

# In the World of Sports

## THIS IS THE DAY THE SEASON OPENS

Eastern League Clubs Will Begin the Battle of 1897.

### SYRACUSE PLAYS IN SCRANTON

Bauer's Band Will Be at the Park and Mayor Bailey Will Open the Game--Harper and Boyd Will Be the Scranton Battery--A Trolley Parade to Precede the Opening of the Game.

### SYRACUSE AT SCRANTON. ROCHESTER AT WILKES-BARRE. TORONTO AT PROVIDENCE. BUFFALO AT SPRINGFIELD.

This afternoon the Eastern League season opens. Then the cranks in four cities will gather and root and get excited over the doings of eight clubs. Four will win and four will lose, but one swallow doesn't make a summer, and neither will one defeat nor one victory today determine any club's chances of winning the pennant.

In Scranton, preparations have been made for a signal opening, and it will be strange if a large crowd does not gather at Athletic park and fan for the victory of the home team over the Syracuse club. The latter is looked upon as being one of the strongest if not the strongest team in the league.

### TROLLEY PARADE.

All manner of formalities and things will precede the game. At 12:30 o'clock the Syracuse and Scranton clubs in uniform, Bauer's band and a few invited passengers will board two trolley cars in front of the Westminster hotel on Wyoming avenue, and a trip will be made to each section of the city, the South Side, the Hill, the West Side, the central city and the North End. At the park the teams will form in front of the grandstand and receive a brief and formal address from Mayor Bailey, following which they will parade to center field and return. The game will be opened by Mayor Bailey, who will toss the ball to the pitcher. The select and common councilmen and other city officials will be present as the guests of the association.

A distinguished spectator will be P. T. Powers, of New York city, the president of the Eastern League. He and Mayor Bailey will occupy chairs in the owners' box. Harper and Boyd have been selected for Scranton's battery, but Morse and Dunson are on the card, and will play if occasion demands it.

### KENNEDY THE UMPIRE.

"Doc" Kennedy will umpire the game. He is an ex-player and one of the best known in the base ball world. He reached here yesterday afternoon and saw the latter part of the game with the Moose. Kennedy has for three years umpired in the New England League. The game will be called at 2:45 o'clock. It will not be a ladies' day, although on Thursdays hereafter ladies will be admitted free to the grandstand and grandstand.

Following will be the positions of the players:

SCRANTON.	SYRACUSE.
Boyd.....catcher.....Ryan	Harper.....pitcher.....Willis
Harper.....1b.....Breckenridge	Boyd.....2b.....Egan
Boyd.....3b.....Smith	Harper.....ss.....Gallagher
Harper.....4b.....Shannon	Boyd.....lf.....Glatz
Boyd.....cf.....Lestock	Harper.....rf.....Lestock

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The Cincinnati Reds get an unimpeachable lead in the National League rambles and Boston pulls out of last place through the latter's victory yesterday over Philadelphia by the narrow margin of one run. There were early games and one-sided games, but early all were well played for so early in the season.

### Results.

City	Score
Philadelphia	6
Brooklyn	5
Louisville	3
Washington	3
Cleveland	3
St. Louis	3

### Percentage Record.

City	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Cincinnati	6	6	0	1.000
Philadelphia	6	5	1	.833
Brooklyn	6	5	1	.833
Louisville	6	3	3	.667
Washington	6	3	3	.667
Cleveland	6	3	3	.667
St. Louis	6	2	4	.500
Chicago	6	2	4	.500
Pittsburgh	6	2	4	.500
Boston	6	2	4	.500
San Francisco	6	2	4	.500
San Diego	6	2	4	.500
Portland	6	2	4	.500
Seattle	6	2	4	.500
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Portland	6	2	4	.500
Seattle	6	2	4	.500

### Today's Games.

New York at Baltimore. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati. Cleveland at St. Louis. Chicago at Louisville. Philadelphia at Philadelphia. Boston at Washington.

### Boston-Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, April 28--Boston defeated Philadelphia today in the most exciting game of the series. This is Boston's victory and Philadelphia's first defeat.

### PHILADELPHIA.

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Quinn, cf.	1	2	0	0
Iman, 2b.	1	1	0	0
Shannon, 3b.	1	1	0	0
Shanty, lf.	1	1	0	0
Harper, rf.	1	1	0	0
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