

All Is Set For Formal Opening of Southern Michigan This Afternoon

SOUTH BEND LOOKS FOR GOOD YEAR STARTING TODAY

League Believed Strengthened By Difficulties in Past—Season to Open in Battle Creek and Jackson.

Simultaneous with the sound of the guns announcing the start of the Hoosier-Duck fray at Springbrook park this afternoon, two other bells will ring, one in Battle Creek and one in Jackson, and the Southern Michigan league will have made its start over the 1915 path.

Present indications point to a successful season for the class C circuit. It has weathered many storms, been hardened by the difficulties it has encountered and overcome, and now when so many minor leagues have given up the ghost, is starting with better prospects than have been seen in several years.

Eddie Wheeler and his Flint Vets are already in Battle Creek, where they will open the season with the Crickets. Wheeler is reported to have assembled a classy bunch of players for the 1915 club and expects to make a strong fight for the pennant.

Following the three days' series with the Foodtown gang, Wheeler will bring his club to South Bend for another triple engagement with the Hoosiers.

These three games should prove attractive to local fans since Wheeler is a resident of South Bend and was at the head of the only pennant winning team the city has ever produced.

In the lineup will be Bob Wells, part owner of the club and one time member of the South Bend Central league club, well known to local fans. The Battle Creek and Flint clubs will line up as follows:

Flint—Kernan, 3b; Pahlman, 1b; Huntress, cf; Hoffman, rf; Nifedeker, ss; Bell, lf; Wheeler, 2b; Wells, c; Scott, p.

Battle Creek—Streeter, lf; Blank, ss; Duncan, cf; Badger, 1b; Wagner, 2b; McGovern, rf; Love, 3b; Dobbins, c; Kiefer, or; Carpenter, p.

Mayor on Job. A big celebration is planned in Battle Creek this afternoon. Mayor Marsh will pitch the first ball and hand music has been arranged.

Several gifts will be presented to different ball players and the Foodtown opening is expected to be auspicious.

Extensive plans have been made in Jackson for the preliminaries to the game between the Princeton and the Bay City Beavers. A record breaking crowd is anticipated to attend the fray as Danny Collins is said to have collected a swift aggregation for Prest Frank's town and is promising to take the other clubs' hustle for the pennant.

Hickman and McDonald will be the opposing moundmen in the initial fray. Hickman is said to be the strongest crag worker on the Beaver twirling staff, while McDonald is rated as a worthy opponent.

Bay City has a strong team, judging from the lineup. Jenkins has been working hard all winter and the club has been training since early in April at Newcast, Ind., in anticipation of the opening game. The two clubs will be arrayed as follows:

Bay City—Hartwell, 2b; Jenkins, cf; Conroy, lf; Brady, 1b; Parry, rf; Donnelly, c; Dunlap, ss; Blauser, 3b; Hickman, p.

Jackson—LaFleur, lf; Pitter, 2b; Fable, rf; Warner, 3b; Lindholm, cf; Senoff, 1b; Hernandez, ss; Hart, c; McDonald, p.

NEWS OF THE BOXERS DENVER, April 28.—Gumboat Smith and Fighting Dick Gilbert were matched today for a 12-round decision bout to take place before the National A. C. May 10. The no-decision clause was insisted upon by the Gumboat before he would sign the match.

The new club, which has just been incorporated under the name of president and Johnny Corbett as matchmaker, promises the best that can be arranged for the local fight fans. Corbett is well known as the funder of Young Corbett and Abe Attell.

DENVER, April 28.—Jack Torres of Albuquerque, N. M., and Phil Kearney of Temple, Texas, welterweights, have been matched to box 15 rounds on May 4 before the Colorado A. C.

DOUBLE-PLAY RECORD. DETROIT, April 28.—What is believed to be a world's record in its way was set by the St. Louis Browns yesterday when five double plays in five consecutive innings were made. Detroit itself had three double plays, making the unusual record of eight in one game.

CLYMER RELEASED. MINNEAPOLIS, April 28.—Oris "Myner," a veteran on the Minneapolis American association team, has been given his unconditional release. He has been a member of the club since 1909.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Murray and McLaughlin Say They Are Coming East For Summer Meets



SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—After various rumors, reports and stories to the effect that neither Robert Lindley Murray nor Maurice McLaughlin would go east to play tennis this summer, both young men came to the front and announce they will make the trip, and have never authorized statements that they wouldn't.

McLaughlin will try to regain his title of national champion in the August championships at Forest Hills, L. I. Last year he lost it to Norris Williams of Philadelphia, at Newport, R. I. Murray has been having trouble with the arches of his feet due to being on them too much and for a time it was believed he would be unable to play. He asserts that a little rest will put him in shape, however, and that unless something unforeseen develops, he will go east with McLaughlin.

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TENNIS TO BE NEXT ON BILL FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Coach Metzler Announces Tournament to Determine Individual Championship.

Tennis will be the next sport taken up for consideration by the high school interclass athletics, according to an announcement made Tuesday morning by Coach Metzler. In order to arouse enthusiasm a tournament for the individual championship of the school will be started soon.

The baseball squad will probably play against the Sincer club next Saturday afternoon, according to Coach Metzler, as the factories are anxious to schedule games. Quite a conflict over this date and triangular meet with Laporte and Mishawaka has arisen, as both of the pitchers on the local squad and the first basemen are members of the track team.

Two games are down for next week on the baseball schedule. On Wednesday, May 6, Dowagiac high school will come here for a game, while on the following Saturday, May 8, Gary will be played at Gary.

Tryouts in several events for the meet at Laporte Saturday will be staged Wednesday night at the school. The majority of the entrants can be picked out without preliminaries, as Metzler has a line on the men since the Plymouth and Culver meets, but there are several events in which a tryout will be necessary in order to secure the best men.

FOUR MORE TEAMS TO COME FROM SIXTH WARD

Organization Meeting Held at Kaley School—Dramatic Club Gives Social For Scenery.

Organization of a baseball league in the sixth ward, to be composed of four teams, took place last night at the Kaley school following a box social given by the Dramatic club of the school. There were 100 men present at the meeting and they will be tried out in the near future and the teams will be picked.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of baseball men of the seventh ward to be held at the Elder school tonight, when a league will be formed and the third ward will have a meeting of the same kind at the high school tonight in room 119.

The funds received by the dramatic club from the box social will be used in purchasing scenery for the stage at the Kaley school auditorium.

BOWLING SCORES

Table with columns: C. A. C. LEAGUE, SINGERS, Marquis, Farshall, Osborne, Reynolds, Pruyn, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: STARS, S. M. Robinson, Moredock, Palmer, Deason, Schneider, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: MATCH GAME, STUDERAKER GIRLS, Miss Peters, Miss Rupert, Miss Guthnecht, Mrs. Carr, Miss Martin, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: BALL BANDS, MISHAWAKA, Miss Hall, Miss Ort, Miss Hall, Miss Fischmann, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: OLIVER LEAGUE, MALLEABLE, Schulz, Barekley, Garret, Young, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: PRODUCTION, Moore, Seeking, Glass, Hunt, Tonhey, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: MAIN OFFICE, Cover, Fricke, Stansberry, Williamson, Hans, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: PATTERNS, Steward, Vogel, F. Shuman, Myers, G. Shumann, Handicap, Totals.

Table with columns: INTERHALL MEET MAY 12, Track Coach Rockne announced Tuesday that an outdoor interhall meet will be held at Notre Dame, Thursday, May 12. The winning hall will secure possession of the Studebaker cup for a year.

ERRORS AID SOPHS TO DOWN SENIORS

Stage Tight Battle Which is Won in Final Frame—Score Eight to Five.

Table with columns: INTERCLASS STANDING, Juniors, Sophomores, Seniors, Freshmen.

Seniors and sophomores staged a battle royal in the high school interclass league yesterday afternoon, which the sophomores, aided by some glaring errors in the eighth frame, won 8 to 5.

The second year men started off in noble fashion and combining two hits and an error raked in three tallies. This ended the run getting for the first three frames, both pitchers settling down and pitching good ball.

But in the fourth the seniors went on a rampage. Rapping out four hits, one a two-bagger by Moon with the bases full, and aided by a walk and an error they managed to register five counters. After that they subsided and although they got men on several times lacked the necessary punch to shove them across.

In their half of the fifth the sophs got a couple of lucky blows and tied the count, while in the eighth they collected three tallies and salted the combat away.

The score: Sophomores... 200 020 02—8 10 2 Seniors... 000 500 00—5 8 4 Batteries—Sophomores, Rokop and Myers; seniors, Fernandez and Flanagan. Umpire—Egan.

ILLINOI WINS 11 STRAIGHT

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 27.—Illinois won its eleventh straight game Tuesday when the Illini defeated Purdue by a score of 2 to 1 in 11 innings. After leading by one run up to the ninth, the Illini were tied. In the eleventh the Boilermakers got men to third and second, but Bradley's pegging saved the day for Huff's men. In the eleventh the Illini filled the bases with three hits in a row and easily scored the deciding tally.

HOOSIERS TRIM STUDEBAKERS IN FINAL WORK OUT

Hits Mixed With Wild Heaves Enables Smithmen to Garner Eight Runs in Four Innings During Game.

In the final practice game before the opening of the season, the Hoosiers walloped the Studebakers Tuesday afternoon in a ramble of four and one-half innings, by a score of 8 to 2. The factory leaguers scored one run in the opening round on a pair of bingles and an error, Ward singling to right and going to second when Beall kicked the throw-in and scorings when "Buck" Connors sent another safety into the same garden. Another run was scored by the Studebakers in the first of the fifth when Landie got to first on Hixenbaugh's throw which pulled Beall off the bag. He was sacrificed to second and came home on Connors' third hit of the afternoon.

In the opening inning with the Wagonmakers one run to the good, the Hoosiers failed to mark, but in the remaining three rounds piled up eight tallies. Two hits, two errors and a free in the second netted three runs. In the third the Hoosiers marked twice on two hits, a bad throw and a free pass. The factory men went wild in the fourth. With Beall and Hixenbaugh on, Claffey singled to center and vent the entire route when the Studebakers threw the pellet all over the lot without result.

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Table with columns: Score by Innings, South Bend, Studebakers, Summary.

Sacrifice hits—Ward, Korfhausen. Stolen bases—Connors, Claffey. Two base hits—Kale, Richardson. Strike outs—Duffy 2, Vallandingham 1. Bases on balls—Duffy 2, Vallandingham 1, Moffitt 3, Ward 1. Hits—Off Duffy 6, off Vallandingham 1, off Ward 2, off Moffitt 2. Umpire—Diem.

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