

Local Intermediates Grouped with St. Marys, Glencoe and Sarnia

O. H. A. EXECUTIVE MAKES GROUPINGS FOR YEAR KNOWN

Glencoe, Sarnia, St. Marys and London Included in Sixth District.

OWEN SOUND HAS BYE

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 10.—At the meeting of the executive of the Ontario Hockey Association here tonight the following groupings were agreed upon.

Group Six, intermediate, will include London, Glencoe, Sarnia and St. Marys, not St. Thomas, as has been suggested.

Senior.

Group 1—Argonauts, Toronto; Hamilton A. A. A., Aura Lee A. C. Games to be arranged by C. H. A. executive.

Group 2—Kitchener Twin City; Parkville C. C., University of Toronto; St. Mary's C. L. and A. A. Games to be arranged by O. H. A. executive.

Group 3—Stratford A. A. A.; Preston A. A. A.; Galt A. A. A.; Kitchener Green Shirts.

Group 4—Canadian Olympic team, meet at Kitchener.

Group 5—Owen Sound, a bye.

All senior groups to finish regular schedule by February 15. First and second teams in each group to play home and home games for group championship and to have winner by February 22. Group winners to play off for championships, all games to be considered as "finals" and to be under the direction of the O. H. A. executive.

Intermediate.

There are 20 groups in the intermediate series, the Western Ontario groups being as follows:

Group 6—Conventer, J. O. Adams, Brampton, meet at Waterloo. Clubs: Caledonia, Hagersville, Cayuga, Waterloo, Renon.

Group 7—Conventer, Lee Kaufman, meet at Brantford. Clubs: Brantford, Port Dover, Simcoe, Avon.

Group 8—Conventer, Frank Hyde, Woodstock, meet at Woodstock. Clubs: Woodstock, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll.

Group 9—Conventer, J. A. Greer, Jr., London, meet at London.

Group 10—Conventer, R. C. Puddicombe, New Hamburg, meet at New Hamburg. Clubs: New Hamburg, Stratford, Elmira.

Group 11—Conventer, A. W. Dick, Seaforth, meet at Clinton. Clubs: Goderich, Mitchell, Seaforth.

Group 12—Conventer, J. R. Dier, Owen Sound, meet at Owen Sound. Clubs: Warton, Owen Sound, Chesley, Palmerston, Listowel.

Junior.

There are 23 junior groups, those for Western Ontario being as follows:

Group 13—Conventer, J. O. Chillman, Hamilton, meet at Hamilton. Clubs: Hamilton A. A., Burlington.

Group 14—Conventer, Hugh Henderson, Welland, meet at Welland. Clubs: Niagara Falls, Humberstone, Welland, Dunnville, Cayuga.

Group 15—Conventer, Russell Sandcock, Paris, meet at Paris. Clubs: Paris, A. A., Brantford, Galt, A. A., Preston, Simcoe.

Group 16—Conventer, P. S. Pearce, meet at Kitchener.



CHRISTY HONORED.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Christy Mathewson, former pitching star of the New York Giants and now part owner of the Boston National League Club, was given a place on the National League board of directors at the annual meeting today. The other new members are William Veck of Chicago, Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh and Charles A. Stonham of New York.

The annual report of President John A. Heydler declared that the 1923 season was one of the most successful financially in the National League's history. President Heydler's term of office does not expire until next year.

Kitchener, meet at Kitchener. Clubs: Guelph A. A., Kitchener, Stratford A. A. A.

Group 13—Conventer, J. A. Greer, London, meet at London. Clubs: Woodstock, Ingersoll, London, Glencoe.

Group 14—Conventer, A. W. Dick, Seaforth, meet at Clinton. Clubs: Seaforth, Clinton, Milverton, Galt.

Group 15—Owen Sound, a bye.

CLEVELAND AMATEUR ACE SIGNS BOSTON CONTRACT

Cleveland, Dec. 10.—Charles Dornkett, pitching ace of the Cleveland sand lots, who pitched the Tellings of Cleveland to the world title in class AAA of the National Baseball Federation, has been signed to twirl for the Boston Americans by Manager Lee Fohl, jumping direct from the amateurs to major league baseball.

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HARD TASK FACES NATIONAL BOARD'S CHICAGO MEETING

Baseball Men Gather To Trade Players and Discuss Problems.

GLEASON ON MARKET?

By JOHN B. FOSTER.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—More baseball men are sequestered here today than ever were corralled on one ranch since the game expanded from the pasture at Madison avenue and 23rd street, New York, to Alaska and Australia.

Usually the east has been loath to send many of its owners and old-timers to Chicago. The fear of the Indians has passed away with the lapse of time, but there has remained an impression that men walked the streets of Chicago ready to take ball players right out of the hands of unsuspecting easterners.

Before some of the easterners get away from Chicago they are likely to lose out. The clubs in all kinds of leagues west of Buffalo are anxious to win baseball championships. It has become more than a desire to maul the east; it is a passion. Talk baseball with anyone in the lobby of the Congress Hotel, where the baseball men are segregated, and the party of the western part at once asks the part of the eastern part "what law there is that the blankety-blank New York clubs should have all the championships and all the dough all the time?"

The first session of any group of those here is that of the National Board of Administration. This board has a task which is equalled only by that of the camel, which goes thirty days without a drink. The National board hears appeals and requests and prayers by the bushel measure from all sections of the United States and Canada.

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of the National Association, has temporarily assumed the duties of president of the Coast League, and says he is boss. Opinion seems to be that Williams in the long run will get the job, while McCarthy will get the gate and the sympathy of the populace.

So many things are rumored as to what Commissioner Landis wishes that Chicago is plastered with enough rumors to choke the traffic in Michigan Boulevard. However, among the little things that he has not wished is that the office of the advisory commission be moved from Chicago to New York.

Most of the suggestions to come from him will have to do with making the commissioner's path less beset with technicalities.

Discuss Brooklyn.

The affairs of the Brooklyn club will come before the National League, unknown to most of the baseball folks, there has been some arbitrary action by one of the principal owners which has brought about a situation calling for adjustment.

While little has reached the surface in regard to it, a suit which has been brought to court may make public a condition likely to be decidedly embarrassing, and the league will take steps to avoid it, so it is said.

The matter of trading players always brings forth unlimited conjecture at every meeting and mighty little fruit. There is one former manager who may get a place with somebody. He is Gleason. Evers hopes to get a place with somebody. Casey Stengel may be offered the management of the Newark club, and should be permitted to take it, if he wants it.

SEND CONDOLENCES.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 10.—The board of directors of the American League, meeting here today, sent a message of condolence to the relatives of "Wild Bill" Donovan, who was killed the Twentieth Century wreck at Forsyth, N. Y., yesterday, and decided to continue to care for Louis Griger, catcher of the Boston club, until he is restored to health.

Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, today announced the transfer to his club of Joe Bishop, star second baseman of the Baltimore International. Several players will be given to Baltimore in trade, besides some cash it is understood, but the exact terms were not given out.

The first player trade to be announced at the baseball conference here was the purchase of Dewey Hill, catcher of the Toronto club of the International League, by Manager George Witte of the Buffalo club. The terms were not announced.

Whit Lancaster will start making preparations today to open Westminster rink for another season. Assurance of four nights of hockey was given the owner at a meeting last night, Junior City, Church and C.A. Leagues being certainities.

AWARD TUNNEY WIN OVER GREB IN TITLE BATTLE

Tex Rickard Will Endeavor To Match Ex-Marine With Carpenter.

SHOWS BETTER FORM

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 10.—Gene Tunney of Greenwich Village, successfully defended his United States lightweight title in a bristling fifteen-round match with Harry Greb of Pittsburgh at Madison Square Garden tonight. Tunney's body attack earned him the judges' verdict, despite a whirlwind rally by Greb in the last round.

Tunney forced the fighting from the start, despite frequent and spectacular rallies by Greb. He checked the effectiveness of the challenger's peculiar attack, and gradually weakened him with a rippling crushing drive to the ribs and stomach. At times Greb's tactics bewildered the champion, but though the challenger often landed with long swings to the body and jaw, they seldom stopped the champion's steady body fire. Tunney had Greb almost helpless in several of the closing rounds, but in the fifteenth Greb unleashed a furious attack that threatened for a moment to topple the champion.

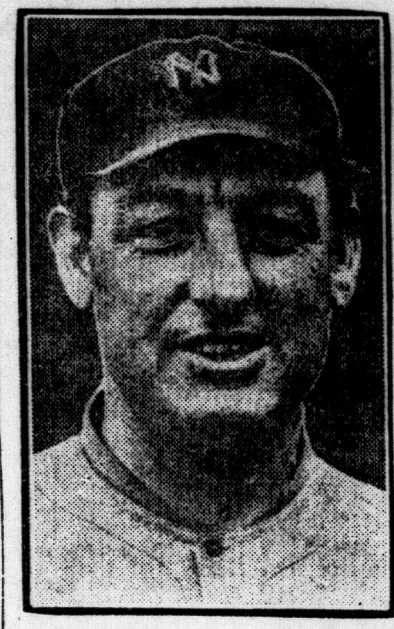
Setting a terrific pace, in the closing round, Greb pummeled Tunney about the head and body, jarring the champion to his heels with several smashes. But it was Greb's last desperate stand, a brief comeback, and it counterbalanced the wide margin Tunney had piled up on points.

A majority of the critics gave nine rounds to Tunney, four to Greb and called two even.

It was the third clash between the two for the title. Greb won it from Tunney last year, but lost it to the Greenwich Village idol last March, the previous bouts also going to the limit. Tunney weighed 115 and Greb 171½ pounds.

TO FIGHT CARPENTIER.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 10.—Tex Rickard



"WILD BILL" DONOVAN,

Baseball star, and former manager of the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Nationals, was killed in a railroad wreck at Forsyth, N. Y., on Monday.

is prepared to match the winner of tonight's United States light-heavyweight championship fight between Gene Tunney and Harry Greb with Georges Carpentier here late in January. He made this announcement today, after receipt of a challenge from the French boxer's manager to the victor tonight.

VILLA WINS.

Associated Press Despatch. Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Panchito Villa, world's flyweight champion, won the judges' decision over Patsy Wallace of Philadelphia tonight after ten rounds of comparatively slow fighting. Both men entered the ring over weight, Villa's weight being announced as 112½ pounds and that of Wallace as 115½.

SAY BAN ON STEEL-SHAFTED GOLF CLUBS TO BE LIFTED

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 10.—Although no official word has come out of the United States Golf Association on the subject, it is understood among well-informed golfers that the golf ruling body will soon remove the ban that has prevented the use of steel-shafted clubs in championship play.

OVERRULE MOVE TO LET PITCHERS USE ROSIN BALL

Rickey and Mathewson Oppose Ebbets' Proposal At Chicago Conference.

WOULD TRADE COLLINS

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 10.—The pitchers of the National League will go on their merry way without any leeway through the use of rosin on the ball, but stiff opposition developed from Branch Rickey of St. Louis and was staunchly supported by Christy Mathewson of the Boston Club. The league finally voted to take no action, and to leave the rules relative to pitchers unchanged.

The International League voted today to play 168 games next season, opening April 15. This action was taken at an executive meeting of club-owners, held here in connection with the convention of more than 1,200 baseball leaders, who have assembled to set their house in order for the 1924 season.

Approve Newark Sale.

The International owners also approved the sale of the Newark club to Newark businessmen. It was reported that Charles (Buck) Herzog, the former National Leaguer, was under consideration as manager.

Eddie Collins, premier second baseman of the American League, and captain of the Chicago White Sox, is for sale or trade, and may become manager of the Washington club.

Frank Chance, newly-appointed manager of the White Sox, made the startling announcement tonight that Collins has been cast into the player market.

Clark Griffith, president of the Washington club, while not denying that he had talked over the prospects of landing Collins, intimated that he was in a receptive mood. He declined to make a flat statement, saying: "I can't say a thing now."

Six Meetings.

Collins, if he is traded, will be

Draw Color Line In Pennsylvania

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—The state athletic commission announced today that mixed boxing bouts would not be sanctioned in Pennsylvania. Chairman William H. Roche said that "it was not deemed prudent nor for the best interest of the sport at this time to have negroes and whites meet in ring combat."

The commission also announced that the Dominion of Canada Boxing Federation, which has a working agreement with the Pennsylvania commission, having suspended "Soldier" Horace Jones for two months, from November 15 for an unsatisfactory match at Quebec. Jones was automatically suspended in Pennsylvania until January 15.

one of the last two players who remained on the club wrecked in 1920 as a result of the world series scandal of 1919.

The big convention opened today with half a dozen meetings, including a session of the board of arbitration of the National Association of Minor Leagues, which threatened the dispute over the presidency of the Pacific Coast League.

The National League, the Southern Association and the International League were the only organizations that succeeded in accomplishing any business. The Western League and the American Association also held meetings, but adjourned to meet tomorrow.

The National League broke all attendance records during 1923, according to a statement by President John Heydler. Actual figures were not announced.

While no action was taken eliminating all bonuses in the National League, the subject came up for lengthy discussion.

The list of prospective deals ran into the hundreds, and included the probable sale of Joe Boley, shortstop of the Baltimore club. Jack Dunn of the Baltimore club was reported to have offered Boley for \$100,000.

TO TRAIN IN ARENA.

Woodstock, Dec. 10.—Woodstock Hockey Association is making arrangements to secure the Hamilton Arena for the opening practices on Tuesday and Thursday nights of this week. From present indications the local sextet should go far in the O.H.A. race.

THE PANORAMA OF BASEBALL

A Pictorial History of the Growth of the Game.

SOME UNPROFESSIONAL COUSINS OF BASEBALL.

They are all more or less related—golf, tennis, football, croquet, hockey, polo, tether ball, basketball—and they are of various ages, some dating back as far as the Romans, while others claimed the attention of Queen Elizabeth. The ball is a primitive toy. To follow its history is to follow the course of civilization. Even pictorially, the early records of the different games illustrate the fashions of the day. We present here a picture which shows football of half a century ago. Look at that, and then think of some of the early baseball teams, and you have a fashion plate of sport which our parents and grandparents indulged in.

Croquet, a cousin of baseball, is a decidedly rustic sport. Our forefathers turned to it in the hope of settling once and for all the question of professionalism, which they de-

plored in sport. Although professional baseball is heavily patronized by the public—a record day in the recent world series saw the turning away of fifty thousand who pounded on the gates of the Yankee Stadium, New York, for entrance—there has always been a feeling against professionalism in the sense of high finance entering into play. Football trembled on the edge, and even now when a five try, which is a scheduled tickets fall into the hands of speculators. You have the professional ball player, but here again the game is too individual to necessitate a business organization to finance it. When polo matches are scheduled money is needed to see them through, but on two counts polo has escaped ultra professionalism. The horse is involved, and the horse has become a professional sport on the race track; the ball is involved, and professionalism has its baseball. But still polo is hardly at home in this country. Professionalism has helped to

make of baseball a fascinating, scientific machine. Its long season has aided in making of the game a national institution. It is an open game, heavily followed from a distant sight line; its players are so arranged as to distribute the points of interest over a wide area, so that the bleachers feel in it as well as the grandstand. Active skill is the requisite, and any sport that is active appeals to Americans. But the professional baseball player must be a ball player all through. There was a saying once that the ball player must be faithful to his one game. And old-timers used to wag their heads in disapproval when Christy Mathewson became enamored of golf and spent his mornings on the links. "The golf clubs unbalance his pitching muscle," they said. The man who plays tennis smiles patronizingly at the golfer. And they all jeer at the sedateness of croquet. Sports are jealous things!

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FOOTBALL AT RUGBY

The football tradition had a good deal to do with shaping the baseball spirit in the early days. When base-

ball was being developed as the American national sport there were plenty who had a good word to say

for football as an alternative. This is how football was played at the period in England, the game that

was held up as a contrast. This is a drawing of a contest at Rugby, made on the spot and printed in the Graphic (London) in 1870.

Wishing him the best

—let it be the best

Beauty—
efficiency—
everyday service.

all of these things you give him in

The New Improved

Gillette

Safety

Razor