

BASEBALL SOLONS DISCUSS IMPORTANT MEASURES PERTAINING TO THE NATIONAL GAME

NATIONAL LEAGUE MAGNATES TRYING TO FORCE UP PRICE OF BLEACHERS AT PHILLIES' PARK

President W. F. Baker Declares, However, That He Will Fight Seven Banded Moguls to Bitter End

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.

SEVEN National League magnates are banded together for the sole purpose of raising the price of admission at the Phillies' Park. This secret purpose was disclosed by a magnate just before the forty-first annual meeting of the senior organization was called to order by President Tener today.

Magnates of other National League clubs point out that while the attendance in Philadelphia is all that can be asked, the large number of twenty-five-cent bleacher seats, on which they get but a small percentage, has caused the visiting teams' receipts to fall below the amount received from games played in cities where the attendance has been disappointing.

Adieu Two-Bit Baseball Is the Cry

ACCORDING to the plan suggested by one magnate at the opening session this morning, no twenty-five-cent seats shall be sold in Philadelphia next season, excepting for center-field bleachers, which now seldom are used.

When asked about the proposed change in the admission at the games in Philly, President Baker said: "National League members have been after me for two years to cut down the number of twenty-five-cent seats, and while I have fought every move they have made, it is possible that the Philadelphia club may be compelled to give in to the other seven owners.

Have More Cheap Seats Than Other Clubs

WE HAVE 6000 twenty-five-cent seats, which is far more than any other major league team in either circuit, and when one considers how close the patrons of the Philly park are to the field of play, it is surprising that the other magnates have not made a more strenuous fight.

"I often have watched games from the bleachers and honestly believe that our twenty-five-cent seats are superior to those that other clubs charge fifty to seventy-five cents for. It is true that they are not covered, but how many times during the course of a season are the fans required to sit in the rain once a game has been started?

"I intend to fight any move made by the other magnates, but believe a strenuous objection will be made to our present admissions, and it may result in raising the prices of our left field bleacher seats. We do not intend to do away with the twenty-five-cent bleacher entirely, regardless of what the other magnates say, but it probably will be necessary to limit the twenty-five-cent admissions to about 2000 seats in the center and left field bleachers."

Bender Considered for Rochester Manager

PRESIDENT CHAPIN, of the Rochester International League club, denies that Larry LaJole has been selected to manage the Bronchos next season. He says that he seriously is considering "Chief" Bender and Charley Doolin, with chances favoring the latter. One other club of the Bayside circuit is anxious to get Bender, who has Manager Moran's permission to dicker, providing he gets a managerial position. Newark was after another Philadelphia, but having failed to land him, Jim Pries signed the veteran Tom Needham to guide the Indians.

Mitchell Held by Three-Year Contract

GEORGE STALLINGS' three-year contract with Fred Mitchell is all that stands between the veteran coach and the managerial post in Chicago. Mitchell officially has been offered the position, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, and is here waiting for his unconditional release from the Braves before signing a contract to manage the Cubs. Frank Chance, former manager of the Cubs, will get the job if Stallings refuses to release Mitchell. Otherwise there is no chance for any one but the Boston coach.

MILLER HUGGINS, manager of the Cardinals, admits that all of his players are on the market excepting Hornsby, Smith, Gonzalez and Meadows, but he says the Phillies have no chance to get "Dot" Miller or Frank Snyder because Moran has no tradable players wanted by the Cardinals.

JOHN MCGRAW is a prominent figure at the meeting, but no attempt has been made to quiz him regarding the Brooklyn-Giants' case. McGraw insists that he has not changed his views about the indifferent work of his men and that he would welcome an investigation. Needless to say, it will not be made.

C. D. RICHTER.

Proposed Changes in World's Series Plans Good

THE suggestion by Garry Herrmann and several other National League magnates that the world's series be played under entirely different conditions in the future is not a bad idea. According to a statement made by Herrmann before the league went into session today, he suggests that, instead of playing four out of seven games, the series be extended to five out of nine. In this way, Herrmann thinks, and very properly, many more fans will be able to see the games than under the present arrangement, when the series rarely extends over six games and which has not exceeded five since the famous Giants-Red Sox clash in 1912. Another good suggestion made by Herrmann was that the prices be lowered. No doubt a great deal of the scandal attending all world's series games would be eliminated if the number of games was extended and the prices lowered.

Division With the Clubs Not in the Series

HERMANN'S idea of having the players of the winning teams in the American and National Leagues split up their world's series money among the players of the clubs finishing second, third and fourth is not a particularly brilliant one. There would be a lot of dissatisfaction caused among the men belonging to the clubs in the second division if that were the case. While it seems hard that only the winners of the two leagues should share the world's series, there is no more reason why the second division players should be excluded than that the first division clubs be included.

Penn Rose in Basketball First

WHAT Bob Folwell did for the Pennsylvania football team this year Lon Jourdet did last season on the basketball court. For some years the Red and Blue was as lamentably weak at the indoor game as she was at the gridiron pasture. Not only have these two men brought Penn to the fore in two branches of athletics, but indications are that they will be able to keep their respective charges at the top in football and basketball. Last year Jourdet was an experiment at coaching, just as Folwell was this year. He proved himself more than equal to the occasion by turning out a team that won the intercollegiate championship from material which was not at all impressive for its excellence. Jourdet sent a team against Ursinus in the opening game last Saturday night which is just as good as the five that represented Penn in 1915-16. This means that if Penn does not repeat its victory of last season, the reason will be due more to the improvement of Yale and Princeton than to any deterioration in the ranks of the West Philadelphia collegians.

De Ner's Poor Showing Hurts Basketball

THE poor showing of the De Ner, Eastern League, basketball team this season has unquestionably hurt the cage game. However, the interest in this sport in Philadelphia is so deeply rooted that its popularity will not be materially affected in spite of the failure of Southwark fans to stand by the Musical Funders. Followers of basketball in the vicinity of Eighth and Locust streets have been as loyal as any one could reasonably expect. But a management cannot hope that the team's rosters will stand for a chronic loser that has fallen as consistently as De Ner has this year. Manager Ambrose Dudley's team has won but one game and the team is worse now than it was at the beginning of the season. Therefore, if the rumor that the franchise has been sold is true, it will be a good thing for basketball in general and the Eastern League in particular.

Philadelphia Always Ahead in Lawn Tennis

NOT even the meteoric rise of a score of crack lawn tennis players from the since lawn tennis was taken up seriously by the athletes of the United States, the smoking City has contributed her full quota to the game. In recent years the ranking committees of the United States Lawn Tennis Association has always placed several local men among the first ten. This year the placing of R. Norris Williams, first, and Joe Armstrong, ninth, gives Philadelphia the foremost places in tennis among the cities of the country. These men are young and no doubt will long be ranking players. Another performer who is likely to be among the select first ten in the near future is William T. Tilden, jr. Tilden is not only a player of great and ever-increasing ability, but he has, with Paul W. Gibbon, added considerably to the growth and improvement among our junior players by demonstrating the way in bringing them together in tournaments and in giving them the necessary instruction. This development of young Philadelphia is going to bring us the lawn tennis cup in years to come.

KELLY-CHANGING THE SYSTEM



SPECIALIZATION IS NOT POPULAR

Scandinavian Athletes Are Devoting Time to All-Round Competition

HENCE POOR SHOWING

By J. E. (TED) MEREDITH

THE real development of athletes in Sweden has been so much that the men have become better in the individual events as it has been that the coaches have developed great men and men who are good in all-around competition.

Each man starts in track work with a standard. This is for a certain number of events, which will be reached by the standard he is given a badge and becomes a member of a club comprised only of these men. In this way the coaches also get a line on the men and see the event for which they are best fitted.

Bolin All-Around Athlete

They were very much surprised when, after being questioned, I answered that I never heard of any other event than running. Bolin, for instance, used to be an all-around man and was fairly good in this event, but his best events were the middle distances and the broad jump.

High Class Jumpers

On the other hand, they have in other events a host of men all of whom are doing close to record performances. In the high jump, broad jump and hop, step, jump, Hjerberg can boast of nearly a dozen world's records as well as the boys in his fine style. As I say, they were not in good shape at the time, Lindberg having just come back from military duty; but he had not lost touch with the man to do 19 4-3 seconds.

High Class Jumpers

Both Bolin and Zander have done 1.55 for the half, under four minutes in the 1500 meter race and were running alone at the time. Melen is just a young and green runner who, in my opinion, will be the best of the lot in another year or two. At present he is attending college and does not get the training that the other two receive.

No College Coaches

Right here I would like to mention that the college men do not pay very much attention to track work, and none of the universities has a coach to direct its work. This is a very serious matter, and it is little attention. The students who enter the universities try to finish in as short a time as they can and they all try for special scholarships and put most of the background until later years.

Strong in Javelin

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE QUINTETS BUNCHED IN THE CLOSE FIGHT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP BANNER

Quadruple Tie May Result From Week's Play. Yale Quintet Strong—Greystock Bests Trenton

By SPICK HALL

AS THIS season begins to wane, the race for the Industrial Basketball League pennant is growing hotter. At present the Standard Boiler and J. J. Dobson quintets are tied for the leadership with five victories and but one defeat.

At the end of this week the first round will have been completed, and there will be four teams left. The Standard Boiler and J. J. Dobson quintets are the favorites, but the Yale and Greystock quintets are not without chances.

The Trenton quintet, which was defeated last week, is still in the race for the collegiate flag, but there is little likelihood that the Blue will make a far better showing this year than last.

Kinsey, who is a veteran of two years' experience and who led the Intercollegiate League in the race for the collegiate flag, will be in the line-up at forward.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY will open its basketball season tomorrow night with the Princeton Tigers. New York is not a member of the Intercollegiate Basketball League.

IT WOULD BE A BLOW to the basketball fans of Philadelphia if the De Ner franchise were sold to Burlington. Probably Burlington is able to support an Eastern League club, nevertheless there is no reason why the franchise should not remain here under a different management.

ALL THE GAMES in the Eastern League will be dark tonight, as usual. Tomorrow night De Ner meets Henry's five in the Camden Armory at 9 o'clock.

FIVE MEMBERS of the varsity football team of Ohio State will try for the basketball team. These men are Otterbein, Norton, Macdonald, Hosen and Courtney.

A VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM has been organized by the athletic board of directors of the University of Michigan. However, it was advised that no schedule be attempted this year.

Columbia Drops Stevens Eleven

Burnside Soccer Referees' Secretary

More Cyclists Teamed for Long Grind

Lanina Makes Huge Profit

PLACING OF PENN OR MICHIGAN ON PRINCETON SCHEDULE MIGHT START MUCH-NEEDED REVIVAL

Folwell and Yost Have Systems That Are Worth Observing, and Playing Against Them Would Prove Beneficial to Tigers

By GRANTLAND RICE

PRINCETON football, having fallen into a rut of late years, might help to start a revival by a new schedule arrangement. The addition of Michigan or Pennsylvania to the Tiger schedule next fall might help more than a mere hint.

Both Penn and Michigan, even when their material is not of the highest order, have systems that are worth observing. And the best way to profit from any football system is to play against it, and so gather information first hand, or first foot, as the case might be.

Colgate Had Stamina

The most wonderful part of Colgate's showing for 1916 has not been printed. Comments A. M. C. "In her four big games—Illinois, Syracuse, Yale and Brown—ten of Colgate's eleven regulars played straight through without the necessity of resting them to be rested.

We fail to follow the logic of one football critic who in one article says the West made a poor football showing the past season and in another article, discussing different teams, says Pittsburgh University was a western and not an eastern team. There's a kink in this dope at some spot along the route.

The Fan's Rubaiyat

"Now is the winter of discontent"— At last I know what Avon William meant; Where rogues meet to fill the battle ground.

Cold is the gleam upon the fallen snow; Cold is the wind that whimpers as it blows; Cold is the chill that cuts one to the soul; But colder still the winter gossip goes.

Yankees' Pitching Staff

With Shawkey, Russell, Shoemaker, Cullip, Morrigan and Fisher as a pitching nucleus for next season, plus the possibility of Ray Caldwell's return, Bill Donovan's Yankees should be good enough to disperse even the blight and the hoodoo which have hung over this ball club for more than twelve years.

King Coleing Again

Old King Cole was a merry old soul, A merry old soul was he, Till he sliced his drive from the very hole From the top of a frozen tree; And with the ball swung in its crooked flight.

Bowling Notes

Woodpecker won three straight from Bobbin last night at the B. B. B. Bowling Club. White Hawks, who dropped two to Sam Farina, a club.

Western Electric won its series from Tyson Company, while Hamilton Hotel Heating Company were losing two to Kesterling.

D. J. Ward Company's three straight wins from Keen Kutter ousted the latter from third place. White Hawks, who were defeated by Jack Marshall in the line-up.

Earl Woodard appeared in Standard's line-up cracked out a 237 total.

Main Office made another gain in the leadership of the American Ice League with three straight wins from Station 2.

The champion Station 8 team kept up its fine work with three straight wins from Station 19, and is now at Main Office's heels.

AMATEUR BASKETBALL NOTES

The Milton Basketball Club has a number of open dates and would like to book games with second-class teams.

Victrix C. C. Elects Officers

Victrix Athletic Club elected the following officers: President, Harry C. ... Secretary, Harry C. ...

Golfers Announce Meeting for Jan. 12

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The United States Golf Association has announced its annual meeting will be held on January 12 at the Hotel Astor.

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