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THIS WEEK'S GAMES.

The regular League series will be resumed to-morrow when the **Lions** and **Wanderers** will clash. This is the most important game of the season, as a win for the Hartnett crew will put them in the running, and will also give the Cubs a great chance for the pennant.

On Wednesday two games will be played. At 10.30 the **C.E.L.** and **B.I.S.** will go to it, and in the afternoon at 2.30 the **Cubs** and **Lions** will grapple.

On Thursday evening the **Wanderers** and **B.I.S.** will be the drawing card. This will therefore be the most important week in the League schedule as the results will decide the pennant.

SATURDAY'S EXHIBITION GAME.

Saturday afternoon's exhibition game between the **Sydney Millionaires** and our **ALL STARS** resulted in a walk-over for the visitors. Right from the start they had our boys to the ropes staggering and bleeding and never let up until the final gong. 'Twas the same old story of errors upon top of error,—**Billy Callahan, Orr,** and **Brett** being the chief offenders; and the most surprising part of it was that the star of the series—McCrindle—headed the list with 3. However, Billy did a great week's work and one can forgive him. Two of the City's star twirlers went on strike and refused to obey instructions, so that when Donnelly weakened, Claudie Hall had to jump into the breach again. He "came back" in great shape, pitching the last three innings with 4 s.o. to his credit. Buchanan on the slab for the Sydney lads was most efficient and mowed down batter after batter. Some confusion was caused in the fifth by a self appointed committee of five crossing the diamond from the grandstand and declaring that Fulton—who was umpiring the bases and whose decisions were causing some comment and a great deal of dissatisfaction to the fans—had made some bets on the game. When the matter was investigated by Umpire Chesman it was found that they had confused the umpire of the previous day's game—Lannon—with Fulton, so that the protest was an absolute washout. Mr. Fulton neither had made any bets nor was he directly or indirectly interested in any that had been made. The affair was unfortunate, and we are glad that it ended as it did.

The Sydney lads proved themselves to be good sports and great ball players. Right from the start they had it all over our local efforts, but their style of playing and the information acquired will enable us to produce a better brand of ball than we have been used to. The gentlemen who arranged the series—Messrs. Higgins, Orr, Chesman, and Hartnett—deserve all our thanks, and it is to be hoped that some on the same lines can be arranged for next season.

The League will undoubtedly find it difficult to finalise the series as the season is getting late, and in addition, a whole week has got to be devoted to inter-town baseball. A meeting of the League is, we understand, being called for this week to straighten out matters.

Following is Saturday's game by innings:—

1st INNING.

SYDNEY: — Bartlett struck out; Hyndam reached 1st and 2nd on Britt's error; Buchanan sacrificed; Hyndman reached 3rd; McInnis out at first.

CITY: — McCrindle struck out; Cahill struck out; Hartnett caught out by McLean.

SYDNEY 0. CITY 0.

2nd INNING.

SYDNEY: — McNab singled and reached second on Orr's error; McLean sacrificed; McNabb reached third; McDonald out at first; Kenna hit by pitcher; White singled scoring McNabb; Bartlett hit scoring McLean; Hyndam out at first.

CITY:—Orr struck out; Callahan reached first and second on White's error; Munn out at first; Callahan out at third.

SYDNEY 2. CITY 0.

3rd INNING.

SYDNEY:—Buchanan caught out by Munn; McInnis on first, dropped third strike; McNabb on first through Callahan's error; McLean hit, scored McInnis; McDonald reached first on Callahan's error and McNabb got home; McLean home on Orr's error; Kenna struck out; Britt's error gave White first and McDonald home; Bartlett out at first.

CITY:—Britt singled; Quick hit by pitcher; Britt out at third; Donnelly out at first; McCrindle struck out.

SYDNEY 6. CITY 0.

4th INNING.

SYDNEY:—Hyndman out at first; Buchanan struck out; McInnis caught out by Quick.

CITY:—Cahill out at first; Hartnett out at first; Orr struck out.

5th INNING.

McLean caught out by Duggan; McDonald reached first and second on McCrindle's error; Kenna reached first and second, and McDonald third and home on Manning's error; White singled; Bartlett out at first.

CITY:—Callahan struck out; Munn singled and stole second; Manning out at first, and Munn reached third and home on McLean's error; Quick out at first.

SYDNEY 7. CITY 1.

6th INNING.

SYDNEY. — Hyndman singled; Buchanan out at first; Hyndman stole third; McInnis out at first; McNabb hit scoring Hyndam; McLean forced McNabb out.

CITY:—Donnelly struck out; McCrindle out at first; Cahill struck out.

SYDNEY 8. CITY 1.

(Hall and Clouston replaced Donnelly and Cahill.)

7th INNING.

SYDNEY—McDonald struck out; Kenna out at first; White struck out.

CITY:—Hartnett out at first; Duggan on first through McLean's error; Callahan caught out by Bartlett; Duggan stole second; Munn struck out.

SYDNEY 8. CITY 1.

8th INNING.

SYDNEY: — Bartlett struck out; Hyndman struck out; Buchanan safe on first on McCrindle's error and stole second; McInnis out at first.

CITY:—Manning struck out; Quick struck out; Hall struck out.

SYDNEY 8. CITY 1.

9th INNING.

SYDNEY:—McNabb singled McLean sacrificed; McDonald out at 1st; Kenna hit by pitcher; White hit scoring McNabb; Bartlett reached first on fielder's choice, and Kenna third and home on McCrindle's error; Hyndman caught out by Quick.

CITY: — McCrindle struck out; Clouston struck out; Hartnett walked; Duggan struck out.

SYDNEY 10. CITY 1.

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With the exception of eels, all the most important market fishes have two sets of paired fins in addition to the median back and tail fins, namely, a pair of pectorals or breast fins and a pair of ventral fins, as in pike and herring, cod and perch. The position of the ventral fins is not constant in the different families, but their presence is constant where they belong. Very rarely a fish is taken which lacks its full complement of fins and when this happens it is usually the ventral fins that are missing. A staggering impression is conveyed to the observer when one handles for the first time a familiar fish devoid of the ventral fins which are proper to it.

In the streams flowing from the south into the expansion of the St. Lawrence river between Montreal and Quebec known as Lake St. Peter, in the waters of Lake Champlain and elsewhere in the eastern States, there lives a low caste fish called the bowfin, mudfish, or poisson castor. Its zoological name in **Amia calva.** It is the sole surviving species of an ancient family whose other members became extinct in Tertiary times. Although not esteemed as a food-fish, the flesh being reputed coarse, yet it is perfectly wholesome and is sometimes put upon the market. Its nesting habits and breathing powers are remarkable, but fish-culturists reckon it a pest for its voracious appetite.

Last November it happened that one day a male bowfin, caught in the Richelieu river, was brought to the market at Montreal and eventually came into my hands. It was a fine, well-grown fish, twenty inches in length, perfectly sound but with no fins on the belly. These are normally situated in the abdominal region a little farther back in the carp. Amia somewhat resembles a carp outwardly, and was at one time believed to be related to the carp family, or else to the herring family, until certain qualities of head and heart showed that its affinities with the modern bony fishes were remote. As a member of the Canadian fish-fauna it is a notable figure, but as a contributor to Canada's food-resources it has not made good. The aberrant specimen was exhibited at the Natural History Society of Montreal on February 23 last.—Canadian Fisherman.

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