seattle has designs on an infielder and outfielder at present on the Edmonton payroll.

Although Manager White was a little late in getting into the haunts of the east league leaguers, his previous playing experience among the teams across the border has stood him in good stead and he has gotten together an aggregation that is the envy of every city on the circuit, and numbers players that several of the managers of the American professional league would give considerable to have on the field to-day.

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