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KINGSTON CLUB LOOKS STRONG

Splendid Turnout at Practice Last Night—Britton Made Great Impression.

Although Harry Batstone, star third sacker of the Kingston Central Ontario League team was not present at the practice of the team last evening at the Cricket Field, due to the fact that he will not be back in the city from Toronto until Sunday, there was a splendid turnout held at the Cricket Field and "Bubs" Britton made his first appearance of the season, taking over the shortstop position, which he capably filled throughout the practice.

In addition to showing a snappy throwing arm and ability to pounce on fast ones, Britton showed a keen eye at the bat and clouted out some hefty wallops that pleased those on hand to watch the practice. It is freely predicted that Britton will be a valuable man on the Kingston line-up.

In addition to Britton, Bruce Thompson, Scott, Cherry, Teepeil and Young were on hand and cavorted around the outfield, showing the same pep and ginger as they exhibited last season while Jimmy Arniell held down the home plate assignment with Purvis at first, Somerville at second and Charlie Smith filling in at third. Cairns, Daley and Halbert were on hand for the practice also and got in some good work.

The players are being rapidly signed up and their certificates will go to Belleville on Saturday for examination by the Central Ontario League. It is not expected that there will be any trouble along these lines as most of those signed are last year's players.

Manager Daley is pleased with the prospects for a strong team for Kingston in the Central Ontario League this season and looks for a lineup to give Peterboro and Belleville healthy opposition.

As soon as the stadium dries up sufficiently, the marking of the diamond will be commenced and it is hoped that the local team will be able to have a practice or two there before the season opens on the 19th.

SIX COLORED FIGHTERS HAVE HELD TITLES

The climb to the middleweight throne of Tiger Flowers, Georgia negro scrapper, who recently relieved Harry Greb of the crown, makes the sixth negro champion in prize ring history.

George Dixon is the first negro champion prize ring history displays. "Twas back in the years of 1890, 1891 and 1892 that Dixon ruled the bantamweight division.

In 1892 Dixon stepped out to gain new laurels and was successful enough to become featherweight champion of the world, holding his throne from 1892 until 1897, when Solly Smith knocked him off.

Dixon, then, is stamped as the only negro fighter to hold two championships.

Came then one memorable Joe Wolcott, a person of considerable color, who ruled the welterweight division from 1901 until 1904. Wolcott won the title in 1901 from Matty Matthews and lost it in 1904 to the Dixie Kid. The second gentleman of color to win the welter crown.

Next we come upon Joe Gans, something of a terror to ancient lightweight champions and aspirants. Gans ruled as lightweight king of the universe from 1902, when he whipped Frankie Erne, until 1908, when he connected himself with more grief than the law allows and battling Nelson as well.

John Arthur Johnson, more familiarly known as Jack Johnson, was the next negro champion and the only negro heavyweight champion of the world. Johnson won his title in 1908. Jim Jeffries had retired. Jeff turned the title over to Marvin Hart. Tommy Burns took it from Hart.

Then Johnson took out after Burns. Burns finally agreed to the scrap and the Shreveport stevedore captured the big title, holding it from 1908 until 1915, when the Kansas ox, Jess Willard, toppled him off at Havana.

Now we have Mistah Tigah Flowers, the Georgia mauler, ruling the middleweight division, taking the title away from Greb after the Pittsburgh scrapper won it from Johnny Wilson in 1923 and kept it until his second session with Flowers.

Flowers is the first negro champion to enter the middleweight division, making all divisions of pugilism having at some time or other been ruled by a negro, except in the flyweight class.

May Affect Sport.

London, May 7.—If the British general strike lasts until late in May, it is considered certain the Walker Cup matches, United States entrants for which sailed from New York aboard the Aquitania, will not be played.

All sports may be considered as at a standstill during the strike, but such events as the ladies' open golf tournament will not definitely be abandoned until the dates on which they are scheduled to begin draw nearer.

BASEBALL SCORES

International League.

Toronto, May 7.—Owen Carroll, former Holy Cross mound star, won the sixth consecutive game in as many starts when he hurled the Leafs to a 4-2 victory over Baltimore in the opening game of the series here yesterday. The score was 4-3, Mickey Heath, youthful first baseman, sending a screaming single to right field to drive Carroll over the plate with the deciding run in the tenth.

The game was a wonderful pitching battle between Carroll and the veteran Ogden, but the Leafs' young star was steadier in the pinches. Baltimore 3 7 0 Toronto 4 5 0 Batteries: Ogden and McKee; Carroll and O'Neill.

Frankhouse in Smart Win.

Syracuse, May 7.—Fred Frankhouse, of Syracuse, bested Walter Smallwood, of Newark, in the tightest pitching battle witnessed here this season yesterday, the Stars winning 2-1.

Newark 1 6 0 Syracuse 2 6 0 Batteries: Smallwood and Schulte; Frankhouse and Niebergall.

Buffalo Still Winning.

Buffalo, May 7.—Buffalo kept up her unbroken string of victories by beating Jersey City, 5 to 4, in the first of the series yesterday. Jersey City 4 8 1 Buffalo 5 8 1 Batteries: Cantrell, Parks and Daly; Freitag; Camp, Brice and Pond.

American League.

New York 3 10 2 Washington 5 8 1

National League.

St. Louis 4 9 1 Philadelphia 5 11 1

Cleveland.

Cleveland 0 5 0 Boston 1 7 1

STANDING OF CLUBS.

National League.		
Club	Won	Lost
Brooklyn	12	7
Cincinnati	12	8
New York	11	8
Chicago	10	8
St. Louis	10	12
Philadelphia	9	11
Pittsburgh	9	12
Boston	7	14

American League.

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Club	Won	Lost
New York	13	7
Chicago	14	8
Washington	14	9
Cleveland	12	9
Philadelphia	10	12
Detroit	9	11
Boston	7	14
St. Louis	7	16

International League.

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Club	Won	Lost
Baltimore	14	3
Toronto	14	7
Buffalo	14	8
Rochester	9	6
Newark	8	12
Syracuse	7	11
Jersey City	8	13
Reading	2	16

BIG FOUR SCHEDULE FOR COMING SEASON

The Hamilton Tigers Open Up at Montreal on October 9th.

The schedule for the Interprovincial Football League has been agreed and passed on for the 1926 season and is as follows:

- Oct. 2—Hamilton at Montreal.
- 9—Montreal at Argos.
- 16—Argos at Hamilton.
- 23—Ottawa at Montreal.
- 30—Argos at Montreal.
- Nov. 6—Montreal at Ottawa.
- 13—Ottawa at Argos.

Refusal Draws A Warning.

New York, May 7.—Charley Hoff's reported refusal to appear in a track meet in San Francisco Saturday has drawn a warning from the Amateur Athletic Union to the world champion pole vaulter from Norway that "unless you have reasonable basis for refusing to compete there the Foreign Relations Committee will cancel your permit for further appearances in the United States."

This word went by telegraph to the Norwegian following press reports that Hoff had decided not to compete in the Pacific athletic meet. The Foreign Relations Committee has charge of his tour.

GREAT ADVANCES MADE IN TENNIS

Five Different Clubs Are Constructing Courts.

A few years ago one would hardly hear the game of tennis mentioned in Kingston, let alone clubs flourishing. Last year the interest in tennis took a jump and by the end of the season the game was becoming very popular. And now new courts are being constructed by five different clubs in this city.

Courts are being fixed up at Queen's for the season. The Kingston Tennis Club will have five courts, the Regiopolis Club four, the Y.M.C.A. two and the Kingston Yacht Club one. With all these clubs sponsoring the game of tennis it is sure to rank with the major sports in this city within a short time.

The game has hit Kingston like a bombshell and this season hundreds will be enjoying tennis, while very few have played the game here in the past few years. The first thing we know Kingston will be producing real players of championship calibre to bring more honors to the city through sport.

LIVELY BALL HAS A GREAT EFFECT

Few Hitters Will Bat Over .350 Mark.

Batting Averages. The leading batters in both major leagues are firmly of the opinion that there will be no .400 hitter in either organization this year.

As a matter of fact, few of them believe any regular will reach the .375 figure and are inclined to believe that any player who can finish in the neighborhood of .350 will have a mighty fine chance to carry off the swat honors.

Incidentally, the sluggers doubt if any of the home run hitters will get as many as 40. As a matter of fact it is thought that 35 will be the top figure in either league.

Since the opening of the season I have talked with perhaps a dozen of the leading batters, among them the two champions, Hornsby and Hellmahn, and all are unanimous in the belief that this is going to be the toughest year in the past six to get base hits.

Pitching Improves. While this may sound as if the pitchers were dominating the two big leagues such is far from the case. They have simply improved their game perhaps 25 per cent. due to a not so lively ball.

There is no need to fear that batting has been pretty thoroughly stopped. It hasn't but it certainly has been curtailed.

One needn't expect a lot of 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2 scores featuring the old-time pitchers' battles so popular 20 years or more back. The pitcher has gained no such superiority over the batsman. However he is unquestionably in a better position to match wits.

For that reason I feel that fandom is sure to see a more interesting brand of baseball this summer. In the worst spring in years the "pitching" has been uniformly good and the all-around play far above the average.

SPORTING NOTES AND COMMENT

"Bubs" Britton showed great stuff at the practice of the senior team last evening and it looks as though he is the real thing in ball players.

The juvenile baseballers have one more day after this to get organized. The meeting of the Mercantile League on Saturday will take up their case.

"Hank" Brown of Queen's rugby fame, is an ardent follower of the Kingston Baseball Club this year as he was last. "Hank" is on hand at the practice to give his advice to Manager Daley.

The tennis enthusiasts are certainly coming into their own. No fewer than five clubs are preparing courts for the coming season. And to think that tennis was more or less a dead issue three or four years ago in Kingston.

The Circle-Six are not backward in starting their season and this evening will take on the Bankers in a practice game.

The softball teams are getting in plenty of practice at the Cricket Field and Victoria Park these evenings and they should be ready for a flying start when the schedule opens.

When one considers the handicaps the players have labored under—

how to hit the ball—and afterwards I practiced for hours trying to hit the ball before the club-head struck the ground. No one can make the ball hop like Hutchison.

RATED HARD LUCK GOLF CHAMPION

Bobby Cruickshank Has Come Close to Winning.

Bobby Cruickshank has qualified for the hard-luck championship of golf.

On four occasions in the last two years Dame Fortune has frowned on Bobby just when a title seemed within his grasp.

He recently broke the jinx by winning the north and south open. He had a margin of only one stroke over three other stars tied for second place.

In 1923 Cruickshank tied with

Variety to Pin.

However, my reason for believing baseball is going to be far more interesting than usual this year, is the fact that there will be more variety to the play.

The slam-bang style is no longer the one and only system. Getting runs in clusters, as was the custom, has been replaced by the get one or two and be satisfied.

Speed once more is a valuable asset and a club with good pitching is sure to be more troublesome than ever.

I doubt if any one welcomes the change in the ball more than the veteran infielders. A number of them will take a new lease on life as a result, their careers will be prolonged several years.

Yes Sir! Baseball is going to be far more interesting this summer because of its variety.

BASEBALL PROBLEMS

By Billy Evans.

When is it possible for the umpire to rule a balk and interference on the same play?

There is only one instance in baseball where such a double decision on the same play is possible.

At all other times the calling of a balk takes precedence over everything else and no other action is possible.

This is the situation in which the umpire must so rule: With a runner on third, he starts for home on either a steal or the squeeze, only to have the catcher brush aside the batter and leave the lines of his position in order to hurry the play on the runner trying to score from third.

Regardless of whether the runner is retired or not, the umpire permits the batsman to go to first because of the catcher's interference; also calls a balk because the catcher left the lines of his position to make the play, permitting run to score.

A double penalty is placed on the offender, otherwise catchers would constantly resort to such tactics to break up the steal or squeeze.

HELPFUL GOLF HINTS

By Gene Sarazen. I copied my backspin or "stop-pum" shot from the famous Jock. He is easily the master of this stroke.

There isn't a man in the world who has the control over his spectacular shot that Hutchison has. It was at Toledo, in fact, that I set out to learn the stroke.

Hutchison, ever ready to help a young fellow, said: "Let me see how you play it."

After I had made my shot he said: "You've got to catch the ball with the club-head before it hits the turf. You'll have to keep your eye glued right on that ball and you'll have to be careful not to cut the ball too much or you'll have no ball for your next shot. Go into the shot hard, with the left arm very stiff. But make sure to hit the ball before the club-head strikes the ground; then you can let the club-head sail right through. But hold the club-arm all the while."

That was the big point I was after

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Bobby Jones at Inwood for the national open, each finishing with 296. In the playoff Jones won by two strokes, taking 76, Cruickshank needing 78.

In the Texas open of this year Cruickshank missed a tie with Macdonald Smith when he failed to sink a three-inch putt. Cruickshank's slip at the final hole has been laid to Willie Mehlnorn, who is alleged to have yelled just as Bobby was starting his shot.

Several weeks later the irony of fate had Cruickshank and Mehlnorn finish in a tie in the big professional tournament at Hot Springs, Ark. He lost to Mehlnorn in the play-off.

Recently in the Florida open he finished all even with Johnny Farrell. Once again he was defeated in the play-off, Farrell having a margin of one stroke in the extra 18 holes.

THE REFEREE

When did the British Isles last win the Davis tennis trophy?—F. D. W.

In 1912. Where's Bob Veach, former Am-



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SAVE THE BANDS
New contest to be announced soon.
merican League player, now playing?—F. N. J.
Toledo, American Association.
Are Joyce and Roger Wethered, English golf stars, related?—H. G. T.
They are sister and brother.

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