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Sport Chat

The mild weather experienced so far this winter in the central interior has been causing disappointment to skating and hockey interests. Thus far there has not been sufficient frost to harden the various rinks. Hockey programs are thus delayed in starting and several games earlier planned to take place before Christmas have not been played. At every point players, skaters and fans are anxiously awaiting early co-operation of the Weather Man with the advent of freezing weather. "Outdoor skating is not to be associated with the July weather Bulkley Valley has been experiencing this winter," says Ernie Dawson, manager of the rink at Smithers.

The first games of the basketball season were played at Smithers recently. Ladies' and men's team staged exciting encounters. A team captained by Miss F. McDougall won over another headed by Miss F. Campbell, the score being 17 to 11. The men's team captained by Les Lane defeated the aggregation headed by George Robert, 9 to 6. At present basketball is played on Wednesday and Thursday night with badminton on Mondays and Fridays. This time table is to be changed however, to spread out the hoop games more suitably.

League standings to date:

Senior League

	W.	L.	Pts.
Sons of Canada ..	6	1	10*
Colts	3	4	6
Teachers	1	5	2

(*Two points deducted by Association for fielding unregistered player in league game).

Ladies' League

	W.	L.	Pts.
Maple Leafs	4	1	8
Adanacs	4	1	8
Kaiens	1	4	2
Teachers	1	4	2

Intermediate League

	W.	L.	Pts.
Colts	5	0	10
High School	3	2	6
Elks	1	4	2
Grotto	1	4	2

Junior League

	W.	L.	Pts.
Colts	2	0	4
Stars	2	1	4
High School	1	1	2
Bluebirds	0	3	0

There are few baseball fans in the country who cannot tell offhand the nicknames of the various clubs in the two major leagues but there are probably fewer who can tell the origin of those nicknames. The New York National League team, always called the Giants, had that name first applied 40 years ago when none but large men were considered for the team. It has stuck in spite of the fact that there have been many comparatively small men on the lineup in recent years.

Cincinnati Nationals cling to the name Reds which originated from the red stockings they wore in 1860. The Pittsburg club got the name Pirates from Louisville with the transfer of players when the league was reduced from 12 to 8 teams. Louisville was christened thus through its success in obtaining players. Chicago Nationals were named Cubs by a sporting editor who considered the title conveyed youthful life and was also handy for head writing purposes. St. Louis Nationals are called Cardinals on account of the color of their hosiery. Philadelphia team has been popularly known with the abbreviation Phillies and are sometimes called the Quakers, their home town being the Quaker City.

Brooklyn has had several nicknames. One of the first was the Superbas, derived from Hanlon's Superbas, a vaudeville act which was a hit throughout the country about the time Ned Hanlon became manager of the club. After his departure Brooklyn became one of the first big trolley car centers in the country and the name Trolley Dodgers, later shortened to Dodgers, was adopted and still sticks to the club. In late years the club has been called Robins in honor of the present manager, Wilbur Robinson.

The Boston club for many years was known as the Beaneaters because of the ctiy's famous dish, Boston baked beans. Then the club was called the Doves in honor of George S. Dovey, a former owner, and since the ownership of James E. Gaffney has been nicknamed the Braves. This is said to have come from the owner's close affiliation with Tammany Hall and the Tammany Braves. Another version of the origin of the name is that it came from Tecumseh, a Shawnee Indian chief. The players familiarly called Manager Stallings chief and linked that with his middle initial "T" as for "Tecumseh, although his name is George Tweedy Stallings.

New York Americans were dubbed Yankees by a sporting writer who considered the name appropriate as they were in the American League. The Cleveland team members are called Indians in remembrance of one of the pioneer city league teams. St. Louis Americans derived the name Browns from the original color of their sox as did the Chicago White Sox. Washington Americans are called Senators because they come from the capital. The Detroit players are called Tigers not in honor of Ty Cobb but because they were the first to wear striped stockings—orange colored. The Boston Red Sox also given that name on account of their sox. Connie Mack's team has always been known as Athletics though they have also worn the term White Elephants, the team being considered as such when it first entered the American League.

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