

SIX ALL THE NEWS THAT IS NEWS

A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

SIDE LIGHTS ON MANY SPORTS

"DUCK" NICHOLLS REPORTED TO MANAGER DENEAN YESTERDAY

Wyandotte Twirler Is Husky Fellow, and He Will Become Popular With Fans—Is in Good Condition and Ready to Jump Into Game.

[BY JINX.]

Big Herman ("Duck") Nicholls, the Wyandotte Windupper, ambled into town yesterday afternoon with a smile on his face as wide as a wash boiler, and sought out William Randolph Hearst Deneau (we call him William Randolph because he was once taken for that gentleman, the facial features of each being somewhat similar), and announced that he had come to stay.

Beat Mullin Last Fall.

Nicholls is a big fellow and London fans are going to like him. He is the pitcher that Deneau grabbed up after George Mullin had quered a sale in which Nicholls would have gone to Detroit. Mullin was the pitcher that after Mullin had been beaten by Nicholls last fall when that famous troupe composed of big league stars, and collected by one Frank Bowserman, who was once known in these parts, were touring the hamlets of Michigan.

Mr. Nicholls held Mr. Bowserman's satellites to three hits and no runs, while the Wyandotte team got five runs off Mr. Mullin.

the office boy's lingo, Mr. Nicholls ain't.

The Meeting.

The meeting of Mr. Deneau and Mr. Nicholls in this city yesterday afternoon was really touching in the extreme. The writer happened to be present at the time. Mr. Deneau was proceeding up Dundas street hill on his way from the ball park when Mr. Nicholls approached from the port side and stretched out a paw the size of a young ham.

"Hallo, Rube," says Mr. Nicholls. "Hallo, Kid," says Mr. Deneau. "Just got here in time. Was going to tie the can on you for certain if you didn't show up today. What did you do, walk up from Detroit?"

"No, I came in on the Grand Punk," says Duck, and went on to explain that he got his eyes so full of sand on the way that he felt like he was crossing the Sahara.

Broke His Cheekbone.

Nicholls appears to be in fine shape. He has been playing quite a bit of ball this spring, and has been keeping in good condition since he got out of the hospital after having his cheekbone broken. The accident happened when he was dumping a firebox on an engine last winter, the drawer, which usually stuck slipping out easily, and striking him on the cheek.

Manager Deneau thinks in Nicholls he will have one of the best twirlers in the Canadian League, and the big fellow's appearance would bear out this and other kinds of things, which, to use

London Tecumsehs, Baseball Champions of the World in 1876, Drew Crowds From All Over Ontario, Excursion Trains Running From Many Points East and West of This City



Top row, reading from left to right—Joe Hornung, Tom Brown, Tom Gilean, "Buckie" Ledwith. Bottom row—Mike Dinnen, Fred Goldsmith, George Latham, Phil Powers, Billy Hunter.

The Tecumseh baseball club of London, and the Maple Leafs of Guelph, the latter having held the amateur championship of Canada for several seasons, stepped out of the amateur ranks in 1876 and became full-fledged professionals.

On May 24 of that year, the first of a series of games for the championship of the British Empire was played at London, and the nine who were the champions were given above were those who took the field for the Tecumsehs.

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JOE KEENAN'S PLAYERS ROUNDING INTO SHAPE

Newark, April 25.—Cy Barger, who was with Brooklyn last year, was in great form today, and it was through his pitching that the locals defeated the Montrealers, who did not make a bit of Barger until the sixth inning.

Berlin, April 25.—Twenty-one players had two work-out days yesterday under the guidance of Manager Keenan, who will commence the week-day job tomorrow.

In the catching department "Bill" Strob, Argus and "Cy" Reidy are fighting for places. Morrissey at first, Keenan at second, Bullock at third, the regulars played in the first inning, fielders trying for shortstop position.

AL PALZER DONE FOR OPERATION NECESSARY

New York, April 25.—Al Palzer, "white hope," may never again be able to strike for the world's heavy weight boxing championship. His fighting career has so misplaced his internal organs that it is necessary for him to undergo an operation.

NATIONAL COMMISSION TO MEET

Chicago, April 25.—President B. B. Johnson of the American League has received notice that a special meeting of the national baseball commission will be held here next Wednesday.

CLIP THIS AD

TY COBB SIGNS CONTRACT FOR LESS THAN \$15,000

Says He Is Through With Hold-Out Stuff For All Time to Come—Agreement Reached Shortly After He and President Navin Got Together.

Detroit, April 25.—Entirely immune, from now on, from the hold-out habit, Ty Cobb returned to the fold yesterday. He signed a contract for one year, after a conference with President Navin that lasted less than two hours, and most of whose time, it was to be after the latest ended, was taken up in explanations of misunderstandings that had resulted from long-range repartee and recrimination.



TY COBB.

Nothing was given out as to the sum for which Cobb signed, but it is understood that the figure is either \$10,500 or \$11,000. The first named in the press that the club originally proposed to pay the player, in order to meet his request that he be given more money than any other ball player, not a manager, ever had drawn.

Pay the Fine. Apart from the matter of salary, there were two important points to be considered in the dicker between player and club owner. One was the fine that the national commission will impose. The other was the loss of salary that the player may expect as a result of reporting after the season had started.

Having won the first game of the championship series, the Guelph nine never became dangerous as opponents of the Tecumsehs. During the three years—1876-7 and 8, that they were rivals for the Canadian and international title, they won a single game from the Tecumsehs.

In 1877 the International League was formed, that included the two Canadian professional nines, Syracuse, Lynn, Lowell, Manchester, Pittsburg, Columbus and Indianapolis, the championship of that year being won by the Tecumsehs.

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EARL POWELL AGAIN REFUSED

Tried Once More to Secure His Release From London. CLUB MAY TRADE HIM

Cincinnati, O., April 25.—The national baseball commission today dismissed the appeal of Player Earl Powell, a reversal of a ruling of the national board, and affirmed the decision of that body that the London Club of the Canadian League is entitled to his services.

Just at present there is no place on the London team for Powell. Bierbauer is making a remarkable showing at first base, and it is doubtful if Powell would be able to beat him out for it.

JOHNSON PROTESTS PAYING OF COSTS

Chicago, April 25.—Jack Johnson, pugilist, appeared before United States Commissioner Charles A. Buel yesterday afternoon to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to get a writ of habeas corpus.

WALTER JOHNSON IS GOING TO GET MARRIED

Boston, April 25.—Walter Johnson, pitcher of the Washington Senators, is soon to take a bride, in the person of Miss Anna B. Scully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Scully, of Cambridge, according to an announcement made here today.

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SENATORS RALLIED LEAFS DROP FIRST AND BEAT RED SOX TO DONOVAN'S GREYS

O'Brien Who Pitched Good Ball in Early Innings Weakened in the Eighth. Loose Fielding and One Bad Inning Turned the Trick.

NAPS BLANK THE TIGERS MONTREAL LOST ONE

Philadelphia Won From New York. Plank Pitching Shutout Ball—One Game Postponed. Rochester Beaten Out by Jersey City in Ninth—Buffalo Lost Another to Baltimore.

Washington, April 25.—After pitching sensational ball, O'Brien weakened in the eighth inning today and Washington, by a great finish, batted out a victory, winning the last game of the series with Boston, 5 to 4.

PROV. A. B. R. O. A. E. DET. A. B. R. O. A. E. Hooper, 1, 3, 0, 1, 0, 2 Miller, 4, 1, 3, 1, 0 Speaker, 4, 4, 0, 1, 0

Summary: Two-base hits—Lewis, Hooper, Ball, Gandil, Moeller, Three-base hit—Speaker, Home run—Engle, Stolen bases—Moeller, Milan, Shanks. Double plays—Bair to Wagner to Engle; Morgan to Bair to Gandil 2; Bases on balls—O'Brien 1, off Hall 1, off Gallia 1. Struck out—By O'Brien 12, by Johnson 1, by Gallia 2, by Zoehling 1, Hislop—O'Brien 9 in 7, off Hall 3 in 1, off Gallia 8 in 6, off Boehling 1 in 2, off Johnson 2 in 1. Wild pitch—O'Brien. Left on bases—3. Errors—Hart, Dineen. Time of game—2:05.

DETROIT SHUT OUT. Detroit, April 25.—Blanding, pitching his first game of the year, held shut out Detroit today 3 to 0. Five of Cleveland's seven hits were for extra bases, Johnson starting with a strike with a double and triple in three times at bat. The Tigers got two hits in the opening inning and two in the ninth, but with men on bases Blanding was at his best. Ty Cobb quietly entered the Detroit dugout early in the game, and although he sat on the bench chatting with his team mates for some time, no one in the stands knew of his presence.

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MORROWS AND NOXONS LEAD AT INGERSOLL

Football Fans Are Enthused Over Soccer League.

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American League Batters Get Hits on Fielders' Choice

Chicago, April 25.—Hereafter American League batters will be credited with hits on certain plays hitto to score as fielders' choice, according to a new rule adopted by President B. J. Johnson, to official scorers in his organization.

When, with one or more runners on bases, the batsman reaches first base on a play, the runner nearest to home plate, and no other runners provided that the play be made without error by an opponent.

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