

Porcupine Softball League Starts Schedule Monday

Old Rivals Meet in First Game of Softball Season

Schedule of Season's Softball Games Announced Last Night. Alterations to Diamond. More Seats. Games to be on Mondays, Fridays and Week-ends.

The Porcupine Softball League gets under way on Monday evening when Friedman, last year's champions, meet their old rivals, Schumacher. These two teams turned in some fine games last year and are expected to be just as good, if not a shade better this year. The league opener will start at 6.15 on the cyanide. A new backstop has been built this year and the diamond has been turned slightly. A new section is to be built to the grandstand as well. All games except the week-end fixtures will start at 6.15.

The schedule, drawn together by Carlo Cattarello, is a ten-game schedule and is likely to be changed slightly as the league operates. All the games are on Friday and Monday evenings with the week-end games in the afternoon. If any of the nights prove unsuitable to the players or fans they will be twisted around till they do suit.

The following is the complete schedule, released by "Zig" Ostrosky yesterday:

May 25, Friedman vs. Schumacher.	July 19, Westinghouse vs. McIntyre.
May 29, McIntyre vs. Tuxis Grads.	July 20, Schumacher vs. Friedmans.
May 31, Westinghouse vs. Palace Theatre.	July 24, McIntyre vs. Palace Theatre.
June 1, Friedman vs. McIntyre.	July 26, Tuxis Grads vs. Friedmans.
June 5, Tuxis Grads vs. Westinghouse.	July 27, Westinghouse vs. Schumacher.
June 7, Palace Theatre vs. Schumacher.	July 31, Palace Theatre vs. Tuxis.
June 8, Friedman vs. Westinghouse.	August 2, McIntyre vs. Schumacher.
June 12, Friedman vs. Palace Theatre.	
June 14, McIntyre vs. Westinghouse.	
June 15, Tuxis Grads vs. Schumacher.	
June 19, Palace Theatre vs. McIntyre.	
June 21, Friedman vs. Tuxis Grads.	
June 22, Schumacher vs. Westinghouse.	
June 26, Palace Theatre vs. Friedman.	
June 28, McIntyre vs. Friedman.	
June 29, Schumacher vs. Tuxis Grads.	
July 3, Tuxis Grads vs. McIntyre.	
July 5, Palace Theatre vs. Westinghouse.	
July 6, Schumacher vs. McIntyre.	
July 10, Westinghouse vs. Tuxis Grads.	
July 12, Schumacher vs. Palace Theatre.	
July 13, Westinghouse vs. Friedman.	
July 17, Tuxis Grads vs. Palace Theatre.	
July 19, Westinghouse vs. McIntyre.	
July 20, Schumacher vs. Friedman.	
July 24, McIntyre vs. Palace Theatre.	
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Seeking a reserve or replacement for the veteran goalkeeper, George Hainsworth, Toronto Maple Leafs paid \$8,000—a record price for a minor leaguer—for Detroit Olympic star, Walter Broda. Here is Broda doing his stuff in front of the Detroit twine. He was one of the factors which gave Olympics the International Hockey League championship this season.

Ben Geraghty of Brooklyn Dodgers Direct from Campus

By WALTER JOHNS
Central Press Canadian
Sports Writer

Whether or not Benjamin Raymond Geraghty makes the grade with the Brooklyn Dodgers this year, his name will go down in Dodger history as one lad in thousands.

It has been a long time since Frankie Frisch shook the sod of Fordham college from his heels and hot-footed into big-time baseball with the New York Giants. The case of Geraghty is even more unusual. He's just a senior at Villanova and at the moment is a starting regular in the Dodger infield.



Ben Geraghty

Picked off the campus by Dodger scouts and with no minor league experience back of him, 21-year-old Ben rammed through his first spring training season with so much promise that he started on shortstop with the Flatbushers on opening day. He received his chance when Linus Frey, not a bad shortstop either, took a temporary count with injuries. Brooklyn fans and officials stand by young Ben—at least so far.

Perhaps it was in the cards that Ben shouldn't take long to make a name for himself in organized baseball. His father was a semi-pro player, and even when the kid was in his mother's arms, his pappy was predicting big things for him.

At Villanova (where Ben will return this fall to complete his education along journalistic lines) Geraghty did right well by himself and his alma mater. He hit .336 as a soph and came through with a .389 average last year.

Just Natural Ability

Ben is a good fielder—outstanding

considering his greenness—and has done well enough at the plate. And all this with nothing in the way of baseball knowledge except natural ability.

The rookie is an orphan, making his home with a sister in Jersey City. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He has an excellent throwing arm, its value increased by reason of accuracy. He did well in the grapefruit league. He should stick.

Score Sheet Doesn't Show All Points in the Ball Game

Cold Bare Figures of the Scorer Fail to Reveal Many of the Most Interesting Features of the Good Old Ball Game. Some Cases in Point.

(By William F. Robertson)

Baseball fans delight in pouring over the records of the past. The exploits that various players have established for posterity to shoot at are always interesting.

However, some of the most exciting incidents and achievements in baseball are not registered in the official records. One may search vainly for a trace of them in the daily box scores. Reference is made to those freak plays and unusual happenings that occur only at spasmodic intervals on diamonds everywhere. Such occurrences are dismissed rather lazily as events for "the book." Relatively few fans know just what "book" is alluded to, but everyone knows that somewhere there is such a book wherein are recounted the plays that happen "off the record."

Home runs have lost much of their former thrill out history recalls a few that, because of some peculiar twist that accompanied them, possessed glamour.

Take, for instance, the one credited to Honus Wagner when that great shortstop was at his zenith with the Pirates. In a game with the Cubs at Chicago Fred Clarke, the Pittsburgh manager, had been ejected for a too-strenuous objection to an umpire's decision. He was viewing proceedings from the clubhouse in centre field. When Wagner came to bat in one of the late innings he smashed a terrific liner to centre field which escaped the patrol and rolled toward the outer obstruction. As the ball neared the site of the clubhouse Clarke calmly opened the door and the ball rolled neatly inside. Whereupon Clarke again closed the door and Wagner, unaware of the mysterious assistance given him, circled the bases.

Or old-timers may recall a Homer made by Billy Purcell of the Red Sox some 25 years ago in a game with the St. Louis Browns. He hit a hot grounder which went straight toward the third baseman. Art Griggs, playing that position for the Browns, had his eye on the ball all the way, or at least until it got within a foot or so of him. Just as he reached for it took a weird loop and hit the fielder squarely on the forehead and rebounded into the stands for a home-run. And that run, incidentally, was the margin by which Boston won the game.

A unique specimen was produced years ago by Norman McMillan, who played third base for the Cubs. It was the last half of the eighth inning, the score was tied and the bases were full of Cub runners. McMillan slashed a drive past third base which outfielder Swanson of the Reds swiftly pursued. But, much to the chagrin of the entire Cincinnati team, the ball disappeared. Around here and there went the bewildered fielder, searching frantically. McMillan travelled unencumbered around the bases and the game proceeded as Swanson returned to his position. A few minutes later a Cub rookie, who had been warming up in the left field bullpen, started for the dugout. He tucked his glove under his arm, picked up his jacket—and the ball fell out of one of his sleeves!

Chicago fans recall with much anguish how Hack Wilson lost a fly ball in the sun in the 1929 World Series that resulted in a home run for Mule Haas in that hectic one-inning uprising of the Athletics that year. But a queer quirk involving Lance Richbourg and Freddy Lindstrom in 1931 added an even goofier homer to the list in "the book."

In a game at the Polo Grounds that year, Lindstrom, then playing with the Giants, sent a towering fly to right field. Richbourg pranced under the ball, but just as he did so a dense cloud of smoke from a tugboat in the nearby Harlem River suddenly enveloped it. The eager fielder was temporarily blinded and when the ball was finally returned to the infield after the smoke had cleared Mr. Lindstrom was resting serenely in the dugout. Yes, sometimes even ball players get smoke in their

eyes. The "bean ball" is another interesting topic. The art of getting hit on the head with a baseball as exemplified by Babe Herman often produces amusing results.

It is not unusual for a batter to be hit by a pitched ball, but when the catcher turns the tables and smacks the pitcher that's news. Such a case happened once in Brooklyn, where baseball daffiness is sometimes the order of the day.

Paul and Lloyd Waner were on first and second respectively when pitcher Lefty Watson Clark, let one get away from him. Lopez, leaping for the ball, noticed that Lloyd Waner had taken a long lead off second base. The catcher rifled a well-intended throw towards second in an effort to catch the runner. All at once Clarke's head loomed on the horizon. Skull met leather and the ball bounced into left field, dropping almost at the feet of Lefty O'Doul. Lloyd Waner scored while Clarke lay on the ground. "It didn't hurt him," said one of the case-hardened rosters, "it hit him on the head!"

But maybe that Brooklyn pitching box is naturally a hazardous place. Fred Helmach possibly thinks so anyway. These same Pirates trained their guns on him one afternoon with telling effect. In the second inning Pete Traynor knocked Helmach off his feet with a line drive. In the fourth inning Ben Sankey bounced one off the pitcher's shin. In the seventh Paul Waner's drive smacked his right leg, bounced off Umpire Barr's shoulder, was fielded by Glenn Wright at short, and Waner was out at first. And then in the ninth Gus Suhr contributed his bit by tearing Helmach's glove from his hand with a scorching line drive. But Helmach stuck it out and won 6-5.

In modern baseball the stolen base isn't what it used to be. In 1911 a young man by the name of Germany Schaeffer, playing second base for Washington, accomplished the novel feat of stealing first base. Schaeffer caused quite a stir by this unorthodox action. Clyde Milan was on third and Schaeffer himself on first. He darted toward second, hoping to draw a throw from the catcher which would give Milan a chance to score. However, much to his disgust, the throw was not forthcoming.

But Schaeffer's nimble brain kept working ahead, and just as the pitcher released the ball again the Washington runner suddenly reversed and dashed back to first base. General confusion followed while the White Sox infield alternated with attempts to catch both runners off their bases, finally winning out by nailing Schaeffer as he went back to second. Such a play is no longer possible legally.

The expulsion of players from ball parks is not uncommon but few people have seen the umpire himself put out of the game. It really happened several years ago in a minor league game in Pennsylvania. Pat Shaner, a mite of an umpire weighing barely over a hundred pounds, became so unpopular one day that the members of the home team picked him up and tossed him lightly over the fence. Before the game could get under way again Shaner returned to the park through the front gate and resumed his position behind the plate. A game guy.

Not all umpires have been such bears for punishment. Old reports show many an arbiter quitting in the middle of a battle because he was fed up with the players' and fans' abuse.

Yes, there are a lot of odd angles to baseball. The modern wit might say, "What kind of a game is this?"

Toronto Globe.—The State of Nebraska is debt-free and has more than \$21,000,000 in the treasury. It has neither an income tax nor a sales tax and the property tax last year was \$2.15 per \$1000. Moreover, it has a law forbidding debt in excess of \$100,000. The information is vouched for by so reputable a newspaper as the New York Times. Doubters will please line up on the left.

GOLF

By ALEX MORRISON



Golfers starting the new season probably have found their hands pretty soft. In spite of gloves or tape, blisters form, the fingers split and the skin rubs off where the hands move against each other.

The player in most cases blames his winter's lay-off for this punishment. The lay-off does have a tendency to soften the hands, but there are other things which make it tough for the hands starting the new year.

Cold weather is a big handicap. It makes your grip insecure, gives you the feeling that the club is turning around and slipping in your hands. This forces you to hold much tighter than you would ordinarily. When the clubhead lands on the ground it is invariably deflected so that the very thing you feared happens—the shaft turns in your hands.

All of this means a friction and rubbing between the fingers that you escape in warm weather. A rise in temperature will enable you to control the club easier.

Peterboro Examiner.—Residents at Long Sault rapids on the St. Lawrence saw either a seal or a sea serpent sunning itself on a rock. As the tourist season is at hand they had better make it a serpent.

Barney Ross Signs to Meet J. Carroll

Bout to be in Sydney, Australia, on the Night of December 8th.

To the accompaniment of clinking glasses, Barney Ross last week at Chicago signed articles to risk his world's welterweight championship in a 15-round battle against Jack Carroll in Australia for a guarantee of \$45,000. Formal signing of the match occurred at a luncheon given by Ross for Charles Lucas, Australian promoter.

The battle will be staged in Sydney on the night of Dec. 8, in the Sydney sports ground, an immense football field. Lucas said prices of seats would range from \$25 down to \$1. The arena will have a seating capacity of 50,000, and may draw a \$150,000 gate.

No sooner had the tiny promoter from "way down under" tucked the precious contract into a breast pocket, than he turned on Ross and created a fantastic Frankenstein's monster of Barney's virtually known foe.

"He's toothless and 29, but tireless even when the going is roughest," Lucas chanted. "The boy is fast, a clever boxer and two-handed hitter. He takes his fighting seriously, but he hangs on to his job in the slaughterhouse and when he gets his man into the ring you can just see him swinging that meat axe over the head of some innocent, unsuspecting lamb."

Lucas backed up this bubbling confidence with the signed contract. It called for a guarantee of \$45,000 and \$5000 for expenses for the champion. In addition, Lucas must dig up approximately \$12,000 more to cover the government taxes on Barney's purse. He further agreed to permit a rematch within 90

days if his amazing Carroll lifts the crown.

Johnson-Berrie Bout

When Jack Johnson drew \$6000 for beating Tommy Burns in the only world championship bout ever staged in Australia he set a purse record that stood since 1908. Ross's share, however, will amount to about \$9000.

"Any man who puts up that much money knows what he's doing," Sam Plan, co-manager of Ross, said ruefully. "We're taking a long chance sending Barney so far away to tackle a strange boxer, but it's the best offer we could get."

Before he sails for Australia, Ross will defend his belt for Mike Jacobs in New York during July, August or September.

Plan, money man of the famous team of Plan and Winch, which nursed the champion up from the amateurs, drained every nickel he could from the ambitious Australian. Every trick he'd learned in years of the fight business, he put to work sewing up maximum protection for "my kid Barney."

Lucas took it all with a canny smile. "They can write the words and music as long as they've got the title. We want a championship bout and we'll get it regardless of the cost," he said.

The Aussie followed Ross, Plan and Winch from Chicago to New York and back to Chicago again during the three weeks negotiations were in progress. Ross and Tony Canzoneri, lightweight king, are the only two champions the Australian fight fans would pay to see, he said, and Ross was the top choice.

"They just laugh at your other champions," he said.

Michigan Pleased with State Amateur Association

Michigan last year started a state amateur baseball association. It proved so successful in its first year that the organizers decided to sponsor basketball on the same basis. The court game, too, went over with a bang, and now the Wolverine amateurs are back to their first love—Baseball—with plans for an association in 1936 more than double the size of its first-year effort.

New York's Unique Plan for Pitching First Ball

(From Baseball Magazine)

New York City has evolved one of the most novel stunts ever devised to open its sand-lot season. Mayor Fiorello La Guardia will toss the first ball from the steps of City Hall five miles away from historic Central Park where the game is to be started. He will toss it, however, to a waiting player of the New York City Baseball Federation. All along Broadway every 150 feet will be lined uniform players and they will relay the ball to Parks Commissioner Robert Moses at Central Park who will put the same ball in play. The "relay" is expected to take 20 to 30 minutes—that is, provided somebody does not drop the ball down a sewer.

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