

RED SOX WALLOPED LOCAL STARS 14-0—FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON

There Was a Great Array of Talent Put on the Board by
Both Teams—Gero Shows Up in Fine Style
—Stars Get Only One Hit.

It was awful! It refers to the drubbing the Red Sox handed to the Eagle Place Stars yesterday afternoon at Agricultural Park in the first game of the season. The boys from the south side were literally covered up with runs scored by the Canadian League pennant hopes. Our pets sure did wallop that ball all over the lot, garnering in all thirteen safeties, two of which went for extra bases. Of the latter Sandusky was guilty of a two-bagger while Matty Lamond potted a three-base hit.

Have they any speed, did some one ask? Well, to watch Sandusky run, the fan is looking at a second Ty Cobb. His two base hit was not good for any more than a single to the ordinary batter, but this speed merchant could not confine himself to one baz. "Sandy" is one of the speediest base runners seen here for some time. He cuts off a lot of ground most runners cover. Out of five times at bat he got three hits and stole a base. Matty Lamond's three-bagger was a clean drive to left field which he made with ease.

The Babe was there himself, getting two hits out of three times at bat and fielded his position perfectly, accepting nine chances without a slip.

Taylor batting for Gero in the fifth got a clean hit through short. The first five innings were all Henry Gero and Matty Lamond. Gero showed the fans he has some "smoke" this year, striking out eleven men in five innings. Only fifteen men faced him and none of them got as far as first base. In consideration of his good work Manager Deneau allowed him to go home at the end of the fifth. Chase followed Gero and only used a straight ball with lots of speed. As the result the Stars got their only hit on him, a weak Texas Leaguer over first base. Chase did not show as

much speed and control as Gero, walking one man and hitting another. Of the Stars, Woolman was the best pitcher they had and had been started in the game sooner the score might not have been so large. Plant and O'Connor did not have anything but a glove and a prayer, and a mighty weak one at that. These boys will have to show something if they expect to make a showing in the W. O. B. L. The fielding of the Stars was bad, Littich on first base being responsible for three inexcusable fumbles. Of course the season is just starting and the boys have not had much practice.

The Game.

The Stars went to bat first and Gero promptly fanned Sears, Patterson and Fisher in order.

For the Red Sox, Burns walked and went to third when Agnew pegged Rickart's bunt will to first. Rickart going to second. Both men scored on Deneau's single through short to centre field. Gabyby Ivers laid down a perfect sacrifice and Ruben went to third and scored on Sandusky's two-bagger to right field. Honkewick was out. Patterson to Littich. Wagner was safe when Littich fumbled a throw from short and Sandusky scored the fourth run. Wagner was caught cold stealing, Agnew to McKay. Gero quickly concluded the Stars half of the second by striking out Wilkinson, McKay, and Littich in order.

For the Red Sox, Lamond fouled out to Agnew. Gero was safe when Littich muffed another throw, going to second on the error and advanced to third on Burns' sacrifice. Plant to Littich and scored when Plant threw one to the grand stand. Rickart walked but was out stealing. Agnew to McKay.

In the first of the third, Schofield, the first man up, slugged one at Honkewick, but to no avail. Agnew to Deneau.

Plant handed Deneau a pass to first and both the Manager and Gabyby Ivers took an extra base when Schofield dropped Gabyby's fly. Both men scored when Sears made a mess of Sandusky's drive. Sandy went to second when an attempt was made to catch Ivers at the plate, but was caught between second and third, Sears to McKay. Honkewick was out Agnew to Littich. Wagner struck out.

Sears started off the fourth by hitting to Wagner, but was out a mile. Wagner to Deneau. Patterson fouled out to Lamond, and Fisher struck out.

The Red Sox also went out in order. Lamond was out Sears to Littich; Gero fouled to Agnew and Burns popped to Littich.

In the fifth and last frame of Gero, the men fanned the atmosphere in vain making his eleventh strike out in five innings.

The Red Sox got a regular avalanche of runs in the sixth on five hits, which ended Mr. Plant's sojourn in the box. Rickart started things going by getting a free ticket and scored on Deneau's long hit to left field. Deneau went to second on the throw in, and scored on Ivers hit to left, Gabyby going to 2nd on the throw to home. Sandusky scored Ivers on a hit over first base, and stole second. Honkewick advanced on a sacrifice hit and a minute later Sandy was caught between third and home, while trying to score on the sacrifice Littich to Agnew. Wagner flew out to ears. Matty Lamond scored Honkewick on three bagger to right. Taylor batting for Gero, hit through short scoring Matty. Burns was out Sears to Littich. Chase started to pitch in the sixth and the Stars began to find the ball. Dow-

ling bating for Schofield was out Chase to Deneau. Agnew and Plant both went out. Beltz to Deneau. Beltz took Wagner's place at second.

O'Connor took Plant's place and promptly walked Rickart, making this man's third free pass of the game. Fierci went to second on a wild pitch and Deneau sacrificed him to third. Ivers went out to Littich unassisted, and Rickart scored when the first baseman threw wild to home. Sandusky got his third hit, a single to centre and went to second on a wild pitch. Honkewick walked but Agnew pegged to McKay, who caught Sandusky off second fold.

Sears opened the seventh by flying out to Honkewick. Patterson was out Chase to Deneau and Fisher popped behind the bat. Coose relieved Matty

Beltz batted in Wagner's place and walked, and went to second on a wild pitch. Coose struck out, but Chase scored Beltz on a long hit to centre, going to second on the throw in, and scored on the throw in, and scored a little later on Burns' hit to right, the latter going to 2nd on the throw in. "Biddy" went to third on Agnew's bad peg to second, but remained there, Rickart flew out to Patterson and Deneau was out McKay to Littich.

In the 8th he Sears got their first man on first base. Chase handed Wilkinson a walk, went to second when the pitcher made a bad peg to second of McKay's grounder. Both men were safe, Littich struck out and McKay was caught off first base. Coose to Deneau. Dowling fouled out to Deneau.

Woolman relieved O'Connor and immediately struck out Gabyby Ivers. Sandusky went out McKay to Littich and Honkewick hit through short. Beltz hit to centre, but Honkewick failed to touch second base and was out. Wilkinson to McKay.

Agnew started the ninth with the only hit of the Stars, a weak fly behind first base, near the foul line. Sears was hit by a pitched ball and Patterson popped in front of the plate. Chubby Coose dropped the ball but converted the error into a double play. Coose to Rickart to Beltz. Fisher struck out.

This ended the game with the score 14 to 0, in favor of the Red Sox. It was a good practice game for the Nelsonites and gave Manager Deneau an opportunity to look over his squad. Beltz was shifted to second for the last four innings and appears to have Wagner beaten for his job. Wagner has shown up considerably this year, and unless he shows some speed, very soon he will likely be replaced, and so far Beltz looks like the man for the job.

To-day, weather permitting the Sox will play a practice game with the Hamilton Rowing Club. Connell and Carroll and possibly Molyneux will work for the locals with Lamond and Taylor doing the receiving the score:

RED SOX.

A. B. R. H. O. A. E.					
Burns, I. F.	3	1	0	0	0
Rickart, J.	3	0	1	2	0
Deneau, J.	3	3	2	0	0
Ivers, I. F.	4	1	0	0	0
Sandusky, M.	3	1	0	0	0
Honkewick, S. S.	3	1	2	1	0
Wagner, J.	3	0	0	1	0
Beltz, J.	3	1	1	2	0
Lamond, C.	3	1	12	0	0
Coose, C.	1	0	0	2	3
Gero, P.	2	1	0	0	0
Chase, P.	1	1	0	2	1
*Taylor	1	1	0	0	0

STARS.

A. B. R. H. O. A. E.					
Sears, J.	4	0	1	3	0
Patterson, S. S.	3	0	0	1	0
Fisher, R. F.	4	0	0	0	0
Wilkinson, M.	2	0	0	1	0
McKay, J.	3	0	0	5	2
Littich, J.	3	0	0	9	1
Schofield, I. F.	1	0	0	0	0
Dowling, I. F.	2	0	0	0	0
Agnew, C.	3	0	1	7	5
Plant, P.	2	0	0	0	1
O'Connor, P.	1	0	0	0	1
Woolman, P.	0	0	0	0	0

* Taylor batted for Gero in 5th.

Summary: 3 base hit Lamond, 2 base hit, Sandusky. Hits off Gero, 0 in 5 innings; off Chase 1 in 4 innings; off Plant 0 in 6 innings; off O'Connor 2 in 2 innings; off Woolman 2 in 1 innings. Bases on balls of Chase 15; off Plant 4; off O'Connor 2. Wild pitches, Plant 1, O'Connor 2. Struck out by Gero 11, by Chase 1, by Plant 1, by Woolman 2. Sacrifice hits: Rickart, 2, Burns, Deneau, Ivers, Honkewick. Hit by pitcher: By Chase (Patterson). Umpire, Cancelli.

Soft Ball

There are a thousand soft ball players out every night at East Ward park. From present indications, this game will be a hummer this year. Unusual interest is being taken in the sport.

ENGLAND LIKES HER CRICKET, AMERICA LIKES HER BASEBALL

It is very pleasing indeed for us Canadians who have been reading some of the trash in American papers in regard to the views of English and Australian sporting writers to see that at least one American scribe takes the proper view of the situation, as is shown in the following clipping from a Los Angeles exchange:

"Just because English and Australians failed to become enthusiastic the first time they saw a baseball game is no reason why we should abuse them. Baseball is not a hippodrome sport, like automobile racing. Baseball, like cricket or crap shooting, is interesting to those people who understand what it is about. You can't very well blame the English for being bored. They didn't care which side won; they didn't know a hit from an infield out. They were used to a game in which every man made oodles of runs. Only the spectacular appealed to them. No person could like baseball until he had been educated to understand each play.

"There is no reason for any regret. The world tour was fine for those persons who made it, but it doesn't mark an epoch in anybody's history. America doesn't care a whoop whether Australia or England play baseball, and they don't lose any sleep over the unimportant fact that we

don't care for cricket. Arguing over the matter is as futile as a wrangle between two young men as to which has the prettier girl—when one prefers blondes and the other has a decided leaning toward brunettes. It would be a son to our self-esteem if we should finally prove that the English are wrong. But even such an honor would be empty. We once spent several months trying to convince a friend that cysiers were edible, and finally won our argument; but after it was all over we had to admit that the joy of victory was hardly worth the effort put forth. Some of our best writers are highly indignant because the English called baseball "glorified rounders." All G. Spalding and Will Irwin went deep into the history of baseball and finally proved that baseball did not develop from rounders. Well, what of it. Baseball is more like rounders than any other game we can think of, and it might as well be called "glorified rounders" as anything else. The fact that baseball did not develop from rounders is interesting, but not important. Rounders has no blemish upon its name that would cause the best of our eugenic fans to consider it an unfit parent for baseball. The game would be just as thrilling if it did descend from rounders.

Canadian League Notes

Dolan to Pitch. Manager Yates of Hamilton has heard from Dolan, the pitcher who showed up so well for the Athletics in the tail-end of the 1913 season. Dolan is coaching a New York college team and sent on word a week ago that he would not report until June 1. This did not suit Yates, however, with the result that Dolan has changed his mind and informed the local club that he will be here on May 1. Yates had a chance to secure a couple of pitchers from the Baltimore international league club, but he had decided to depend entirely upon Dougherty, Donohue and Dolan, along with a fourth to be picked up from those reporting, and for that reason passed up the Baltimore recruits. —Hamilton Spectator.

Opening in St. Thomas. The management of the St. Thomas baseball club has received permission from President Fitzgerald of the Canadian League to open the season here on Wednesday, May 7, on account of the afternoon of the first-mentioned day being declared a half-holiday for the visit of the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia. President Stajley will at once take up the matter with Manager Shaughnessy of Utica, the team which plays here on opening day, and if agreeable to Shag Yates as it will, without a doubt the opening will be moved ahead. —St. Thomas Times.

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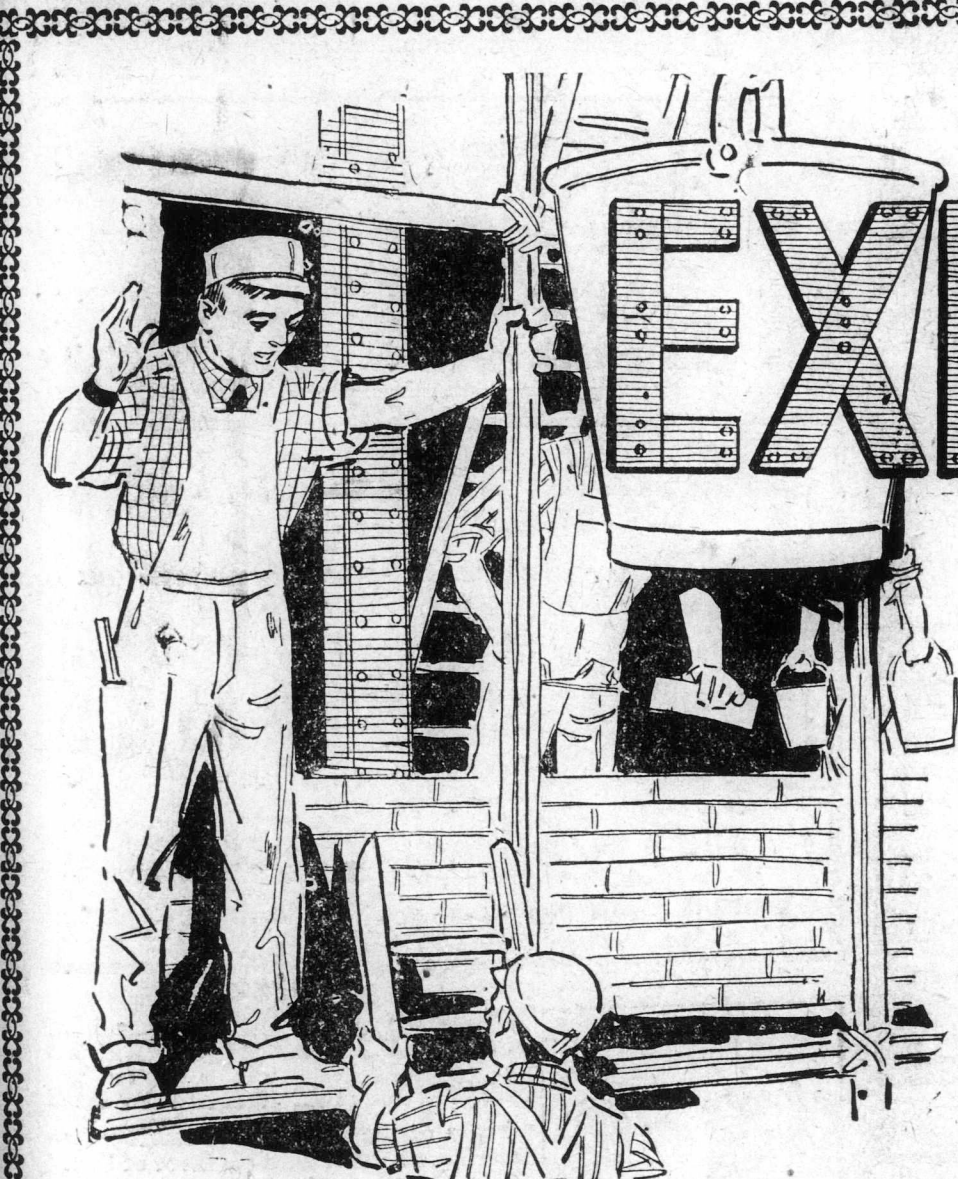
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