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PITTSBURG PIRATES AND ST. LOUIS ARE LIKELY TO PLAY HERE

"JOE" PAGE IS MOVING TO BRING WORLD'S CHAMPIONS HERE FOR 3-DAY SERIES

Big Attraction Practically Assured That Will Draw Big Crowds To City—Games To Be Played Here In October

NEGOTIATIONS are underway to bring the Pittsburgh Pirates of the National League, winners of the World's Series last year, and the St. Louis Nationals to Saint John for a series of three games immediately following the closing of the National League season of 1926. The season closes in September and probabilities are that the games here will be played a few days later. If either of the teams should win the pennant and thus go into the World's Series the visit would then have to be deferred until the series was decided.

Arrangements in connection with this matter brought "Joe" Page, of the Canadian Pacific Railway passenger department to Saint John yesterday and he spent several hours interviewing prominent men and in looking into details regarding the proposition.

PAGE SATISFIED
Mr. Page said today that he was well satisfied with the outlook and felt sure the Saint John end of the matter would work out satisfactorily. That being the case, he said, there was no doubt but that the series would be played here for negotiations at the other end have been favorable, both teams through their managers or owners having expressed pleasure at the visit and were enthusiastic at coming to this city.

GREAT BALL TOWN
The scheme originated at the big world's championship skating meet here last winter, when among the sport writers who were here was "Joe" Ewing, representing the New York Times. He was much impressed by the large crowds and enthusiasm shown by the sport loving public here and mentioned the matter to Mr. Page who replied that the same was true of baseball and Saint John was one of the best baseball cities on the continent. Mr. Ewing did not let the matter drop there, as during the spring training season down South, he took it up with Bill McKelchie, manager, and Fred Clarke, one of the owners of the Pirates. He also went into the subject with Rogers Hornsby, of the Cardinals,

French-Canadian Player Captains Big League Clubs

Thirteen years in the major leagues, the excellent record of a French-Canadian player, Jacques Fourrier, who has succeeded Zack Wheat as captain of the Robins, and is now playing in his fourth season in the White Sox of the Brooklyn club. During his long big league career he has won the uniform of four different clubs. These are the White Sox, Cardinals and Yankees. In addition he has played with a number of minor league teams.

Fourrier first broke into fast company in 1912 when he joined the Chicago White Sox after playing with the Moose Jaw club of the Western Canadian League in the previous season. He played first base for the Chicago club in 95 games in 1912 and he had a batting average of .192. In the middle of that season, however, he was sent to the Montreal club of the International League under an optional agreement. He played first base in 60 games for the Montreal club during that campaign and he batted .309.

At the end of the season of 1912 Fourrier was recalled from the Montreal club by the White Sox. He

PITCHERS GIVEN ROUGH HANDLING

Hitting Epidemic in American Leagues Yesterday Leaves Moundmen Gasping

NEW YORK, May 14.—Box Scores of the American League today told a harrowing story of disaster to the untested curvies of 19 pitchers. Ninety-two torrid smashes blazed from the bats of eight teams in a general slaughter of moundmen—19 of which were doubles, 11 triples and four homers. Only two of the hurlers who entered the arena to face the bombardment completed their nine-inning task, while three of the clubs were forced to call upon no less than four hurlers to weather a storm which upped an average of 16 runs a game.

Detroit and Boston set the pace, sending 23 runners pounding around the circuit to the distress of eight battered pitchers. Detroit salvaged the riddled contest by a count of 13 to 10. The Yankees, wowed by two home runs off the bat of Babe Ruth, fell in line with a 12-9 victory over the Cleveland Indians, which cemented their grip on first place, but the Mackmen saw their

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St. Louis . . . 10000000—0 5 0
Batteries—Hearn, Wertz and Z. Taylor, Seimer; Mays and Pichler.
Brooklyn-Chicago, postponed, rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Yanks 13; Cleveland 9.

Cleveland . . . 02080100—9 11 2
New York . . . 20420012—10 10 1
Batteries—Shantz, Karr and L. Sewell; Hoyt, Jones and Collins.
Tigers Beat Red Sox 13-10.

MONCTON BOYS TO COMPETE IN MONTREAL MEET

No Local Entries Made Yet, Says W. E. Stirling

THE Dominion inter-scholastic track and field meet at Montreal on May 22 next, will likely have some Moncton schoolboy athletes on hand while Charlottetown, P. E. I., High School also has notified the Montreal authorities of their decision to send in some entries. The Charlottetown school was represented at the 1923 meet and made a very fine showing.

Whether any other New Brunswick school will be represented remains to be seen. W. E. Stirling, New Brunswick vice-president of the M. P. B., said he had written for entry blanks and expected them any time. He said he would be in Moncton this week-end, lining up the situation there and on his return would endeavor to secure some local entries, if the material was suitable.

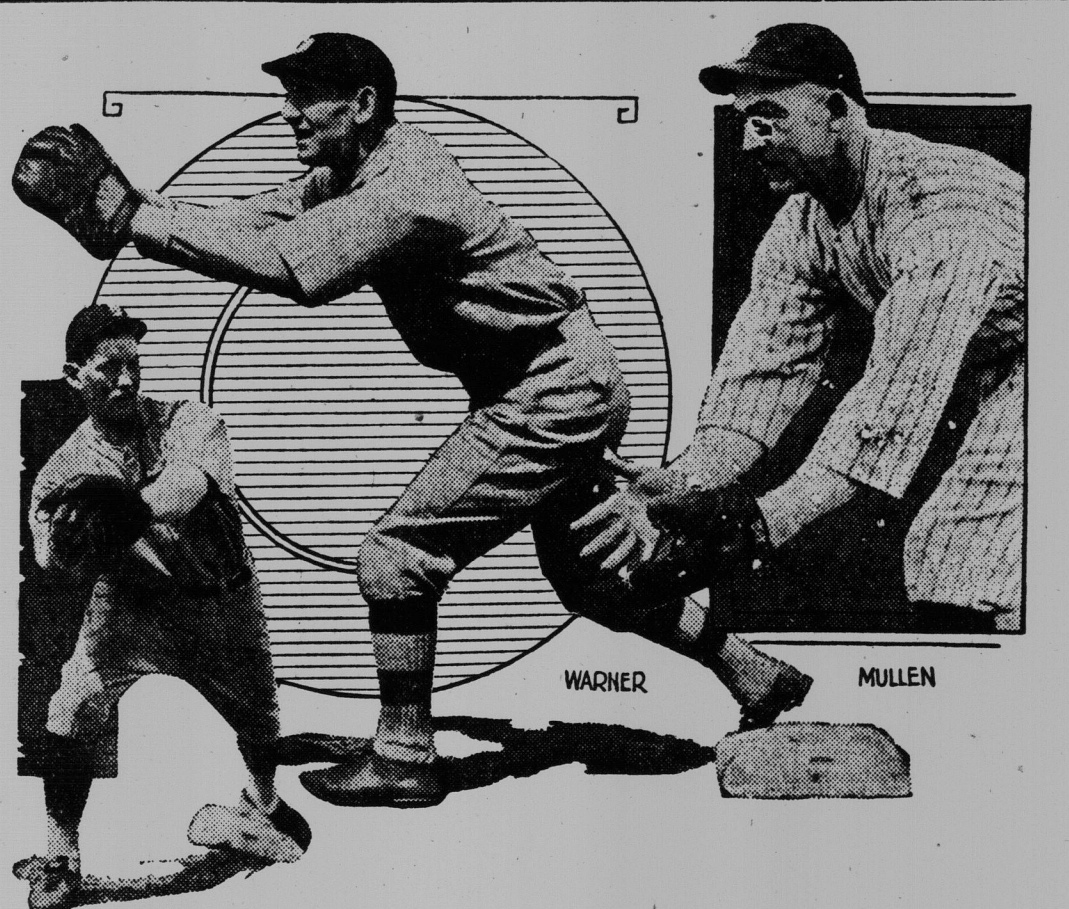
How They Stand

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
Brooklyn	17	8	.680
Chicago	17	9	.654
Cincinnati	14	10	.583
Pittsburgh	12	12	.500
New York	13	13	.500
Philadelphia	11	15	.423
St. Louis	12	17	.415
Detroit	12	14	.462
Boston	8	12	.400

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	17	9	.654
Washington	19	11	.633
Cleveland	13	11	.537
Philadelphia	16	13	.552
Chicago	12	12	.500
Detroit	12	14	.462
Boston	8	18	.308
St. Louis	7	22	.241

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	P.C.
At Toronto	10	11	.476
Jersey City	10	10	.500
Toronto	10	10	.500
Batteries—Cantrell and Freitag; Maly, Doyle and Styles.			

Three Star Tyger Tots



On the 1926 roster of the Detroit Tigers are three young infield sensations—Charley Gehring, Jack Warner and Billy Mullen. Gehring is a second baseman, considered by no less an authority than Ty Cobb "one of the greatest finds in seasons." Warner and Mullen are third sackers, fighting it out for the place left vacant by the departure of Bobby Jones and Fred Haney.

Jack Delaney Eliminated As Berlenbach Opponent By New York State Board

BY DECISION of the State Athletic Commission, Paul Berlenbach will defend his world's lightweight title in the Yankee Stadium on June 10, under the direction of Promoter Tex Rickard. Over-riding the protest of Humbert Fugazy, Ebbets field promoter, the commission at its meeting recently recognized Rickard's prior contract rights to the services of Berlenbach.

A meeting between the title-holder and Young Strickland, Georgia youngster, was sanctioned and the decision, announced by Chairman James A. Farley, eliminated Jack Delaney, Bridgeport light-heavyweight, as the foremost challenger for the title and with approval generally.

Fugazy submitted to the Commission last week the signed contracts of Berlenbach and Delaney to fight at Ebbets Field on June 22, and it was on the presentation of this contract that the Brooklyn promoter based his protest against Rickard obtaining the services of Berlenbach.

The contract was signed primarily for a contest between the champion and Delaney, unless an emergency presented itself, in which case the selection of the best available opponent subject to the commission's approval, was left to Rickard.

PLAYERS WANT RAISE

Members of the Wednesday Football Club of Sheffield are up in arms against the suggestion of the management as to the terms on which they should be re-engaged for association play next season. The cause of the indignation on the part of the players is that the Wednesday board had to get back into the first division of the league and the players demand to be paid accordingly.

Wages are 18 a week when playing in the first division of the league, plus bonuses for won and drawn games, and in the summer 19 a week. It is, however, at the latter figure only that the Wednesday has offered to re-engage its players, it is said, this pay to be in force all the year.

SOCCER PRACTICE

The grand opening practice of the Saint John Soccer Association will be held tonight on the Barrack Square at 7 o'clock. All soccer players are requested to be on hand.

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E. SPARKS MAY RETURN FOR THE COMING SEASON

Maritime Champions Called Out Tonight For Practice.

THE name of "Jimmie" McLeod, veteran ball player, has been mentioned in connection with the management of the Water Department team, Maritime champions, and it is learned on fairly good authority that he will receive the appointment for this year. A. T. Snodgrass, who managed the outfit last year and piloted them to victory in the City League, New Brunswick and finally the Maritimes, has resigned owing to pressure of private business, and it is doubtful if he will figure on the line-up at his old place at first base.

PRACTISE TONIGHT

The team has been called out for practice tonight at 7 o'clock on the North End grounds when a few new men will try out. It is reported the team is endeavoring to bring Eddie Sparks back as catcher. Failing this, Thompson will do the backstop work or if Sparks does return, he will do outfield duty as well. The infield will include Doherty, Gorman and Corrigan, while in the outfield, "Dick" Bartlett will be back with young Ed Snodgrass, a catcher, and Latham and Sparks. Ira Hannah, the old reliable, will carry the bulk of the pitching work and Manager Snodgrass is showing well. The team also has hopes of securing John Armstrong from the Nationals. With practically the whole outfit that swept to victory last year, the Watermen have hopes of repeating their "rick" year. Efforts are being made to have Manager Snodgrass resign his decision to stay out this summer, and if he decided to come back, that much more strength will be added to the machine.

English Whippet Is Champion In Race

The Grand National Handicap for whippets, the feature race to be held Saturday afternoon at the International Dog Carnival at the Polo Grounds, New York, will be truly international in character, for the entry of the English champion was received yesterday for this classic. Comasie, a fawn speck marvel, weighing 20 pounds, is the representative from Great Britain, and his owner is James Gilligan, of Lawrence.

The American champion, and the fleetest whippet in the world, Whitefoot, will be in the race, as well as in the Empire State Handicap, to be contested Sunday. Whitefoot also is owned by Gilligan, but never has raced against Comasie.

Ten other entries besides that of Comasie were received yesterday, bringing the total of prospective starters beyond the 100 mark. While the whippet races are the featured events there will be races for every breed of dog participating in the carnival, including police dogs, shepherds, greyhounds, and beagle packs, as well as ordinary mutts.

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