



IN ACTION AGAIN IS THE NEAT AND WELL-CONDUCTED ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

The Third Annual Campaign of This Flourishing Organization Now Under Way—Scores of the Contests and Record of the Race.

The third annual campaign of the Atlantic League is now under way, the season having opened on April 25. Below will be found scores of the games, and the record to April 26, inclusive:

Table showing scores of games and records for various teams like Allentown, Hartford, Lancaster, Newark, Norfolk, Paterson, Richmond, and Reading.

Table titled 'Games to be Played' listing dates and locations for upcoming games between teams like Paterson, Lancaster, and Hartford.

Opening Games Played April 25. LANCASTER VS. HARTFORD AT LANCASTER APRIL 25.—Lancaster won the opening championship game, which began in a drizzle that had developed into a drenching rain when the game was called at the end of the seventh inning.

LANCASTER VS. HARTFORD AT LA' R APRIL 26: LANCASTER, A. R. B. P. A. E. HARTFORD, A. R. B. P. A. E. Butter, rf, 4 2 2 0 0; Cavell, cf, 5 0 1 2 0 2; McVey, lf, 5 2 1 1 0; Marr, rf, 4 0 3 1 0 0; Leidy, cf, 5 2 3 3 1 0; Purvis, lb, 5 0 0 10 1 0; Childs, lb, 4 1 2 12 0 0; Tate, lf, 5 0 1 0 0 0; Ward, 2b, 5 0 3 3 4 0; Doherty, 3b, 4 0 1 1 4 0; Schaub, 3b, 5 0 2 2 4 0; Roach, c, 4 0 1 5 2 0; Madison, ss, 4 0 2 2 0 0; McManis, ss, 4 0 0 1 4 0; Roth, c, 4 0 0 4 1 2; Childs, 2b, 3 1 1 0 4 0; West, p, 4 1 1 0 0 0; Bowen, p, 3 0 2 0 3 0.

LANCASTER VS. PATERSON AT NORFOLK APRIL 26: NORFOLK, A. R. B. P. A. E. PATERSON, A. R. B. P. A. E. Wheeler, ss, 5 2 3 1 3 0; Heidrick, lf, 4 0 2 3 0 0; George, lf, 4 0 2 1 0 0; Jacobs, 3b, 4 1 2 0 0 1; McFarlan, cf, 4 1 1 2 0 0; Hardesty, cf, 3 0 0 0 0 0; Kinman, lf, 5 2 2 11 0 0; Lar que, lf, 4 1 1 9 0 0; Kennedy, rf, 5 0 1 1 0 0; Johnson, 2b, 4 0 0 3 4 1; Wedtje, 3b, 4 0 2 2 2 0; Doherty, rf, 4 0 1 1 0 0; Wenzig, 4 0 0 1 4 0; Conroy, ss, 4 0 2 2 2 0; Fox, c, 4 2 1 8 0 0; Lyons, c, 3 0 0 2 2 0; Foreman, p, 3 0 0 3 1 0; Jones, p, 3 0 0 0 3 0.

Struck out—By Foreman 5, Jones 5. Double plays—Wheeler, Wentz, Klusman; Conroy, Johnson, Laroque. First on error—Norfolk. First on balls—Off Jones 2. Hit by pitcher—Hardesty, Foreman. Wild pitch—Jones. Passed ball—Lyons. Umpire—Tate. Time—2h.

HEAVY WEEDING-OUT. Five Newark Heads Lopped Off by Executioner Burns.

Newark, N. J., April 24.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The weeding out process has begun, and at the initial weeding of the axe five heads drop into the basket. The unfortunates were outfielder Tom Gettinger and his protegee, Strasburger; short stop Gallagher and pitchers Bolger and Brenner.

THE REASONS: Gettinger showed up in very poor form, his hitting being lamentably weak. Gallagher's fielding was of the kind that is designated as "miserable," and his stickwork, never the best, was very amateurish. The colt pitchers, Bolger and Brenner, did very well, but the skilled professionals crowded them out, the carrying of more than four pitchers being out of the question. Both of these youngsters—Brenner in particular—are comers, and New York State League and New England League managers would do well to give them a trial.

THE TEAM selected by Manager Burns to represent Jersey's chief city is as follows: Adam Rothfuss and Nelson catchers, Carrick, Coogan, Jordan and McPartlin, pitchers; Calhoun first base, Tom Delehanty second base, Cassidy short stop, Daley third base, Gray right field, Hallman centre field and Fitzmaurice left field.

In fielding this aggregation is the strongest that ever represented Newark on the ball field, excepting the celebrated "Little Giants," of some years back. As for stick work, time alone will tell the wisdom of Tom Burns' selections. Up to date they have not performed wonders with the willow, but their hitting has generally been of the hard luck variety. In the last Toronto game they lunched their hits in one inning and pulled the game out of the fire in a fashion that enthused the 2500 cranks present.

DICK COGAN and Manager Burns got together last week, and in a short time their little difficulty was patched up to the satisfaction of all hands. By Dick's signing we now have the finest quartette in the Atlantic League, and one that will keep the big hitters of the other seven clubs guessing to solve their delivery. Rothfuss and Nelson make a strong pair behind the bat. The infield has been shifted about so much that the fans were continually pondering as to what the next lineup would be. Calhoun has been shifted from third to first base, and up to date has covered the position in good style. Delehanty will remain at second and captain.

"PETE" CASSIDY will be stationed at short. Pete's first try at short was noted for its errors, but at the next attempt and in each succeeding one he has fulfilled expectations. And how the "Terrible Turk" (as some facetious bleacherites have dubbed him) is hitting this year. It is the opinion of the writer that Cassidy will open the eyes of some of the "knockers" that delight in guying him when he makes an error and fail to applaud his good plays. No better man could have been selected to captain the team, as he has all the tricks of the game at his finger tips, and ginger galore. At third "Old Reliable"

EDDIE DALEY again holds forth, and his marvelous stops and throws are a pleasure to witness. It is to be hoped that Eddie will again have his 1890 batting eye this season, and if he does there will be no better third bag guardian in the Atlantic. And now for the outfield. That is a jewel from a fielding standpoint. Since writing last Manager Burns has secured the services of PEARL GREY, the hard-hitting outfielder of the Orange A. C., and at one time a member of the University of Pennsylvania Varsity team. We have secured a jewel in Pearl, and he'll be among the top-notch batters in the Atlantic League this season. "Kid" Hallman will cover centre and Fitzmaurice will guard left. The former covers a heap of ground, but as a batter is a bit uncertain. He has a good eye, and with proper tuition from Manager Tom may develop into a hitter. Fitzmaurice has been the most consistent batsman on the team so far, and he's somewhat of a fielder, too. This trio comprises one of the strongest outfields in the League.

Manager Manning, of Kansas City, is to be congratulated upon securing two hustling players like Jack Rothfuss and Harry O'Hagan, of last year's Newark team. With two such good hitters back on our team we'd have a top-notch team for certain. "May your shadows never grow less" is the wish of "yours truly."

Johnston, of the Toronto team, is in great form this spring, and Arthur Irwin will not regret having signed him. While here Irwin also signed catcher Reuning, of the Orange A. C. team. He played with Dr. Grey on the U. of P. team and was not as good a fielder, but he pranced about the left garden in "coltish" fashion.

Speaking of "colts," that reminds me that that is the cognomen under which the local players will stagger hereafter. Hope the name won't prove as big a hoodoo as it did to Anson's Chicago aggregation.

What with managing and captaining the Bradford (Pa.) team, and his newspaper duties Chauncey Stuart will have his hands full this year.

Brother Gowland, of New Orleans, says that Setley is an easy-going fellow. Wait till "Set" develops some of his "tacky" propensities, then "Old Hoss" Powell will have his hands full trying to curb him. His Newark record was a "right" one.

By the time this appears in print the third championship season of the Atlantic League will be well on its way. May it go through the season without a break, everybody make money, and may the best club win, is the sincere wish of "ESSEX."

A Real Sport.

Harry Von der Horst, one of the few genuine sportsmen among the club owners of the major League, came over to Washington yesterday with the Orioles. That Mr. Von der Horst has a ton of sporting blood in his veins to the ounce of sporty claret that trickles like water in the frappe veins of certain magnates was evidenced in the dark days of the American Association. Washington "Post."

Schedule Does Not Suit 'Em. Port Huron, Mich., April 24.—Saginaw and Bay City are dissatisfied with the present schedule of the International Base Ball League, and threaten to withdraw from the same unless certain concessions are granted.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Causes of the Poor Start of the Senators—Better Things Hoped For Now Reitz and McHale Are on Deck—Doyle's Value to the Team.

Washington, D. C., April 26.—Editor "Sporting Life":—War and the championship base ball season are now both in progress and occupy the attention of the Washington people. Our start isn't anything to be proud of, but when our handicapped condition is taken in consideration we have not done so terrible, after all. As the SENATORS' INFIELD

has lined up in the game with Baltimore and Brooklyn we have decidedly the weakest infield in the League. We started out with Mercer on third, Leahy on second, and Doyle and Wrigley in their regular positions, but this arrangement was found wanting after two games and a shift was made. Leahy was sent to third, Doyle volunteered to look after second, and was assigned that position, and Duke Farrell, our great catcher, was placed on first. This arrangement proved more satisfactory, and although they are sadly in need of team work and lack knowledge of the manner in which the positions should be played.

FAIRLY GOOD WORK was done, and we managed to split even with Brooklyn in the series. But the fielding of the infield has not been such that is counted on to encourage a pitcher, and while not many glaring errors were made hits were credited for the opposing batsmen that would have been easy outs with a fast infield. But I guess our troubles are at end now, as

REITZ AND M'HALE will arrive to-morrow, and this will start another shake up in the infield. Reitz telegraphed Mr. Wagner from Chicago Sunday that he would arrive in Washington Tuesday, and report for duty. McHale, who is also a resident of Sacramento, Cal., is making the trip with Reitz, and the youngster will probably be given a show at once.

When Henry dons his uniform and gets out on the diamond at National Park he will be given an ovation by the Washington patrons of the game, as they have become impatient and swarm Mr. Wagner with queries as to Reitz's whereabouts. Reitz, of course, will go to second, Doyle assuming his accustomed place on first, with Leahy and Wrigley at third and short, respectively. When Arthur Wagner recovers from his attack of the grip and shows up in Washington, he will be given a chance on third unless Leahy develops some remarkable batting and fielding qualities.

DOYLE'S GOOD WORK. There is no question about Doyle being a natural born all-around ball player. His work at second has been exceptionally good, considering that the position is new to him, and his base running has been a revelation to the Washington fans, who have heretofore been content with watching good base running of the visiting teams, as the Senators have always been notoriously slow in this department. But Doyle seems to have instilled some of this very important factor in winning games into the hides of the Senators, as they are waking up.

THE SENATORS have been prevented from playing three championship games by the elements, and it appears as though the season may not get under way until starting the season a week before the usual time. In the six games played, the team's batting average is about .340, which shows that the boys are hitting the ball fairly well. Gettman is leading the Senators at the bat with a percentage of .370, Wrigley follows with .363 to his credit, and Doyle has been hitting at .350 clip.

SCRAPPY JOYCE and his band from New York are in town now and will be our opponents for the next two days. Captain Joyce does not seem to be down-hearted over his defeats in Philadelphia, and insists that the pennant will be won by the Giants with ease. How Scrappy can make such a claim and believe it I cannot see, as according to my way of placing the clubs Scrappy will be lucky to be among the first four clubs when the season ends. He pays a nice little compliment to the Quaker lads and is of the opinion that Stallings' gang are going to give somebody trouble before the fall begins. The Quakers certainly present some formidable batters, and if they kept up the lick at the bat that they have struck it is more than possible that they will surprise everybody.

HANLON'S "LUCK." Well, what luck Mr. Hanlon does have. Corbett, the mainstay in the box last year, fails to show up, but instead of Brother Joe there comes to the Orioles an untried colt who has startled the base ball world by his remarkable achievements in the two games he has pitched. The game he twirled in Washington last Monday was a beaut, only one hit being made off his delivery. Of course, we all thought it was a fluke, but on Friday he accomplished the almost "unbelievable" record of shutting the champion Boston out without a hit. He has the movements of a seasoned twirler, and the way he mixes them up on the batsmen is enough to keep the best batters in the League guessing.

THE BALTIMORES seem to be playing great ball, and probably the most gratifying results to Mr. Hanlon is the very strong showing of the pitchers. Hoffer seems to be off in his work, but with McJames, Hughes, Nops, Pond, Kitson and Corbett, if he decides to show up, Mr. Hanlon will have a reliable corps of twirlers.

THE WESTERN UNION telegraph operator still reports the progress of the games from a near-by house top unmolested, but it is likely that before long Mr. Wagner will begin to block the sight of the operator, and then the Western Union will have to give up the \$500 guarantee for the privilege asked by Mr. Wagner.

ARTHUR WAGNER writes Mr. Wagner that he is slowly recovering from his illness, and will probably be able to report in Washington before long. Outfielder Bill Eagle, of Rockville, Md., who was released by Norfolk last week to the New York State League team, Auburn, has left for his new surroundings. L. L. NICHOLSON, JR.

HARTFORD HAPPY Now That the Decks Are Again Cleared For Action.

Hartford, Conn., April 25.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Hartford ball team, in command of Manager Traffley, left last evening on their first trip of the season of '98. Vickery was the only member to remain at home, and he was obliged to do so owing to a severe cold contracted while pitching a game in Springfield last week. THE PLAYERS and his Waterbury State League team were here Saturday, and the locals closed the exhibition season by defeating them six to three. Roger has a strong team, and with him at their head the Brass City boys ought to come pretty nearly landing the Nutmeg League pennant. The veteran has gathered about him a lot of lively, aggressive, hard-working young men, and if they but listen to Roger and play the game as he wants them to they will give the other teams in the League a hard run to win a ball from them.

Doherty, third base; Bottenus, left field; Cavell, centre field; Marr, right field; Tate, extra man. Cavell has been placed at the head of the batting order by Captain Bottenus, as he considers him the best man in the team to lead off, and many of the fans are of the same opinion.

THE TEAM have not been able to get as much practice as the manager would wish, as the weather has been anything but favorable for outdoor sport here during the past month, but as the men had access to the gymnasium of the Cathedral Lyceum they are in pretty fair shape, although they are not hitting the ball as well as they will after more outdoor work.

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DOWN TO BED ROCK. There are 14 men now on the Hartford payroll, and it is not at all likely that there will be any addition to this number. All of the surplus players have been released, and the young men have found berths elsewhere. Brandt and Leslie Wahisefer have signed with New Britain, Jack O'Brien has caught on in Danbury and the pony battery—Shea and Connor—go to the Taunton, New England League Club.

MINOR MENTION. What an array of former Atlantic Leaguers Ted Sullivan presents in that Western Association club of his, and there all pretty fair ball players, too. Manager Traffley will be in uniform every game during the season, but will not don the pad unless Mike Roach becomes incapacitated. TIM O'KEEFE.

READING'S ARRAY. How the Team Will Line up For Pennant Ball.

Reading, Pa., April 23.—Editor "Sporting Life":—The Reading Club played the last game of the exhibition series here to-day with Montreal. The players seem to be in fine shape for the opening of the championship series, which is scheduled for April 25. The Reading team has to journey over to Allentown to do battle with Manager Sharsig's "Peanut Tour" team. One hundred Reading rooters will accompany the team and back their favorites. Managers Long and Newel have decided to take a hand along to liven up things for the "boys," and those who accompany the team will have "loads of fun."

THE PLAYERS at present are all in fine shape, and Allentown will have to play ball to beat the Long and Newel combination of ball tossers. "Big Man" Garvin has been decided upon by the management to pitch the first game. Those who saw Garvin pitch on Friday against Montreal will say he is in No. 1 shape. The catchers, Heydon and Shincele, are both fast men behind the bat, and Reading is right up to the front in backstops. Heydon has been doing all the work back of the bat during the exhibition games, and a player to steal second on him must be a sprinter, if not he is out.

THE REMAINING PITCHERS have all had their turns in pitching in the games just past. "Roger" Connors, in his game with Toronto on the 20th, allowed Irwin's team but seven hits and pitched fine ball. He used good judgment when pitching, and by the end of this season Connors will be at the top of the Atlantic League pitchers. Connors not being satisfied by pitching a game goes up on the coaching line and helps win the game by his coaching. Seems to work overtime. Pertsch, the ladies' man, is pitching fine ball, and with his "hink-dink" ball fooled both Wilkesbarre and Montreal in the games which he pitched against them.

THE NEW PITCHER. Mills, formerly of the Boston team, whom Long and Newel bought of Selee, pitched a fine game to-day against Montreal. Although the Reading team lost after 12 hard-fought innings it was no fault of Mills' pitching. This young pitcher has not pitched a game for three weeks, and to-day went in the game and in 12 innings allowed but 12 hits. Mills' last game, in which he pitched, was against the University of Virginia at Charlotte. Woodruff, the other pitcher on the staff, is one of the best in the Atlantic League. His pitching against Toronto on last Thursday was something marvelous, allowing them eight hits. His slow ball seemed to puzzle Irwin's team, whom he had at his mercy, and had it not been for two costly bases on balls, a scratch single and Roening's home run they would have had a shut-out. Woodruff is quite a sprinter, which helps him greatly in covering ground. Managers Long and Newel have played this man in the field on account of his hitting and long throwing from the field to the plate.

THE INFIELD is certainly a "corker." Slater at first scoops everything high or low in his big glove, and is a great help to the club with his strong batting. McIntyre, our gentlemanly second baseman, has played circles around all second basemen who have played here this past week. At shortstop it lays between Ellis and Holland, and these two will have to be tried for several weeks to see which is the best man. Holland is a very strong batter and plays a fine fielding game, while Ellis seems to field nicely, but is not quite as strong at the bat. At third, Cockman, who the management bought of Toronto, is a "find" and is the "cranks' idol." He can bat and field, and that is what Reading wants, as we are a little weak at the bat.

THE OUTFIELD, as I have said before, are the fastest outfield in the League. With Betts, Spratt and Strait—a you'll have to hit the ball "a mile" out of reach to have a safe hit. The new uniforms were worn for the first time to-day, and the boys look nobby in them.

BASE HITS. Woodruff, the pitcher, whom the "cranks" thought was a star, was given an unconditional release this evening. In losing Woodruff Reading is doing something I am sorry to see done, releasing a good man so early in the season. I understand that Woodruff was made an offer this evening to go with an Eastern League team, and will probably accept their terms. Manager and Captain Charles Dooley, of Montreal, is a great ball player, and works hard to win a game. It was he who won the 12-inning game—6 to 5—here by a scratch hit and daring base running. Smink, Henry and Miller, of Montreal, received a fine reception from their many friends who were out in force to see them play. Miller received a fine floral tribute in the first inning. In McFarland, Toronto has the best pitcher in the Eastern League. He certainly has speed and a variety of curves. ARTHUR A. PINK.