

Minor League Magnates Get Down to Business

BASEBALL MAGNATES OPEN ANNUAL CONFAB

Many Matters of Importance for National Association to Deal With.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 14.—The National Association of Baseball Leagues met in annual session here today, with the owners and officials of minor and major league baseball clubs and delegates from throughout the country in attendance. The meeting will continue through Thursday.

Among the important questions expected to come up for discussion were the new demands of the baseball players' franchise, including one relating to contracts covering the clubs' control over injured players. Other matters to be discussed included the relations between players and minor league clubs, contracts, schedules, classification of leagues, and the status of the National Association.

President H. M. Sexton of the Association was unable to attend because of illness in his family, and in his stead Vice-President Murrane presided.

The annual report submitted by Secretary John H. Farrell today showed that twenty-six league organizations, embracing 132 cities and towns in the United States and Canada, and employing 4728 players during the playing season of 1916, had qualified for membership.

Only one qualified member of the National Association disbanded during the last playing season. A Class D league, out of the twenty-six leagues, twenty-five started and twenty-three finished. The league was disbanded. The Canadian League did not operate on account of war conditions. The attendance for the year as a whole exceeded by far that of the 1915 record.

Fifty-nine optional agreements were executed by National Association clubs and 108 by major leagues. Players reported for release numbered 2347; suspension, 590; for reinstatement, 154. Twenty drafts were disallowed and canceled. The total number of disputed cases handled during the current year was 563, and \$24,683 was collected in players' claims and territorial fees, and paid to them without cost of any kind. Only six claims were filed by the Players' Fraternity.

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Always a Sport Game at Finish

Confirmation of the death of Corp William J. Walsh of the 3rd Battalion came to hand today in a letter from Sgt. R. J. Clapton of the famous 3rd Battalion, in which he states: "Bill Walsh has gone. He was killed by machine gun fire on Oct. 8 in an attack, and died like the man he always was—game to the end."

To the many in sporting circles that knew Billy Walsh, those simple words will strike home as a faithful delineation of "old pal Billy."

If one wishes to get a further insight into the character of Billy, a perusal of some of the letters lately written to his mother would well repay. Billy never forgot his mother. Week by week, with unfailing regularity, for two long years, some endeavoring to keep him from coming to the one he loved the best. Furthermore, in all the letters home, there never was a trifle of complaint of any kind as to adverse conditions or discomfort. In one of the last letters received by his mother, Billy was said to have a premonition that he "work" was nearing its completion.

He said: "Mother, you must cheer up. I have been in many close calls. I know it is worse for you at home. I am well, and that's all. If my time comes, it comes, and that's all. It is far more glorious to die here than to stay at home. If anything happens, you can still think the same. I have been a good boy, and that should console you."

And so passed one of the cleanest athletes this city has ever known. Many cups and medals at home testify to many achievements in the various athletic sports in which he engaged. He was liked by all. His quiet, unassuming manner on and off the field made him a host of admirers, and his untimely end will greatly grieve his many friends, but to his family and all there is the great compensating thought that "Billy died for his King and country."

sum of \$9000 was paid on optional agreements between National Association clubs and \$2000 on options exercised by minor league clubs from minors for fifty-nine players.

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BROCKVILLE WANTS AN INDEPENDENT LEAGUE

Would Hook Up With Smith's Falls and Perth—News of the Players.

Special to The Toronto World. Brockville, Nov. 14.—The Island City Hockey Club is making an effort to form an independent league with Carleton Place, Smith's Falls and Perth. The 23rd Percy Bateson, wintering here, has much promising material in his ranks and a team may be admitted to the league if the scheme materializes. Delegates are invited to attend a meeting at Smith's Falls to talk over the proposition.

Several new goalkeepers will appear on the rival teams of the National Hockey Association this year. If the plans of the magnates are successfully carried out, the Wanderers in which the Wanderers has announced that he does not expect to have Bert Lindsay with the rest of the team. Lindsay is engaged at Renfrew and has intimated that he will not be able to spare the time. He is said to have returned here, but unsigned. In this event, Billy Hague, an Ottawa boy, who did great work in several of the games for Wanderers last winter, will likely get the call.

Bert Andrews, the Buckingham goalkeeper, who was with Pittsburgh part of last winter, has been offered a chance by Manager Dey to catch on with the Ottawa. He has been invited to turn out to practice with the team when the ice arrives.

Canadians will have a hockey club when they step up to the plate, the goal. They will have a team for the defense, but need a couple of other players to replace McNamara and Progers. Dey and Lalonde will be out on the forward line again, and Skene Roman is also on the list of the Frenchmen.

Wanderers will never be a bad team as long as Sprague Cleghorn is on the defense. He is a wonderful player, and shades them all by a good margin. Hyland is still able to hold his own, but the redoubtable miss Donald Smith and Gordon Roberts. Stephens should star on the defense this year, but a couple of fast forwards are badly needed.

Morley Bruce of the Burghs is another Ottawa boy who will be given a thoro try-out this season. Bruce was about the best of last year's City League.

Sammy Lichtenhein bet \$500 against 250 of George Kennedy's money that the latter will not make \$2000 with his Canadian team this winter. And Sammy then bet \$10 even that Kennedy would not put up the money. But Sammy will lose the ten, he may win the \$250.

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WATER LADY'S FEATURE OPENING AT BOWIE

Rebel Pays Better Than Fifty to One in the Opening Event.

Bowie, Nov. 14.—There was a genuine surprise in the opening race today, when A. R. Joplin's chg. Rebel, by Salvation-La Sinaloa, beat a big band of maiden two-year-olds over a new track. At Hudson, the favorite, was outside the money. C. N. Freeman's Melange, a filly which showed speed at Devonshire and Kenilworth, was second, and Chelsea third, at a long price. The winner paid 52 to 1.

Alvora, the favorite in the other two-year-old race, was beaten in the second round, when Dandy Duke came down in front.

FIRST RACE—Selling, maiden, two-year-olds, 5½ furlongs: 1. Rebel, 115 (Troxler), \$106, \$38.10 and \$11.60.

2. Melange, 112 (Mink), \$12.30, \$5.50, and \$2.60.

3. Chelsea, 107 (Brown), \$15.70, \$7.50, and \$3.50.

4. Alvora, 109 (Troxler), \$16.90, \$2.90, and \$1.40.

5. Dandy Duke, 115 (Burlingame), \$12.40 and \$4.30.

6. Kilkenny, 109 (Troxler), \$16.90, \$2.90, and \$1.40.

7. Time 1:14.5. Ed Roche, Cherry Ripe, Kilkenny, Joanna II, Kilkenny, and Sky also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse, three-year-olds, one mile: 1. Lay Little, 102 (Ball), \$21, \$7.10 and \$4.20.

2. Sevilian, 114 (Knecht), \$4.10, \$2.30, and \$1.10.

3. Hope, 114 (Ambrose), \$4.20, \$2.30, and \$1.10.

4. Time 1:46. Poloma, Wet Sail, Billy McGee, Billy Oliver, Amper II, and Indian Chant and Skelley Knab also ran.

FOURTH RACE—The Inaugural Handicap, two-year-olds and up, seven furlongs: 1. Water Lady, 105 (Ambrose), \$5.30, \$4 and \$2.60.

2. Thornhill 101 (Crump), \$17.10, \$7.50, and \$3.50.

3. Marse Henry, 106 (Ball), \$2.90, \$1.40, and \$0.70.

4. Time 1:23.5. Charlie, Colto, Eagle, Indian Chant and Skelley Knab also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Selling, three-year-olds and up, 1-1½ miles: 1. Billie Baker, 108 (Ball), \$7, \$3.20, and \$1.60.

2. Royal Interest, 114 (Koppelman), \$3.50 and \$2.60.

3. Billie Baker, 111 (Dominick), \$3.90, \$1.95, and \$0.97.

4. Time 1:53. Southern Gold, Functionaire, Repton, Disturber, and Slumberer also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Mile and a furlong: 1. Baby Sister, 107 (Schlinginger), \$25.30, \$10.40, and \$5.20.

2. Patty Regan, 111 (Dominick), \$5.70, \$2.85, and \$1.42.

3. Zoelias, 111 (Haynes), \$4.60, \$2.30, and \$1.15.

4. Time 2:01.5. Song of Valley, Nannie Tice, Dainger, and Batwa, and Dandy Duke, Obolus and Uncle Will also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—Mile: 1. Maxima's Choice, 109 (Butwell), \$3, \$3.50, \$2.60, and \$1.30.

2. Harbard, 105 (Crump), \$3.90, \$1.95, and \$0.97.

3. Time 1:46. Yankee Notions, Armament, Progressive, Fair Legend, Herbert Temple, Fair Helen and Charles Francis also ran.

WORLD TWO-MAN LEAGUE.

Agates..... 1..... 2..... 3.....

J. T. Patterson..... 140..... 156..... 144.....

H. H. Cameron..... 138..... 127..... 131.....

Handicap..... 1..... 1..... 1.....

Totals..... 277..... 284..... 273.....

H. Dyer..... 78..... 90..... 84.....

L. A. Findlay..... 148..... 171..... 145.....

Totals..... 226..... 261..... 220.....

Picas..... 1..... 1..... 1.....

G. Goodman..... 1..... 104..... 98.....

R. Moore..... 96..... 111..... 144.....

Handicap..... 28..... 28..... 28.....

Totals..... 212..... 243..... 268.....

Pearl..... 1..... 1..... 1.....

F. Follmer..... 96..... 111..... 116.....

H. Jackson..... 109..... 100..... 156.....

Totals..... 295..... 311..... 275.....

POULTRY SHOW OPENS.

Galt, Nov. 14.—With 1000 birds on exhibition, representing all breeds, the 16th annual Galt poultry show opened today. The entrance to the show is at the corner of the show is that for white Wyandottes.

Exceptional Values in OVERCOATS

OUR showing of Men's Winter Overcoats is positively the finest in the City of Toronto.

In your own interest, if not in ours, do not buy anywhere until you have inspected this superb stock. You'll find here the masterpieces of the season; the leading fabrics for overcoats; the most diversified styles. In other words, the perfect weaves and designs of England, Ireland and Scotland made into Chesterfields, military styles, belt backs, belt all 'round, Raglans, single and double-breasted, ulsters, fine dress overcoats, form-fitting styles and loose effects. Warm, durable overcoats which will give you splendid service—we offer them at prices which represent exceptional values.

\$15 to \$35
HICKEY'S
97 Yonge St.

Today's Entries

AT BOWIE.

Bowie, Md., Nov. 14.—Entries for Wednesday's races are: FIRST RACE, selling, 3-year-olds, six furlongs: Kathryn Gray, 112; Bell Cow, 100; Green Tree, 112; Superficial, 100; Savilla, 109; Moonlighter, 110; Glory Belle, 106; Meddling Mite, 97; Chemung, 105; Bootie's Baby, 98; Ophelia W., 101; Almer T., 98. SECOND RACE, selling, 3-year-olds, and up, six furlongs: Ethan Allen, 110; Anxiety, 115; Colors, 113; Brownvale, 110; Broom Corn, 107; Ina Kay, 107; Ancon, 113; Mac, 116; Minnie, 112; Golden Lad, 107; Agon, 110; Superintendent, 115; Saloon, 113; Blue Cap, 111; Grisel, 107; Humiliation, 110. Note: Twenty-three excluded from this race.

THIRD RACE, selling, 3-year-olds and up, 1-1½ miles: Col. Holloway, 110; Burglar, 108; Time Mover, 105; Senator Casey, 110; Rakeoff, 102; Penniless, 102; Lynx, 110; Tom Hancock, 105. FOURTH RACE, selling, handicap, 3-year-olds and up, mile: Hauber, 114; Sir W. Johnson, 116.

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