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POSSIBILITIES OF BASEBALL CONFERENCE ARE BEING DISCUSSED

BAPTISTS OUT; PRESENT TANGLE CHANGES LITTLE

One League On Record Favoring Conference, Is Report

POSSIBILITIES of a get-together conference to settle the present senior baseball tangle were a bit stronger today as a result of the Water Department, Trojans and Saint Johns deciding to stay together as a City League, despite the withdrawal of the St. John the Baptist team, as forecasted by The Times-Star last week. The tangle, however, remains practically the same as far as the leagues go and the impasse that has been reached with the fans facing the prospect of three leagues in action is leading some of the leaders to a point where they would welcome the invitation of a third disinterested party to call a conference and seek some way out. That three leagues is bound to split up the senior strength available in the city with the resulting falling of the standard of play is the view of the fans who would like to see the matter straightened away before the opening day on May 24. Public patronage will not be as heavy as the leaders might think if the fans carry under their skin a feeling that they have been poorly treated in this matter. There is no more disgruntled person in the world than a disgruntled fan and in the final analysis, he is the man who makes and breaks leagues. It is for these reasons, serious thought is being given to a league being held to arrive at an amicable settlement. One of the leagues, it is understood, is on record on this matter already and it would not be surprising to see something of this nature transpire before the week is out. At last night's meeting of the City League held in A. W. Corey's office, the St. John the Baptist team officially withdrew, leaving the Trojans, Water Department and Saint John's to carry on. Upon motion it was decided that these three teams will form the league or will receive into the league additional teams that may be considered strong enough.

MR. COREY PRESIDES
Mr. Corey presided at the meeting and pointed out that the definite decision must be made that evening as to whether the City League would operate or not. This, he claimed, was only fair to the public, which should be given first consideration. To bring the matter to a head it was decided that the sanction should be applied for immediately and the secretary was instructed to make the application last evening. An application was also forwarded to the East End Improvement League for the use of their grounds two nights a week, together with the three nights already arranged for on the North End grounds, will give the league five games a week, if desired.

The question of umpires was next dealt with. Seven applications had been received and were voted on at the meeting. The umpires appointed were Robert Atcheson, Arthur E. Selby and Eddie Ramsey. In the event of other teams being admitted to the league, other umpires will have to be added. Other details in connection with the organization of the league for the season were left over until the next meeting, which will be held at the call of the chair.

Wins Title On Third Showing

One of the features of the dog show recently concluded at the Exhibition Castle was the going to championship of Silver Birch Miss Quality, owned by the Merryfield Kennels. This Air-dale terrier bitch won her first points at the dog show in connection with the Saint John exhibition last year and then cleaned up all opposition at the big Halifax show, beating among others, Champion Rockwood Ranger. She completed her championship at the show here and not only won her class but was adjudged best of all terriers shown—quite a high honor for such a young canine and opposing the class of the recent exhibition which was an exceptionally high order. Doing so well on three showings is a record in which her owners take justifiable pride and with such a start, the outlook for better things is bright.

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Rowing Club May Send Sculler To Canadian Henley This Year

Along The Sport Trail

By JOHN J. DUNLOP
THE baseball-loving public of the city has stood by quietly enough for the last few weeks while the various leagues endeavored to settle their differences. No league can exist without public support, so the first essential to success is to please the average fan. Proceeding on this basis, the league executives can ask themselves this question: "Does the present situation please the average fan?" Find out, we strongly advise, what public opinion is on this question. If the leaders discover that the majority are well satisfied with three leagues in operation and that the class of ball will not suffer, go to it, is our advice. But if the verdict is the other way and you find a lot of fans who are disgruntled over the present tangle and would like a conference on the entire matter, then speak out before it is too late and let's have the whole mess wiped out and a clean start made. The time is not too far gone and no league would sacrifice anything of its pride. What do the leaders say on this important question? The fans are waiting for an answer.

Stribling Tackles Risko At Garden On Friday Night Garden Feature

Young Stribling, Georgia youngster who is scheduled to replace Jack Delaney as the opponent for Paul Berlenbach in a world's light-heavyweight championship battle at the Yankee Stadium on June 10, risks his chance for the title meeting in Madison Square Garden on Friday night when he engages Johnny Risko, Cleveland, in the stellar bout of ten rounds. This bout is the principal event of three ten-round bouts in which bantamweights, light-heavyweights and heavyweights will be seen in action. The Garden held in A. W. Corey's office, the St. John the Baptist team officially withdrew, leaving the Trojans, Water Department and Saint John's to carry on. Upon motion it was decided that these three teams will form the league or will receive into the league additional teams that may be considered strong enough.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago, 9; Brooklyn, 0.
Brooklyn 000000000—0 7 4
Chicago 01100007—9 10 1
Batteries—Petty and O'Neil; Cooper and Gonzales.
Cardinals Trim Giants.
R.H.E.
New York 000110020—4 10 0
St. Louis 0002100—5 7 4
Batteries—Wagner, Davies and Hartley; Snyder; Keen and O'Farrell.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, postponed, cold weather.
Boston at Cincinnati, postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York, 13; Detroit, 9.
R.H.E.
Detroit 000240201—9 10 4
New York 120016111—13 19 4
Batteries—Gibson, Barfoot, Wells and Woodall; Manion; Pennock, Hoyt and Collins.
White Sox Beat Washington 2-0.
R.H.E.
Chicago 000000200—2 8 0
Washington 000000000—0 6 0
Batteries—Thurston and Crouse; Coveliski and Ruel.
Athletics Trim St. Louis 3-2.
R.H.E.
St. Louis 000002000—2 7 0
Philadelphia 01010001—3 7 1
Batteries—Thurston; Dixon; Pate; Heimeach and Cochran.
Cleveland Downs Boston 2-0.
R.H.E.
Cleveland 000000030—3 3 1
Boston 000000000—0 7 3
Batteries—Uhle and L. Sewell; Ekens and Bischoff.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
At Buffalo—
R.H.E.
Buffalo 010500110—8 12 0
Buffalo 023000010—6 10 0
Batteries—Vincent, Ogden and McKee; Koupal, Fisher, Leverenz, Auer, Brice and Lake, Hill.
At Rochester—
R.H.E.
Rochester 000000000—0 8 0
Rochester 00010000—1 6 0
Batteries—Schroeder and Schulte; Horne and Devine.
Jersey City at Toronto, postponed, cold weather.
Reading at Syracuse, postponed, wet grounds.

Local Bowling
City League.
The Sweeps took three points from the Nationals in the City League game on Blacks' alleys last night. In tonight's game the Tigers and Lions will roll. The scores last night were as follows:
Sweeps—
Total, Avg.
Melville 83 109 119 223 107-2-3
Copp 83 100 102 205 86-2-3
Flowers 86 80 104 270 90
Jenkins 90 105 111 306 102
Sullivan 107 112 98 317 103-2-3
471 516 534 1521
Nationals—
Total, Avg.
Thurston 84 99 97 280 93-1-3
Lewis 101 93 103 299 98-2-3
Clark 104 121 111 336 112
Winchester 111 94 99 304 101-1-3
Corey 90 91 87 268 89-1-3
490 498 489 1487
Inter-League Series.
The McAvity team took all four points from the Simms bowlers in the inter-league championship game on Blacks' alleys last night. Tonight the C. N. R. and Garrison teams will roll. The scores last night were:
McAvity—
Total, Avg.
Chase 82 74 76 232 77-1-3
Henderson 87 95 90 262 94
Ramsey 84 92 104 280 93-2-3
Gray 88 101 102 301 100-1-3
Luck 98 99 104 301 100-1-3
469 461 476 1406
Simms—
Total, Avg.
R. Tower 96 90 83 269 86-1-3
Olive 80 83 82 245 82-2-3
McCarthy 82 80 92 254 84-2-3
Allan 98 87 99 284 94-2-3
H. Tower 83 114 106 303 101
445 454 462 1287

CUBS WITHIN HALF GAME OF LEAGUE LEAD

Babe Ruth Gets His Third Homer In Four Days

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Chicago Cubs, pennantless for eight years, and tail end 1926 selections of some baseball critics, today were within striking distance of the National League pinhead.
With a smashing offensive against the pacemaking Robins and pitcher Jess Petty yesterday, the Cubs qualified as the west's miracle team of the early season. The Dodgers, propelled on the heels of brilliant pitching, had been setting a dizzy pace and Petty, Robinson's southpaw ace, had won five straight games before the debacle.
For seven innings Petty pitched as masterfully as he had from the opening day of the campaign. Then a "windy city" last-hit storm broke, sweeping seven runners across the plate to give McCarthy's cohorts a decisive nine to nothing victory. The triumph advanced the Chicago Cubs to within half a game of the top.
The New York Yankees, unseated as American League leaders, by Washington, a few days ago, soared back to the peak under a heavy batting barrage which subdued the Tigers 13 to 9. Homers by Ruth, Gehrig and Combs received the assignments and must win Washington fell with a thump all the way to fourth place, as the result of a shutout defeat 2 to 0, at the hands of Thurston, White Sox hurler, while three hits proved sufficient for the Cleveland Indians to keep pace with the Yankees and share their first place berth.
While the four leaders were exchanging positions, the Mackmen, balked by a slow start, picked up a little more ground by scoring their seventh straight victory at the expense of the Browns, 3 to 2.
The Giants, erstwhile National League leaders, suffered their eighth defeat in ten starts, when Cardinal extra base blows administered to Jack Wilson his first defeat of the season 5 to 4.

NEAR RECORD
NEW YORK, May 11.—Despite an injury that has compelled him to limp around the bases, Babe Ruth has batted his way within reach of his record of 1921, when an amazing total of 69 circuit smashes crunched from his club into the grand stands of American League parks.
By poling a drive into the right field bleachers yesterday against Detroit the Yankee slinger added to his total of 1925 to eight—one less than he had gathered on the same date five years ago. Gibson was the victim yesterday. Ruth's homer yesterday was his third in four days.
GOLFING FREAK
An extraordinary golfing freak occurred in the match between the British Army Society and St. Andrews, Colindale, while staying in the city. The match was between J. Rodger and J. Mackie, hit full iron shots for their seconds on the sixteenth green. Each thought he had to play the ball first, and, hidden by a bunker, the two struck the balls simultaneously.
The balls, going toward the hole, met with such great force about 20 yards from the pin as to drop one on each side of the hole, five yards apart. Golf balls driven by players in opposite directions have been known to meet in mid-air but this is the first occasion on record of balls coming in contact when hit by players going to the same hole.

SOCCER TONIGHT
The St. Andrew's soccer team has arranged a game for this evening with Harewood from the seafarer. Concordia, now in port. The game is scheduled to start at 7 o'clock sharp and the scene of activities will be the Barrack Green. This will be the first game of the season.

His Bat Should Help Red Sox



LEE FOHL is keeping his misfit Red Sox out of last place, which, under existing conditions on his team, is a large word of praise for the silent one from wherever Lee was born. Starting out with but five regulars from last year, Fohl has molded some semblance of a team. At least it has as much claim to the title of team as the much touted Athletics and Fenwick Browns, as they now perform. Fohl still has another ace to play, and that ace is Skinny Shaner. Shaner, tried out and dropped once by the Indians, was grabbed from the tail-end Lincoln team of the Western League last fall and was counted on to help turn the Red Sox team into something more than a one-old-cat outfit.
Shaner, by way of indicating his worth as a ball player, hit .358 in the Western. He collected 230 hits, but with his fleet legs turned those 229 base hits in for a total of 873 bases. Get that. He stretched 143 extra bases out of those singles.
As a further indication of his fleetness of foot, he stole 34 bases for the Lincolnites last season. He also ranked fair as a fielder in the outfield regions.
When Shaner reported to Fohl in the spring he was set to prove that he could hit big league pitching as well as minor. Then one day he got a bit frisky and decided to slide into a base. The idea was all right, but he didn't stick to it. In mid-air, so to speak, he decided to go in standing up. He changed his mind too late. He went into the bag with his legs all tangled up—and promptly snapped an ankle.
Another good ball player gone wrong.
Shaner's ankle still bothers him. It will be a few weeks yet before he can play a bangup game without favoring the injured joint.
When he does get going he should bolster Fohl's batting strength, and that'll help. Fohl is getting some nice pitching from Wingfield and Ruffing.

SOUTH END WILL HAVE OWN LEAGUE

Important Meeting of the S. E. Executive Called For This Evening

An important meeting of the executive of the South End League has been called for this evening at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this morning to consider the matter of forming a South End baseball league to operate on the South End grounds this summer. The withdrawal of the St. John the Baptist team from the City League has cleared the air somewhat in regard to the South End's plans and the members are anxious to lineup the teams and get the schedule adopted. As the

ACADIA BACK

The Acadia Amateur Athletic Association, which withdrew from the western section of the Intercollegiate League, decided at a meeting yesterday to apply for readmission to that section. The application probably will be made at the intercollegiate meeting to be held in the fall.

SAINT JOHN'S PRACTICE

The Saint Johns of the City League will hold a workout on the East End grounds this evening at 7 o'clock sharp and all players are requested to be out, rain or shine.

SEAMAN WON

RUFFALO, N. Y., May 10.—Solly Seaman, New York lightweight, won a 10-round decision over Bobby Tracey in the main bout here tonight. The weights were: Seaman, 135; Tracey, 136½.

ELIMINATION MAY BE HELD THIS SUMMER

Meeting Called In Near Future To Discuss Outlook

SAINT JOHN may witness more scuffling than has been the custom in the last several years this season if present tentative plans of the St. John Rowing Club, the body under which Hilton Belyea competed at the Olympics in 1924, can be put into effect. It is mainly a question of finances and a special meeting of the club will be called in the near future by the president, J. O. Chesley, to consider ways and means of securing the needed revenue.
There are several promising young juniors hereabouts who would jump at a chance to compete for a place to go to the Canadian Henley this year and something of this nature is held in mind by President Chesley and the executive of the club. Again, Mr. Cavour, Ingraham and Anthony Belyea, to mention only a few, have shown considerable talent at this game, and it is the feeling of the club they should be encouraged. Hilton, of course, would not be barred from this and a race between the veteran and youngsters on Courtenay Bay would draw numbers and well repay the promoters for their time and energy. The proposed meeting, therefore, of the club is being awaited with interest.

\$100,000 IN PRIZES

Thirty-seven cars have been entered for the fourteenth annual international 500-mile race at the Indianapolis Speedway, where they will compete on May 31 for approximately \$100,000 in prize money. Although the cars this year are limited to 91½ cubic inches piston displacement instead of the 122-inch allowance of recent years, the experts believe that there will be no diminution of speed. The record is held by Peter De Paolo, who made 105 miles per hour last year. De Paolo has entered two makes of cars this year.

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