

RAIN ENDS FIRST CANADIAN LEAGUE GAME, NO RUNS

Excellent Turnout of 3,000
Fans, Whose Ardor Was
Dampened.

ST. THOMAS, May 7.—With all the leading citizens at hand bedecked with regular silk hats, the Saints and the Ottawa Champs battled for four and one-half innings yesterday afternoon to a scoreless tie, a real thunderstorm with fire works attachments putting the game and the silk hats present much to the bad. It looked as if the pastime might have gone on indefinitely if the chap in charge of the weather had not mused the plumbing.

Owing to the presence of the Duke of Connaught all the aldermen and residents here who could afford a tie came out in their best togs. The Canadian League season opening is occasion enough to display some scenery, but with the duke in vicinity it became the duty of all persons hereabouts to put on some extra touches. They did from a haberdashery standpoint the opening was one of the grandest known known since Joseph displayed his variegated raincoat.

No Extra Ceremonies.

There was no extra ceremonies in connection with the opening of the season. The citizens assembled at the park shortly after they had shaken hands with the Duke and could make the park after walking several miles across country. The street car service was most conspicuous in that there was none; well, at least, nothing to speak of. While the demon athletes were taking a few kinks out of their salary arms and had paraded for the photographers a band of Kitties—honest to goodness, Kitties—marched before the stands, giving voice to several varieties of music. It appeared to suit the populace, who at once rose en masse, as the society edifice would say, and cheered lustily. Cheers was the best little exercise of the day.

Opening Game Begins.

Then as umpire, with a voice as penetrating as a peashooter, arose from the midst of the turmoil and announced "Batteries for to-day's game."

Yates Is Confident

Yates is all set for the opening game at Brantford to-day. He has a great deal of faith in his team, and while he is not filled with much confidence as to the start that will be made, he is satisfied that a few games will put the team right on edge and start them along at a stiff winning pace. Speaking of his team and the prospects, he said "I am satisfied that we will do well. We may not start with a rush, but it must be remembered that we have played but three games and that three exhibition games do not constitute a great deal of work for a team. Had we been able to get in about five more games I would have been confident of a winning rush right at the start, no matter the result of the first few games, his fact must be taken into consideration."—Hamilton Spectator.

nounced "Batteries for to-day's game." Zzyrone anodir erer, and gronucnes bresgonas." Honest to goodness, that's the way it sounded. Then the boys took their places and the deadly combat was on.

Well, "Wild William" Baker, a London youth, started to pitch. Will got his name because he taught in Sunday school, but has a terrible way of throwing the ball at persons' unprincipled. However, as the poet saith, Bill was a quiet chap to-day, and only biffed one soul, who should have known better than to stand in the way. The umpire said he should, and the umpire, being Irish, should know.

Hit the First One

Mr. Shaughnessy, one of our best known little crabs, paraded his genius first, and he told them to shut their eyes, and hit at the first ball. They did that during the first of the whole afternoon, and as a consequence they almost won the ball game. Had not Mr. Rogers tried to steal when he should have known he was about to be snuffed out, and had not Mr. Hall slammed at a ball after Pete Powers had stolen home, the Senators might have won the ball game. But what is the use. Had the rich young lady not kissed her chauffeur, she might still be a happy wife.

On the whole it was a very auspicious opening. As a ball game it was not much as neither side won. Mr. Hal, the new Ottawa heaver, looms up as a good one. Both teams are right on edge and will improve. Mr. Forgue made the best stop of the afternoon. Shag raised some people's little habits. He also grabbed one of his cutest little habits. It might be added that the rainmaker is hitting right.

FANNY'S FANCIES

Fanny Fagan, the cute little poetess of Grassie's Corners, is greatly interested in the Canadian League opening at Brantford to-day judging by the following from her noble pen:

Mayor Allan will prove a regular Schang.
When standing behind the plate:
If Mayor Spence can put 'em over right,
Allan will catch 'em sure as fate,
For he played with the old Standards,
A team that aroused the nation,
And caught 'em right off the bat,
Before Brantford was a station.

Hamilton Is Ready.

Manager Yates has his pitchers working out in the East End Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. The rest of the squad is idle. The players will leave for Brantford on Thursday at 12.20 sharp, accompanied by the officers of the club. The new uniforms have arrived at headquarters, and but for the accident to Baldwin and the lack of team play and condition, caused by bad weather, the team is practically ready for the fireworks to start.

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"Bobbie" Heck May Go To Cleveland

(BY JINX.)

If Robbie Heck goes through the coming Canadian League season with as good a record as the one he rolled up last season, the Cleveland American Association team will either buy him or draft him from the London Club. Scout Charley Hickman of the Cleveland American League Club, is authority for the statement that he will recommend the London portside to the Cleveland management.

Hickman was present at Ironton a few weeks ago when Bobbie Heck pitched three innings against the Ironton Club. Although Bobbie was not exerting himself to any extent, he made a decided impression on the Cleveland scout, and Hickman, while visiting Oskee Neale, the former London outfielder at Bucknannon a week later, told him that he would try hard to get the Cleveland American Association team to buy him. The information was contained in a letter

from Oskee Neale to Bobbie Heck yesterday.

There is no doubt that Hickman really meant what he said. He had several conversations with Manager Keisinger, of the London team, while the club was at Portsmouth, and it is not unlikely that the Cleveland Club has been promised first chance at triple should he again pitch as good as he did last season. The league is a faster one this season, and the London southpaw will no doubt find it harder to equal his record of last season.

Hickman has also been making efforts to get the Cleveland Club to bring Oskee Neale direct to the Naps instead of having him report to the American Association team. The Cleveland scout believes Neale is ripe for the majors, and with the Naps in their present crippled state, he could receive a good trial in the big league. Neale does not report until June 15. He claims he is in great shape this season.

NO LOTTERY IN SELECTION OF REFEREES

Football Executive Held an
Important Meeting
Last Night.

The Brantford and Paris Football league will not in future try a lottery device in allotting the referees to various matches. The practice has been condemned and the League has decided to recommend that the executive be in all cases empower the officers to select referees. This decision was come to after the hearing of the protest of Paris against the result of game with the Dufferin Rifles, when they claimed the referee was partial to the Duffs. And it seemed that they had some right to complain, but lack of sufficient evidence resulted in their protest not being upheld. The League, however, did show their sympathy by taking the action mentioned. J. Crouch, the referee of the match, is a follower of the Rifles and it is little wonder that he felt inclined to favour them in the exchanges.

The horse play at Tutela Park was investigated and W. Johnson was suspended for not appearing in answer to the summons of the governing body. He will not be able to assist the S. O. E. on Saturday and will be further suspended if he does not appear at the meeting next Wednesday. He was cautioned three times when playing against Cocksbutt's but continued to play a rough game.

J. March and H. Taylor of the Scots United applied for transfers and will be considered.

W. Clark will referee the Scots V. Holmedale match on Saturday in place of J. Hollister, who will be out with the cavalry.

A True Optimist.

Percival—Mr. Hemmandhaw is the most optimistic person I ever saw.
Penelope—Cheerful, eh?
Percival—Yes; even now, when he is slowly recovering from a fever, he sees a humorous side to everything.
Penelope—Which surely is fortunate.

Percival—I asked him what he was eating, and he told me the physician permitted him to have the water from two boiled eggs.

Penelope—The idea!

Percival—And he hoped soon to be able to add the holes out of a few doughnuts.—From Judge.

Shrinking.

This mundane place of meeting
Shrinks to a whirling cork;
They've just exchanged a greeting
'Twixt Berlin and New York
The airship and the wireless
Have dwarfed this earthly ball;
And science, ever tireless,
Makes everything look small.
—Cleveland Plaindealer.

Fall Over Cliffs.

Elsie Bell, the twelve-year-old daughter of a Birdington Corporation employee, fell over the Sewerby cliffs, near Flamborough, on Monday. She was rescued by workmen and was badly injured internally.



In All The Big Leagues

Browns Win.

CLEVELAND, May 7.—St. Louis beat Cleveland easily 7 to 1. The feature of the game was a triple play executed by Cleveland in the first innings, when it looked as if St. Louis would drive Blanding from the box. Pratt was on third by virtue of his triple, which he scored. Shotten and Austin and Williams had been passed. C. Walker then grounded to Turner. Turner threw to Lajoie, retiring Williams; Lajoie threw to Johnson; putting out Walker at first. Pratt then tried to score, but was out on Johnson's fast relay to Carlsch.

Athletics Win.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7.—Free hitting on the part of the Athletics yesterday gave them the final game in the series with Boston by 7 to 3. Both Collins and Bedient were batted hard.

Caldwell Is Good.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Slim Caldwell beat the Washingtons 4 to 2 here yesterday and established a mark of pitching 25 innings of scoreless baseball, which includes the only three games he has started. Caldwell's work to-day was impressive, his control perfect and he was backed up by brilliant support. Only five of the Washington players out of the 21 who faced him got on the bases. An Agreement was reached with Manager Griffith that the game should be called at 5 o'clock in order to allow the New York players time to catch the Federal express for Boston. This explains why the game lasted but 7 innings.

Cobb Ran Wild.

CHICAGO, May 7.—Cobb's base running and Crawford's brilliant catch of Alcock's fly, when Chicago had the bases filled in the fourth inning, helped Detroit beat Chicago 4 to 2 yesterday. Cobb stole three bases, and scored two of the visitors runs, and came very close to scoring in the first innings when he attempted to count from second on a sacrifice fly. He would have stolen home in the eighth innings if Hild had swung at the ball but when the batter stepped back Cobb was caught a few feet from the plate.

Pirates Win.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 7.—A walk to Konetchy, Viox's sacrifice, Keating's error on Mitchell's grounder, and a wild pitch by Cheney gave the local only run of yesterday's game, making it the second string of seven consecutive victories for Pittsburg this season. With Konetchy on 3rd in the ninth, Cheney made the wild pitch while trying to walk Hyatt, who was batting for Gibson. Adams pitched a remarkable game.

Brooklyn Won Series.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Brooklyn won the series from New York yesterday by taking the deciding game by a score of 5 to 3. Nap Rucker, Brooklyn's star pitcher, pitched his first game of the season, and he had the champions shut out until the ninth innings, when Brooklyn scored three after two runners had been retired. Demaree was hit hard by Brooklyn in the sixth innings, when the visitors won the game by scoring four runs on two passes and three singles, and an infield out.

Reds Won Out.

TS. LOUIS, Mo 7.—The Cincinnati Reds shut out the Cardinals yesterday, 3 to 0. Hines, the Cincinnati pitcher, scored two in the first innings on a two-bagger by Moran and a home run by Bates. The scored again in the ninth on a triple by Niehoff and a single by Rawlings.

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Walsh's first and most prominent stunt was to beat the Athletics, the team from which Chance obtained him. Philadelphia gave Walsh credit for three victories in a "five game series."

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