

NEWS of SPORT

Frdericton Takes First Of Three-game Series With Miramichi League Winners

Beat Newcastle 6 to 5 Labor Day at Queen's Square—Won Their Game in First Inning Hitting Graham Hard—Briggs Who Relieved Him Had the Goods—"Bunny" Williams Pitched Steadily with Poor Support.

The Fredericton Imperials playing field pulled itself together and as representative of the York County when Newcastle was making desperate efforts to score in the last three innings worked very smoothly with Labor Day. The score was 6 to 5 but many a time the local fans thought the game had gone to the Miramichi champions. The fielding of the local team was of the poorest kind and "Bun" Williams the little southpaw who stood the brunt of the game on the mound deserves every credit for the way in which he stayed in the game. The crowd gave him a hand as he was relieved by "Tot" Wheeler in the eighth. Wheeler held Newcastle hitless.

The visiting team also shifted pitchers. H. Graham stayed in long enough in the first to have five runs scored and Briggs the Newcastle twirling ace came to the rescue. The second batter to face him, Williams hit safely and sent in the sixth run. After that three scattered hits was the best the Imps could do against Briggs. The latter had seventeen strikeouts to his credit and in the sixth with the bases full hauled him self out of a hole by striking out three Fredericton men. His work stamped him as one of the best men seen on the mound here in a long time.

Disorganized Infield.

Fredericton had a disorganized infield. Hersey the third-baseman had an ankle hurt and his face cut Sunday in a motoring smash near Newcastle and could not play. Jerry Myshrrall was taken from the outfield and put on the difficult corner. He had a bad afternoon largely through over-eagerness. Roy McLenahan who started at shortstop although getting three putouts did not seem fast enough and Hall replaced him. As the game went on the in-

Big Newcastle Delegation.

The Newcastle team had any amount of backing in the crowd. The attendance was good. A big delegation accompanied the team and North Shore people who happened to be here also gave support. The Miramichi team made an excellent impression and played good ball but failed to hit when hits meant runs. The Imperials are likely to play in Newcastle on Friday.

Disputes About Block Balls.

The crowd was unruly at times encroaching on the field. Newcastle supporters appeared to be prominent in that. The ball going into crowd that. The ball going into the crowd was the cause of two disputes. In the fifth when Myshrrall's throw went past Lister into the crowd two Newcastle runs went in. Newcastle claiming that the block ball rule held and Fredericton claiming that it did not. In the sixth Dutcher was thrown out at the plate on a similar play with the two team putting up like claims.

A fine rain fell throughout the game but did not affect the play. The closeness of the score after the first inning lent interest to the game. Newcastle's feathers drooped when the Imps took such a commanding lead but their spirits rose as their team pulled up. On the other hand the home fans were delighted with the way in which Fredericton pulled itself together in the closing innings.

Lost in the First.

Newcastle lost the game in the first inning keeping H. Graham in too long. Babbitt, who by the way was the top batter of the two games

hit safely and Shannon did likewise. Graham who showed signs of wildness, hit Wheeler and filled the bases. He then forced a run by passing Myshrrall. Coyle also was passed forcing another run. Lister cleared the bases with a two base hit. Graham struck McLenahan out. Howell faced him and was pitched to. The Newcastle board of strategy then decided on the shift. Briggs came in and struck Howell out but "Bun" Williams found him for a single and Lister scored the sixth and winning run.

Briggs then settled down and gave a fine exhibition of mound-work. He kept the hits scattered. In the sixth he put himself in a hole and got out of it. In that inning he hit Howell with the ball. Williams laid down a sacrifice but was safe when Dalton dropped Briggs' throw. Babbitt hit safely and the bases were full. Briggs then rose to the occasion and put the K. O. on Shannon. Wheeler and Myshrrall.

Newcastle's Scoring.

It was in the second inning that the visitors started out to overhaul the six-run lead. Two errors let Dutcher and Linden get on. P. Graham flied out to McLenahan but Jeffrey hit for three bases and scored afterward on Keating's single. The Imps held them down till the fifth when two runs went in when Myshrrall's throw went wide into the crowd. Jeffrey who had singled and Keating who had been at bat were allowed to score on this. The Fredericton players putting up a kick without effect. In the sixth there were some more infield errors. The ball again was thrown wide to first but it was relayed in and Dutcher was put out at the plate. Newcastle claimed the run should count. The Fredericton infield play improved and Newcastle could not get going. In the eighth with one out Williams passed Dutcher and Linden hit safely. They advanced on a double steal. The call then went out for Wheeler and he put over two strike outs. In the ninth the last Newcastle spasm was smothered by the infield.

NEWCASTLE.										
	AP	R	H	PO	A	E				
Keating ss	5	1	0	1	0	0				
Dalton 1b	5	0	0	3	1	1				
Briggs rf & p	5	0	1	1	2	0				
H. Graham p & rf	4	0	1	1	0	0				
Grimmer 2b	4	0	0	2	1	1				
Dutcher cf	3	1	0	0	0	0				
Linden c	4	1	1	1	7	1				
P. Graham 3b	2	0	0	0	0	1				
Jeffrey lf	4	2	2	0	0	0				
Murray 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0				

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FREDERICTON										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Babbitt c	5	1	3	5	0	2				
Shannon cf	5	1	1	0	0	0				
Wheeler rf & p	4	1	0	0	1	0				
Myshrrall 3b	3	1	0	0	5	4				
Coyle lf	1	1	1	0	0	0				
Lister 1b	4	1	1	1	5	1				
McLanahan ss	2	0	0	3	1	1				
Howell 2b	3	0	0	4	4	0				
Williams p	2	0	1	0	3	0				
Hall ss	2	0	0	0	3	0				
Paynter rf	1	0	0	0	0	0				

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Score by innings:—
Newcastle 030020000—5
Fredericton 60000000x—6

Summary—
Three-base hit, Jeffrey; Two-base hit, Lister; Sacrifice hit Williams; Stolen bases, Babbitt, Dutcher, Linden; Double play, Williams, McLanahan and Lister; Struck out by H. Graham 1, by Briggs 17, by Williams 4, by Wheeler 2; Base on balls by Williams 1, by H. Graham 2, by Briggs 1; Hit by pitcher, Wheeler by H. Graham, Coyle and Howell by Briggs; Passed ball, Linden; Hits off H. Graham 3 in 1-3 inning 4 at bat, off Briggs 4 in 7-2-3 innings, 28 at bat, off Williams 6 in 7-1-3 innings, 33 at bat, off Wheeler 0 in 1-2-3 innings, 5 at bat; Umpires Harrison, Fredericton, Green, Newcastle; Time of game 1 hour, 50 minutes.

BAILEY LEADS THE YORK COUNTY LEAGUE BATTERS

The York County Baseball League which closed its season last week with Marysville winning the cup but in so disorganized a state that Fredericton goes into the provincial play off, displayed some fair ability with the stick. The batting averages of players who figure in six or more games show that Marysville had the leading batter but that Devon had the highest team batting with Fredericton a short distance behind.

Bailey the Marysville catcher led his team and the league. Keene led the Devon team and Jerry Myshrrall the Fredericton team. The second, third and fourth places in the list are held by Devon. Of the twelve players batting .300 or better Fredericton has five, Devon four and Marysville three.

The list is as follows:—
Players of York County League participating in six or more games.

Player	A.B.	H.	P.C.
Bailey M	67	30	.448
Keene D	69	29	.420
J. Watson D	59	23	.390
Staples D	49	19	.386
Myshrrall F	62	23	.371
E. Macpherson M	71	26	.366
Babbitt F	35	12	.340
Malloy D	27	9	.333
Wheeler F	58	18	.310
Coyle F	58	18	.310
A. Macpherson M	69	22	.304
Hersey F	60	18	.300
Dunphy D	24	7	.292
Hodgson M	62	18	.290
Irvine D	49	14	.286
Minue M	48	13	.271
Clark F	60	16	.267
D. Cochrane M	54	14	.259
McGinnis F	43	11	.256
Williams F	12	3	.250
Burse D	37	9	.243
K. Watson D	25	6	.240
L. White M	51	12	.235
E. Miles D	64	15	.234
Rutter D	70	16	.229
H. White M	67	15	.224
Shannon F	27	6	.222
Lister F	45	9	.200
H. Miles D	42	8	.190
McInnis M	22	4	.182
Estey M	18	3	.167
L. Macpherson M	7	1	.143
Hall F	43	6	.140
Page M	16	2	.125
Lawrence D	13	1	.077
B. Cochrane M	14	1	.071

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