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Two Major League Players Said to Have Been Dropped For Gambling on Baseball

Pair Said to Have Been Barred from Baseball as a Result of Revelations—One Sued by Bookmaker and He Squealed on the Other—Quiet Probe of World Series Scandal.

New York, Feb. 24.—As a result of a long investigation carried on in absolute secrecy the major leagues have "dropped" two well known players for gambling on championship baseball games, writes Joe Vila in the New York Evening Sun. The magnates will not stand for the publication of these players' names and probably will deny that the dread "blacklist" has been used, yet it is a fact that the players involved have been quietly notified that their "services no longer are required," which is taken to mean that they have been permanently barred from organized baseball.

It appears that one of these betting ball players "squealed" on his partner in crime and furnished so much damaging evidence that the banishment of both men was a foregone conclusion. Incidentally, the "informer" talked freely about the betting evil in general explaining how other players had been approached by professional gamblers, who were eager to "fix" the games.

Sued by a Bookmaker.

Two years ago the player, whose "confession" is in the hands of the baseball governors, lost a big wager on a certain ball game, refused to pay the money and was sued by a bookmaker. Before the matter became public property, however, somebody for the best interests of baseball settled the bookmaker's claim. The player, who thus escaped unpleasant notoriety, was allowed to remain in one of the big leagues, but he was kept under close surveillance.

Receiving notice recently that his career in organized baseball was at an end as a result of his connections with certain gamblers, this player consented to "make a clean breast of it" and proceeded to amaze baseball investigators with a tale that made the withdrawal of another player imperative. It is the policy of the magnates to suppress scandal, and in these two cases they wish to avoid publicity. By dropping these players out of the game without setting forth the details the baseball governors believe that their action will serve as a warning to other big leaguers who have been under suspicion for some time.

Perhaps some day the magnates will disclose the names of the banished players, but just at present official confirmation of the story cannot be obtained.

If certain players who participated in the last world's series between the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds are among the missing this season the conclusion will be drawn that a quiet and thorough investigation of the scandalous charges has borne fruit. The powers that be have been spurned on by adverse criticism and, although they were inclined to ignore the stories of sharp practice when first published in the newspapers, they now are determined to get rid of one or more players if found guilty.

Baseball must be kept clean and honest. The magnates have sense enough to realize this important fact and, in response to the clamor of the fans who own the game, they have promised to do something that will eliminate betting as far as possible. A club owner who refuses to bar the gambling element from his park should forfeit his franchise. A player who associates with gamblers or bets on the games should be expelled. The time for drastic action has arrived and the public is the jury.

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Intercollegiate League to Furnish Hockey Features

Acadia to Play Mount A. Tonight While on Way to Fredericton

U. N. B. SQUAD IN GOOD SHAPE

Even if Acadia Should Lose Tonight They Still Can Tie U. N. B.

Acadia and Mount A. play at Sackville tonight in a game which will have an important bearing upon the outcome of the western section of the Intercollegiate Hockey League.

With Fredericton as their ultimate destination the Acadia team arrived at Sackville this morning, and if they win from Mount A. tonight it means the Wolfville college still will have a chance of landing the western section of the league.

Should Mount A. happen to get out of the slough of despond and win from Acadia tonight, then there will be nothing of importance attach to the meeting of Acadia and U. N. B. here on Thursday night aside from the opportunity the game will give to settle old scores between the two institutions, which just now have strained athletic relations as a result of last fall's football turmoil.

Expect Lively Contest.

The fact that the two teams can still be tied after playing here on Thursday night, however, and the recollections of the closely contested combat they staged at Wolfville a few weeks ago, makes the U. N. B.-Acadia game the feature event of the local intercollegiate hockey season, and if it doesn't provide a lively contest most of the sharps will be willing to admit their dope is very far astray. At the same time there is a disposition on the part of U. N. B. students to give odds on their team to win in spite of the hard game that is expected.

Capt. Bert Burgess had the U. N. B. squad out for practice at the Arctic Rink last night, and many of the railbirds who watched the workout declared the local collegians never looked any better than last evening. It is practically certain there will be no changes in the U. N. B. lineup, as all the first string men seem to have rounded into good form again, and with his comparatively weak line of second string men Coach Blaine Pugh will apparently be forced to make few changes unless the going is heavy or his team can get what looks to be a safe lead.

No Play-off Negotiations.

There have been no negotiations as yet looking towards a play-off between the western and eastern ends of the Intercollegiate League. This, however, doesn't mean there will be no play-off but is merely the result of nobody wishing to make a move until there is no question as to which teams will have the right to participate in the play-off. Just as soon as Thursday's game here is over the winners would be in a position to negotiate with the eastern champions, but the eastern division has been in a chaotic state this season and no games have been played. It is now said, however, that St. Francis Xavier and King's College will play a game on Friday night to decide which team will meet the winners of the western section of the league. That being the case, it is expected details of arrangements of the play-off will be completed by Saturday night and the game will take place early next week.—J. D. B.

BOWLING

Eleven bowlers took part in the weekly roll-off at the Palace Bowling Alleys last evening. W. Thompson was high man with a total pinfall of 298, followed by C. Pederson with 276, and Searles with 272.

The list taking part last evening was as follows:—

W. Thompson	107	91	100—298
Pederson	91	79	106—276
Searles	91	90	91—272
Minue	94	83	79—256
Kelley	83	78	94—255
T. Styran	93	75	80—248
A. Voye	90	82	72—244
Carr	74	91	76—241
Keenan	79	78	77—234
McIntosh	68	81	74—223
N. Kierstead	68	73	79—220

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 24.—Joe Stecher, world's champion heavyweight wrestler, will defend his title here tonight against Yussif Hussane, the Turk.

This Week at the Popular Resort
The Arctic Rink
offers:
Monday night, skating with band.
Tuesday night, the Moccasin Dance.
Wednesday night, skating with band.
Thursday night, Hockey—U.N.B. vs. Acadia; F. H. S. vs. Rothesay.
Friday night and Saturday afternoon, skating with band.

New Glasgow Team Coming

New Glasgow, famous in the hockey world as one of the few towns in the Maritime Provinces to ever challenge for the Stanley Cup, may sned its 1920 model hockey team on a tour of New Brunswick.

While no news of the proposed tour has reached here officially announcements of the trip have been made in Nova Scotia, and it is believed Fredericton will be included. New Glasgow's team is led by none other than Chester Greggory who, in the days of the old Capitals and Moncton Victorias was one of the stormiest of storm centres in hockey and is said to be just as good as ever.

The New Glasgow team have played some exhibition games with St. Francis Xavier College sextette this winter and if they could be secured to play Marysville here the game should prove equally as good an attraction as the Moncton team while the fact that they have been playing with St. F. X. evidently means the players hold amateur cards.

Connie Mack's Battery Men Begin Training In South

But List of Candidates Doesn't Sound Very Impressive at This Distance.

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)

Lake Charles, La., Feb. 24.—Connie Mack and twelve pitchers and catchers of the Philadelphia American League club began spring training here yesterday. The weather was fair and warm.

The pitchers reporting yesterday were Lyle Bigbee, Charles Eckert, Robert Hasdi, David Keefe, Walter Kinney, Patrick Martin, Wm. Pierson, Edward Rommet and Wm. Greyvell.

The catchers were Wm. Styles, John Walker and Ralph Perkins.

MENOSKY A HOLDOUT.

Boston Red Sox New Outfielder Wants Raise Promised Before He Was Traded.

Flint, Mich., Feb. 23.—Mike Menosky, of this city, an American League outfielder for the Boston Red Sox, has declared himself a hold-out. He was in good form last season and ended the year with an exceptionally good record. He batted better than .280 and collected no less than eight home runs. Clark Griffiths, of the Yanks, promised Mike a boost in salary, but after he had been traded to the Red Sox, Mr. Frazee refused the increase, so Menosky has returned his 1920 contract unsigned.

GIANTS SIGN PITCHER.

Stauffer, Recommended by Jeff Tesreau, to Have Trial.

Souderton, Pa., Feb. 23.—Clarence Stauffer, of Bethlehem, who pitched for the Souderton team, which headed the Montgomery County League last season, has signed a contract for the New York Giants and will leave for the South with the rest of the team for the annual spring training. His selection by the Giants followed a recommendation by Jeff Tesreau.

Jesse Tannehill Philly Scout.

Philadelphia, Feb. 23.—Jesse Tannehill, former Red Sox pitcher, has signed as a scout with the Phillies.

MASON HANDED OUT WHALING TO CONANT

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 24.—Frankie Mason, world's flyweight championship claimant, made a punching bag of "Red" Conant, of Port Clinton, Ohio, last night, and the bout was stopped by the referee in the third round. Conant at the time was hanging on the ropes in a helpless condition.

Mason weighed 107¾ pounds ringside and Conant 117 at three o'clock.

Brosseau Kayoed Ahearn.

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Eugene Brosseau knocked out Young Ahearn in the first round of a scheduled ten round bout here last night and is signed up to fight O'Dowd here May 24.

"STRANGLER" LEWIS IS AFTER STECHER

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 24.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who is matched to wrestle Jim Londos, the Greek champion, to a finish, next Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden, is due to arrive in town today. The match will give followers of the mat sport an opportunity to size up Lewis in comparison to Champion Joe Stecher.

The "strangler" is keen upon securing a return match with Stecher. He also wants to prove that he is the Greek's master and even up for the two-hour limit match that Londos wrestled him some time ago.

HAWKINS, 2.16 1-4, SOLD AT BOSTON

Veteran Campaigner Has Been Raced for 14 Years and is Still "There."

Boston, Mass., Feb. 23.—Hawkins, 2.16¼, the sturdy black gelding which on Jan. 1 celebrated his 19th birthday, but has shown that he does not intend being relegated to the ranks of the retired trotters, will be raced on the Charles River Speedway next season by M. F. Maher, a member of the Metropolitan Driving Club.

Hawkins many times has been referred to as "the wonder," and he has deserted it. The gelding has been raced in professional and matinee events for the past 14 years. His record of 2.16¼ was taken several seasons ago, yet it was only last August that, driven by former owner Newbert, he forced The Lincoln to trot in 2.13¼ to win a race at Marshfield fair.

Maher says he expects to beat that next season. He points out the fact that when Goldsmith Maid took her mark of 2.14 at old Mystic in 1874, Budd Doble's mare was nearly as old, so why should not famous old Hawkins continue to show them a thing or two next season?

DUTCH BIKE RIDER REACHES NEW YORK

Van Neck, Long Distance Champ, Egg and Goullett Come for Six Day Race.

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)

New York, Feb. 24.—Van Neck, Holland's long-distance bicycle champion, arrived here from France yesterday, on the steamship La Savoie, to compete in the coming six-day race. Oscar Egg and Goullet also arrived for the grind.

Egg will team up with Eddie Madden. He expected to ride with Van Neck, but made the change on hearing that Goullet and Madden were at odds.

Park, Cleveland, to George Smith and Frank D. Woodland. The last named is secretary of the Youngstown track.

Seven heats were required to decide an ice race at Gardiner, Me., last Saturday. Stuart Sears' pacer, Sol Direct, finally defeated Colonel and Cheerful Charley.

Ainsmith is First To Start Training

Macon, Ga., Feb. 23.—Eddie Ainsmith, catcher on the Detroit American League team, is the first arrival in the Tigers' training camp again this year putting in an appearance on Saturday. Manager Hughie Jennings and Pitching instructor Jack Coombs are expected in a day or two.

BUNNY HEARNE TO REJOIN THE BRAVES

Former Toronto Southpaw to Return to Boston Club This Year.

Boston, Feb. 23.—Pres. Grant went to New York yesterday afternoon and just before leaving town he announced that he and "Bunn" Hearn had come to terms. Hearn, who is a lefthander, was with the Braves two years ago. He got away to a good start in 1918, but in compliance with Government regulations had to seek essential employment. After leaving Boston he played with an industrial team at Beloit, Wis., and last season did splendid work in the box.

He said he would be on hand at the training camp at Columbus, Ga., March 2, and in fine physical condition. This will help out the southpaw end of the Braves' pitching staff somewhat, but President Grant is hunting for left-handers and other material.

CURLING

Four rinks of Fredericton curlers left last evening for St. John, where they play with the Thistles and Carleton Clubs today.

This afternoon two rinks will play on the Thisties' ice while the other two will play at Carleton and in the evening the rinks will change about.

Last evening a suggestion was brought before a meeting of the Fredericton club by Secretary McKay that next Sunday is Universal Church Sunday and the membrs of the club agreed to attend the Methodist church in a body on Sunday evening to hear the chaplain, Rev. G. M. Young, who has promised to preach a curling sermon.

The Wee Neilly match, it is expected, will be played some time during next week and the usual six o'clock supper will be a feature of the event again.—W. M.H.

BILLIARD TOURNEY STARTS IN BOSTON

Boston, Feb. 24.—The 17th annual Class A 1p.2 balk line billiard tournament opened here last night at the Boston Athletic Association with Davida McAndless, of Chicago, the present Class A champion, placed with Julian Rice, who recently won the Class B championship in Brooklyn. McAndless won his match by a score of 300 to 137, his high runs being 50, 49, and 33.

The tournament, which is held under the auspices of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players, will be in progress for ten days. Two matches will be played daily.

Al. Pennock has sold Cranwood Trainer William W. Marvin is jogging at Lafayette, Ind., a three-year-old sister to his star pupil, William, 1.58½. The young lady is reputed to be quite a prospect.

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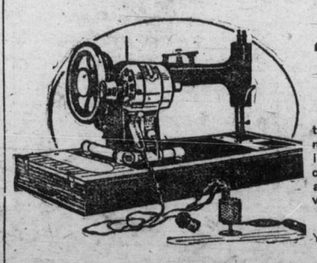
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