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Game With Scranton Had to be Postponed--Hutchinson is Expected Hourly. Catcher Berger Wants to Sign.

Special from a Staff Correspondent. Providence, R. I., May 5.--A series of heavy thunder storms this afternoon prevented the first scheduled game between the Scrantonians and the Rhodians, the scene of many a memorable national league contest.

WILKES-BARRE WINS ONE.

Downs Springfield in a Very Close Game. Springfield, Mass., May 5.--Springfield lost today's game with Wilkes-Barre under rather peculiar circumstances.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Baltimore by administering to Pittsburgh a shut-out, allows Philadelphia, which comes along with a victory over St. Louis to jump into first place, while the Orioles themselves mount one step higher to seventh place.

Table with columns for P, W, L, P.C. listing various teams like Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Brooklyn, St. Louis, New York, Louisville.

STATE LEAGUE.

At Shamokin--R.H.E. Shamokin 1 0 2 1 3 53-25 6 Puttville 2 1 4 2 4 6-12 3

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MARY'S PROTEST NOT GOOD.

Carbondale Club Will Forfeit the Game at York. Philadelphia, May 5.--The protest of Manager Swift of the Carbondale club, against today's game with York being awarded to the latter club on account of Carbondale's failing to put in an appearance at the York club's ground, will not be entertained by President Hourch of the State League.

CASE OF FRANK BONNER.

Wilkes-Barre Has the First Call on His Services. President Powers, of the Eastern league, has decided that Wilkes-Barre has the first claim to the services of Shortstop Frank Bonner, if Brooklyn allows him to go.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Second Baseman Long, of Chicago, who has quite a record as a hitter and an infielder, has applied for a position on the Wilkes-Barre team and it is possible that he will join the team by Monday.

AMATEUR BALL NOTES.

The Noy Aug. Jrs. challenge the London Gaiety Boys to come to be played Saturday afternoon in Tunnel grounds.

Scranton-Huffalo. Syracuse, N. Y., May 5.--It was a hard and bitterly fought contest here today. Henderson did better work in the box than did Whitehill, but Syracuse was a sure winner.

May 10 on Burke's ground, Minooka. Answer through The Tribune. A. J. McHugh, manager.

WITH THE BALL PLAYERS

Changes That Are Contemplated in Make-Up of Team. THOSE SLATED FOR RELEASE

Other Players Will Be Changed from the Positions They Now Occupy as Soon as Proper Material Can Be Obtained.

Special from a Staff Correspondent. Providence, R. I., May 5.--Now that three championship games have been played it should be possible to form some tentative plans for the Scranton club; more correctly speaking it would be possible if the present make-up comprised the real Scranton team.

THE HUTCHINSON DEAL.

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TRAP SHOOTING.

Grand Live Pigeon Tournament at New York, May 5.--The trap shot this tournament which commenced today at Guttenberg track gathered a large number of expert clay and live pigeon shooters from all over the country.

BLATTER WAS DEFEATED.

Ulrich Horger, of Taylor, Defeated Him in a Match. Special to the Scranton Tribune. Jeffersonville, N. Y., May 5.--The shooting match between Ulrich Horger of Taylor, and John Blatter, of Scranton, took place here today and was won by Mr. Horger.

BICYCLE NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Twenty-eight members of the Scranton Bicycle Club rode to Moscow and return Sunday afternoon. The boys took supper at Scheibel's hotel, Elmhurst, on the return trip.

Keller, Coons and Coleman have commenced their track work. All have been doing considerable riding for the past month, and are in good condition for training.

The Green Riders Wheelmen have secured a new 'Midnight Bell' company to play for their benefit at the Frothingham grounds, Friday, May 10.

BICYCLE TRADE NOTES.

A. G. Spalding & Bros., makers of the Spalding bicycle, are sending out very low priced goods.

Strong Amateur Baseball Team is Being Organized. The Scranton Reserves are being organized and will be under the management of 'Senator' James McGinness.

McAndrew, as he is at home in any position and will make a valuable man.

ACCIDENTAL PLAYS.

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Perhaps the list that follows will show how worthless now is any criticism of the names of the players for the pennant.

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