



Well, the local leagues are off at last, and everybody is happy—with the possible exception of poor John Le, the umpire. The contests were not of a mid-summer order exactly, but then that could hardly be expected when the nature of the weather is taken into consideration. As a whole the contests in the three leagues were all that could be expected.

Out in Illinois they have an umpire named Chilli. Wouldn't that freeze you?

Here's a rich one: Athletics at Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wis., were notified at chapel exercises the other day by President Platts that they must discontinue going shopping in the abbreviated costumes of the athletic field. The athletes have sometimes found it necessary to go downtown while training on the athletic field, and have done so without bothering to don their street dress. The curtailment of the athlete's liberty is going too far these days in the west. Soon there'll be no college athletes there.

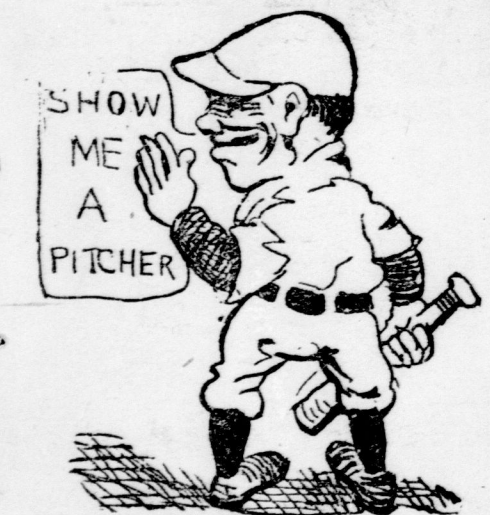
There are three players on the Minneapolis Club named "Buck" Freeman. What can baseball be coming to? It begins to look as though the ball-tossers were imitating the people of Stagedom in the matter of selecting titles.

Old Hard Luck Hoodoo Is Following Foundrymen

Lose Opening Game in the East End League by One Run—Oriens Outclassed Stars.

The raw weather of Saturday afternoon did not prevent a thousand enthusiastic fans from gathering at Queen's Park to witness the opening games of the East End League. The presence of several civic dignitaries may have had something to do in the way of swelling the attendance. Mayor Judd was there, together with Ald. Gillespie, Ald. Stevely and Ald. Rose, and each of them told the boys what a good game baseball is and how they should conduct themselves as players. The mayor, Ald. Stevely and Ald. Rose were never known in the local baseball world, but time was when "Tom" Gillespie was one of the king-bees on the diamond. He could do almost anything but twirl, and he could do it well. There were a few among the spectators who could recall the days when "Tom" played with the Tecumseh, and they were of the opinion that the part he took in the games of those days must have had something to do with his success in retaining his youthful appearance.

Mayor To Give Trophy. The mayor was introduced by Mr. James Fitzgerald, president of the East End League, and an old player



Dolaney's remark as he went to bat and made a three-bagger.

himself—a member of the Grand Trunk car works team when it was at its best. Mayor Judd, in addition to giving some fatherly advice, told the players that it was his intention to offer a trophy to the league, its disposition to be decided by the officials. This information tickled the crowd, and particularly the players—immensely. The trio of aldermen had something to say to the teams and the spectators as well. Ald. Stevely also stating that he had decided to offer a gold watch to the player having the highest batting average for the season.

At the conclusion of the speeches the mayor threw the first ball over the plate. Ald. Gillespie acting as receiver, and the league season was opened.

Oriens Take First.

The first game was between the Oriens and the Stars, the Oriens winning by a score of 14 to 5. The fielding of the Stars was not of the gilt-edged variety. Especially was the infield of color very much. Of the nine errors charged up to the team, the second and third baseman and the shortstop each had two. The Oriens wielded the willow a la Cy Seymour, making a total of eleven hits, of which one was a triple and one a two-bagger. In fielding the Oriens were all to the good. Only in the third inning did the Stars do anything with the benders of Jeffries.

Stars	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Dolaney, 1 f.	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, 2 b.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brennan, 4 c.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins, 3 b.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Palmer, 4 c.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malone, 1 f.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKnight, 3 b.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tyson, 2 f.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeffries, p.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	14	11	18	10	2	0	0

Oriens	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Ward, 1 f.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Twinner, 1 f.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lang, 2 b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harris, 4 c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buller, 2 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillie, 4 c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Murray, 2 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes, 4 c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Callahan, 3 b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	6	15	7	9	0	0

Summary: Three-base hit—Dolaney. Two-base hit—Callahan. Stolen bases—Twinner.

Buller, Brennan 2, Richardson, Umpire, G. Pierce. Scorer, C. G. Moorhead.

THIS WAS FINE.

While the first game was somewhat of the one-sided variety, the second made up for it. In this the Ramblers and the Wortman & Ward nine clashed, and the result was at all times in doubt. The chances of the Ramblers at the outset appeared to be nil. Dixon was first put in the box to do the twirling for them, but he did not last long. He began to show his generosity with the first ball, and before he was asked to take the bench for the rest of the game he had given three passes in addition to hitting another batter, the net result for the foundrymen being three runs. That was all. Capt. Penwarden could stand as if the record placed Dixon with Heathfield. And there ended the run-getting of the foundrymen. Not another one of them crossed the plate in the eight innings. It was an uphill job for the Ramblers to overcome the lead, but they did it. One run in the second, another in the fourth, and two in the sixth clinched the game for them. The first run was secured on a single by Roy Shannon and a triple by Gillespie. The Ramblers' sixth inning were the result of a double by Penwarden and a triple by Gillespie.

Roberts' Good Box Work. It was not by any means the fault of Roberts that the foundrymen lost. He was hit safely but five times, while he struck out thirteen men and gave only two passes.

The fielding of both teams was excellent, only one error being made by each. The features of the game were a pretty double play by Gillespie and Penwarden, Shannon's catch of a liner, Campbell's base-stealing and a catch by Reynolds in right field.

Beaten by one run was the hard luck that followed the foundrymen through the season, and it looks as if the old hat this year. Of the foundrymen it can be said that they deserved to win a great many more games than went to their credit last season.

Stars	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Wortman, 1 f.	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Reynolds, 1 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carrothers, 1 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tanton, 1 b.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roberts, p.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McConnell, 4 c.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flynn, 4 c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McConnell, 3 b.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall, 4 c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anderson, 2 b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	5	24	4	1	0	0	0

Ramblers	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Gillie, 4 c.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Penwarden, 1 b.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillespie, 4 c.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shannon, 2 b.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cochrane, 1 f.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
McConnell, 4 c.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westcott, 3 b.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sherritt, 1 f.	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Heathfield, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	4	5	27	10	1	0	0

Summary: Three-base hit—Gillespie. Cochrane. Two-base hit—Penwarden. Bases on balls—Ramblers 2, Wortman 3. Struck out—By Roberts 13, by Heathfield 5. Stolen bases—Wortman 1, Ramblers 5 (Gillespie, Cochrane, 3 Westcott). Double play—Gillespie to Penwarden. Time of game, 1:35. Umpire, G. Pierce. Scorer, C. G. Moorhead.

SKATING.

A CHALLENGE.

Sporting Editor Advertiser: I hereby, through my manager, Mr. Gallagher, wish to challenge Mr. George Crispin, of this city, recent winner of match race in Jubilee Rink, to a return match of two miles in same rink, on Thursday night, May 9. (Signed), C. L. Pratt.



Campbell was the Real Thing at stealing bases.

Chilly Winds and Fairly Good Ball Mark Opening of the City League

Both Games Won by a Single Run—Perrin's Had to Go Ten Innings to Beat Stars.

That Tecumseh Park stands were not allied to overflowing Saturday afternoon when the City League baseball season was launched can be attributed to the evident lack of feeling displayed by the local weather man. However, what the crowd present lacked in numbers it more than made up in enthusiasm, and everybody who took a hand in the games, from Magistrate Frank Love, who delivered the first ball of the season, down to the unfortunate umpire, received his share of applause and criticism. And by this one must not come to the conclusion that the magistrate's opening address was not a star effort. Far from it! The only objection raised to Mr. Love's effort in the oratorical line was that it was too brief.

Promptly at 2:35 his worship drew the teams up in front of the grand stand. After stating that he felt honored by being called upon to officiate on the occasion of the opening of London's premier baseball organization, he went on to say that he considered that baseball was a game for young men—not a form of sport adapted to men with white hair and bald heads. "I would like to say, though," continued the speaker, "that due exception must be made in the cases of our old friends, 'Doctor' Sippl and 'Jimmy' Bell. They are still able to get around like 2-year-olds and look good for a long time yet." (Applause.) Mr. Love stated that he spoke not



Thompson stopped a hot liner from Gatefield.

only from a spectator's standpoint, but from the vantage point of an old-time player. By way of illustration, he held up both hands, several fingers of which showed signs of rough usage. He was glad, he said, to note the great improvement in the Tecumseh Park grounds, and thought that the game this season would be faster, if possible, than ever before.

Artist With "Spit Ball."

"I now take great pleasure in giving you a specimen of my adroitness in delivering the 'spit ball,' which I learned to throw after long and faithful practice," said Mr. Love in conclusion, and he was as good as his word. In fact, those who sat back of the plate could not begin to count the turns and twists of the ball as it traveled with police court speed toward the home-plate.

A few moments later, and those two grand old warriors, "Jimmy" Bell and "Doc" Sippl were leading their coils into the opening fray of the season. Sippl won the toss-up, and Capt. Bell's warriors were elected to take first poke at the leather. "As for the game itself, it wasn't the best that the City League boys can play. However, due allowance must be made for the unfavorable weather, which sent chills chasing up and down the spectators' backs, and put kinks in the none-too-hardened muscles of the players themselves, who have had but little opportunity thus far to get into first-class shape.

Outplayed the Tinsmiths. It would perhaps be putting it a trifle strong to say that the best team won, inasmuch as early season games are poor foundations upon which to risk statements of that kind. But it is a fact that Doc Sippl's outfit clearly outplayed the bunch from "Tinware Town" as a glance at the hit and error columns will show.

And, by the way, if that line of dope doesn't illustrate the uncertainties of baseball, nothing else can. McClary's gathered together a total of four miles, which were productive of two solitary tallies, while the Skyscrapers procured a corner on a trio of runs off a brace of singles.

There was nothing doing in the first two rounds, but in the third, a base on balls, a safe, pop-fly, a sacrifice hit, followed by a scratch hit, two stolen bases and a passed ball, enabled the Rockets to draw first blood with two runs.

Both teams drew blanks in the 4th and 5th, but in the 6th McClary's got busy and scored a lone tally, in the getting of which good, bad and fierce baseball played a strong part.

Ball Not Equal To It.

McHugh started the leather rolling by popping a little fly just over "Doc" Sippl's head. Gibson (the great) bunted safely and McHugh went to town, Gibson stole second and it looked to be distinctly up to Ball, who was next on the swap list. Ball snapped his teeth, gathered up a fold in his komono, strode over to the plate and smote the atmosphere viciously three times. Eccleston, however, poked the leather into deserted territory. McHugh came home on the gallop. Lockridge fanned and the agony ended.

In the 7th McClary's drew a goose-egg, while the Rockets crawled up a notch on a gift to Dewan, a bunt by Hosie which Butler threw far over McHugh's head, and a safe pop-fly from an old reliable, Garnie Arthur's little stick. The "Micks" made it 2 to 3 in the eighth on a two-base hit to left by Pea-

cock, a stolen base and a wild throw, which enabled the birdman to poke his nose over the home plate. That ended the bout "Doc" Sippl allowed his features to relax into a broad, healthy grin.

Stars	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
McClary, 2 b.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bell, 4 c.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Penock, 3 b.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
McHugh, 1 f.	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
W. Gibson, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ball, 4 c.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eccleston, 1 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lockridge, 2 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
"Phillips", 4 c.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butler, 4 c.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	3	24	11	4	0	0	0

Rockets	A	B	R	H	P	O	A	E
Dewan, 1 f.	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sippl, 2 b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Arthur, 1 b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rose, 4 c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillett, 1 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lockridge, 2 f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hyttelrauch, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	2	26	11	4	0	0

DOINGS AT ALL STAGES.

The second game was by long odds a better exhibition of baseball than the first, from a spectator's standpoint and there were "doings" at all stages.

Thompson, a new man, was official scribe for the "Biscuit-makers," and he was virtually a whole team in himself. With practically no previous knowledge of the ways and wiles of the opposing batesmen he managed to work himself out of tight holes in a most creditable manner, while his fielding was away above city league par. Billy Graham pulled off the star play of the contest by making a one-handed catch of a high liner.

Our old friend Earley, too, was in fine fettle, and while one more hit was gathered from his assortment of bends, shoots, and straight balls, his team did not afford him the support it is capable of when it gets its sea-legs.

Perrin's Started Strong.

Right at the start-off the "Biscuit-makers" jumped in to win and before the game from the Milky-way began to even get warmed up the kid at the score-board had chalked up four runs for the rejuvenated ones.

In the first inning Summers laced a hot one at O'Rourke, who fell all over himself trying to handle it, and scored. Billy Graham followed with a single, Perkins and Wanless singled, and Gregory made it 3 to 0. Dicker and "Chink" Ward drew blanks and Perkins got caught napping.

In the second volume the "Biscuit-makers" repeated on singles, and Gregory, and a dropped ball by Graham at second.

The "Satellites" woke up in the third round and scooped in a brace of the "money-getters." "Nig" Jeffries managed to get struck in the solar plexus with the ball, Graham laced a pretty one down to Ward, who was out on an ace on the throw to first, and Jeffries strolled in, Graham going to third. O'Rourke coaxed out a single, and Captain "Bill" came in on rollers.

Some Anxious Moments.

The next inning was productive of several very anxious moments for Brock Early, and it is said that he lost several pounds of good baseball flesh during the interim. However, that may be, there was excitement around the Early Camp—or at least cause of it—for several minutes, and that the lean one (?) got out of a box without damage reflecting creditably upon his thinker, his throwing arm, and the work of his team mates at large.

Dicker fanned thrice, Ward walked, Wanless flied out, Stein (the narrow) bunted and made first on a fielder's choice to third in an effort to nail the

THE TURE.

Louisville, Ky., May 5. — The 33rd renewal of the Kentucky Derby, the oldest field event on the American turf, will be run tomorrow at Churchill Downs. The entries, weights, jockeys and the odds, as posted for the Derby, are: Arclet, 117 (Troxyler), 4 to 5; Red Lande, 117 (D. Nichol), 9 to 1; Woolandals, 117 (Koerner), 10 to 1; Orlandwic, 110 (J. Lee), 15 to 1; Pinkstar, 117 (Minder), 15 to 1; Seal, 117 (R. Hennessy), 20 to 1; Boxara, 117 (C. 20 to 1. The race has been run annually since 1875.

ATHLETICS.

CANADIAN CLUB'S MEET.

On Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the sports committee of the Canadian Club will meet in the city hall for the purpose of formulating arrangements for a big field meet to be held on July 1, 2 and 3, which will be the first of the local athletic organizations will be asked to assist.

The meeting will be open and everybody is cordially invited to attend. The club is also desirous of discussing the matter of procuring a suitable park in this locality for athletic purposes.

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DR. GARDNER EASILY WON MONTAGUE STAKES

New York, May 4.—Dr. Gardner, the 7 to 10 favorite, easily won the Montague stakes, one mile and a sixteenth, on a muddy track, at Jamaica today. The Excelsior handicap winner was considered as outclassing his field, so much so that he was always an odds-on favorite. In spite of the price, he was heavily played and rewarded his backers by winning. Prizette won the Rosedale stakes by three lengths. At a special sale A. J. Joyner's Rosalie was sold to J. D. Odum for \$2,400.

Summaries: First race, 5 1/2 furlongs—Aethelred, 99 (Notter), 9 to 10; Royal Onyx, 103 (Towe), 12 to 1; Sir Toddington, 116 (Preston), 3 to 1; Time, 1:08 1/2. Rosalie, Montague, Zethus, Thomas Hoy and Jennie Wells also ran.

Second race, selling, 5 furlongs—Sussex, 102 (Preston), 9 to 1; Thomas Colburn, 102 (Muggrave), 2 to 1; Astoria Belle, 100 (Beckham), 12 to 1; Time, 1:04 1/2. Hollister, Blueban, Lackfoot, Spohn and Gay Gryssle also ran.

Third race, the Rosedale stakes, 5 furlongs—Prizette, 107 (Gardner), 5 to 2; Tartar Maid, 107 (Hornor), 8 to 1; Ella O'Neill, 107 (Martin), 2 to 1; Time, 1:03 1/2. Laura Clay, Marion Moore, Handsaroud, Queen Marguerite, Left Sovereign and Tealeaf also ran.

Fourth race, the Montague stakes, one mile and a sixteenth—Dr. Gardner, 123 (Martini), 7 to 10; Philander, 106 (Garner), 4 to 1; Okente, 106 (Mountain), 14 to 5; Time, 1:49 1/2. Dan Busse also ran.

THE WHEEL.

C. W. A. MEETING.

Waterloo, May 4. — The following track events will constitute the Dominion Day C. W. A. programme here: One mile novice, quarter-mile, half-mile, one mile and five-mile Dominion championships, a two-mile handicap, and a two-mile lap race.

In addition the civic committee have arranged a number of foot races, including the Waterloo Marathon, ten miles, open to Galt and Berlin collegians, Waterloo County championship, one mile, and a mile for farmers and farmers' sons.

The Ontario provincial bicycle championships will be held on the last Saturday of the Canadian National Exhibition on the fair grounds.

DAY TROPHY RACE GOES HALF WAY

Some Good Scores Made in the Event—Team Shoot on Saturday.

The Springfield Gun Club held its weekly shoot on Saturday afternoon, and nearly 400 contestants finished their first half of the race for the Day Trophy. The total scores, with handicaps, for the first 100 are as follows:

Day	Shot at Broke	Hdp. Score
Greener	100	88
Greener	100	75
Simcox	100	61
Walker	100	50
Walker	100	55
Remington	100	68
Parker	100	70
Graydon	100	78
Avey	100	70
Blackburn	100	80
Dock	100	71

SATURDAY'S SCORES.

Bisset.....	15	6	Avey.....	15
Simcox.....	15	6	Clinger.....	15
Total.....	36	Total.....	at. E	
Trophy Event—		Shot at. E		
Greeter.....				25
Day.....				24
Dock.....				25
Blackburn.....				50
Simcox.....				25
Clinger.....				25
Graydon.....				25