

Silver Centre Again Are League Champions

Silver Centre, 22, McIntyre, 6.

The ash-wielders from Lorrain surely came back with a vengeance last Thursday afternoon at Cobalt, to tie up the play-off series with the gold molers from Schumacher. The latter had taken the first two games, played in Timmins, in rather easy fashion, 14-8 and 8-6, but the grabbing off of the third, which would ensure them the championship and possession of the McInnis Trophy, was a different matter entirely.

At that, it looked as though they had Thursday's battle safely tucked away, when they plastered Harry Mullin's offerings to all corners of the lot for five runs before he was derrick in favor of "Boots" Gregg, who allowed two safeties in the eighth and one-third innings he toiled. Frankie has been a sort of third-string pitcher for the Silver Centre crew, hurling for the "scrubs" against the regulars, and taking part in a few exhibition games, so it was an unexpected pleasure to the team's supporters when he twirled such masterly ball, after Mullin was yanked. Gregg was a trifle shy on control, issuing 3 passes and hitting one batsman, but the only run scored off him was the result of Gauthier's twoply smash, an error and a sacrifice fly. After the third inning, the visitors got one man to third and one as far as second.

The hitting of Seth Cowden, Archie Howes, Brock Cross and Stan Lemon and the base running of Harry Cowden and Ron Scott, were other features of the game.

Silver Centre, facing a six-run deficit in the fourth, squeezed a pair of counters in and in the 6th they commenced the avalanche which buried the McIntyre hopes. Seventeen men went to bat in this frame, and thirteen of them came all the way round to score. Not content with this, which gave them a lead of nine runs, the Silver camp gang came back and scored a quartette of tallies in the seventh and three more in the eighth.

It was one of those days when one team could do nothing right and the other nothing wrong. The winners played with abandon, taking all kinds of chances on the bases and getting away with it.

Valin allowed fourteen hits of varied lengths and varieties and his mates gave him terrible support, having no less than a dozen juicy errors, Valentine and Rothwell contributing seven of them. The former really was responsible for the big rally in the sixth, when he dropped a fly ball with an easy double play in sight.

The terrible details:

SILVER CENTRE					
ab	r	h	po	a	e
H. Cowden, s.s.	5	2	1	3	6
Scott, 3b.	6	1	1	0	1
S. Lemon, 2b.	6	1	2	2	2
Cross, c.	4	2	1	4	0
Howes, 1b.	6	4	2	14	1
R. Lemon, r.f.	2	0	0	0	1
Newkirk, r.f.	3	4	1	3	0
S. Cowden, c.f.	6	4	4	0	1
Graham, l.f.	0	0	0	0	1
St. Cyr, l.f.	4	2	1	0	0
Mullin, p.	0	0	0	0	1
Gregg, p.	5	2	0	0	4

MCINTYRE					
ab	r	h	po	a	e
Chisholm, c.f.	5	1	1	0	0
Rothwell, s.s.	3	0	1	0	4
Fitzjohn, c.	5	1	1	2	0
Angrignon, 3b.	4	1	0	1	0
Gauthier, 2b.	4	1	1	0	1
Nottingham, p.	4	1	1	0	1
Valentine, l.f.	2	1	0	0	1
Valin, p.	4	0	0	0	6
Park, 1b.	4	0	0	12	0

SCORE BY INNINGS:											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Sil. Cen.	0	0	0	2	0	13	4	3	x	22	14
McIntyre	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	12

The deciding game for the T.B. L. title and McInnis trophy, played on Saturday afternoon last at Liskeard Beach, between Silver Centre, last year's champions, and the McIntyre team, of Schumacher, winners of the northern group was won by the Silver campers, 8-4, in as tidy a tussle as has been witnessed around here this year.

Newkirk, on the mound for Silver Centre, let McIntyre batters down with one hit in the first five frames. The Northerners made their first threat to score in the fifth, with the count 7-0 against them. Valentine, first up, drew a walk, and after Valin had fanned, Park singled, to send Valentine to third. Park stole second and Chisholm bounced to Stan Lemon, who headed Valentine at the plate on a snappy play.

Silver Centre had taken a liking to Nottingham's slants in the second. Harry Cowden, first up, drove one past third, Russ Lemon followed with one almost in the

same spot, sending the Silver Centre captain to third, and taking second on the throw to third. Seth Cowden started in where he left off on Thursday by cracking a single to centre, scoring both runners and taking second on the throw to the plate. Newkirk was called out on strikes and St. Cyr popped to the catcher just in front of the plate. Mullin looped a Texas Leaguer over short, and Valentine's throw to the plate was wide, S. Cowden scoring. Three runs, four hits, one error.

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McIntyre started their rally in the eighth, when Newkirk's good right arm felt the strain. Chisholm started it with a double to right, Rothwell singled to centre, and went to second on the throw which held Chisholm at third. Fitzjohn drove in two with his single to left, and made second on the toss to the plate. Gauthier beat out a slow roller down the first base line. Fitzjohn scored and Gauthier made second while Nottingham was being tossed out from short. Gauthier stole third and scored when Stan Lemon made a bad peg to first on Valentine's grounder, the latter making second. Valin ended the rally when he skied to right. The Northerners threatened again in their half of the ninth. Newkirk started the inning by walking Park, and he figured he had had enough. Harry Cowden toed the slab, and fanned Chisholm on four pitched balls. Rothwell singled between short and third and Park was held at second. Fitzjohn's sacrifice moved both runners a long. Angrignon came up with a chance to win himself fame, but grounded out, short to first. The play was very close. This ended the 1927 series for the championship of the Temiskaming Baseball League, after the most successful season in many years.

FIELDING AVERAGES

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Cross, c.	22	7	0	1000	15	4	0	1000
Scott, 3b.	18	19	5	881	0	4	0	1000
S. Lemon, 2b.	0	4	0	1000	1	1	0	1000
McGann, p.	52	2	1	982	8	23	2	939
H. Cowden, s.s.	3	9	2	857	6	1	1	857
Newkirk, p. r.f.	5	0	2	714	3	0	2	600
Mullin, p.	3	0	2	600	2	0	3	400
S. Cowden, c.f.	2	0	2	600	0	0	2	000
Graham, l.f.	0	0	2	000	129	75	20	911

MCINTYRE								
po	a	e	p.c.	po	a	e	p.c.	
Chisholm, c.f.	5	0	0	1000	33	8	1	996
Fitzjohn, c.	50	1	1	980	3	12	1	938
Park, 1b.	12	13	4	862	16	20	6	857
Valin, p.	6	5	5	706	6	5	5	698
Gauthier, 2b.	1	1	1	857	132	65	28	876

BATTING AVERAGES					
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Gauthier, 2b.	3	1	1	5	1
Nottingham, p.	4	0	0	1	2
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McIntyre	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	7	5	

SUMMARY

Two-base hit—Chisholm. Bases on balls, off Nottingham, 1 (H. Cowden); off Newkirk, 5 (Park, 3, Valentine, Gauthier); Wild pitches—Nottingham, 2. Struck out by Nottingham, 5 (Mullin, twice, Newkirk, Cross, R. Lemon). By Newkirk, 5 (Fitzjohn, Angrignon, Nottingham, Valin, twice). By H. Cowden, 1 (Chisholm). Stolen Bases—Valin, 2; Park, 1; Angrignon, 1. Sacrifice hit—Fitzjohn. Umpires—E. Binkley, of New Liskeard; at the plate; W. C. McIntyre, of Timmins, on the bases. Time of game—Two hours and 12 minutes.

The appended batting and fielding averages will give some idea of why Silver Centre copped the championship. They out-hit and out-fielded the McIntyre team in the series, starting in very weakly at Timmins, but finishing very strong down here, while McIntyre started off well and tapered down to nothing on Thursday, only to flash back in the late in-

ings of Saturday's game, and made a determined bid to take the silverware away from the Southern Group, whose representatives have held the McInnis trophy since its donation in 1925 by Mr. R. A. McInnis, former manager of the Abitibi Company at Iroquois Falls.

Kennedy of the Silver Centre team, and shook him roughly. This action roused the ire of the crowd, and had it not been for the quick action of some of the fans in quieting down the peevish ones, trouble might have brewed. The cooler heads prevailed, when it was pointed out that a skirmish might get the players of the team excited and put them off their game. However, the chief owes Mr. Kennedy an apology.

Edwin Fitzjohn, McIntyre catcher, played through the last game with a broken bone in his shoulder, and in his throwing arm. This was not discovered by outsiders until the game ended, and the plucky backstop was hustled away to have the injured shoulder attended to. It was badly swollen when the team left for home on Sunday morning.

Elgin Binkley, of Liskeard, and "Pop" McIntyre, of Timmins, handled the games, and they sure made a fine job of it. They called all plays well, and there were very few complaints on anything by either team in the whole series. Both are old time ball players in the old Temiskaming League, when the life of an ump. was anything but a bed of roses.

Not one game in the play-downs this fall has been postponed on account of rain, although Saturday's tilt was halted for about five minutes by a shower, and a few throws went astray, when players had to handle the ball after it had landed on the damp grass, back of the infield.

The players of the New Liskeard team in the Southern group are to be commended for their action in mowing the grass, rolling and scraping the infield for Saturday's game. They were ably assisted by Elgin Binkley and Fred Thompson. Everything was in shape for the battle to begin when the teams arrived.

Russ Lemon lost a homer on Saturday. In the ninth he slammed one of Notty's slants just inside the left field foul line, and the ball went under the railing and out onto the race track. In his haste to circle the bags, Russ omitted the formality of touching first base. "Eagle Eye" Gauthier didn't miss it, though, and called

the ump's attention to it. The throw from left failed to get Russell at the plate, but was relayed to Gauthier at first and he was called out. Thus Lemon robbed himself of what should have been his fourth hit for the day.

Archie Howes, crack first sacker for Silver Centre, had the misfortune to tear a ligament in his leg in Thursday's game and was out of the final battle on Saturday. Archie had been hitting the ball far and wide during the season and in the play-offs and it was feared that his absence would spoil his team's chances of winning. But the infield was switched around, Scott going to first and Harry Mullin taking Scott's place at third, and it worked out all right.

I. A. Solomon, the McIntyre manager, and former resident of Haileybury, came in for a lot of kidding when his team was slapped down in the two tilts in Cobalt, but he took his medicine bravely, and warned his tormentors to look out for his team next year.

It is very likely that application will be made this fall for affiliation with the O.B.A.A. It has been suggested that the annual meeting of the League be held this fall at Kirkland Lake, and officers elected for the coming season. Application will then be

made for hook-up with the Ontario parent body, which would ensure the winners of the League title a trip down country to cross bats with the winners in the southern part of the province. This should lend added interest to the game in the North, and if the proper men are placed at the head of affairs no trouble should be had in securing the affiliation. It has been rumored that C. F. Magurn, of Iroquois Falls, who has been a keen worker for the League for years, might be induced to accept the Presidency this year.

Silver Centre club officials are trying to make arrangements for an exhibition series with Copper Cliff, winners in the Nickel Belt League, but nothing definite had been decided up to a late hour on Wednesday.

Haileybury Man Bereaved by Death of Father in Chicago

Mr. N. J. Blanchette, T. & N. O. station agent in Haileybury, received a call to his home in Chicago last week owing to the sudden death of his father. The message gave few particulars, with the exception that Mr. Blanchette had passed very suddenly and for to come at once.

Mr. Blanchette left on Friday evening after receiving the message. His post is being filled temporarily by Mr. Lorne Deagle, formerly of Latchford.

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