

# Grand Forks And Winnipeg Play 3 O'clock Sunday

## KEEPING GRAND FORKS IN BASEBALL PROBLEM FOR THE LOCAL FANS

### UP TO THEM TO DETERMINE THIS IMPORTANT FACT

Baseball Club is Not in Game for Profit, But For the Sport.

NEEDS THE UNITED SUPPORT OF FANS

Greater Patronage Absolutely Necessary to Maintain the Game.

So many Grand Forks baseball fans who are consistently remaining away from the league games this season, seem to be of the opinion that the Grand Forks baseball club is a money making proposition—and that such changes as have been made at the park in seating arrangement, etc., has been for the purpose of increasing the profits.

Nothing could be further from the actual condition. The changes were made for the simple reason that more money is required to keep the game going, and if the additional income isn't available, the abandonment of baseball in Grand Forks is inevitable.

Patronizing the Grand Stand. Grand stand patronage is the thing the Grand Forks club is hopeful of being able to create in the city. If it is not available, then the directors of the local club say there is only one thing to do—and that is, drop out of the league.

It is grand stand attendance that gives the local club the greatest income. In other words, each fan who patronizes the grand stand is worth as much to the local management as three fans in the bleachers.

Conditions Elsewhere. Conditions elsewhere in the Northern league are greatly more favorable to the local clubs. The grand stand patronage seems to be well worked up, and this is particularly true of Fargo and Moorhead, where the club made money last year, while Grand Forks was losing \$5,200. This difference in financial conditions is due to the fact that the visiting club gets only half of the general admission of 25 cents, the full 25 cents additional for grand stand seats going to the Grand Forks club.

Give the Club Credit. If there is any feeling among the fans of the city that the Grand Forks baseball club is giving them the worst of it, let them consider, for a moment, the conditions confronting the club. They have determined that the baseball costs a certain amount of money. They have determined that the old basis of playing particularly to bleacher patronage is suicidal, in that insufficient income is produced.

Baseball must be made to produce at least within a reasonable distance of the outlay. The baseball directors are willing to handle a deficit of from \$1,500 to \$2,500 a year—but they also say that as determined that they cannot bear the brunt of handling a \$4,000 to \$5,000 deficit.

The bleachers were not moved for the purpose of making way for the automobiles; they were moved for the purpose of producing greater grand stand patronage.

The bleacher seats are well located at present. Any true baseball fan who cannot afford the 50 cent seats, can most certainly get 25 cents worth from the bleachers.

Give the men who have backed baseball with their money, credit providing the city with good, clean amusement. This help keep the game going by your attendance.

Otherwise—baseball is done in Grand Forks. There certainly can be no complaint made at the brand of baseball that is being provided. The team has been playing consistently, and changes made in the lineup within the last few days, indicate quite clearly that the directors are determined to keep a winning team in the field.

## Grand Forks Man is Brother Of Norwegian Girl Tennis Champ Who Won Victories in the East

August Bjursted, a local architect with offices on the fourth floor of the St. John's building, is a brother of Molla Bjursted, the famous Norwegian tennis champion, who recently added the metropolitan and national titles to her tennis laurels.

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Hogue broke his arm in a game early this spring, and it is doubtful if he will be able to assist the local club. His arm snapped while he was pitching, and while it has entirely healed, it is too weak to do much work yet.

Game is Postponed. J. Fluv, arch enemy of ball clubs, interferred yesterday afternoon and prevented the regular scheduled activities with Roy Patterson's Winnipeg club. Intermittent showers delayed the opening of the game for a few hours, and after work started another downpour called a halt.

Handsome Jack Landry, who just announced the batteries, when a shower commenced, “Time,” called Jack, after which he hiked for cover. In a couple of minutes, the sun poked through the clouds.

“Well, let's go, Bill,” said Jack. “Complets, then, called four balls for Bemis, Lathrop and Alexander, and the latter took first base. While Pickering was at bat, it commenced to rain hard, and Landry called the game.

Winnipeg Club Stronger. The Winnipeg baseball club now is much stronger than when the Grand Forks club first played at the Peg. For awhile, Manager Roy Patterson had the joke nine of the league, but it is far from that now.

The addition of “Frosty” Thomas has greatly strengthened the club. Wilson, the new catcher, also has filled a big hole, and other positions have been strengthened.

Curtis, the outfielder, has proved the best shortstop Patterson has had this season. Pat is searching for a good short fielder, though, so that he can stick Curtis back in the outfield.

Thomas and Patterson are proving their worth as pitchers. Both men have worked two games this week, and in each they had their opponents guessing at every stage. They are old heads and can stand lots of rough handling.

Pickering is a dangerous hitter, but could be a better fielder. In the pinch, he usually can be counted on to deliver a blow. Mitchell, another old association player, is doing well at third, and Judge, who also has filled the A. A. ranks, is holding his own in right field.

The Winnipeg team is bound to improve, and when the players hit their regular stride, watch out for them. It is a safe wager that Roy Patterson's crew will not finish at the bottom.

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