

FOUR GAMES WITH GRAND RAPIDS TO TRY OUT ROOKIES

Smith Satisfied With Form Shown in Opening Clash—Fort Wayne Had to Work to Beat Bender Youngsters.

Satisfied with the form shown by his men Sunday and confident that others, who did not break it can do as well if given a chance, Manager Ed. Smith Monday started pointing his squad for the games at Grand Rapids Wednesday and Thursday and for the two return engagements here on Saturday and Sunday.

These four games against Smith's old team will give the Bender pilot some idea of what his team can do. On the result of these games probably hangs the fate of a number of players. Smith did not make any releases Monday, preferring to wait a little longer before passing judgment on any of the squad.

About 14 men will make the Grand Rapids trip. Johnny Jones will probably stay at home and toil at Springbrook park and one or two more athletes will join him. Jones says he will not be ready to cut loose for a week yet. Jones may twist in the home games here on Saturday or Sunday, but is hardly expected to do much hard work before that time.

Tektmeyer Has Bad Hand. Ray Tektmeyer, the fiery short stop from Fort Wayne, who has been burning up the diamond at Springbrook, may lose out here as a result of the accident to his throwing hand that forced his retirement from the game Sunday. A bad finger was made still worse Sunday when a wicked bouncer clipped him early in the game. He got through the first inning all right, went bad in the second and in the third heaved the ball every where except where it was supposed to go. After the inning he confessed the injury to Smith and Hermie Sack went into the game. Sack played finely and will make the Grand Rapids trip in all probability.

Eddie Majt, another short stop of ability, will be here Wednesday to try out and this means that the fight for the infield job will be fiercer than ever. Majt is a crack player and will make Sack and Tektmeyer both hustle if they hope to beat him out. Majt's arrival will greatly strengthen the infield by giving the team another old hand to steady the youngsters.

BALTIMORE ALL SET FOR FEDS' OPENING

BALTIMORE, April 12.—The championship baseball in the Federal league will open this city Monday afternoon when Baltimore and Buffalo clash in the curtain raiser. Mayor Preston will toss the first ball.

Jack Quinn, the former Rochester and Boston spitballer, will oppose Buffalo on the hill, while Earl Moore, with the Chicago Cubs last season, will probably be pitted against him.

All the leading industries will close their doors a half day in order that their employees may attend the big opening.

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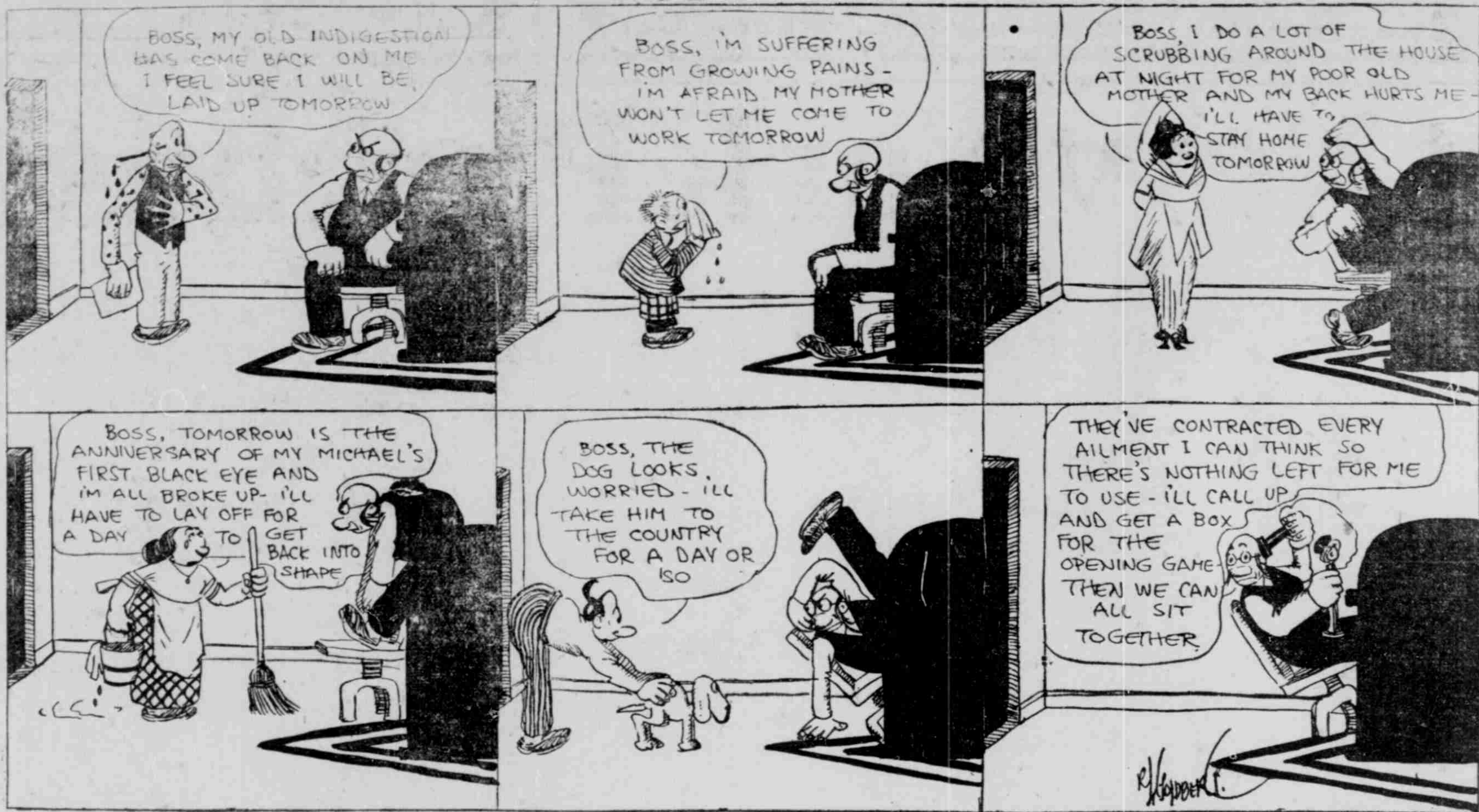
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WHY DIDN'T THEY TELL THE TRUTH IN THE FIRST PLACE AND SAVE ALL THAT TIME—By Goldberg



GOOD GAME IS PROMISED FANS

Both Notre Dame and Michigan Are Represented by Strong Aggregations—Contest Will be Staged This Afternoon.

A battle royal was booked for 2 o'clock at Cartier field this afternoon, when two of the best college baseball teams in the west, Notre Dame and Michigan, hook up in a fierce struggle for baseball supremacy. Rivalry between the Hoosiers and the maize and blue in athletics has always run high, and the fact that the two schools have not clashed in any sport since 1910 will heighten the interest in the outcome of today's fray.

Sisler, the pride of Ann Arbor and Kelly, Notre Dame's one best bet, were to be opponents. In a game against Georgia university last week Sisler struck out 13 men and allowed only six hits. He received many flattering offers from major league managers last year, but decided to stay at Michigan. Sisler is not only a crack twirler but a hard hitter, and bats in the cleanup position in the Wolverine lineup. When not doing duty in the pitching box, Sisler works in left field, Kelly and Sisler are both left handers and resemble each other in many other ways.

With Kelly in the box Notre Dame is confident of victory or at least of forcing Michigan to the limit to win. The Wolverines have a big advantage over the local nine, because of their long southern trip. The Ann Arbor men played seven games against the strong southern colleges and are now in prime shape for good baseball. Michigan lost but one in seven games on her southern trip and ended up with Georgia, the team that trimmed them, by shutting out the southerners, 2 to 0. The Wolverines will use their strongest lineup today and with Sisler on the mound they appear almost invincible. The star Wolverine hurler has not worked in the box since last Wednesday in order to be in the best of shape to face Notre Dame.

Taking advantage of the warm weather yesterday, Harper and the players out for a two hour practice.

The teams bated today as follows: Notre Dame—Bergmann, R. Gray, C. Farrell, 1b; Mills, 2b; Meyers, ss; Duggan, cf; H. Newman, 3b; Kenny, rf; Kelly, p.

Michigan—Sheely, cf; Howard, 1b; McQueen, 2b; Sisler, p; Benton, rf; Baker, ss; Huggitt, 3b; Hippler, c; Graham, lf.

WAYNE REGULARS HAVE BIG JOB IN DOWNING LOCALS

Present Lineup Including Old Players and Are Held to Nine to Six Count by Smith's Gang of Youngsters.

An even dozen of Ed Smith's youngest hopefuls were trotted out yesterday afternoon and under a bright Easter sun and before a big bunch of fans, including a number of Easter Lilies, gambled through nine innings at Springbrook park and were forced to take the small end of a nine to six count.

There was variety aplenty in the game, although the locals failed to do anything like extra-basing or annexing additional sacks through a. l. A few raw spots developed during the game, but most of the errors made were the kind that the same athletes would have been ashamed to pull on the home lots, while members of semi-pro or even amateur teams.

The dozen lads however proved that while yellow may be the popular Easter color, there was none in their makeup. They got a late start but came strong at the finish and would have won the game but for some poor base running in the fourth inning.

Smith trotted out three of his hopefuls and allowed each to hold down the hill for three innings. Schorr was the first and he got away good as far as he was concerned, but his backing wasn't quite as strong as that of the Federal league and two runs came across. Coakley was next, with Moore following. Neither of the trio excited himself as it was early for a pitcher to use all his speed and stuff.

Tektmeyer, who was credited with five bobbles, was taken out of the game in the third inning.

Smith's drive to left gave him two bases as he threw a hand hurt early in the contest and continued playing although the digit pained him and looked as if it was broken.

The Ft. Wayne team will present practically the same bunch on opening day in the Central. Welch, Beutchi, Nespo and Martin were members of last year's team and most of the other players were purchased by Owner Varnell during the winter.

Makes Bad Start.

Schorr got away bad by walking Smith, the first man up, but got him on the force when Welch attempted a sacrifice. Beutchi got a hit when he lifted a high one that was allowed to land safely in the infield, all hands bipping to lunch.

The first run came in the second. Wolfe was out on a neat catch by Humbrecht on Mee's throw. Stupp walked and was dead stealing but Tektmeyer dropped the throw.

Sisler's single gave him two bases and scored Stupp when Dolan let it get by him. Haynes hit and stole but Tektmeyer got the next two at first. McGuff, second up in the third, was safe on Tektmeyer's wild throw. On the hit and run he went to third when Nespo, a member of the 1912 Greenstockings, hit between first and second. Wolfe was tapped in the ribs and Stupp got a life on wide ones, but Schorr fanned Martin and Thomas got Haynes' bouncer.

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BOWLING SEASON OF 1914 IS FAST SLIPPING AWAY

Studebaker League Forced to Play Additional Games as Three Teams Are Tied For First Place.

Gradually the local bowling season is fading away but it is going by degrees, showing the bowling man to be considerate in peddling his wares. The Studebaker league closed its season, or rather its schedule, last week and the only reason for a continuance of the season is because of a three-team tie for the championship of the institution, the Reaches, the Spokes and Skelns each finishing the season with an equal number of games won and lost.

This was necessary because the rolling of a series of games between the three teams to determine the winner of the honors as well as all of the prizes which go with them.

Despite a slight ripple which threatened disruption because of a change of executive officers at the beginning of the year the Studebaker league enjoyed an extraordinary season. Although the Reaches were in the lead constantly during the season there were other clubs who challenged in turn, for recognition. The Spokes waged war on even terms for the past five weeks and the Skelns remained within striking distance at all times and the two latter teams were successful at the close of the regular schedule to even the scores, necessitating an extra series.

With the Studebaker schedule finished, the C. A. Club league is next to knock for exit as the schedule of the latter runs out of games this week. With the exception of settling a dispute between the Athletics and Stars for secondary inheritance and a few minor individual trophies all the records of the league have been closed for several weeks, as the two extreme ends of the percentage column are a cinch.

Where all the leagues are about ready for the curtain the Walther league is just entering upon the most interesting part of its journey. This organization is the only one to continue its schedule from fall to spring and this does not terminate until May 15. After week's vacation it will be resumed tonight. The Standards have a lead of five games over their nearest rivals with the next four teams well bunched and a couple of more reverses for the Standards would leave a splendid chance for an open fight.

The tie which existed in the Factory league between Singers and the Dodgers was broken last week when the latter were unable to win as many games as the sewing machine men.

With the exception of the head of the list the percentage column received a severe shakeup. For the first time since the league was organized the leaders of the rank the Ball Bands landing the undesirable place. The Ball Bands have not won a single game since Zimmerman joined the oil barons in the wilds of Michigan.

Elk Leaders Are Undisturbed. While much anticipation prevailed in the Elks and Antlers leagues at the close of the season the results of last week's games fans were doomed to disappointment. Splendid opportunities were offered to narrow the margin of the leaders in the two leagues. In the Elks league the Hoofs had the Tylers, the latter three games away and a three-win would have tied a knot. But the Hoofs proved too strong, coppered two of the games and now a four-game lead, which should be sufficient to hold the situation well in hand during the remaining two weeks of the schedule. As the Hairs returned before the contest was well under way and the day was saved for the time being as the Antlers won two of the games. The Prongs could not gain any ground as they won only as many as the leaders.

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"13" HOODOO NOT FEARED; FEDERAL LEAGUE FIGHT ON

Ball Parks in New Circuit Equal to Most of Older League Stadiums—Other Clubs Start in Next Few Days.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Calmly defying the 13 hoodoo the Federal leaguers today pried the lid off the 1914 baseball season with a game in Baltimore between the aggregation representing that city and the one that makes Buffalo its home.

Early indications were that every seat in the new stands would be occupied when the umpire's "play ball" sent the rival clubs into action. Baltimore has gone crazy over the advent of the Federal league, and for more than two months, the fans of the city have looked forward to this day of days. From the major league to the muddest looking street urchin, Baltimore is happy that at last it will have representation in a major league.

And this, too, was the day of days for those men who have backed the Federal league with huge bank rolls, who have given a large portion of their time during the past six months to making the league a success, and who have fought a hard but winning fight against their formidable enemy, organized baseball.

This, too, was the day that brought about the utter discrediting of the organized baseball predators who have been telling the public for several months that the Federals are a joke organization, and that "you can bet all you've got that they won't open the season."

The outpouring of fans for today's game at Baltimore upset another organized prediction. It has been freely predicted for many months by the O. B. persons that Baltimore was a "dead town," that it could hardly support even one minor league ball club, and that "not more than 200 or 300 persons will turn out for the opening game." Baltimore, it seemed from today's enthusiasm over the Federals, will be one of the best towns in the Federal circuit.

Only Federal League Game Today. The only Federal league game today was at Baltimore. Brooklyn and Pittsburgh, the other two clubs in the eastern portion of the circuit, will open their season tomorrow at Pittsburgh, where another big outpouring of fans is expected. Pittsburgh, despite its fondness for Barney Dreyfuss' Pirates, thinks pretty well of its Federal league club, and the fans promise to turn out in great style to greet the invaders.

Buffalo and Baltimore will not play on the 14th, but will stage the second game of their series on the 15th in Baltimore. Brooklyn and Pittsburgh also will play on the 15th.

The western clubs of the Federal league delayed their opening until the 16th, when Joe Tinker's Chicago team meets the Kansas City squad in that city, and the Indianapolis aggregation clashes with Miner Brown's St. Louis club in the Missouri city. In both St. Louis and Kansas City the fans are prepared to give a big and rousing welcome to the new leaguers, and in both cities it seems just now as if the stands will be packed for the opening combats.

The Chicago Federal league stands are completed and take rank with the finest steel and concrete stadiums in the country. The St. Louis stands also are finished and are almost equal to those in Chicago in seating capacity.

Use High School Stadium. Kansas City this year will use the big high school stadium, the backers planning to build a big steel and concrete stadium next year, provided positive assurance is given them that their franchise will be renewed.

Barring a few details of construction, the Buffalo stands are completed. What little work remains to be done can be accomplished before the week is out. The stands will suffer no inconvenience, however, because of the fact that the stands are not absolutely completed.

The Pittsburgh Federals are using Exposition park, the old home of the Pirates, which is believed to be big enough for this season, but which will be supplanted with a new steel and concrete stadium next season if Pittsburgh's franchise is renewed. The Baltimore stands were finished some time before the season started and take rank with the finest ball parks in the land.

Work on the Brooklyn stands is being rushed, and it is expected that the stands will be ready for the opening game.

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Skelns	22 22 592
Spokes	22 22 592
Axles	20 24 566
Hubs	28 26 512
Tongues	28 25 512
Rims	25 29 463
Hounds	22 32 407
Bolsters	21 37 389
Studebakers	20 34 370

Antlers League.	
Antlers	25 14 641
Prongs	22 16 590
Teeth	21 18 558
Tails	19 19 513
Raws	19 19 512
Bucks	19 20 487
Tusks	18 21 462
Bucktails	17 22 426
Elks	17 22 426
Toasts	15 24 355

Factory League.	
Singers	22 16 590
Dodges	22 17 564
Watch Co.	20 19 512
Olivers	18 21 462
Studebakers	17 22 426
Ball Bands	16 23 410

Elks League.	
Hoofs	27 12 692
Tylers	22 16 590
Hairs	22 17 564
Charns	20 19 512
Bills	18 21 462
Deers	17 22 426
Stags	11 25 306

C. A. Club League.	
Singers	26 10 722
Athletics	22 16 590
Stars	22 17 564
Colts	18 21 462
Giants	18 21 462
C. A. C's	17 22 426
Cubs	17 22 426
Tigers	12 24 323

Walther League.	
Standards	45 30 600
Juniors	40 35 523
Interstates	37 38 493
Seniors	37 38 493
Ramblers	36 39 480
Neversweats	30 45 400

GAMES THIS WEEK

C. A. Club League (Final.)
Tuesday—Athletics vs. Stars.
Wednesday—Colts vs. Singers.
Thursday—C. A. C's vs. Tigers.
Friday—Cubs vs. Giants.

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