

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

TORONTOS WON, 8 TO 6

First Ball Game of the Season Yesterday.

Brantford Looking For Players.

The Annual Meeting of W. F. A.

At Britannia Park yesterday afternoon the first baseball game of the season was played between Toronto and Hamilton teams. Jack Brown was manager of the Toronto aggregation, nearly all of whom were professionals, who are signed to play in minor leagues across the line.

On account of the snow storm at noon it was thought that the game would be postponed, but when the Toronto put in an appearance at the ball yard and about forty or fifty fans cashed in at the gate it was decided to go ahead and play. Then it was discovered that only six of the local ball tossers were on hand, and native runners were sent out to round up the absentees. After a 45 minutes' delay, during which the players and spectators shivered and stamped their feet so hard that the grand stand rattled, umpire O'Day, of Toronto, said "Play ball."

Considering the awful state of the ground and the inclement weather, the boys put up a good exhibition. The Toronto team was in better condition and had a little more class, but they were by a margin of two runs only. The score was 8 to 6, the visitors tallying two in the ninth. Nelson Long was slated to do the heaving for Hamilton, but he declined the issue on account of the cold.

He played in middle garden, and young Lightheart, of the W. F. A., was in the box. Lightheart surprised some of the fans with his benders. He had ten strike outs to his credit and a like number of hits was charged against him. The Hams touched up McClement and Moran, who filled the box for the visitors, for nine hits. Busemeyer, at short, played in form, and Hackenschlag showed up well at first. He gathered in a foul that came near the fence. The teams and scores:

Hamilton (6):—Toronto (8):
Long, c. f. O'Brien, 2b.
Lanning, 2b. Baker, s. s.
Lee, 1b. Lee, 1b.
Hennessy, 3b. Smith, 3b.
Hackenschlag, 1b. Hardy, r. f.
Beltrami, c. McGinn, l. f.
Lightheart, p. Clements, p.
Murphy, l. f. Myers, c. f.
Haynes, r. f. Moran, c. f.
Score by innings:

Toronto, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 2, 8, 10, 3
Hamilton, 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0, 6, 9, 4

The touring nine from London will play here next Saturday against the Hamiltons.

PAGE'S FORMER PETS.

Johnny Ward, the diminutive shortstop, who finished the season with Page's Hamilton team last year, has signed up with Denny McGuire's Edmonton team, in the Western Canada League. McGuire, who is the well-known Toronto player, is putting out a pretty fair kind of a team, and is confident of leading the hunting. He will play Ward at shortstop, with Brennan at second base. Ward came to Hamilton last year from the Connecticut State League, Ward being an assumed name, the little shortstop being known as Bastian. It has been generally supposed by local fans that Ward was a contract jumper, but it is claimed that he was simply released for weak hitting, and he then blew it with under the assumed name.

Coyte, the outfielder, who played in Hamilton last season, has hooked up with Portsmouth, in the Virginia State League, and will run into Harvey Muir a few times. Muir is with Richmond, in the same league.

BRANTFORD ON HUNT.

London, April 10.—"Al" Watts, the former London twirler, was in the city yesterday looking for players for the Brantford Veritys, the team "Al" has been pitching for the last two seasons. He did not secure any of London's good ones.

The Veritys will play in the Brantford City League championship and last year were second.

The Inter-city League will be composed of the Veritys and Goodies, of Brantford, St. Patricks and W. F. A. of Hamilton, and two teams from Scarborough.

TROLLEY LEAGUE.

Berlin, April 10.—The "Trolley Line" Baseball League was organized at a well attended meeting of representatives from Galt, Waterloo, Preston and Berlin, the towns which will compose the league.

Galt and Berlin will have two teams each and Preston and Waterloo one apiece.

The schedule will be drawn up at a meeting of the executive on April 23.

The officers elected were:

Honorary president—Geo. A. Clare.

M. P. "Big" King, M. P.

President—Albert Hergott, Waterloo.

Vice-president—J. E. McLellan, Galt.

Secretary—A. Eedy, Berlin.

EXHIBITION GAMES.

At Bridgeport—New York (National)

10, Bridgeport 1.

At Nashville—Brooklyn (National)

12, Nashville (Southern) 1.

At Richmond—New York (American)

5, Richmond (Virginia) 1.

At Norfolk—Elmira (New York State)

8, Portsmouth (Virginia State) 6.

At Philadelphia—Philadelphia Nationals

won yesterday's game with the local Americans, giving them four out of five games. The score:

R. H. E.
Americans, 3 3 8 2
Nationals, 0 0 0 0

Batteries—Combes and Powers; McQuillan and Dooin. Umpires—Messrs. O'Day and Connolly.

FOUL TIPS.

Bill Armour, the Toledo magnate.

sold Pitcher Bushelman recently for \$500. A year ago Bill refused \$5,000 for his wonder.

As a result of losing ten of the eleven games played in Washington last season, the Cleveland team will carry their own drinking water on their visits to the Capital this summer. Strange that the Washington team should overlook the other six teams that always do well in Cantonville.

Manager Clark Griffith makes his "spit ball" pitchers serve up their delivery to the Cincinnati batters every day. "Griff" says that the "only way" to fight down the "spit ball" is for the batsmen to master it, and the only way to master it is to hit steadily against it until the batsmen get the hang of it.

Mike Donovan, the new infielder who joined the Doves yesterday at Charlotte, was tried by the Highlanders. It is understood that he is a free-agent, and George Dovey may take him to work as extra infielder with Starr and Thomas.

Charley Somers, of Cleveland, who launched the American League Club, in Boston, and who is still connected with the Cleveland management, has made arrangements for a permanent training grounds near New Orleans for the Naps.

The New York National League management will sell season boxes this year for \$300, but they will be well down in the field. In Pittsburgh the charge is \$100 for the season and 75 cents addition every game for every person using the box.

Cleveland, April 10.—All of the former members of the Cleveland baseball team who have been holding out, except Pitcher Rhoades, have signed their contracts. Stovall, Birmingham, Perrine, "Josh" Clark, Rafferty and Sutton signed at New Orleans late last night.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 10.—Manager Chance, of the Chicago National League team, announced last night that the National League championship pennant could be raised in Chicago on June 3rd, and at the same time the \$10,000 which President Murphy awarded to the club for winning the world's championship would be divided among the players who were eligible for the world's series last year.

The following teams are requested to send delegates to a meeting to be held at J. H. Nelson's store next Monday night to organize a junior league. St. Patrick's, Royal Oaks, Keystones, Onions, Crescents, Baysides, Northern Giants.

There was a fair-sized crowd at Duns' yesterday afternoon witness the grandest baseball between the St. Pat's and Secondaries, and considerable money changed hands. The St. Pat's won by one run, the score being 6 to 7. Bob Webster was the umpire and Alf. Whiteley of losses.

W. F. A. ANNUAL.

Hamilton Was Not Represented at Yesterday's Meeting.

Galt, April 10.—The 30th annual meeting of the Western Football Association was held yesterday in this town for the first time. There were about a hundred delegates present.

President D. A. McLachlan, of Stratford, was in the chair, with Mr. Solon Lutz, the efficient and popular secretary, at his post.

It was reported that the following teams have been entered so far in the various series:

Intermediates—Brussels, Galt, Milverton, Ethel, Owen Sound, Ingleswood, Woodstock, Chesley, Walkerton, Midway, Listowel, Brucefield, Senior—Galt.

Juniors—Preston Owen Sound, Galt, Stratford, Waterloo, Midway, Ayr.

For Hough Cup—Galt and Berlin Collegiate Institutions.

It was decided that the limit of entry was to be the 25th of April, a little earlier than last year.

The six-mile limit of qualification was also fixed as follows: That rule 5 be further amended by adding the following sentence after the words, "Full responsibility as to age, place of residence, amateur standing and general eligibility of each player must rest with the club registering his name. The fact that the secretary of the W. F. A. has certified to each and every name on a list does not relieve the club of that responsibility."

The following officers were appointed:

President—D. A. McLachlan, Stratford.

Secretary-Treasurer—T. G. Elliott, Galt (acclamation).

Hon. Secretary—D. Forsyth, B. A. Berlin.

District Vice-Presidents—Southern, G. C. Wilson, St. P. Dundas (acclamation); Oxford, W. F. Kuhn, Woodstock; Central, S. Lutz, Berlin; Perth, J. McCutcheon, R. A. Stratford (acclamation); Huron, F. Sills, Seaford (acclamation); London, W. Govenlock, London; Bruce, Dr. L. Doring, Midway (acclamation); Grey, Dr. Murray, Owen Sound (acclamation); Niagara, G. P. Miller, Niagara Falls (acclamation); Peel, Rev. S. R. Robinson, Caledon (acclamation); Hough Cup, R. S. Hamilton, B. A. Galt.

Committees—Registration and Amateur Standing, H. W. Brown, Berlin, chairman; J. H. Bennett, Galt; H. M. Jackson, Seaford, Audit G. Herring, Midway, chairman; F. I. Weaver, Midway.

JUNIOR SERIES.

F. C. Wagborne's Proposal Adopted by C. L. A.

Toronto, April 10.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Lacrosse Association was held in the Labor Temple here yesterday. Last year's wholesale wiping out of the so-called "paper" clubs had a marked and almost startling effect on the attendance. Not a man was a delegate badge but represented a playing club in the association.

All the amendments, with the exception of two, one brought in by Mr.

Buchanan, of West Toronto, which was nothing more nor less than the thin edge of the wedge to cut into the efficiency of the new residence rule, and one from Geo. J. Vanstone, of Stratford, in regard to appointing referees for the junior series carried with little opposition.

F. C. Wagborne's scheme to form a juvenile series carried the meeting and was perhaps the most important feature of the changed programme for the year. This new series will have an age limit of 17 years, the team in each case is to consist of ten players and an entrance fee per club of \$2 a year will be charged.

The wisdom of adopting this idea of the veteran referee is obvious. Perhaps no centre will serve as an illustration better than London. For years London has had no lacrosse for the simple reason that London has had no players. London has had no players because London has had no series, no organization or no affiliation with any established lacrosse organization to stimulate enthusiasm. Thus one of the best sporting cities in Canada has a population that knows comparatively little about the Canadian national pastime.

With no players, of sufficient skill to enter even the junior C. L. A. series, which is clever and fast, perforce no one had the temerity to come out and back what necessarily must needs be a losing team, both from athletic and financial point of view.

The residence rule, dating residence from January, which was inaugurated in the intermediate series last year, and which proved so successful, was applied to the junior series as well by a practically unanimous vote today. In future every player on a junior C. L. A. team must be a bona fide resident of the town or city his club represents, not later than New Year's Day. Students, of course, can elect to play with their home towns, providing they notify the secretary of the association to that effect.

The officers were elected as follows:

President—Thos. Doyle, Newmarket (acclamation).

First Vice-President—Blaney McGuire, Orangeville.

Secretary-Treasurer—W. H. Hall, Toronto.

The council—

Ed. J. Hinds, Orillia.

Dr. McGillion, Bracebridge.

Thos. J. Henry, Brantford.

J. K. Forsythe, Toronto.

D. McMillan, Beaverton.

J. J. Kelly, Brantford.

A. E. Rankin, Owen Sound.

Chas. W. Mitchell, Dundalk.

Dr. Groves, Gervin.

SOCCER GAMES IN ENGLAND.

London, April 10.—(C. A. P.)—Yesterday's football resulted as follows:

Nottingham 2, Leicester City 1.

Manchester Utd. 0, Bristol City 1.

Preston N. E. 0, Bradford City 0.

Chelsea 0, Middlesbrough 0.

Sunderland 2, Manchester City 0.

Everton 0, West Ham 0.

Aston Villa 1, Sheffield Utd. 0.

Second League.

Barnsley 2, Oldham A. 0.

Blackpool 0, Burnley 0.

Bradford 2, Derby County 0.

Birmingham H. 0, Clapton A. 1.

Gainsborough 2, W. Brom. A. 0.

Glossop 0, Swindon 0.

Leeds City 3, Chesterfield T. 0.

Stockport C. 3, Birmingham 2.

West Ham 1, Leyton 0.

Bright & Hove 6, Reading 2.

Bradford 3, Norwich City 1.

Watford 0, Luton 3.

Bristol Rovers 1, Swindon 0.

Portsmouth 2, Southampton 0.

Millwall 0, Northampton 0.

Plymouth A. 1, N. Brompton 1.

Queen's P. R. 1, Southampton 2.

LOCAL JUVENILE SERIES.

"There is certain to be a Hamilton district of the C. L. A. juvenile series," said Mr. J. W. Nelson this morning.

"The group will likely be made up of the following teams: Hamilton Tigers, Hamilton Whites, Burlington and Dundas."

A meeting for the purpose of organizing will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors next Wednesday night.

AT O. K. C. SHOW.

Hamilton Dog Fanciers Won Some Prizes.

Toronto, April 9.—Quality and not quantity is the predominating feature of the fourth annual show of the Ontario Kennel Club in the Granite Rink, which closes to-night. The attendance yesterday exceeded the expectations of bloodhounds, a breed which some dog fanciers and breeders are inclined to believe is gradually becoming extinct. The exhibits of cocker spaniels, St. Bernards, Irish water spaniels, Airedale terriers, French poodles, Newfoundlanders, great Danes, English and American foxhounds, collies and fancy types of dogs form an interesting spectacle that is worthy of a visit. The judging was not finished yesterday. Among the Hamilton prize winners are the following:

Bull dogs—A. A. Lee's Bank Squire first in limit dogs under 45 pounds and first in winners. Mrs. R. Manders' Rolling Demon third in novice dogs and third in limit dogs over 45 pounds.

Scottish terriers—W. S. Wallace's Clonmel Dirk first in limit dogs and first in open dogs.

Cocker spaniels—W. J. Jackson's Bob, by Korr first in puppy dogs and first in open dogs, any color but black, and second in limit parti-color. Preenall and Hennessy's Sandy H. second in limit dogs (Ascot B.), and second in open dogs. Joe Kennedy's Raven King reserve in limit dogs (Ascot B.).

Chicago, April 10.—Yusuff Mahmoud lost a handicap wrestling match here last night to Henry Ordemann, of Minneapolis. The Bulgarian had agreed to throw his opponent once in twenty minutes.

Chicago, April 10.—Edward W. Smith, of Chicago, who refereed the Gotsch-Hackenschlag wrestling match last year, will referee the championship bout between Gotsch and Yusuff Mahmoud on April 14.

Knocking Down the Pins

In the C Class postponed game between the Terminals and Sweet Caporals played at the H. B. & A. C. last night, the latter team again proved themselves "comers" and won another "three straight." G. Shields was bog man with 512.

Terminals.
W. W. Graham 146 132 465-443
E. L. James 109 139 159-398
A. E. Orr 117 139 128-275
E. Jordan 142 112 123-411
G. F. Walker 138 119 128-414
Total 609 791 625-2029

Sweet Caporals.
P. Richmond 132 156 177-465
G. Shields 150 115 177-442
J. Collinson 149 165 185-499
W. Hunter 182 156 121-449
J. M. Zimmerman 191 149 198-638
Total 852 801 888-2094

Tom Smith of Int. H. Co. won the special Good Friday prize, a cut glass bowl, with high score, 228.

On Thursday night a match in class C was played by the Gun Club No. 2, and the Sweet Caporals. The Caps won all three games, the scores being:

Sweet Caporals.
P. Richmond 203 165 184-552
G. Shields 125 196 215-636
J. Collinson 171 121 223-515
Wm. Hunter 181 162 160-503
J. M. Zimmerman 165 159 131-455
Total 852 801 888-2094

Gun Club No. 2.

P. Friend 136 154 128-429
C. A. Sheppard 128 153 136-417
T. Collinson 171 121 223-515
Wm. Hunter 138 115 131-474
Total 580 717 727-2133

Four matches in the Intermediate (B) class were played on Thursday night. The G. S. & P. R. and the Farge won three each and the Amateurs and the Evening team won two each. The scores:

First Game.
G. S. & P. R. 127 118 119-354
Sticks 109 149 367-487
Gully 123 94 111-328
Hawes 149 121 127-397
Irwin 177 125 178-482
Total 717 692 698-2017

Second Game.

Welterweight (145 lbs.).
H. Field (British) vs. A. Palmer (British).
Bye—H. Lang (Don R. C.).
Middleweight (158 lbs.).
H. Lang (Don's) vs. J. Sullivan, East-endy.

Heavyweight.
Wm. Dolman, (Waterloo) vs. J. Sullivan (East end).

F. Banks (West end) vs. N. Henderson (Don's).

ROGERS BEAT HASSAN.

Toronto, April 10.—Yankee Rogers won two straight falls from Hassan Al-Badani at the Star Theatre last night.

The first fall came in thirty-five minutes when Yankee got a half-Nelson on the Turk and the second in ten minutes by the same means. There was a big house.

GETS THE COUNT AT LAST.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 9.—The build-

ing of the Olympic Athletic Club at East-

ington, Pa., near here, in which 15-

round prize fights were given and which was recently closed by the authorities, was destroyed by fire to-day, of un-

derstood incendiary origin. The club-

house was located in Delaware County, and has been the scene of much con-

tention because of the residents' ob-

jection to prize fighting. The loss is es-

timated at \$15,000.

KETCHIK AND THE TITLE.

New York, April 10.—Willis Britt,

manager of Stanley Ketchik, in a letter

to the Sun, says that if Jack Johnson

does not agree with a reasonable time

to make a match, Ketchik will claim the

heavyweight championship of the world

and will defend the title against all

comers. Britt says that he has a \$5,000

forfeit up, and that it talks most elo-

quently.

AMATEUR TOURNAMENT.

The announcement that the Army

Medical Corps intends to hold an am-

ateur boxing and wrestling tournament

has created a great deal of interest

around the athletic clubs in the city,

and although the affair does not take

place for two weeks, it has a bright

outlook. There are a number of boxers

and wrestlers in the city who have not

yet appeared in public, and they all

seem to think that this is a proper oc-

casional for them to jump into the line-

up. The tournament has been sanc-

tioned by the C. A. A. U. and will be

open to all amateur club and mat ar-

tists in the country. The dates selected,

April 23 and 24, follow the Canadian

championship tournament to be held in

Toronto so closely that the athletes who

train for the Toronto tournament, will

be in shape for the bouts here and as a