

JERSEY CITY TEAM FIRST TO START ON TRAINING TRIP

Larry Schafly's Team Sailed for Bermuda, Where They Will Remain Until April 1.

PICK LEAF AS BEST TEAM

Newspaper Critics Around Circuit Think Toronto Has Strongest Team on Paper.

The first international league club to start southward this year is Jersey City. The Skeeters pulled out Wednesday for Bermuda, where, under Larry Schafly, they will be in training until the first week in April. The Skeeters are to remain in Bermuda about six or seven days, after which they will sail for New York, where they are scheduled to play their first exhibition game in the United States this year, which will be against the New York Giants. Schafly expects to have quite a ball club ready for work by that time. He considers he has about the strongest club in the league.

STRANGE CAREER OF DUBUC.

Just how much value a good catcher can be to a pitcher has never been better demonstrated than in the case of Jean Dubuc, the ex-Montreal pitcher now with the Tigers at Monroe, Ala. Two years ago Dubuc was a member of the Bison club, and came so far from measuring up to the standard required by the International League that he was virtually transferred to Montreal along with Burrell, who is now managing the Syracuse club of the New York State League. Dubuc went along fairly well with the Royal outfit, with a good assortment of curves and a plethora of speed, winning and losing about an even number of games, until Charley Roth, Montreal backstop, appeared on the scene and gradually taught him the change of pace. Then the transformation of Dubuc took place. Batters who had formerly faced him without fear began to wonder what the husky hurler had up his sleeve that so puzzled them, and the erstwhile average pitcher became one of the best heavies in the league. Last year Dubuc was used against all the best pitchers in the Barrow wheel, and next to George McConnell of the Huskies he was rated as the best twirler on the circuit.

WHAT IS NEEDED IN TORONTO.

Plans have been prepared and contracts executed for the erection at the Providence baseball grounds of a large electrical score board, to take the place of the one blown down about a year ago. The former board was the only electrical score board in the Eastern League, and was of great assistance and convenience to the patrons of the game. The board to be erected will give the numbers of all the players on both teams, the numbers of the battery players, and of the umpires. All changes in the team will also be shown by changes in the numbers. The number of the player at bat will be shown and changed as the following batsman takes his place. A key to the numbers will be printed on the score card. A ball and strike will be shown as soon as called, and the number of runs made by each side and the number of errors and losing balls. An arrangement will be the instant announcement of close plays at the plate, indicating whether or not the man sliding into the base has beat a throw, or is safe or out, as in many cases when not more than one man is out spectators are uncertain for the time being whether or not the slide for the home base is successful. The board will be operated from the press box, and will be similar to that on a typewriter, the connection being made by means of a wire running from the board to the press box.

THE LEAFS THE ONE BEST BET.

Buffalo Courier: Every newspaper in the circuit is backing Toronto as the one best club in the International League. The Leafs certainly do look like a dangerous outfit, with practically all the same outfield and a little better infield than last year. In the catching department there appears to be a little new, as there is no one on the roster from the Canadian club at present that has been in the same position in the same class with Eddie Phelps as a backstop. Fisher is a fairly good mask-man, but has a lot to learn before he can come up as good as Phelps. One thing is certain, if the race of the year comes anywhere near being pitched at the Leafs and Hostlers have a chance to fight it out for the flag, Rochester cannot win if the Herd is stronger than it was last year. It was the poor work of the Bisons against Rochester last year that permitted the Huskers to cop the pennant, not the fact that Ganzel had a better team. Of course, Toronto was somewhat handicapped by injuries to its players, but with everything else evened up, a contest between the Leafs and Rochester and really should have won the pennant.

"PETE" WOOD IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo News: "Pete" Wood, or rather, Dr. Peter B. Wood, of Hamilton, came to town the other day with his friend, Mr. Cummings, and proceeded to stir up fond recollections and other things. "Pete" Wood used to pitch for Buffalo in the days when the baseball grounds were on Richmond avenue and Jack Chapman managed the Bisons. Dr. Wood recalled a game in which he struck out Dalrymple, Gore, and Mike Kelly in one grand succession. He was reminded also of one day when Rochester or some other team got 17 hits off him, and Pete, whose temper in those days was far from angelic, got so mad that he threw the ball over the fence.

GRACE CHURCH CRICKET CLUB.

H. B. Smith, President; W. Paris, Captain; E. F. Boddington, Sec. At the annual general meeting of the Grace Church Cricket Club, held last night, the following officers were elected: Patron—Hon. W. J. Hanna. Hon. President—Rev. J. B. Broughall. Hon. Vice-presidents—J. A. M. Armstrong, M.P.; T. R. Boyes, R. Y. Ormsby, B. Pearce, F. E. Moulson, J. W. Seymour, Corley, K.C. President—G. B. Smith. Vice-presidents—J. T. Symons, J. C. E. Butler, John Chandler, L. Rawlinson, Captain—W. Paris. Vice-captain—H. (man). Secretary—E. F. Boddington. Treasurer—W. Paris. The following showed W. Paris to be the championship batsman of the club with 200 runs, and George Boddington the best bowler with 100 wickets.

ATHLETICS WON THEIR GAME FROM SAN ANTONIO, 7-3

Shawkey and Salmon Held the Minors Hitless—Brown Not So Fortunate.

RAIN GENERAL IN SOUTH

Most of the Teams Forced to Remain Idle Because of Bad Weather—Latest Dope.

Special to The Star. San Antonio, Texas, March 15.—The world's champions are in such good shape now that they need but a few days of sunshine to complete their training stunts here and be in excellent fettle. San Antonio has lost most of its prestige, because the two teams clashed in the fourth encounter yesterday, and the champions pulled through by 7 to 3 in a game devoid of features except the pitching of the two youngsters, Shawkey, who started, and Salmon, who took up the burden of flinging in the third for three rounds. Each recruit held the locals hitless. Brown was hit hard in the seventh, two singles, a pass, and a triple netting 3 runs. In the remaining innings he was invincible.

THE GUNS IDLE TO-DAY.

Special to The Star. New Orleans, La., March 15.—With another day of enforced idleness on account of the weather, the chances of many of the "rookies" on the Cub staff to develop into phenoms during the training season are fast going a-glittering. Saturday begins the active season for the veterans, according to Manager Chance.

HUGH DUFFY AT HOT SPRINGS.

Special to The Star. Hot Springs, Ark., March 15.—The mud prevented fast work on the diamond today. Hugh Duffy, who is to manage the Milwaukee Club this year, has arrived to look over the youngsters that the Major League clubs may send back to the minors. A host of managers and scouts are here for the same purpose, but the weather has handicapped them. The Brooklyn players leave here to-day and Pittsburg arrives.

CONTINUAL RAIN IN TEXAS.

Special to The Star. Marlin, Texas, March 15.—Manager McGraw made final preparations today for the Giant's invasion of Southern Texas. He announced that all the veteran slabsmen would accompany the regulars with the exception of Drucke, Mathewson is slated to pitch the first three innings for the regulars at Galveston to-morrow, while Wittus will probably start the fray at Houston on Sunday. The Coits will play Houston to-morrow and double back to Galveston on Sunday. McGraw is much discouraged over the weather conditions here, but the squad was unable to get any practice yesterday, and the grounds were so wet that this morning's work-out had to be called off.

BROOKLYNS AT LITTLE ROCK.

Special to The Star. Hot Springs, Ark., March 15.—Bill Dahlen and his band of Trolley Dodgers broke camp here to-day and went to Little Rock, where they will engage in an exhibition game this afternoon. The squad is scheduled to play at Memphis Saturday and Sunday, but Dahlen is trying to have the contests postponed on account of the rainy weather reported from the Tennessee city.

CLEVELAND TEAM INDOORS.

Special to The Star. Mobile, Ala., March 15.—Rain that for days kept the Naps indoors has not disheartened Manager Harry Davis. "We will be on edge when the playing season starts, even if it rains some more," said the Naps' leader to-day. The first team will play here to-morrow and Sunday.

ST. MARY'S LAWN BOWLERS.

St. Mary's, March 14.—At the annual meeting of the St. Mary's Bowling Club W. A. McIntyre was re-elected President; Vice-president, Robert Clarke; Secretary-Treasurer, W. M. Dickson; Corresponding Secretary, E. S. Lapp.

THE TOUGHEST DECISION I EVER MADE

BY E. S. HANDIBOE. Umpire American Association.

Among the many peculiar decisions I have rendered during my baseball career, I number one that is decidedly unique. Scidom is an umpire called upon to face such a situation as was put up to me. Portsmouth and Mansfield of the Ohio State League were the contesting teams, the first named city being the scene of the game.

At the start of the fifth inning Portsmouth led by two runs. Manager Flood of Mansfield started with a single. Ketter on an attempted sacrifice was safe at first, Flood moving to second. Breymler, the next hitter, singled to right field. Flood attempted to score on the hit. Dall and runner arrived at the plate at the same time. Catcher Doran in trying to put the ball on Flood hit him with his elbow instead. Flood, thinking he could beat the throw easily, did not slide. The force of the collision sent him three or four feet back of the base line. It was evident that Flood had not been touched by Doran, and that he in turn had not touched the plate. Doran asked me what decision I had rendered, and I answered, "A man was always safe when not touched by the ball." He then called my attention to the fact that Flood had missed the plate by three or four feet. In the meantime Ketter had moved to third, and Breymler to second on the play. I tried to start the game but without success. Doran, the catcher, figuring there was something wrong about the play, I could say nothing, as any remark by me might tip off the play. He finally blurted out:

"Well, if I go over to the bench to touch Flood, one of those fellows will score." I informed him that was none of my business. Doran then called the pitcher in to cover the plate, while he backed over toward the bench, facing the diamond all the time, with the ball in hand ready to make a play if the man on third tried to score. When he touched Flood there was nothing for me to do but call him out.

I had another peculiar play come up at Charlotte, N.C., in the Carolina Association. Charlotte's two regular catchers were out because of injuries, and one of the outfielders was substituted. Smith, of the Anderson team, now with Brooklyn, was on third. He and the batter attempted the squeeze play, Smith starting for home as the pitcher started to deliver the ball. The green catcher, seeing Smith was sure to score, rushed in front of the plate, grabbed the ball, and apparently retired Smith by a good five feet. Under the rules I was compelled to score him, but the fans yelled murder. The secretary of the league was at the game and saved my bacon by explaining the play to the fans, but I'm sure some of the Charlotte fans will always regard me as being stone blind.

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Magnificent Record of Pope at Indoor Sports Yesterday.

Guelph, March 15.—At the Ontario Agricultural College indoor meet, just closed, no less than nine college records went by the boards. Pope, who proved to be the champion of the day, secured no less than five of them. He scored 26 points, his nearest competitor only getting 11 points. The class championship went to the second year with 75 points, the fourth year with 62, and the third year third. Following are the events in which new records were made: Fence vault—Pope, Robertson, Mottson. Height, 6 ft. 8 7/8 in. A new record. Standing broad jump—Pope, Mottson, Culham. Distance, 10 ft. 2 in. A new record. 15-yard dash—Toole, Crawford, Silvert. Time, 2 1/2 sec. A new record. Three standing jumps—Pope, Robert-

son, Culham. Distance, 20 ft. 8 3/4 in. A new record. 50 yards - potato race—Crawford, White, Hexall. Time, 35 1/4 sec. A new record. Hop, step, and jump—Pope, Mottson, Toole. Distance, 29 ft. 8 in. A new record. Standing high jump—Pope, Culham, Mottson. Height, 4 ft. 7 1/4 in. A new record.

WORLD'S SERIES OF 1911.

Galt Reader: New York and Philadelphia played six games in the world's series, New York winning the first game by 2 to 1 and the fifth game by 4 to 3 (10 innings). The Athletics won the second game by 3 to 1, the third game by 5 to 2 (11 innings), the fourth game by 4 to 2, and the sixth game by 10 to 2.

WASHINGTON TEAM IN GYM.

Special to The Star. Charlottesville, Va., March 15.—The pattern of the rain on the roof of Griffith's Hall brought more despair to-day from the Washington Nationals, and condemned the team to more gymnasium work.

NOMINATIONS AT QUEEN CITY YACHT CLUB

Commodore Mervin Armstrong Nominated—S. Salmon to Contest Secretaryship.

The annual nomination meeting of the Queen City Yacht Club held at the Clubhouse last night, brought out over eighty members.

The popular commodore, Mervin Armstrong, was unanimously the choice of the meeting, and goes up for re-election unopposed, as do also Vice-Commodore J. T. Lindsay and the honorary treasurer, F. S. Knowland. The office of honorary secretary promises to furnish a fight in the nominations of S. Salmon to the position of secretary, Geo. K. Archer. Nominations for the Board of Management were as follows: E. W. Scott, J. B. Grant, O. A. Hutchison, G. Humphrey, J. Hamilton, H. Rolis, F. Martin, W. G. H. Ewing, A. C. Ellis, A. E.

Harris, M. M. Hay, G. Beswick, S. Salmon, A. Martin, T. Uihrenhall, T. G. McLean, E. Bolton, C. Armstrong, R. R. Downard, A. M. Bailey; for auditors, W. Thomas, B. H. Archer, W. G. Ewing.

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