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### THE BASE BALL TOURNAMENT.

#### Drawing for Places—The Opening Match.

The topic of public interest yesterday was the commencement of the grand Base Ball Tournament, for which preparations have been making during the past two months. At two o'clock in the afternoon the Committee appointed for that duty met at Strong's Hotel for the purpose of drawing for places.

The *modus operandi* was as follows:—The names of the several clubs entered in each class were put in a box, and drawn out in consecutive order. The first and second drawn were pitted against each other; the third and fourth, and so on.

The third-class entries were first drawn, as follows:—1st. The Morning Stars and Wide Awakes of London; 2nd, The O. K.'s of London and Beavers of St. Mary's. 3rd. The Stars of St. Thomas, and Albions of Strathroy.

The second-class entries were next drawn, as follows:—1st. The Excelsiors, of Strathroy and Tigers of London; 2nd, The Atlantics of Woodstock, and Erics of St. Thomas; 3rd, The Ontarios and Excelsiors, both of Hamilton.

The first-class entries are as follows:—Maple Leaves of Guelph, Victorias of Ingersoll; Young Canadians of Woodstock. The drawing in this class was put off, pending the receipt of an answer from the celebrated Records, of the States, as to whether or not they will be present at the Tournament.

In the colored men's match to close off on Friday next, the entries are the Goodwills of London and Bialtos of Detroit.

The first match began at three o'clock between the Morning Stars and Wide Awakes, two newly-organized Clubs of this city. The grounds are well laid out for the occasion. There were some three hundred spectators present, and considerable interest was centred in the match, which was won by the Morning Stars after a close contest, by one run. The following is the score:—

MORNING STARS.		WIDE AWAKES.	
O.	R.	O.	R.
Plimton.....	4 3	Taylor.....	4 3
C. Kidner .....	2 4	Doherty.....	5 2
A. Webster.....	2 3	T. Payne.....	0 4
R. Kidner.....	2 3	J. Murtagh.....	3 3
A. Cooper.....	5 0	J. McMartin.....	2 3
Switzer.....	5 1	W. Murtagh.....	4 1
G. Winlow .....	4 2	Galena.....	3 3
G. Hays.....	2 4	Ingram.....	3 3
Frazer.....	0 5	T. Eggleton .....	3 2
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In favor of Morning Stars one run. Mr. H. B. Strong acted as umpire.

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