

FINE WEATHER FOR BASEBALL OPENING National and American Leagues Commenced the Race To-day. PROMISE GOOD SEASON

President Tener Anticipates the Closest Race in History of the National League.

New York, April 14.—For baseball fans throughout the country this was the most memorable day of the year, the day for which they had waited six long months, the day of the opening of the big league season.

President Tener of the National League planned to attend the opening game of the New York and Brooklyn clubs at the Polo grounds here. The league's president was in an optimistic mood.

Chicago, April 14.—With St. Louis as their opponents, the Chicago Nationals were ready for the opening game of the season here to-day. The day was clear, and preparations had been made to handle a record-breaking crowd.

Cincinnati, O., April 14.—Weather conditions were favorable early to-day for an auspicious opening of the National League championship season by the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati clubs.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson, scheduled to toss the first ball, was to be a guest of honor at to-day's initial American League clash between Grizzlies forces and the New York Yankees.

Detroit, Mich., April 14.—Because of the absence of first baseman Burns, who is slowly recovering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis, and third baseman Capt. Moriarity, who is laid up with an injured foot, Detroit was forced to start two substitutes in the infield.

Lafayette, La., April 14.—Fine weather greeted the fans who traveled to Shibe Park to-day to see the opening game of the season between Philadelphia, American League champions, and Boston.

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At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canada Motorcyclists' Association yesterday a motion was carried that a fee of 50 cents be charged per member to all affiliated clubs up to fifty members, and over fifty members a fee of 75 cents per member.



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PARK GROUNDS ARE ALLOTTED SATURDAY

T. & D. Makes a Ruling Regarding Tampering With Players.

At the T. and D. Council meeting the following transfers were granted:

W. G. Hawkins and F. G. McLean, Dunlops to Devonians; W. McMullen, Fred Victor to Fraserburgh; J. W. Wildash, West Toronto to Davenport; G. Kyneston, West Toronto to City Dairy; J. Mann, Street Railway to Manchester Unity; D. Johnston, Lancashire to Overseas.

For signing two forms, H. D. Lever, Mount Dennis, was suspended until April 20 and declared a member of Mount Dennis Club.

Wychwood and Ulster United applied to have the suspension of Wilson and McCully raised. The council decided to take no action in the matter.

R. Campbell, having settled his differences with the Ulster Club, was declared to be in good standing and eligible to play immediately.

Clubs are reminded that guarantee fees must be paid not later than May 2.

It was decided that no official member of a club may approach a player of another club with a view to obtaining his transfer without first obtaining the written permission of the secretary of the club of which the player is a member.

The park grounds for next Saturday were allotted as follows:

Don Valley v. Orchard, Willowdale No. 1.

Riverdale v. Overseas, Riverdale No. 2.

Bank of Commerce v. Ulster United, Riverdale No. 3.

Lancashire v. Hearts, Willowdale No. 2.

Maple Leaf v. Sons of Scotland, Riverdale No. 2.

Gerrards v. Corinthians, Riverdale No. 1.

Consumers' Gas v. Gunns, Harbor Square.

Poisons v. British Imperial, Riverdale No. 8.

Fred Victor v. Berkeley Street, Kew Gardens.

St. Davids v. St. Georges, Bracondale Park.

In a first league game played yesterday Liverpool beat Sheffield United by 2 to 1.

The English Football Association at a meeting on March 30 decided that a meeting on March 20 decided that the dates over which the season extends, September

WRESTLING TOURNA-MENT TO-NIGHT.

A wrestling tournament will be held in East Riverdale centre. There will be 18 bouts. W. Cousins will act as referee.

At the liveliest and best attended meeting the Queen City Yacht Club has had in years these officers were elected last night.

Commodore—T. A. E. World. Vice-commodore—George K. Archer. Rear commodore—W. E. G. Ewing. Secretary—S. W. Salmon. Treasurer—Frank S. Knowland.

Management committee—Eddie Pugh, Irwin Marks, J. Goldring, Fred Boddy, Monte Jocks, Harry Roils, Art Martin, Fred Jenkins, and Merwin Armstrong.

Sailing committee—Gus Ellis, Lou E. Marsh, Hugh Leitch, J. Boddy, Art Stewart, Cockburn, Harry Hyams, Harry Parquharson.

The Queen City Yacht Club boys certainly selected a string of veterans to handle their affairs at this critical time. This is Commodore Tommy World's ninth term. When the nominations were made it looks as if Captain World would go to the war zone, and that the struggle for the leadership would be between Merwin Armstrong and Tommy Wrenshall.

When Captain World discovered that he was not likely to be called upon immediately he consented to stand for office, whereupon Mr. Wrenshall and Mr. Armstrong surrendered and left the "old war horse" to lead the club. George K. Archer won the only contested office, the vice-commodorship, and won it handsomely. Rear-Commodore Ewing was re-elected by acclamation to his third consecutive term, and he deserved it for he has been a hustler. Sammy Salmon's opponent for the secretaryship, Eddie Pugh, resigned on the plea that he was too young a member to aspire to Salmon's shoes, and the popular "Sammy" gets his eighth term. It is so long since anybody else has been



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to April 30, are included in the rules. That the council under a new rule, shall have power to suspend the game either seasonally or outright or extend the periods for playing as from time to time shall be deemed necessary or desirable, and agreements between players, officials, and clubs shall be subject to such decisions. Agreements to be for the remainder of the current season, or for the remainder of the current season and the following season. Further, that clubs can retain players to whom they are prepared to pay \$3 a week for the period of their engagements unless there are special grounds for allowing them to change their clubs. Immediately at the conclusion of the meeting the emergency committee decided that no registration of players should be made before August 2. No arrangements whatever have been made for football next season.

All signed players of Overseas are requested to meet at Fred Victor Mission for training to-night at 8 o'clock. A full turnout is looked for.

Estons will meet Wychwood on Saturday at Bathurst street hill, Eaton field, at 4 o'clock. The following players will represent Estons: McCracken, Muir, Gilchrist, McAdam, Baldwin, Kingan, Phair, Dunham, Patterson, Worrall, and McNelly.

VETERAN YACHTSMEN TO LEAD THE Q.C.Y.C.

T. A. E. World, George K. Archer, S. W. Salmon, and F. G. Knowland Elected.

Among the old-timers at last night's meeting of the Queen City Yacht Club were Bobby Groves, Jack Greig, Billy Hutchinson, Jack "Spike" Foster, Dick Northcote, Art Boddy, and Dick Sies. There were other veterans there, but they are still active members.

Rear Commodore Ewing's annual report at the Q.C.Y.C. said that racing, which had been dead earlier in the season, picked up wonderfully at the tail end of the season, and he advocated more course sailing for the different classes and less cruising.

Steward Bill Eagle of the Q.C.Y.C. and his wife came in for some warm words of praise in the annual report of the Management Committee last night. It isn't very often that annual messages pay much attention to paid employees, but Eagle's ability, willingness, and unflinching courtesy forced a voluntary acknowledgment of his excellent service. Eagle is an ex-naval man and the best steward the Q.C.Y.C. ever had in charge.

Monte Jocks, of the Q.C.Y.C., has sold the fast sloop Verona to Deitch and Adams. Verona is the veteran of the Q.C.Y.C. fleet. Though a score of years old, she is very slippery yet. She was champion last season and looks to have many years of good racing and cruising in her yet.

Harry Parquharson, though a "one-day-wrench" sailor, is taking a big interest in the sailing game at the Q.C.Y.C. He is fathering a scheme to build a fleet of "Bugs" to rent out at a nominal fee to members of the club who do not own boats. The fleet may either be built by subscription or by the club itself.

The annual meeting of the Island Aquatic Association will be held to-night in the Stroullers' Club rooms, 64 Yonge street, starting at 8 o'clock.

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TORONTO WELSH RUGBY F. C.

Toronto Welsh Rugby Football Club will hold a general meeting at the Carls-Ritte Hotel on Monday at 8 p.m. All club playing members and those wishing to participate are requested to be at Riverdale Park on Saturday at 3 o'clock when the first practice will be held. The club extend to all a hearty welcome to these practices and also to co-operate with the Irish, West, Scotch, North, and Overseas Clubs.

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