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NINE TEAMS NOW IN THE COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

At a meeting of representatives of the various teams of the Commercial Football League last night, in the T. M. C. A., the application of the Nelson Furniture Co. team for admission into the league was accepted. This makes a nine-team league.

An attempt was made to draw up a schedule, but as the dates when the fields may be obtained are uncertain, it was decided to only make a draw for the first round, and arrange the dates later.

A committee was appointed to arrange the details of this matter.

The following is the draw for the first round:

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SHAMROCKS DECIDE TO BE SIMON-PURES AGAIN

Famous Lacrosse Club of the East Favor Dropping Pro Game

Ottawa, April 4.—It looks as if Con Jones' trip east to make peace between the National and Dominion Lacrosse associations would be fruitless. The Shamrocks met last night and practically decided to discontinue the professional game. The matter was referred to the executive committee, but as a deficit of \$5,000 was reported on last season, the members were outspoken in their approval of the suggestion that they abandon the professional game. The Montreal Star announced tonight that the Shamrocks would undoubtedly be crossed off the lacrosse map. The Montreal executive met tonight and decided to leave the matter to the general meeting, which is to be held next week. The opinion of the M.A.A.A. is strongly in favor of the abandonment of the professional league and a return to a new amateur association composed of Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec clubs. Everything hinges on the N.L.U. will be off if the pessimistic reports from Montreal prove correct.

Divided Opinions
Capitals and Cornwall believe that the two big associations will continue for another year at least. Meanwhile the N.L.U. is marking time awaiting the outcome of overtures which the "Big Four" will likely make after the Saturday meeting of the M.A.A.A. officers announce that they have given up their idea of a "big five" and that they will play the last year's lines with four clubs and a triple schedule. Charlie Querris states that Joe Gorman, last year's Tecumseh, will be released to the Victoria team, which has entered the British Columbia league. He will probably demand, however, the return of one of its veterans who migrated to the coast last spring.

DOC GIBSON PRESIDENT OF CALGARY CRICKET CLUB

The annual meeting of the Calgary Cricket Club was held last night in the offices of Wetherall and Shillman. The reports for the season of 1912 were read, and the spirit of optimism and enthusiasm which ran through all of them is a good criterion of the condition of the club's affairs.

The applications of six new members were received and accepted.

The following officers were elected for the season: President, J. L. Gibson; vice-president, E. B. Vincent; captain, P. P. Barab; vice-captain, H. C. Hill; patron, Col. Sanders; hon. presidents, Captain R. Burton Dean, A. W. Pryce Jones, W. B. Reilly, M. S. McCarthy, Mayor Shinnott, F. C. Lewis, Dr. Blou, Dean Paget, Dean Brathwaite, A. Price, J. S. Dennis, F. M. Tweedie, M. F. E. R. A. Darker, Dr. O'Sullivan, Dr. A. MacRae, executive committee, J. S. Spick, H. K. Richardson, F. B. Wetherall, J. A. Bell; secretary-treasurer, G. E. Nettleton (address drawer E. P. O. City); delegate to Alberta Cricket association, J. A. Bell.

Montenegro Loss at Tarsbosch.
London, April 4.—A dispatch to a news agency from Antwerp, says the Montenegrins lost 14 officers and were killed in their attack on Tarsbosch Monday.

WORK ON THE NEW DIAMOND STARTS

Scene of Baseball Activities for Summer Being Put in Shape

Diamond Inside Race Track; Present Big Fair Grandstand to be Used

Tom Stark Will Not Play This Season; Baseball News Hot Off the Bat

Tom Stark, who went through the season last year as catcher on the Basanos Boosters and, except for the feeble assistance of Bill Murray, did all the receiving, was in Calgary yesterday, but not for baseball reasons. Tom says he is through with baseball and will devote his energies to running a barbershop and pool hall in Didsbury. Tom has accepted terms with the Edmonton club for the season but said positively that he will not play. When he did accept he figured that he could get a reliable man to leave in charge of his business interests during the baseball season, but now finds that such a man is not to be found, anywhere around Didsbury, and so it is "Tom Stark, proprietor" this summer instead of "Tom Stark, catcher."

Tom has come to the conclusion that any baseball player who depends upon a living gained solely by playing baseball in a Class D league, should undergo an examination for his mentality. Although, he adds, "Edmonton is sure paying the money this season."

"What sent word to me asking how much I would take to play this season, I didn't want to play, so I set a good high figure, and to and behold, he accepted it and sent me a contract."

Tom is a brilliant backstop and can hit which is a good commodity and furthermore he is one of the most gentlemanly players who ever wore a Western Canada uniform.

Work was started yesterday upon the baseball grounds at Victoria Park. Several loads of black loam were drawn to the new site of baseball activities and within the next week or so the ball players should be galloping around and showing the fans how they are going to put life of pen into their play this season.

The removal of the baseball park back to old Victoria park will undoubtedly prove popular. When the scene of activities was moved to Hillhurst last year the fans interested in the game began to wane and by the time the season was over the interest was almost entirely gone.

This year the game will be played at Victoria Park. The baseball diamond will be placed close to the race track, inside the enclosure so that the catcher's box will only be a few feet from the fence.

No new grandstand will be erected but the fans will be seated in the big grandstand across the track. This will be a boon to umpires and to the players, but will be a sore trial to the fans. The directors of the exhibition game, however, have decided to use the use of the park for baseballs stipulated that there should be no new grandstand erected, inside the track, the traffic of fans across the track injured it a great deal and several good horses last year and the year before went lame when they suddenly came upon the hard, beaten path across the race track.

The appointment of Whisman as manager of the Edmonton baseball team is a rather dangerous experiment. While may make good and for the good of the game we hope he does, but his manner and habits are so erratic and irrational at times that the fans may have good reason to shake their heads when his name is mentioned in connection with the managerial and of the Edmonton baseball team.

But whether or not Whisman is a manager, he has certainly grabbed onto a good one when he got Pitcher Skeels, who heared for Rocky Walters last year but was sent back to Seattle for a little more seasoning. In 1911 he pitched his head off and incidentally in arm for Dugdale's club. He was out of the game last season because when arm went back on him, but in spring training this year he has shown good form. While thinks he has come back and has secured him for Edmonton.

The schedule of the Western Canada baseball league will be released next week and will be published in the afternoon papers. Next Tuesday, there is quite a rivalry between the papers in getting the schedule out first, so last year it was agreed that the morning papers should have it first that year and the evening, the next.

So far once the "evenings" will have a sort of real live interest on the morning papers. The entire schedule will be published in the Alberta next Wednesday morning, if the Edmonton printers get through with it on time.

WESLEY METHODISTS BEAT PRESBYTERIAN TOSSEBS

The Wesley Methodists defeated the Grace Presbyterians in a game of basketball played last night in the Y. M. C. A. gym by the score of 45 to 25. The team made scores were as follows:

Grace—W. Lewis, 8; C. McKenzie 10; Johnston 9; R. Macfarlane 6; J. Watson 4—25.

Wesley—R. West 26; F. Cannon 8; Fish 2; W. Wright 8; A. Roberts 9—45.

SENIOR BALL LEAGUE WILL BE STRONG

Four Clubs Now Hold Franchises and Two More May Be Admitted

Ogden Team Left Out in Cold Until a Sixth Team Applies for Membership

Bill Crowley is New President, and Marshall Sales the Secretary

Five clubs applied for admission into the Calgary Senior Baseball league last night but it was found that four or six and pending the application of the Ogden team, the league of the Ogden was held over. If a sixth club should be organized and apply for admission within the next two weeks, then both the Ogden and this league will be admitted. The league this year will be practically new throughout, with new officers elected and a new constitution. The four teams which now hold franchises in the league are: The Y. M. C. A. champions of 1912; The Athletics, champions of the inter-league for the past two seasons; the Knights of Columbus and the East Ends.

The meeting, on a whole, was a very quiet one. The atmosphere seemed to be one of expectation of something happening, but nothing broke aside for the election of officers, the routine of business and the selection of teams for the league.

After the meeting was called to order and the credentials of the various delegates presented it was found that only one set of delegates constitutionally had a right to vote. These were the delegates of the Y. M. C. A. representing the only team which completed the season last year and intended to play this year.

The rules had to be jockeyed a little to get over this difficulty. The club had a vote and this club didn't want to play. It was finally decided to admit the Knights of Pythias and the club of the Y. M. C. A. and it was taken among the representatives of these three clubs as to which of the other two would be admitted into membership. The East End club was the choice. The Ogden club had to be temporarily unrecognized but the club could compose the league, was the agreement that in case another club should be admitted, the club of the Ogden team be considered as the club of the league.

With this difficulty solved the routine business of the meeting was easy to finish. His worship, Mayor Simon, was elected president.

SPORT FACTS AND FANCIES

By JOE PRICE

BASEBALL NOT ON THE DECLINE

If some of the pessimists who decry the decadence of baseball in Calgary could have been in the Albertan office yesterday afternoon about four o'clock they would have felt a little more cheerful. Two miles of boys about seven or eight years of age came in with the first box score of the season. They were from Central school, grade two, and in formation with which they wished to enlighten the public was that this afternoon Grade II had walked the big boys of Grade III, in a baseball contest, and the score was 15 to 11. The teams were patriotically named after the teachers of these respective rooms. Anyway, Miss O'Brien beat Miss Dye, and great is the rejoicing of the first mentioned place and the disgrace in the latter.

W. R. C. Action May Affect us

The Winnipeg Rowing Club has arisen in its wrath and withdrawn from the Manitoba Branch of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada. The trouble arose over the reinstatement of two hockey players, Billy Green and Billy Keen, by the Amateur authorities. Not only has the Winnipeg Rowing Club expressed dissatisfaction, but the Honorary President of the Manitoba branch, J. D. Pratt, has resigned from his position.

The action is a very serious one as it affects several branches of sport, especially rugby. Now it is a well known fact that the Winnipeg Rowing Club has always had the strongest rugby team in Manitoba, as its consistent winning of championships would indicate. At the best there are only about two rugby teams while in Manitoba, and the Rowing Club is one of the best. They went into baseball and for two years did not succeed in winning, but always stuck through the season and were far from being gutters. Then two years ago these boys won the Intermediate league championship and last year played a repeter. They didn't do it so much because they were a galaxy of stars but because they were stockers. They had the right combination of sport; they played the same to the finish and were return winners. This year they will enter the Senior League and practically exactly the same lineup will be presented in the first senior league game as was given to the boys four years ago when they started to play in the Intermediate. The boys are not expecting to win the Senior league title this year, but they are going to finish the season, even if it is in last place, and then they are going to come back next year and try even harder. They are of the stuff that champions are made of.



HERB BARRETT.
Toronto checker player, who beat Barrett and Lewis at the St. Catharines tournament, and is after the Canadian championship.

was elected an honorary president. In the election of president, Mr. Dobson, the retiring president stated that he would be unable to serve this year, and he thought the office should be passed around.

William Crowley was then elected to the position. Mr. A. B. Dawson also played the same excuse and Marshall Sales was elected to the position. Bert Bower was elected vice president.

The next executive meeting of the league will be held on April 18, when the application of new clubs for membership will be considered and a new schedule drawn up.

BUCK MARSHALL TO PLAY WITH SALMON BELLIES

Well-known Lacrosse Star Is Said to Have Signed With Westminster

New Westminster, B. C., April 4.—The champion Salmon Bellies are preparing for a strenuous season. Manager Tom Gifford is busy signing up all of the regulars available, and it is reported that he has secured the signature of Buck Marshall, who played with Toronto in the Big Four last season. Marshall went East along with Dave Gibbons last year, and his return to the ranks of the Salmon Bellies will be hailed with joy by all Westminster enthusiasts. It is also stated that the club will sign up a number of other players, including Len Turnbull, Cliff Gordon, Spring, Geo. Renegades, Hugh Gifford, Len Turnbull, William, and Wintennut. The club of last year's senior amateur players, L. Gifford and Bill Patchell, Johnny Howard has not yet signed a contract.

New York, April 4.—In a three hours' workout this afternoon, the American league team took the rest of the Polo grounds for the first time since that field officially became their home. They will share the grounds this season with the Giants, and took the earliest opportunity, following their return last evening from the Bermuda training campaign, to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings.

The baseball sharpshooters who watched the American men were agreed that the work of the team bore out the reports from Bermuda that every player was in fine condition. The infield worked out as it is expected to face the Brooklyn Nationals tomorrow in the first big game of the year. Chance playing first, Chase second and Hartzel third, with Walter, Cree and Daniels in the outfield. "Slim" Caldwell looks like Chance's pitching selection for the game, with "Long George" McConnell a possibility. Manager Dahlie is expected to send Rucker to the slab.

Coast League
At Sacramento—13 innings:
Oakland..... 6 11 1
Sacramento..... 5 10 4
Batteries—Parker, Pope, Mallokey and Mize; Arrelanes, Stroud and Bliss.
At Los Angeles—
Yerrom..... 4 12 2
Los Angeles..... 11 18 0
Batteries—Raleigh, Brackendridge, Hitts, Toneyman, Pratt and Bole.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 4.—By taking today's game making it the fourth straight, the Philadelphia Americans won the local spring series from the Philadelphia Nationals. The score was 8 to 3.
Nationals..... 3 6 1
Americans..... 8 14 0
Batteries—Mayer, Moore, Marshall and Doyle; Howley; Wyckoff, Plank and Thomas.

At Newport News—
Providence..... 7
Newport News..... 2

Washington, April 4.—The Washington Americans had today's game with the Boston Nationals won until the ninth inning, when Galla, a recruit who replaced Johnson, blew up and Boston got eight men across. Johnson had pitched splendidly for six innings, allowing but one hit.

Washington..... 8 8 4
Batteries—Hess, Brown, James and Rariden; Johnson, Galla and Alsmith and Williams.

Belgium Gets Leopold's Estate.
Brussels, April 4.—The appeal court rendered its decision yesterday in the suit brought by the daughters of the late King Leopold for the entire Court property left by their father, valued at \$14,000,000. The court decided against the princesses, who, in addition to losing their cases, are mulcted in the costs. Recently the princesses rejected the proposals of the minister of justice that they accept \$7,000,000 as their share. The property will go to the Belgian estate and the Niedertal back foundation.

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