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BASEBALL.

PATS CARRY THE LEAGUE.

Our gallant baseball nine, since the last issue of *P.P.P.*, have given the finishing touches to their victorious record on the diamond, and have captured the pennant of the South Coast League.

The league series consisted of twelve seven-innings' games, eleven of which our fans bagged, ceding the twelfth, by loose play, to the 14th Canadian General Hospital nine, of Eastbourne, who stalk second in the league echelon. Our success is wholly due to the kind patronage shown by the O.C., and all the officers in general, most especially Captains Cross and Kennedy, who equipped and managed the team with great skill and enthusiasm, and who, at all times and in all places, gave us their utmost support. Great praise have our lads won by their magnificent showing in the race for the pennant, for they played the good old game with a will, heart and soul, and their high-strung spirits always found a true echo in the bleachers, where an enthusiastic Cooden mob always held reserved seats.

The four final encounters of the league took place since our last issue. In these four, the Pats met and defeated the Canadian Trench Warfare School (Bexhill), No. 5 Wing of the Royal Air Forces (Hastings), and the Canadian Army Service Corps (Bexhill), but, through a mishap, their winning streak was broken by the 14th Canadian General Hospital (Eastbourne), who fell to us in our first encounter at Eastbourne to the doleful tune of 16 to 6.

The C.T.W.L. crew played a game of soft ball, and the capture was like "taking candy from a kid" to the Cooden warriors, who not only doubled to it, in true Army fashion, but tripled the speed of the ash and the pill, as well as the scorer's pencil and his final jotting 24—8.

This decisive victory was followed by a counter offensive made by the Eastbourne unit of the league, who in their desire to crush their undefeated rivals for the pennant, spared neither effort nor man in the attack, and finally secured a footing in our lines after strenuous and bitter fighting. Their victory, according to Reuter, is considered of no strategical importance, nevertheless, all our turf critics admit that this 12-11 victory will prove of great effect on the Eastbourners' morale and better their chances in the "Nach Pennant" race, the leading forces' standing now being:—Pats, lost 1; Eastbourne, lost 2. Should the Pats, therefore, lose either of the two finals with Wing 5 of the R.A.F. and the A.S.C., the high chair in the house of fame would remain to be contested by Cooden and Eastbourne.

However, Eastbourne was sorely deceived, for the final relays added two victories to our ample game pouch, and saw the Eastbourners and all their fervid hopes imprisoned in an eel-pot. No. 5 Wing of the R.A.F., who met their first defeat at our hands, at Cooden, by a 9-0 score, again fell an easy prey to our stars, on their home grounds, the score being 9-2.

The game with the A.S.C. nine, Eastbourne's last hope, closed 9-6 in our favour. A notable feature of this skirmish was the presence in the field of several Eastbourne fans, who, by some clever intrigue had gained admission to the A.S.C. camp.

The following is a table of the twelve games, making up the league series:—

1st game:—Pats	12—Boys' Batt.	4.—W.
2nd game:—Pats	6 C.T.W.S.,	5.—W.
3rd game:—Pats	23—13th C.G.H.	2.—W.
4th game:—Pats	16—14th C.G.H.,	6.—W.
5th game:—Pats	17—C.A.S.C.,	2.—W.
6th game:—Pats	10—R.A.F., No. 28.	—W.
7th game:—Pats	2—Boys' Batt.	1.—W.
8th game:—Pats	9—R.A.F., No 5	0.—W.
9th game:—Pats	24—C.T.W.S.,	8.—W.
10th game:—Pats	11—14 C.G.H.	12.—L.
11th game:—Pats	9—R.A.F., No 5	2.—W.
12th game:—Pats	9—C.A.S.C.,	6.—W.

Played 12; Won, 11; Lost, 1.