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NOTIONS OF THEATHELETES

PLAYING RULES MUCH CHANGED

Chicago White Sox to Train in California--Followers of Cubs Demand Return of Catcher Kling.

Baseball is Now Full of New Wrinkles--Umpires' Power is Increased and Made Broader.

New York, Jan. 25.—The Chicago White Sox, under the leadership of their new manager, Hugh Duffy, will go to California to train again this year, but it will be for the last time, according to President Coniskey.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—The joint rules committee of the American and the National Leagues closed its session shortly before midnight last night, after having worked for more than 14 hours.

There the squad will be divided into two teams, one remaining in San Francisco and the other going to Los Angeles. Exhibition games with the Coast League teams and in smaller towns will begin on March 3. Four weeks will be spent in this manner, the Sox leaving for the East on Mar. 27.

In making a shift of any players or substituting new players the captain must notify the umpire and the umpire must announce it to the spectators. Captain and umpire are alike amenable to a \$5 fine for failure to do this.

Manager Duffy will have an excellent opportunity to inspect the talent of the Sox and Chicago critics are already predicting that he will have a strong hit team. Duffy says he can not improve on Walsh, Smith, Scott, Burns and White as pitchers. He also is satisfied with Catchers Sullivan and Greig, but he will have to reorganize the rest of the team.

Each captain must hereafter deliver his batting order to the umpire at the home plate. A batter may not jump from one batter's box to the other after the pitcher is ready to pitch.

Chicago fans by the way, want Murphy and Chance to take back Catcher John Kling. They are putting their names on a petition which will be sent to the National Commission asking for Kling's reinstatement.

The terms "wild pitch" and "passion ball" have been eliminated from baseball; hereafter they will be put down as plain errors.

Jeff at Salt Lake. Jeffries has arrived at Salt Lake City and declares that he will fight Johnson there unless there is interference. Jeff declares that Tex Rickard has the sole right to name the battleground and also expresses confidence in this bold promoter's plans.

It has been decided that when teams playing at an extreme of the circuit are compelled to catch a train at a certain time in order to make a long jump, the game shall be called at least three and a half hours before the departure of the train which the visiting team wishes to catch.

By chinning himself forty times at the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last night, Colin Climo is believed broke the Maritime Province record and perhaps the Canadian record for this event. Climo made this record while taking part in the gymnasium league for members of the intermediate class.

In running down a player between bases, the man getting the putout should also get an assist in case he shall have made a pass with the ball in the play.

In spite of the Tigers record breaking two points from them, rolling 1326. The game itself was one of the best which has been rolled this season. Not only were the scores high but they were also close and the game was a battle from start to finish.

A batter throwing a bat before running that it hits umpire or catcher will be fined \$5 for the first offence. A coach's box extending 15 feet from the bases is provided. Foul strikes are designated "illegally batted balls."

But Mr. Sullivan adds that he's glad the \$101,000 doesn't belong to him. From all accounts Jockey Vincent Powers, who led all the riders in this country last season, will not be seen on the Jockey Club tracks this year.

These changes and additions become the law of baseball in the National league at once without further sanction.

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Some Things Players Might Do!



SUTER TO MIX IT TOMORROW



Otto Suter, who with Young Miller, the St. Paul wrestler, lays claim to the welterweight, catch-as-catch-can title of the United States, is one of the few wrestlers who have been in the game for any length of time without suspicion fastening itself upon them.

MANY MATCHES AT THE Y.M.C.A.

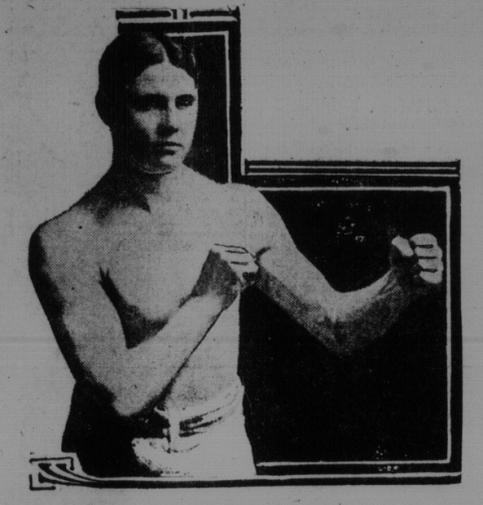
Bowling, Volley Ball, Gymnastic and Track Contests the Bill of Fare Dished Out Yesterday.

Two bowling matches, a volley ball game, a gymnasium contest and a half-mile relay race were pulled off yesterday at the Y.M.C.A.

In the senior bowling league the Royal Bachelors and Crescents clashed and there was a big noise. The Bachelors came out ahead, winning three points.

The standing of the league follows: Won Lost Royal Bachelors 4 2 High Rollers 4 2 Crescents 5 3 Directors 4 4 Bankers 2 2 Newmans 2 2

THOMAS IS BACK IN HIS OLD FORM



Here's good news for fight fans, especially those on the coast: Joe Thomas, the sturdy western welterweight, has regained the form which made him a strong candidate for the title in his class.

EVEN SPLIT IN NEW RECORD CITY LEAGUE ESTABLISHED AT Y.M.C.A.

Pirates and Newmans Clash in Fast Game--Alley Records Go--Standard Walloped By Telegraph.

The smashing of two league records featured the game on Black's Alley last evening between the Newmans and Tigers, the five man single being beaten by six timbers and the total also being raised to 1372, the Tigers clearing both marks.

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THE THISTLES ELECT SKIPS FOR GAME

At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club last evening, the following skips were elected to play against the St. Andrew's club Saturday in second match of the series:

COLLEGES ARE AFTER SCALPS OF INDIANS

The Algonquins Athletic Association expect to have a busy time of it during the coming month in the basketball line. Two college teams have asked for games, but it is doubtful whether the local team will be able to play both of them this month.

FRANK GOTCH WANTS MATCH IN THE OPEN

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, and for a match whom Zbysoo and Mah-mont are struggling, is strongly opposed to the private match between the two foreigners billed for Sunday, Jan. 30. Gotch, who spent a little time in this city, has left to join the Jeffries show. Frank has fully recovered from his injury received at St. Joseph, Mo., where a splinter became lodged in his foot.

TELEGRAPH WINS

Considerably weakened by the absence of Ingram, who is one of their best men, the championship Standard bowling team lost to the Telegraph on the Victoria alleys yesterday afternoon, the Canterbury street aggregation winning three points to their opponents one. The strings were all very close and there is little doubt that had Ingram been present the Standard would have romped off with all four points.

CRESCENTS DEFEAT RAMBLERS.

Hullfax, N. S., Jan. 25.—In a fast game at the Arena tonight the Halifax Crescents defeated the Amherst Ramblers by a score of four to one. The Ramblers were outclassed, their defence being especially weak. Over four thousand people crowded the rink, and it was the most exciting game of the season. This puts the Crescents in the lead, and it looks as if they will retain it.

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The fight was even to the 11th round, Baldwin having a shade over the better in the last two rounds. In the preliminaries Chester Wolcott, colored of Boston, knocked out Dan Bowie of England, in the third round; Max Landry of Boston knocked out Johnnie Noble also of Boston in the first round and George Alger of Cambridge, won from Billy Nixon of Cambridge in eight rounds.