

Base Ball Tournament at Woodstock

The grand base ball tournament, inaugurated at Woodstock, on the 30th inst., was continued on Dominion Day.

The following clubs entered as First-Class — "Tecumseh" of London; "Victorias" of Ingersoll; "Young Canadians" of Woodstock; "Maple Leaf" of Guelph.

Second-Class — "Tigers" of London; "Frontiers" of St. Catharines; "Eries" of St. Thomas; "Atlantic Juniors" of Woodstock, and "Excelsior" of St. Jarry.

The prizes in the first-class were — 1st, \$100 cash; 2nd, silver tea-set, valued at \$50; 3rd, silver ball, worth \$20.

In the second-class, 1st prize was \$50 cash; 2nd, music box, worth \$25; 3rd, silver goblet, worth \$20.

The "Tigers" of London, and the "Frontiers" of St. Catharines opened the tournament, and the match resulted in the defeat of the first named by 51 runs (the score of which has already appeared in these columns.)

On Thursday the first game of the day was arranged between the "Eries" of St. Thomas, and the "Atlantic Juniors" of Woodstock, both second-class clubs, and resulted, after an exciting contest, in favor of the latter by 11 runs. The runs made were:

Line	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Erie	6	0	2	0	1	6	3	1	2
Atlantic, jun.	1	4	0	6	7	4	1	7	32

Mr. E. M. Moore, of London, umpire.

In the afternoon, about 4,000 people were present on the grounds, to witness the match of the tournament, between the "Tecumseh" of London, and the "Victorias" of Ingersoll. As both these clubs were known to be evenly matched and each had sustained previous defeats by one another, the result was looked upon with more than ordinary interest, and bets were offered and freely taken at odds, that London would be victorious. At two o'clock precisely the match was commenced by choosing Mr. Nichols as umpire, the "Tecumseh" going to the bat.

In the first three innings London scored 10, being caught out in nearly every instance on "sprs" to Ingersoll's 25. On the fourth innings the Londoners rallied and, after some beautiful play and excellent batting, succeeded in adding 14 to their score, the game standing 26 to 14. The fifth and sixth innings were played with unusual vigor by both clubs, the score being London 34, Ingersoll 27. This temporary gain was the part of London caused the boys to become careless, and in the seventh innings, after some shaly play by their opponents, the Londoners went out for a "whitewash," Ingersoll scoring 15 additional to their total. Score, London 34, Ingersoll 42. The greatest enthusiasm and excitement prevailed on the "Tecumseh's" taking the bat for the eighth inning, and after some really splendid play, and super-excellent hitting, they went out for 7 runs, the "Victorias" in the same innings scoring 8. Score, London 41, Ingersoll 50. In the ninth and last innings, London played to win, and struck out with the intention of leading their opponents by every fair means within their power, and after some beautiful playing succeeded in adding 15 to their total. Ingersoll then took the bat, having 6 to 10, and 1 to win. The Londoners in this innings played very reckless, and, as a consequence, some very wild throwing and considerable "muffing" was the result. On the "Victorias" scoring six, the greatest enthusiasm was manifested, and when the next run was scored, a general burst of deafening applause was made by those assembled. When "all out" was accomplished the "Victorias" had scored 11 runs, thus winning the game, and leading their opponents by 11 runs. The following is the score:—

TECUMSEH.	
J. Jerry, c.....	5 5
R. Southam, p.....	2 9
W. F. Strong, s.s.....	7 3
J. H. Brown, 1st b.....	2 7
J. Plummer, 2nd b.....	3 6
F. Cooper, 3rd b.....	3 7
E. Plummer, l.f.....	1 7
F. O. Shaw, s.f.....	1 7
T. Phelan, r.f.....	3 6
	37 56
Home runs—T. Phelan, 1; J. Brown, 1; J. Plummer, 1. Total, 3.	
VICTORIAS.	
R. Jackson, s.s.....	10 10
J. Gibson, p.....	5 7
R. Rickert, r.f.....	6 7
W. Hearn, c.....	3 7
G. Pascoe, 1st b.....	2 7
J. Taylor, 3rd b.....	3 7
J. Brown, l.f.....	5 6
J. Hearn, 2nd b.....	3 7
W. Taylor, c.....	3 9
	57 67
Home runs—None.	

The game was contested by both clubs with extraordinary spirit, and the utmost good feeling prevailed among the "players." The field, however, deserves notice. It is enclosed by a fence on the north and west sides, the players being stationed in a right angle thereto, and is so constructed that a ball, from the superior batting of the Londoners, could not run its full course, before it was interrupted by the fence. And if a ball was knocked over the fence, the rules only allowed the striker two bases, whereas, if the ball had been allowed the open field, many home runs would have been added to the credit of the Londoners. However, the "Tecumseh" have suffered no material disgrace by this defeat, coming as it does from a club that has been in existence for a number of years, and whose laurels, gained on many occasions, prove the thoroughness of its organization. The fine and manly appearance of the Londoners, who were attired in a neat knickerbocker suit of white crickicket flannel, with scarlet hose and white canvas shoes, was the subject of commendation, by all present, and they well deserved the compliment paid them by many—as being the "neatest best-looking set of men" they ever saw in a base ball club. At the conclusion of the game, three hearty cheers were given by the victors for the vanquished, and reciprocated by the latter, and three for the umpire, who gave general satisfaction to the players.

The tournament was further continued yesterday, the first match being between the "Tigers" of this city, and the "Eries" of St. Thomas, which was at the close of the third innings withdrawn by mutual consent—Erie winning.

The second match, for the first prize in the second-class, came off between the "Atlantic" of Woodstock and the "Frontiers" of St. Catharines, the former winning by a few runs.

The third match was between the "Maple Leaf" of Guelph and the "Young Canadians" of Woodstock, which, after some splendid playing on both sides (especially on the part of Guelph) resulted in favor of the Maple Leaf by 21 runs.

It is understood that the London club will receive a prize for the nearest umpire, and Mr. J. Jerry a special prize for catching.

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