

Another N. H. A. Star Goes to Coast

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Didier Pitre, of Canadiens, Is Going to Play on Coast.

EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO KEEP HIM

The Coast Promoters Are Still Waging War on Eastern Association.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—The latest and most remarkable news of the entire hockey situation is that Jimmy Gardner has signed up Didier Pitre for the Pacific Coast Hockey League at a salary of \$2,000. Pitre is bound by his contract to leave here within 48 hours, but the local magnates are doing their hardest to keep him here. Next to Fred Taylor, who has already gone to the coast, Pitre was the N. H. A.'s best drawing card. A gentleman who is familiar with the Patriots, says that Donald Smith wired the coast promoters asking for his release, as he is desirous of signing with the Montreal Wanderers. The reply of the B. C. H. A. magnates was sharp and to the point, informing Smith that under no circumstances would they release him and that they would regard him as a contract-breaker if he did not fulfill his agreement to come to the coast this winter. Hugh Lehman has also wired that he has been tendered a more tempting contract than that which he signed to play with New Westminster.

INDOOR BASEBALL BEFORE BASKETBALL

The London Garrison Sergeants Hold Meeting to Form Military Leagues

BASEBALL COMES FIRST

Schedule Will Be Arranged So Teams Will Each Play Ten Games.

A meeting of the London Garrison Sergeants' Athletic Association was held in the Armories last evening, and the formation of the indoor baseball and basketball leagues was discussed. Representatives from the different branches of the military organization of London were present, and entries to the league were made.

It is the intention to run off the indoor baseball first. A schedule will be so arranged that each team will play ten games. The schedule will likely run from ten to fifteen weeks. Following that, the basketball league will be formed.

Rules Decided Upon. Several rules in connection with the governing of the leagues were discussed and passed upon. It was decided that all players signed by the baseball teams would have to stick with that team, and after he has played one game with one team he cannot play with any other. This was to prevent teams strengthening up for the final series.

The final arrangements for the formation of the league will be made at a meeting to be held on Thursday night.

AMATEURS WILL GET THE CROWDS

New Edinburghs and Stewartons Scrambling for Players at Ottawa—Big Season in Store.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The Ottawa professional club has signed all its players, but there is a big scramble in progress for the amateur stars. New Edinburghs and Stewartons are fighting tooth and nail for material, with the Nationals and Coopers taking a hand in it. Coopers, a new club, will have Jerry Davidson, who was with McGill last year, as their captain. Ottawa College will play a student team.

Prospects are that amateur hockey will cut a much wider swath around Ottawa this season than the pro game. The Simon pures became very popular last season, and with six-man teams, again the vogue in N. H. A. this winter the professionals will have serious opposition. The continued raiding of the N. H. A. clubs by the Pacific Coast League and the weakness of the Toronto and Tecumseh teams will tell against the National Association.

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John T. Brush, Giants Owner, Dead

Fogel Charges Up Before Magnates

Jim Thorpe Will Leave Carlisle

Prominent Figures in the National League Investigated Into the Fogel Charges



MRS. HELENE H. R. BRITTON, principal owner of the St. Louis National League club.



THOMAS LYNCH, president of the National League, charged by Horace Fogel with manipulating umpires so as to permit the Giants to win the pennant.



HORACE FOGEL, the goat, Fogel is president of the Philadelphia club, but is looked upon as a figurehead.



ROGER BRESNAHAN, charged with throwing games to the Giants while manager of the St. Louis club.



CHARLES P. TAFT, presumed to be the real owner of the Chicago and Philadelphia clubs.



CHARLES W. MURPHY, president of the Chicago club and suspected of being the man who dictates absolutely the policy of the Philadelphia club.

Joe Patchen II. Will Be Fastest of Pacers in 1913

Just how fast Joe Patchen II., winner of the Chamber of Commerce and all the rest of the stakes excepting that at Fort Erie, could pace when stretched out was a mooted question during the season. Those who knew a lot about the son of Joe Patchen and Bessie Bonehill claimed that he could step in two minutes if prepared for such a trial and others thought that if any horse could hang onto him that 2:02 would beat him.

The last appearance of the great pacer was at Los Angeles, after the Phoenix meeting, and Joe Patchen II. was driven against even time, which is taken to mean two minutes. The day was not suitable and the track was not at its best, but he paced an eventful mile in 2:00 2-4. This is evidence of two-minute speed and as the horse has gone into winter quarters sound and fresh, it is likely that he will be the fastest of the pacers in 1913 and probably will bowl over a few records. If he beats two minutes, as he will if no accidents occur, his sire will have the rare distinction of producing two to do the trick, the other being the wonderful Dan Patch. In some circles Joe Patchen's mile at Los Angeles is mentioned as a record, but as the attempt was against two minutes and he failed, the horse still has a record of 2:03 1-4, which makes him eligible to the 2:04 class next year. He probably will race in this, where possible, and in the free-for-all at other towns.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES LAID AGAINST MURPHY

Sporting Editor of the Chicago Evening Post Tells Who Wrote Fogel's Letter.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Nov. 25.—Notwithstanding the sudden death of John T. Brush, president of the New York National League, the charges against Charles W. Murphy, president of the Philadelphia club, and the charges against Horace Fogel, president of the Chicago club, are still being investigated. The charges against Murphy were first made public by the Chicago Evening Post, which today, charges Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National League Club, with being the instigator of the "story" which resulted in charges against Fogel. Mr. Forman is in New York, prepared to testify before the league meeting. The charges against Fogel were first made public by the Chicago Evening Post, which today, charges Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National League Club, with being the instigator of the "story" which resulted in charges against Fogel. Mr. Forman is in New York, prepared to testify before the league meeting. The charges against Fogel were first made public by the Chicago Evening Post, which today, charges Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National League Club, with being the instigator of the "story" which resulted in charges against Fogel. Mr. Forman is in New York, prepared to testify before the league meeting.

LIST OF PLAYERS WHO ARE PURCHASED

Secretary Farrell Issues List of Men Who Are Released by Purchase.

[Canadian Press.] Auburn, N. Y., Nov. 25.—Secretary John H. Farrell, of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, today announced that the following players have been released by purchase: Otis Johnson and Emil Batch, by Rochester to Birmingham; J. F. Seymour, by New York to Los Angeles; Chas. Hartmann, by Montreal to Birmingham; McKinley, by Toronto to Birmingham; Schilling, by Buffalo to Oakland; Goodman, by Vancouver to St. Paul; Hansen, by Paris to Vancouver; George Robinson, by Paris to Fort Worth; Walter Borch, by Galesburg to Providence; and Mordcau Brown, by Chicago (N. L.) to Louisville. Released—Umpire Thomas Kelly, by International League.

An order was promulgated that the Connecticut League will hereafter be known as the Eastern Association. Joe Patchen II. not only stepped the Los Angeles track in 2:02 2-4, but when team moved over the half in 1:02. It is unlikely this pair will be driven against the record in another year by their owner, R. J. Mackenzie.

QUEBEC DESERVED TO LOSE PRODGER

It Is Claimed That They Started War on the Coast League.

HAVE LOST BEST MEN

Got No More Than Was Coming to Them, Says George Kennedy, of Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 23.—From remarks let fall by Geo. Kennedy, it appears that the Quebec club got no more than was coming to them in losing Prodger, McDonald and Oatman. When the N. H. A. met at Quebec the Quebec people were asked if they wanted Lichtenstein to give back Gardner and Johnston and thus prevent any raid from the Patriots. They declared that the players of their club were all signed and that they had no fear of the going, whether in any other place. They instructed the N. H. A. to go ahead and start a war with the western magnates and they would see that they were not going to suffer. Had the ancient capital executive declared against starting any trouble for fear of losing players, then the N. H. A. would have arranged with the Wanderers to give back the players and the commission are thus responsible for the raid, and it looks fitting that they be the ones to suffer. Kennedy said that there was no chance of losing any players, although he was still negotiating to trade Pitre for Lalonde. "Lalonde has now the biggest offer ever made to a player, right in front of him. He can take it or leave it," remarked the Canadian magnate. It turns out that the Patriots have not lost Gardner, although they will probably be minus five players this season. It is likely that the Patriots are certain for the east, while Donald Smith, Poulin and Lalonde are also expected to stay down this way. In return, the Coast League will get Taylor, Kendall, Oatman, McDonald, and Prodger, should the Canadians and the Patriots come to an agreement. Should Quebec be unable to get players of any standing there is a chance that one or two of these men who are to stay in the east will be given to them to strengthen the champions.

BAN JOHNSON PAYS DAMAGES TO WARD

Settles Suit Brought Against Him Over Charges Made in 1910 Over National League Election.

New York, Nov. 25.—Byron B. Johnson, president of the American League, has settled the libel suit brought against him by John M. Ward. The case was on the calendar of the United States circuit court of appeals last Wednesday, but on that day Johnson withdrew his appeal and sent a check for \$1,000, the full amount of damages awarded in the lower court, with which he thereby received complete vindication. The suit grew out of Ward's candidacy for office as president of the National League in December, 1910. Johnson in a public statement declared that he would not stand for Ward's election and would refuse to sit with Ward as a member of the national baseball commission. Johnson explained his hostile attitude by declaring that Ward was a trickster in that he had induced Play-er Geo. S. Davis to sign with the Giants ten years ago, although Davis was bound by a contract approved by Ward to accept an engagement with the Chicago White Sox. Partially because of Johnson's opposition Ward was unable to secure more than four votes for election when the National League convened. There was a deadlock, the other half of the circuit supporting R. W. Brown, of Louisville. Thomas J. Lynch then was offered as a compromise candidate and the deadlock was broken. Ward promptly instituted a suit for \$50,000 damages against Johnson.

KILBANE MATCHED TO MEET ED. MORGAN

Cleveland Champion and English Fighter Will Hook Up on New Year's Day.

New York, Nov. 25.—On behalf of Eddie Morgan, the English bantamweight, who was matched last week with Jimmy Kilbane, of Cleveland, for the world's championship title, Jimmy Johnson, Morgan's manager, today accepted the offer of J. W. Coffroth for the boys to fight 20 rounds for a purse of \$7,500 at San Francisco New Year's day. Not Received Offer. Cleveland, Nov. 25.—Jimmy Dunn, manager of Johnny Kilbane, the featherweight champion, said today that he has not yet received an offer for a fight with Eddie Morgan, the English fighter, at San Francisco on New Year's day. He said Kilbane has agreed to fight Morgan, but probably will not be able to go to the coast on Jan. 1.

JOHN T. BRUSH PASSES AWAY

Owner of the New York Giants Dies in His Private Car.

WAS GOING WEST TO SEEK HEALTH

Had Been Suffering From Locomotor-Ataxia for Several Years.

[Canadian Press.] Louisiana, Nov. 25.—John T. Brush, president of the New York National League, died in his private car on the coast early this morning. He was on his way west for his health. He had suffered for years from locomotor-ataxia. Mr. Brush, who was hurried from New York Sunday night, unconscious, died between here and St. Louis on his way to San Francisco. His private car was detached from a Burlington train here and started back to St. Louis.

Death Not Unexpected. New York, Nov. 25.—The news of John T. Brush's death in his private car in Missouri early today was not unexpected by his family and friends here. The wealthy owner of the New York Nationals had been at death's door for some time, and the long trip to sunny California was decided upon a few days ago as a last resort. On Sunday night Mr. Brush was carried from his hotel and placed in his private car in a semi-conscious condition. He was accompanied west by several physicians.

Suffered for Years. Mr. Brush, who was 63 years of age, had been a sufferer from locomotor-ataxia for many years. In 1910 he was critically ill, but after spending the winter in Texas he came back to New York much improved and took up his business affairs again. His health continued to improve until Sept. 11, when he was with an automobile accident, in which he sustained a broken hip.

Affairs in Good Shape. Realizing the seriousness of his illness Mr. Brush recently ordered a reorganization of the New York club's business affairs. It is said that he practically gave up hope of recovery at that time, and accordingly put the club in the hands of H. M. Hempstead, his son-in-law, assigning the duties of secretary and treasurer to R. H. McCutcheon in place of Joseph D. O'Brien and John Whalen. In the event of Mr. Brush's death it was said that Mr. Hempstead would become the principal owner.

Prominent in Baseball. John T. Brush was one of the most prominent men in baseball long before he established himself in this city. His first leap into the limelight was made in 1888, when the obtained a National League franchise for Indianapolis. In 1890 his franchise was transferred to Cincinnati, and in 1892 he sold his holdings there and purchased the New York club.

Snodgrass' Latest Muff

Los Angeles, Nov. 25.—Fred Snodgrass, of the New York Giants, has been sued for \$75,000 damages for alleged breach of promise.

The plaintiff is Nellie A. Fraakes, and the complaint she submitted to the superior court tells of a blighted romance that had been beginning in the spring of 1908. In August, 1909, Miss Fraakes, a former ball player's wife, broke his promise to wed her and married Miss Josephine Vickers. It was on Jan. 15, 1908, according to the plaintiff, that Snodgrass told her of his love and made his vow to wed her.

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Doings in City Hockey Circles

The Presbyterian Hockey League will be organized for the season at the annual meeting which will be held, when the annual meeting will be held. New officers will also be elected.

The Acadian Club is thinking of entering a team in the City Hockey League. There seems to be no end of teams for this league.

St. Peter's will have a fast seven this winter. They are almost intact from last season. With Patten, the two McPhillips, "Nig" Wilson, Dwyer, St. Peter's possess some good players.

It is not likely that New St. James' Church will be represented in the Presbyterian League this year. All the fast men of last season's team have been signed up by other clubs, and there is little left for St. James'.

There is some talk of the two church leagues, Methodist and Presbyterian, amalgamating this winter, and intermingling the schedules; for instance, having the east end Presbyterians play the east end Methodists, and the south end of the south end, etc. No confirmation of this can be secured, however.

Local hockey fans are spending a great deal of time figuring on the

PLAYERS NEARLY READY FOR ICE

Local O. H. A. Candidates Are Fast Getting Into Shape For The Real Tests.

An hour and a half of good stiff exercising was enjoyed by about twenty hockey players at the Princess Rink last evening. The boys are fast getting into shape, and are anxiously awaiting the appearance of ice. It is then that the real tests will come.

"Doc" Reid, the former Seaford player, who has been in the city for the past year, underwent an operation recently at Victoria Hospital, and it is doubtful if he will turn out with the team until the ice comes. He has been suffering with throat trouble, but should recover quickly.

The local management are pleased with the way the players are turning out, and with a couple more good workouts the team will be ready for the ice. The new starters for the two teams have been ordered and will be ready in a couple of weeks.

BRESNAHAN DID NOT TRY HARD

Mrs. Britton Tells Why She Released Cardinals Manager—Club Lost Money This Last Season.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25.—Roger Bresnahan was unconditionally released as manager of the St. Louis National League team because Helen R. Britton, principal owner of the club, did not think he "tried hard" during the year, and because the club lost money, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mrs. Britton's attorneys prepared today to submit to the directors of the league the letter quoted by the Post-Dispatch as saying: "I have decided to make a change in managers, and will not need your services any longer. I feel that you have not tried hard during the past year. The club has not made nearly as much money as we had hoped, and it seems to me that you have not tried hard enough to make the club a success." The letter also gives President Jones of the club as authority for the statement that the club earned \$15,000 this year. Jones offered Bresnahan \$25,000 for his contract, which calls for \$10,000 annually and 10 per cent of the profits. Jones, however, the letter continues, refused to pay Bresnahan his percentage of this year's profits, unless he would surrender his contract, which has four years to run.

RIDPATH LOSES JACK FOURNIER

One of Ottawa's Best Amateur Hockey Players Will Not Play for Torontos This Winter.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Jack Fournier, one of the best amateur defense players in the East, who has been claimed by Bruce Ridpath for the Torontos, George Kennedy for Les Canadiens and L. N. Brute for the Ottawas, announced tonight that he had decided to remain an amateur and that he would line up with the Stewartons in the Ottawa section of the Interprovincial tournament. Fournier turned down an offer of \$1,000 from Les Canadiens last year, and it was thought that he would take the money and become a professional. Fournier's decision was a surprise, as he took Eddie Gerard's advice and decided to wait until the present crisis in the professional league is over. Fournier is a strong skater, and would have no difficulty in making good in the fastest company.

The Montreal Provincial League is now cutting in on the National Hockey Association, offering having been made to Tommie Smith, Horace Gaul, "Ras" Murphy, Joe Denison and other local players. These men have been deking with the Toronto and Tecumseh clubs, and the western men will have to increase their bids to get them.

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THORPE DOES NOT LIKE NOTORIETY

[Canadian Press.] Worcester, Mass., Nov. 25.—Jim Thorpe, the all-around Indian star football player of the Carlisle team, announced on his arrival here, preparatory to the Brown game, that he would cancel his connections with Carlisle immediately after the game at Providence. He is protesting the notoriety which his athletic prowess has brought him as the prime cause for the proposed withdrawal of Thorpe from active participation in athletics.

Peter's last winter until the Bank of Toronto protested him on the ground that he was an O. H. A. man, is trying for a place on the local junior O. H. A. this winter. Bettbridge played with St. Mary's juniors for a couple of games last season.

The next meeting of the Manufacturers' League will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 5, at Y. M. C. A. parlors. A week from that date, Dec. 12, each club has to hand in its list of players for the season.

The First Hussars will wear a pretty red and black uniform on the ice this winter. The sweaters and socks will be ordered immediately.



EDDIE OATMAN, one of the stars of the Quebec champion hockey team, who has jumped his contract with Quebec and, along with Prodger, Oatman and McDonald, by signing Didier Pitre, who was very much sought after by the Pacific coast magnates, who were willing to give him \$2,000 for the season.

PITRE SIGNED UP WITH QUEBEC CLUB

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Nov. 25.—The managers of the Quebec N. H. A. team have come right back at the Patrick brothers, who last season collared Prodgers, Oatman and McDonald, by signing Didier Pitre, who was very much sought after by the Pacific coast magnates, who were willing to give him \$2,000 for the season.

George Kennedy released Pitre from the Canadiens when he heard of the good offer he had received.

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