

DOOIN MAKES HIS DEBUT TODAY AS MANAGER OF READING INTERNATIONAL CLUB

READING OPENS SEASON TODAY

Mayor Filbert to Throw Out First Ball at Debut of International

DOOIN READY FOR BINGOS



CHARLIE DOOIN

Reading, Pa., April 30.—To the strains of that little ditty, "Read He Did Come Back," Reading officially returned to the baseball map in a league-way today when the 1919 pennant scrap of the International circuit was inaugurated.

Pitted against Charley Dooin and his swiftly organized Reading nine in the Binghamton Club, piloted by no less a baseball character than Frank Schulte, International is the oldest minor league in the country. It was organized in 1892 as the Eastern League and changed to the International in 1912.

Owing to the war conditions it was necessary for the league to hold a re-organization in the spring of 1917, when the old league was dissolved and the New International League organized. But it is virtually the same league. Next to the National League this big minor has been in the field longer than any other baseball circuit.

Tide Changed Fultz does not look for any baseball miracle, but he does think that the baseball tide has changed and that from now on the minors, especially the International, will return to former prosperity.

"The International League has had its share of woes in the last five years," said Fultz, "and we had to work hard last winter to whip the league in shape so that we could start the 1919 season with eight well-balanced clubs. Happily the most difficult part of our task is behind us and we now see clear skies ahead."

"I have confidence in the return of minor league ball to the former position it held in the world of sport, and especially in the International League. We have the territory and it is up to us to deliver a brand of ball that will put the league back on its former plane."

"I do not agree with pessimists who say that the minors have seen their best days and will never return to what they were before the Federal League war in the period between 1909 and 1913. I admit that golf, tennis, automobiles and moving pictures have cut into baseball patronage, but that is true of the large cities as well as the smaller ones. And with the country back on a peaceful condition I think that majors will have one of their greatest seasons."

Baseball America's Game "Baseball is America's game and that applies to cities of 200,000 and to cities of 2,000,000, to cities of 2000 and cities of 20,000."

"We will have to go through with a period of reconstruction slowly. One or two good years will re-establish the entire minor league business on a firm foundation. Many of our players are young, but they have the ambition, and I look for a splendid race."

"I think much of the strength in our league lies in the managers appointed by the different clubs. They are all big leaguers, and with the exception of one or two managed clubs in the big leagues, I think if you examine the list of our 1919 managers and compare them with the International League managers of the last few years you will find that the International League is moving forward and is preparing for better days."

Reading fans are satisfied that Dooin is the man to lead them to victory.

Central Park Came next the question of a centrally located park. Laurer Park, near the heart of the city, was the unanimous choice, but many repairs had to be made before the field was ready for combatants. Just as business men and fans rallied to aid in bringing a league club here, so they have taken a hand in assisting to get the park into playing shape.

When Mayor Edward H. Filbert throws out the first ball today, Laurer Park will not be at its best because there are a number of extensive improvements still in course of construction.

It looked as though Reading would be weak on pitchers, but the array of talent already reported makes Dooin and Secretary Charlie Keleher very hopeful in this direction. Some of the material is very promising, and inside of two weeks Reading is expected to have a club good for the top of the second division, say fans who have seen the men at practice.

Pitchers are Loungaree and Keefe, sent by Connie Mack; Sheridan, who comes from Brooklyn; Jack Enright, the former Yankee; Bill Donohue, former State League hurler; Brown, a youngster who looks promising; Smith, Gintley, Weinert, Hoar and, last, but not least, Bernhart, who was a star with the Syracuse club last season.

Other players are outfielders "Bud" Weiser, Silent John Hummel, Bert Daniels, Kline, Eckstein and Joe Burns, with Portland last year; infielders Clark and Watters, first basemen; Closser, second base; McHale, third base, and Norton, shortstop; Catchers Hayden, O'Donnell, Gregg and Manager Dooin.

A new era is in store for the New International League. That is the firm conviction of Dave Fultz, the newly-elected president of the big class AA minor league circuit.

While this will only be the second year for the New International League, it really will be the twenty-eighth annual season of the circuit, for the old International is the oldest minor league in the country. It was organized in 1892 as the Eastern League and changed to the International in 1912.

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

THE North Philadelphia Browns again are in the field, anxious to hear from first-class teams. They have open dates on May 3 and 10.

George Burns once held down a first-base job with this club, while Harry Fritz and other stars saw service with them during their early days in the game.

Al Ruc, secretary of the club, has arranged an ambitious schedule. He has a strong team and expects to be a figure in the amateur baseball field this summer.

The Park Edge A. C. wants to meet first-class teams in the city. Address: 1511 Belmont ave.

Germanen Club has reorganized. Wants to meet first-class teams.

North Side Pros have open dates May 3, 10, 17 and 24. Address: J. Hoover, 2015 North Atlantic street.

A good pitcher and all-around utility player would like to work for any first-class team in the city. Address: 1414 South Charon street.

The Galleries B. C. has open dates in May and June for all first-class home teams. Address: W. L. Smith, 106 South 81st street, Darby, Pa.

Darby Pros have open dates May 17, 24, 30, and June 6, 13, 20, for all first-class home teams. Address: W. L. Smith, 106 South 81st street, Darby, Pa.

Girard F. C. wants games with first-class home clubs. A. Schaefer, 1409 North Fawn street.

Alpine A. C. desires games with first-class home teams. E. Shaw, 2048 Huntington street.

The Westville B. C. would like to book games with first-class traveling teams. William Lam, Box 356, Westville.

Pennsylvania A. C. first-class traveling team. Harry C. Gorman, 3212 Summer street.

St. Lawrence C. C. has May 3 and 17 open. S. W. Fisher, 2337 East York street.

Westmore A. C. first-class traveling team. Has May 3 open. Robert Mosely, 2449 North Natrona street.

Westmore Pros want games with first-class traveling teams. R. E. Herbert, 4345 Alameda.

The Pickwick team wants games with home nine. G. J. Hogan, 2441 South Sixteenth street.

Brisburg Club has May 3 and 10 open for home team. 4609 East Thompson street.

The Onus B. C. a seventeen-eighteen-year-old uniformed traveling team, wants games. J. Harris, 342 North Fourth street.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit A. C. a first-class traveling team, has May 3 and several other dates open.

Some Facts About International's Bow

OPENING GAMES TODAY

Binghamton at Reading

Buffalo at Jersey City

Toronto at Newark

Rochester at Baltimore

MANAGERS

Reading... Charlie Dooin

Jersey City... William Donovan

Buffalo... Patrick Donovan

Toronto... Jack Dunn

Newark... George Gilbee

Baltimore... Frank Schulte

Rochester... Arthur Irwin

EMPIRES

Joseph O'Brien

Tom Corcoran

Jim Gorman

Wm. McInerney

M. J. Stockdale

Frank Wilson

Scott Chestnut

H. A. Wagner

The Lansdowne Union A. C. Club, of the Main Line League, would like to schedule games for Saturday, May 3 and 10, before the league opening on May 15, with good teams for fair guarantee. Prefer to play away from home. Communicate with Manager Isaac Rhoades, 1309 Morris Building, Stone Spruce 4745.

Leonard Gets \$900 a Minute for Beating Willie Ritchie

Henry Leonard spent a profitable evening at Newark last Monday. He spent twenty-three minutes in the ring with Willie Ritchie and received some \$21,000 for his trouble. This is at a rate of about \$900 a minute, which is a pretty good pay, even for a boxer.

The gross receipts were \$38,500.

CHARNOCK WINS FINAL

Defeats Rhoades for Penn Fencing Championship

M. P. Charnock, captain of the Penn fencing team, won the University championship yesterday afternoon, defeating E. G. Rhoades, a freshman, after a hard-fought match which required an extra period.

Charnock was second in the recent fencing championships for eastern Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Haddon River Stock Farm. The Baron was in his twenty-eighth year, and death was the result of old age.

Famous Sire Dies

Poughkeepsie, April 30.—Oakland Barton, one of the most famous sires in the country, died yesterday at his home on the Hudson River Stock Farm. The Baron was in his twenty-eighth year, and death was the result of old age.

Holy Cross Wallops Brown

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

KEWPIE CALENDER, the youthful marine, will have his chance to exhibit in a wind up for the first time in this city. Yesterday Johnny Hagen agreed to send his protégé into the Cambria wind up against Walter Rennie one week from Friday night.

Rennie, the singing pugilist, is the boy with a punch, once stopping Johnny Tyman in two rounds. Calendar's last three starts have been winning ones.

Johnny Morgan and Mike Fairbank will be seen in other bouts.

A lightweight wind-up will feature the scheduled program at the Reading City Sporting Club tomorrow night, when James Lewis takes on Preston Brown. Al Thompson, the sailing marine, will be seen against the veteran Pat Moore in the semi-final. Eddie Morgan faces Young Rennie, and Young Mark engages Sam Robson in other engagements.

Harlem Eddie Kelly and Mel Cogan will be the wind-up attraction at the Reading City Sporting Club tomorrow night. Promoter Nate Smith will present this preliminary card at the Reading City Sporting Club. Willie Moore will engage Eddie Morgan, and Young Mark engages Young Mark engages Sam Robson in other engagements.

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Fatey Wallace engaged in another strenuous afternoon at the National yesterday, where he is completing his training for his six-round battle with champion Pete Herman at the National Saturday night. Fatey is out for revenge and has his protegee working overtime. Max Williamson and Bobby Doo are in the semi-final.

Johnny Tillman arrived here this morning from Montreal, where he fought Jack Ryan last Monday night. Tillman will train at Jack O'Brien's for his next bout, that being Steve Lingo at the Olympia next Monday eve.

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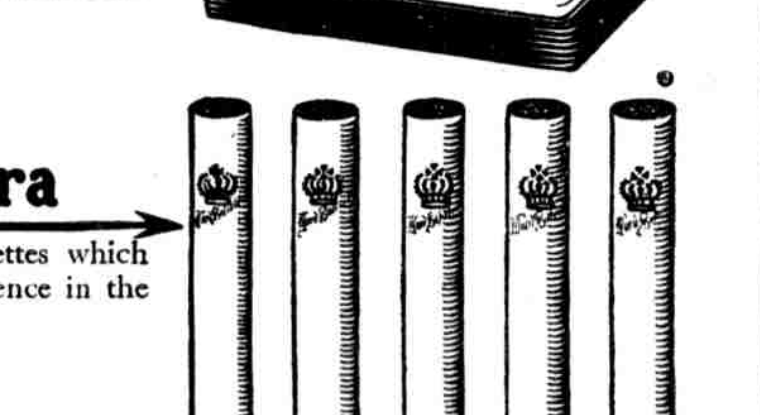
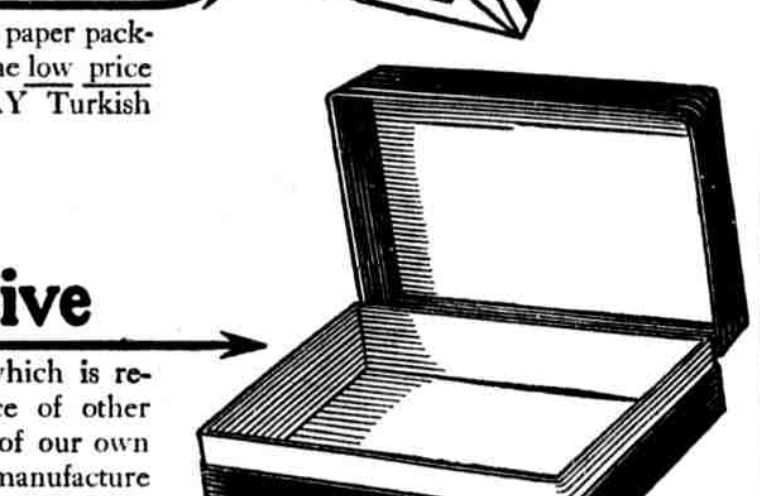
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