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In the World of Sport

LACK OF EXCITEMENT NOTED THE CLOSEST RACE KNOWN THE MINOR LEAGUE WONDER

AT THE BASEBALL LEAGUE GAMES HERE THIS SEASON.

The Fans Are Not As Noisy As In Previous Years—The Attendances Not As Large—Next Saturday's Games.

What is the matter with the baseball fans in Kingston now? Any one who has attended one of the baseball matches this season has marked a great change. Rarely is there any excitement in the crowd. The most startling plays can be pulled off and but for a sort of desultory applause amongst a few of the more lively fans one would think that every one was asleep. Last Saturday there was a very fine game played at the Cricket Field, and in spite of some whirlwind plays there was little or no excitement. This lack of enthusiasm on the part of the audience must be disheartening to the players who are giving their time for the enjoyment of the people. Several years ago when the baseball grounds were filled to overflowing one would think the fans really enjoyed the games, but at the present time one doesn't know what to make of it. The material in the leagues is as good as in most amateur leagues in Canada, and the players deserve support on the part of the spectators.

The collections that are taken up at the games are not what they should be for the crowds that turn out. A good baseball game cannot be run on good will or anything else but hard cash. Every one who sees a baseball game on Saturday afternoon sees a game that is worth at least twenty-five cents for the afternoon's enjoyment. At this year's games there is a conspicuous absence of ladies, who are supposed in the States to be among the most ardent fans and devotees of the sport. At next Saturday's games all the fans are expected out to see good clean games.

BASEBALL GAME PLAYED

Behind the Trenches White Shells Flew Overhead.

In a letter to a friend in St. Thomas, "Dad" Stewart, former pilot of the St. Thomas Canadian league team, tells of a baseball game played behind the trenches "somewhere in France." It was the third game that Stewart's team had played since the third victory. According to "Dad," the big shells were flying over their heads when the game was in progress, and the holes that the shells had made in former days made an ideal natural grandstand for the fans. "Dad" had a narrow escape the other day when a bullet struck his helmet and knocked him down, but he escaped serious injury.

MONTREAL ROYALS TO PLAY

A Game At Alexandria Bay on 3rd of July.

The manager of the Alexandria Bay, N.Y., semi-professional baseball club has arranged for a game with the Montreal International team to be played at the Bay on July 3rd. It is an off day with the professionals, who will fill in on their trip from Montreal to Rochester, where two games are scheduled for the next day, which is the American national holiday. Alexandria Bay is the big summer resort on the Thousand Islands, and this season is said to sport a strong team, composed largely of students from the Syracuse University.

MONTREAL PADDLER

Is One of the Latest Victims of a German Bullet.

Montreal paddlers are mourning the death of Julius ("Dooley") Richardson, a well-known member of the "Juioir nine" of the Chateauguay Boating Club. W. S. Richardson, of Chateauguay, proprietor of the Crown Laundry Co., Ltd., received official communication from Ottawa informing him of his son's death in action. Pte. Richardson left Montreal over twelve months ago. He was a student of agriculture in Macdonald College at St. Ann's.

Question of Pitching.

The failure of Benny Kauff and Lee Magee to land on the pellet with such frequency and force as they displayed last year has caused several scribes to insist that this clearly indicates that Federal League pitching was vastly inferior to the O. B. variety. However, it is a poor rule that doesn't work both ways. Several of the ex-Feds are batting better in the majors than they did last year with the Feds, which would indicate the superiority of Fed twirling. Would it not?

A Peculiar Accident.

Ray Caldwell, of the New York Americans, owes his late start to a peculiar accident which befell him in the spring training camp in Mecon, Ga. While curving his initials on his favorite bat the knife slipped and cut into the top of his right index finger. When a pitcher starts fooling with a bat there's no telling what will happen to him. People should never monkey with machinery they don't know anything about.

Tears Up His Contract.

Harry Sallee, star pitcher of the St. Louis National League Club, was indefinitely suspended last Friday by Manager Huggins of the club as the result of an altercation between the player and the manager. Sallee tore up his contract during the argument, Huggins said, and left the city. Huggins said there is no deal on in which Sallee is involved, and he will not be sold or traded to any club.

Harper's Hard Luck.

George Harper, Texas recruit outfielder of the Tigers, who beat "Sam" Crawford out of a regular job in the outfield, has broken his leg, and will be out of the game for some time.

Providence Has a Good Lead, But the Other Teams are Bunched—Almost Daily There is a Shift.

The closeness of the International Baseball League race could not be better exemplified than by the jump of the Buffalo team from sixth to second place on Sunday. Richmond won a game Monday and dislodged the Bisons. Almost daily there is a shift in the positions of the teams. There is a greater difference between the first and second teams than between the second team and the tail-enders.

The Providence Grays have been playing together since 1914, with but one change, Rehg. replacing Platte in the outfield. The pitching staff has been changed, of course, but the regular line-up remains practically the same. No club that ever performed in the Barrow circuit has worked the hit-and-run play to such good advantage as the Grays. They seem to have the faculty of hitting, not for singles, but for extra bases as the runner starts. The weakest department of the Grays is their pitching, and the same is true of the other clubs.

The second invasion of the western clubs to the eastern end of the circuit commenced yesterday, and unless the Grays run into a slump at home they will be hard to overtake by the time they take to the road again.

PUSHING GOLF BALL NOT FREIGHT CAR.

All these things must a golfer do to play the push shot, according to Harry Vardon: Tighten, himself up, have a firm grip on every muscle, particularly the forearms; grip of the club tight all the time; hands kept forward all the time; stiff wrists, forearms and upper shoulders, right almost entirely on the left foot; the left hip held right out at the time of impact with the ball. This to push a golf ball, mind you, not a freight car.

BRITONS ADOPT BASEBALL.

Introduced by Canadians, Game is Finding Favor.

Baseball has at last obtained a firm foothold in England, and is being played to such an extent in and around London, that by Canadians, whom the war has brought over that a league has been formed among teams drawn from the Army Pay Office and other colonial units, the staffs of the various Canadian military hospitals and municipal workers.

The Canadians have intimated that they would welcome the entry of an American team into the league, and one is now being formed by J. G. Lee, of Central Buildings, Westminster. In addition to the London district, four teams have been organized at Taplow, while at Epsom, Hampton, Bramshott and many other out-of-the-farther afield, the game is being played.

NEW STRIKE-OUT MARK.

For the Major Leagues of 1916 by Morton, of Cleveland.

Morton, of the Cleveland Americans, set a new major league strike-out mark for 1916 last Sunday, when he struck out thirteen Philadelphia players. Lavender, Chicago National, also held New York to one hit. Pfeiffer, Brooklyn Nationals, who held St. Louis to two hits; Benz, Chicago Americans, who held Washington to three hits; and Harper, Washington, who held Chicago to two hits, were the other pitching stars of the week. Veach, of the Tigers, and Jackson, of the White Sox, showed good batting skill. Veach on Wednesday batted four hits out of four times at bat for eight bases. Last Sunday the Tiger star made three hits out of four times at bat. Jackson batted perfectly on Friday and Saturday, and last Sunday had three hits out of four times at bat.

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Ex-Ottawa Spithaller Setting the International League on Fire—Has Wonderful Record.

Urban Shocker, the former Canadian League pitcher, now with Toronto, is the talk of the Minor League world. Shocker won his seventh straight start Sunday, and stands undefeated since Bill Donovan sent him to the Leafs from the New York Americans. A remarkable feature about his pitching is his stinginess with hits and runs. His average figures out at 4 and 2-3 hits and 2 runs per game. Here is his record: May 17—Beat Rochester 5-3, allowing 5 hits. May 20—Beat Richmond, 4-3 (11 innings), allowing 5 hits. *May 24—Beat Baltimore, 6-3 (11 innings), allowing 6 hits. May 25—Beat Providence 4-3, allowing 4 hits. May 29—Beat Rochester 5-0, allowing 4 hits. June 6—Beat Rochester 5-1, allowing 3 hits. June 10—Beat Buffalo 1-0, allowing 4 hits. June 13—Beat Montreal 14-1, allowing 6 hits. *Manning relieved Shocker in 5th and gets credit for game. *Shocker relieved Manning in 6th, Manning getting credit for game.

RELEASED BY KANSAS CITY.

Players Who Made Good in Independent Circuit Cast Adrift.

Repeated failures of Federal League ball players to make good in the majors and big minors is showing just what class of baseball was played in the new defunct organization, writes a Kansas City scribe. During the last week several ball players who made good in the Federal circuit were released by American Association clubs as failures. Two of these had been with the champion Whales. They included Fred Beck, first baseman, and Charles Handford, outfielder, who failed to make good with the Kansas City Blues, and Grover Gilmore, star outfielder of the Kansas City Feds, who was cast adrift by St. Paul. More are to follow.

Handford and Beck were procured from the Cubs this spring, the former on thirty days' trial and the latter released conditionally to the Blues. Beck has been set free, and Handford returned to the Cubs. That leaves just two Feds with the Blues, Catcher Berry and Pitcher Henning. Berry will remain, but Henning is not certain of his job. So virtually one out of four could keep a class AA job.

DUE TO JEFF PFEFFER

That the Brooklyn Team Heads National League.

Brooklyn still holds the proud place at the head of the National League race, and one of the outstanding reasons is Jeff Pfeffer. This pitcher of the Robins is slowly but surely earning baseball fame which puts his name up with Grover Cleveland Alexander, Walter Johnson, and even Matty, the Mighty, at his best. Pfeffer has won nine out of twelve games for his team this year, being beaten by "Big Alex" yesterday, and has held opponents to the low average of one and a half runs per game and to a fraction over six hits.

BRITISH JUDGE BARRIED

From Acting At the New York Dog Show

A notice has been received by the Southampton Kennel Club from the American Kennel Club, stating that the British judge, Samuel Crabtree, is ineligible to act at the dog show to be held on July 8th. The ultimatum is based on the new rule that forbids a professional handler serving as a judge, except on the Pacific coast, at American Kennel Club shows.

Crabtree, who lives at Failsforth, Manchester, England, has been an exhibitor and judge at the leading British and Continental shows for many years. He is now in California, as adviser and temporary manager of Mrs. Anita Baldwin's kennels of show dogs.

Helped Jockey's Widow

The Montreal Driving Club, the Maisonneuve Driving Club, the Back River Jockey Club and the King Edward Park Jockey Club each donated \$50 to make up a purse which was given to Mrs. Prendergast, the widow of the late Jockey J. Prendergast, who died at Montreal last week, and help the widow pay expenses in taking the remains of her husband to his home at Claiborne, Texas.

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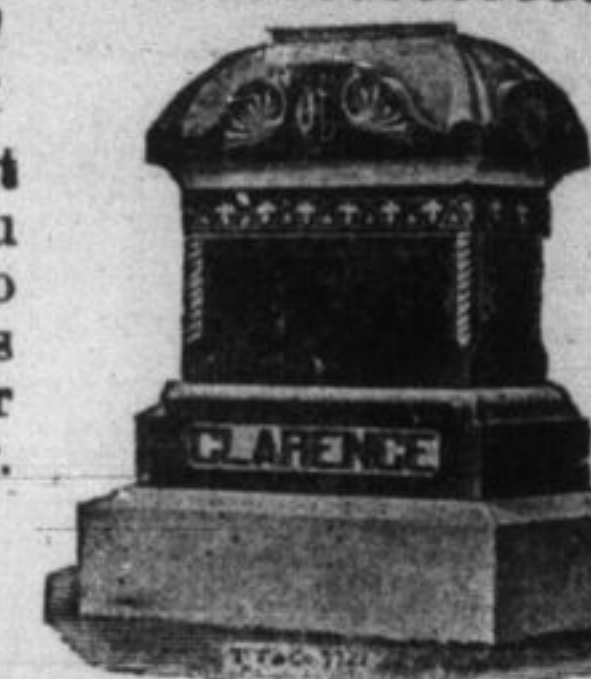
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