

Commercial League Upholds President, But Ward Will Contest

Needless Squabbles Hurt Amateur Ball

Contracts with Players Are No Good—Umpire System May Be Changed Next Season. Other Amateur Comment.

By C. W. SWAN.
Needless squabbles that have been coming up this season in the different amateur leagues have done more to hurt amateur ball than any season in the past.

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Another good game on the cards for this afternoon is the Aloysius-Adams contest in the District League Park. These teams will start hostilities at 2:30, the same time as the battle in Capital City League Park, and a hot game should be the result.

The Peppo team, which has made such a wonderful showing in the Commercial League, is scheduled to play the American Security and Trust nine, winners of the Bankers' League pennant, on the White House Ellipse at 5 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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MARQUETTE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.



Left to right—Kerr, Donaldson, Beasley, Baylis, Yoho, Rice, Snider (captain), Robertson, Watson, Walsh, Perry, McGinnis, Collier (manager).

Marquette League Enjoys Good Season

Has Had One of the Best Years Since the Organization of the Circuit—Only One Forfeited Game.

The Marquette League will close a very successful season the first part of this week. The officials of the circuit are pleased that things have been run off so smoothly and that the league has progressed with such rapidity. To date there has been but one forfeited game. This is a record of which no other league in the city can boast.

The league has been rather unsuccessful with their umpires. Three different men have been employed. Woods started the season and gave satisfaction for the first five or six games. After this the managers and the players seemed dissatisfied with the work of Woods and asked for another umpire. This was granted, and Colliflower took up the duties of running the league. He lasted longer than Woods, but persons connected with the league were not pleased with the decisions he rendered and a new man, Brooks by name, was engaged.

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The league is fortunate in having the grounds so situated that the fans are afforded an exceptionally good view of the game. The diamond is in a hollow and the stands are built on a hill. Georgetown fans feel satisfied that they have all other leagues beaten when it comes to the advantages for witnessing a game.

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HERRING LEADS SOUTHERN BATTERS

Treasurers Head Teams with Average of .241.

The final averages for the Southern Railway League show the Treasurers team leading, with a total average of .241. Law being next in line, with .191.

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FIELI IN FORM.

Gaithersburg, Md., Aug. 5.—Gaithersburg defeated Garrett Park today, 4 to 2. Features of the game were the pitching of Fieli, who struck out nineteen men, the batting of Gill for Gaithersburg, and the catch of Riley, for Garrett Park. Score:

Score summary table for Gaithersburg vs Garrett Park.

Nationals Play Marines To-day.
The crack National Athletic baseball club will meet the Marines baseball club this afternoon at 2 o'clock, on the baseball grounds at Seventeenth and D streets southeast.

The Marines are putting up a good game of ball in the Capital City League of the District. The National Athletics are playing independent ball during this season, but expect to be affiliated next season with some one of the amateur leagues of the District. The team is capable of playing a fast game of ball. As these two teams appear to be evenly matched a good game is expected.

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"Skeets" has played with the fast Brentwood aggregation, the Hyattsville team, and several other fast bunches of ball tossers, always fielding in that classy style and hitting the pill for keeps.

Last year "Skeets" was a member of two pennant winners, namely, the American Security team and the Cornell Paperhangers. In the post season Stuart went with the Bankers and did much to land the clerks at the top of Section B.

This season Stuart will again play with the Bankers in the post season series, and from the showing made in the playing season, he will add materially to the fielding and hitting strength of the Fifteenth street bunch. He also put up a great game for Catholic University last spring.

Always in the game and a royal good fellow, "Skeets" is one of the best sports who ever wore spoked shoes.

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BERWYN DEFEATED.

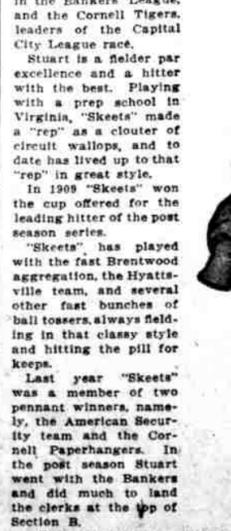
Washington Grove Wins Good Game by 5 to 4 Score.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Gaithersburg, Md., Aug. 5.—A rally in the ninth by Berwyn today was prevented by good support given Knott, and Washington Grove added another victory to its list. Score, 5 to 4. Knott pitched in his usual good form, and received excellent support when men were on bases. Score:

Score summary table for Washington Grove vs Berwyn.

Oxon Hill Wins.
Oxon Hill defeated the Government Hospital for the Insane yesterday upon the latter's grounds, 5 to 1. The contest was a pitchers' battle between Curious, of Oxon Hill, and Munten, for the hospital, each twirler allowing but three hits. All of Oxon Hill's runs were scored in the last inning. Oliver's fielding and base running and the twirling of both pitchers featured.

AMATEUR STARS OF THE DISTRICT—No. 43.

STUART HAYES.



"Skeets" as Stuart Hayes is better known to the majority of his friends in the District. He is at present holding down the shortstop job on the American Security and Trust Company team, pennant winners in the Bankers' League, and the Cornell Tigers, leaders of the Capital City League race.

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Ninth Street Team Retains Franchise

But Cannot Win the Pennant in Sunday School League—Commercial Managers Uphold President Graf.

When the board of directors of the Sunday School League met last night several stormy scenes were enacted, and at the conclusion of the meeting Ninth held their franchise in the league, but were out of the running for the pennant.

Manager Love, of Ninth, wanted to have the games which he was scheduled to play and refused to put a team on the field as long as "Shorty" Hughes was handling the indicator declared no games, and he wanted to play them over, but the board failed to see things in that light, and ruled otherwise.

The standing of the Ninth team at present is 13 won and 8 lost. They have no chance whatever for the pennant, and more than likely will not play out the season, as a motion to appoint a committee to revise the schedule fell through. Hamline's standing is 15 won and 4 lost, and Sherwood has won 14 and lost 6. Ninth could not win if they failed to lose a game the remainder of the season.

The ruling of the board simply gives the Ninth team its franchise, and that is all.

At the meeting of the Commercial League last night the officials of the league sustained the action of President Charles J. Graf in awarding the pennant to the R. P. Andrews team.

President Graf's reason for declaring the Andrews team the winner of the pennant was that as Walford had failed to put a team on the field of late and no other team had a chance to beat the Andrews, out, he awarded them the flag. The board of directors upheld President Graf in his decision.

When the board of arbitration meets Tuesday afternoon, either the Petworth team will be chosen to represent the Suburban League in the post-season series or the original schedule will be ordered to be played out. That is, in the advent of the constitution of the league's stalling that the league must be formed.

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MANAGER GASSAWAY PROTESTS DECISION.

It is not only an insult to the board of arbitration, but it is also an injustice to the other managers of teams in the Commercial League that President Graf has awarded the pennant to the R. P. Andrews team. The board ordered me to play two games with the Willard team, and the Willard team has two games to play with the Times team. Andrews has one with C. & P., which are all regular scheduled games, and the pennant cannot be decided until these games are played.

If the president of the Commercial League ranks ahead of the board of arbitration, then it is up to him to award the pennant to whatever team he may choose.

I most certainly protest the decision, and it is a matter to be thrashed out by the highest court of amateur baseball of the District, the Board of Directors, Manager D. N. Walford Team.

of not more than eight teams and does not say anything about two teams. If the constitution states that the league must be formed of not less than four teams, the board will most likely rule that as long as the Suburban League, neither Petworth nor Silver Spring can play in the post-season series.

That this will be a hardship on both teams is plain to be seen, and when next season rolls around, the hope that the commission will settle just how many teams will constitute a league.

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Peoria, Ill., Aug. 5.—Bob Carruthers, famous as the greatest pitcher of the St. Louis Browns' history, died here to-day. Of late years he has been umpiring in minor leagues.

NATIONAL POLO TOURNEY.

Interesting Events Played at Narragansett Pier.
Narragansett Pier, R. I., Aug. 5.—Be- fore the largest crowd of the season the finals in the senior championship in the National tournament was played this afternoon on the grounds of the Point Judith Polo Club.

The stellar event of the day was the bout between Meadow Brook and Rockaway in the senior match, the Meadow Brook team winning 14-12 to 2.

In the second event, a match for the National Points Cup the Myopia Freebooters beat Philadelphia Country Club by a score of 12 to 9-1-2.

In a dramatic match for the National Points Cup, the Wanderers defeated the Point Judith four by a score of 7 to 5-2 after a closely contested fray.

THE CATARACT AT DETROIT.

"How do the Tigers go after the flag?" "The Sporting News" said me "This once on a time: And moreover he looked me 'Why, certainly, Jake, you furnish the type, after you've had a match for this stuff is a pipe, as long as from somebody I'm willing to stripe."

From the Sporting's beginning. The very first inning. For the fly. Every day. In a way that is winning. "That's the way to win. With a full head of steam. It travels like this," answered Hugh the Sport, and never forgetting. "Fitting and meeting. And sitters getting: Unknown though named, we're frightened at nothing. Singing and banging. To set the fans laughing, waiting and wanting. Kneeling and rolling and rousing and crawling. Fighting, aiming, lighting, and smiting. Back-swing, over-swing. Fleeing, un-fleeing, and willows a-waiting. Rooting and snoring and snoring and snoring. And thumping and bumping and bumping and bumping. And pounding and catching and other teams jumping. And taking the clutch and hitting in pinches. And any old scheme. That gives class to a team. That's a winner's sign, the well-known lieutenant. Thus do the Tigers go after the pennant. —New York Mail.

EASTERN LEAGUE.

At Montreal-Montreal, 8; Providence, 3. At Rochester-Rochester, 1; Newark, 2. At Toronto-Toronto, 5; Jersey City, 0. At Baltimore-Baltimore, 4; Buffalo, 2 (first game). Buffalo, 2; Baltimore, 1 (second game).

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Columbus-Columbus, 8; Louisville, 1. At Toledo-Toledo, 3; Indianapolis, 4. At Minneapolis-Minneapolis, 7; St. Paul, 2. At Milwaukee-Milwaukee, 8; Kansas City, 0.

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