

Baseball Economy in the Majors

BIG LEAGUE CLUBS TO CUT EXPENSES

Teams to Train at Home, Trim Rosters and Pare Salaries.

New York, Oct. 25.—From the assertions of President Ban Johnson of the American League at St. Louis yesterday, it appears that the two major leagues have agreed to a short schedule for 1918. Whether or not this is the first step toward a general policy of retrenchment remains to be seen.

Undoubtedly, Johnson would not have spoken so positively at this time unless he had the assurance of the tripartite. A shortened schedule could only be effected mutually. Neither league could afford to idle while the other was operating.

The season, according to Johnson, is to be contracted from the front end; in other words, the campaign will open about May 1, instead of in the middle of April, as has been the custom for many years. The world series will occur, as usual, in the early part of October. These players now under contract, endorsed by the respective leagues at annual meetings, will have to be re-endorsed by the respective leagues at the annual meetings. Practically all of the magnates, privately, have expressed themselves as favoring a shorter campaign, at least during the present world war.

It is a certainty that a shorter campaign will eventually lead to salary readjustments. For 140 games the athletes will not be paid on the 154 games basis. These players now under contract, of course, will not be affected. But doubtless some way will be found to chop some of pay. It will not be at all surprising if a five month contract is adopted, rather than the existing six months' instrument, with the extra pay for these players necessary to be retained the extra fortnight of the season.

Organized baseball will have to be prepared for a spirited remonstrance from the players. The Players' Fraternity has laid low for almost a year. But it is far from being a dead issue. However, if it is a question of taking a cut generally or of joining the army for the livelihood of the slaves of the octopus, will doubtless stick to their present mode of soldiering.

It is not likely that either New York Club will train at home, even if the season does not commence until May 1. Neither the Giants nor the Yankees have definitely decided upon a spring base. Colonel Ruppert has an option on Macdon, Ga. while Harry N. Hempstead has a home at Marlborough. The Giants own the Emerson Park at the best of the season.

McGraw was not satisfied with conditions in Marlborough last spring, and at one time thought seriously of pulling stakes before he opened the tour with the Detroit Tigers. The chief objection to Marlborough has been lack of fitting hotel accommodations.

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MARGETTS WINS THE SPOON

Toronto Revolver Club scores at the spoon shoot were as follows:

Shot	Score
T. G. Margetts	91
Rutherford	88
J. P. White	88
C. E. Packham	88
S. Rutherford	76
R. Clark	76
W. L. Wade	76
M. F. Rose	63

PENNY ANTE

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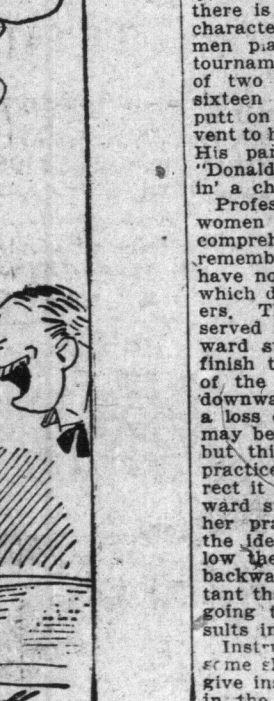
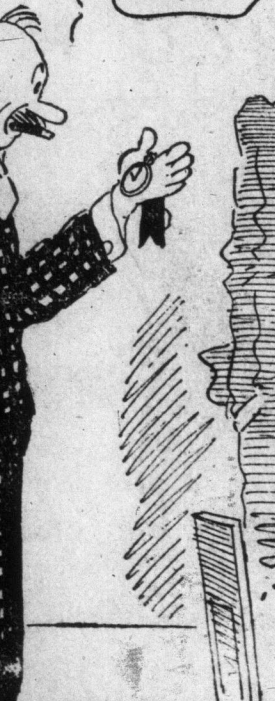
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The Fellow Who Beats it Early

BY GENE KNOTT

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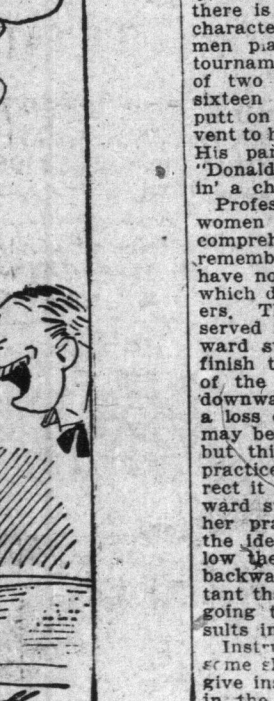
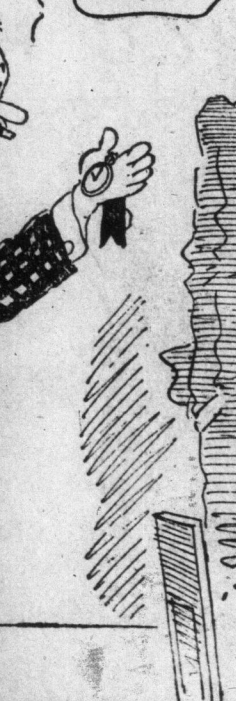
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A. HEWITT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF Q.C.

Hayden Street Curlers Have Many New Members and Great Year is Expected.

The annual meeting of the Queen City Curling Club last night had a large turnout of members in the club quarters, and the club would go to California next spring. The fact that his team failed to win the world series may have altered this plan of McGraw. But if the club leader is at all superstitious he should be easily influenced against Marlborough. This club has seen the training of four championship club teams, but not one of them stood up successfully in the big series against the American League title holder.

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A RING FREAK

New York, Oct. 25.—Willie Meehan, the San Francisco boxer, who started as a bantam and put on fat so rapidly that he is now a heavyweight, is the greatest freak in the ring today. Meehan is so fat that blows make no impression upon him, and he is so awkward that even the cleverest of opponents cannot figure out a way to reach him effectively. Despite the ludicrous appearance he makes in the ring, Meehan really knows a great deal about the game of fistfights, and he is far from being the easy mark he looks. His most recent feat was defeating Jack Dillon, whom he outpointed handily in a bout at Philadelphia.

CAPITAL GRIDDERS TO PLAY HAMILTON

Hard Battle is Looked for Tomorrow at Scarboro Beach—Gossip.

The big attraction here tomorrow will be the rugby game at Scarboro Beach Athletic Field between Capitals and Technicians of Hamilton, and it promises to be a real contest, for both teams have many senior players on their line-up and the old rivalry that has existed between Hamilton and Toronto teams will be very much in evidence. The Hamilton squad (22 strong) will arrive tomorrow at noon. Capitals are picked to win, but will have no easy time, as the Tech. team have made a number of changes in their line-up and will doubt prove a stiff opposition. Last night the Caps had a large turnout and indulged in signal practice and looking. The team will need a lot of practice, but will be out again tonight at 7:30. The game will be called at 8 o'clock sharp and a large crowd is expected to turn out, as the proceeds of these games go to the Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund.

The officials in tomorrow's games in the intermediate O. R. F. U. series are the same as last week. Technicians of Hamilton, at Capitals; referee, Reg. DeGruy; umpire, Bobby Hewitson. At Hamilton, Parkdale A. A. at Techs., at Hamilton, Techs. at Capitals. Referee, Frank Robbins and Ref. Harper.

"Big Bill" Stacey, who plays on the wing for the Caps, had his shoulder injured by Colling Oakville, 17 to 0, yesterday. Upper Canada outwitted the Oakville boys on the line and were able to buck for gain one after time. The kicking was about even. The teams: Upper Canada: Flying wing, Evans; halves, Strickland, Campbell, Macpherson; quarter, Cross; outside, Brien; fullback, Davies; Scrimmage, Stovely. (8)—Flying wing, Wadsworth; halves, Knudback, Stewart, Osborne; quarter, Burns; outside, Burns, Carruthers; middle, Hendry, Nanton; inside, McGee, MacInnes; scrummage, Nanton, Ambrose, and Patterson.

Ernie Broderick, manager of Parkdale rugby team, will get into the game at Hamilton on Saturday owing to injuries sustained by the team. Broderick is a club and an old Capital player, will also be in the fray.

Victor C. "Babe" Sheppard, of the Capitals, got a good shaking up last week in the Parkdale-Capital game, but not had enough to keep him out of tomorrow's game. He is a good line plunger, weight 215 lbs.

The High School Rugby League will stage their fourth night of games this afternoon. Parkdale will make a brave effort to stay in the running in the senior division. They took a humbling, 10 to 0, to the Capitals, and it should be a lively argument. The games scheduled are:

Senior:—Humberdale at Parkdale. Junior:—Harbord at Oakville. Intermediate:—Technical at Jarvis. Commercial at Riverdale. Junior:—Spadina at Riverdale. Intermediate:—Malvern at North Toronto. Technical:—Jarvis at Riverdale. Commercial:—Harbord at Oakville. Humberdale at Parkdale.

"Dutch" Brophy, star quarterback of the Parkdale Athletic Club, in intermediate division, who played such a fine game on Saturday against Capitals, was taken in the General Hospital yesterday and an X-ray picture taken of his ankle, revealing that it was broken. He is expected to be out of the game for some time, but finished it out.

Both Toronto schools and De la Salle are ready for the first of their home and home games in the O. R. F. U. series at 3:30 p.m. The game will start at 3:30 p.m.

The City League games scheduled for Saturday are:—Junior:—Riverdale at Excelsior. Intermediate:—155-lb. Class at North Toronto at Kingstons. Beaches at Parkdale.

O'Leahy, who played with St. Michael's, will be in the fray.

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STEEPLECHASING FEATURE OF PILMICO MEETING

Baltimore, Oct. 25.—Steeplechasing is to be one of the most attractive features of the Maryland Jockey Club's autumn meeting, which begins Nov. 1 and continues eleven days. Already the best cross-country performers of the east are gathering at picturesque Pillico course to begin schooling. Jim Donohue got in from New York yesterday with H. W. Sage's veteran jumpers, Pebebo and Quel Bonheur, and his own campaigners, The Brook and Saturn, and the two-year-old Elysian. The last named is a recruit from the stables of Harry Payne Whitney. He is a strapping colt by MacDonaid out of Paradise, which Mr. Whitney bred in France. Donohue brought him because of his fine size and likely-looking cut.

The Brook will not wait for the Pillico opening before endeavoring to win a purse, Pebebo and Quel Bonheur, both of which have evinced marked efficiency at distance running, are to be Mr. Sage's Memorial in the \$10,000 Manly Memorial, a gallop thru the field of two miles and a half that promises to develop the greatest cross-country race of the eastern year.

Earlier arrivals at Pillico were the stables of W. A. Prime, Edward M. Wald and Jos. E. Widener. Mr. Prime's establishment are Belle of Bryn Mawr, a veteran, and Silverhart, a new horse at jumping on this side. Charles Douglas is training the first named, G. R. Tompkins the other.

Soccer Notes

Ulster United meet British Imperial on their 100th anniversary. The game is at Dunlop grounds. Kick-off at 3 p.m. The following players are requested to appear:—Ulster United: Burns, Carroll, Adey, Long, Forester, Brophy, Cuddy, Langan, Allen, C. M. Hall will again handle the whistle.

HORSES RAN AWAY

Frightened by the noise of stores being taken on to a wagon to which horses belonging to the Gurney Foundry Company ran away last night. The horses dashed east on King street at a terrific rate, and when they came to the intersection of Spadina street they swayed and reared, striking a Hydro cedar pole and broke it in half. They then ran into a large tree, tearing it down. The runaway occurred at 4 o'clock and the horses were running on the street at the time. The horses were in charge of Thomas Rittles, of 8 N. G. street. They will have the assistance of a driver, but the wagon was badly damaged.

How to Play Golf

Charles (Chick) Evans Jr.

Golf for Ladies (2)

When lovely woman can reach the goal on a hole which is 350 yards long, using only two shots to accomplish this feat, it must be admitted that women can become pretty good golfers. This is the record achieved by Miss Gladys Ravenscroft in a tournament, staged at Englewood, N.J., several years ago, which included such strong entries as Miss Marion Holmes of New York, Muriel Todd (who won the first prize) and champion of Great Britain. There are few women who would not have been more than satisfied to accomplish this. This same player turned in a score of 81 for her first trip around, with weather conditions against her. Miss Gladys Ravenscroft, national woman's champion, and Miss Elaine Rosenthal, southern champion, are only two of a long list of women golfers who show by their play on the fairway and the green the possibilities that women have of becoming great golfers. Incidentally, let me say that I believe women get more real pleasure out of the game than men do. Certainly this is true in tournament play, where there is little of the somber solemnity so characteristic of most tournaments of men players. The attitude of men in tournament play reminds me of the story of two Scotchmen, one of whom, after sixteen holes of absolute silence, lost a putt on the seventeenth hole, and gave vent to his feelings by a muttered "Dom." His partner turned fiercely and said: "Donald, can you play golf without being a chatterbox?"

Professional golf teachers tell me that women make excellent pupils; that they comprehend the hints given them and remember the lessons. Women seem to have no particular faults or weaknesses, which differentiate them from men players. The commonest fault I have observed is that they do not do the backward swing well, and as a result they finish the backward swing with the toe of the club pointing upward instead of downward. This seems to be caused by a loss of control over the wrists, which may be due to inadequate wrist strength, but this certainly can be overcome by practice and exercise of the wrists. To correct the player should make her backward swing more slowly than has been her practice, and keep always in mind the idea of having the down-stroke follow the same of the circle that her backward swing has made. It is important that this fault be overcome if she is going to make a good golfer. As it results in poorly-executed shots.

Instruction by a professional, or by some skilled player who is really able to give instruction, is important to progress in the game. Professional teachers always tell me that women accept instruction

Here's Minor League Will Run Next Year

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Eastern League Baseball Association held here yesterday officers were elected, the pennant for the past year formally awarded to New Haven, and an amendment following the election of officers for more than a year. The question of putting teams in the field next year was settled affirmatively and a schedule named.

Daniel O'Sullivan, of Hartford, was elected president and secretary for a three-year term. Thomas O'Brien, of New Haven, was elected treasurer. Directors chosen are as follows:—Morton F. Plant, New London; James T. Collins, New Haven; C. T. Lane, Bridgeport; James T. Clark, Hartford; and Edward M. Wald, New Haven. The schedule committee, made up of M. J. McMahon, of Worcester, and M. J. Garity, of Portland, will have the assistance of O'Brien, the treasurer, and will report in December.

A cheque for \$100 was presented to James J. Collins to buy a pennant for his park.

Canadian Show Horses Entered at New York

New York, Oct. 25.—The work of training the entries for the National Horse Show, which opens on Monday, Nov. 12, at Madison Square Garden, was completed yesterday. The 165 classes to be shown establish a new record, both in the number of classes and the number of horses entered. Announcement that the gross receipts from the show would be \$100,000, which would be divided equally between the American Red Cross, has stimulated the owners of show horses to enter their horses in the show.

All the riding and driving classes have increased entries; the hunter classes have attracted the pick of the show ring jumpers of this country and Canada; the military classes have attracted the best of the show ring jumpers of this country and Canada; the military classes have attracted the best of the show ring jumpers of this country and Canada; the military classes have attracted the best of the show ring jumpers of this country and Canada.

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NOMINATIONS MADE FOR P.Q.F.A. BOARD

Montreal, Oct. 25.—At a meeting of representatives from clubs of the First and Second Divisions of the Province of Quebec Football Association, nominations were closed for the board of directors for the association for next season. Fourteen men were nominated, six of whom will be presented at the annual meeting on Dec. 8, proposed by the president of the First Division and seconded by the president of the Second Division as the board for the coming year.

There were only three of the board of a year ago re-elected, they being R. J. Gillespie, who is now president, R. McDonald, and J. Taylor. The other four are newcomers. E. Taylor heads the list with a margin of one vote over Gillespie and Lee. The amendments to the playing rules and the constitution were gone over and no drastic changes were decided on. The most important change is in the release rule. In future releases will be granted after Sept. 1 each season and only new players will be allowed to sign on after that date.

The following are the seven who will compose the board for next year and the votes polled by them: E. Taylor, 15; R. J. Gillespie, 15; A. Lee, 15; C. Saunders, 14; A. Yule, 14; J. Walker, 14; R. McDonald, 11.

The other seven nominated and defeated were: T. Dunnett, 11; J. Holmes, 10; J. Kyle, 9; R. Hewitt, 8; J. Keith, 7; J. Ovensen, 4; W. Hamer, 3.

DE ORO DEFEATS DALY

New York, Oct. 25.—Alfred De Oro, of Cuba, holder of the three-cushion billiards title, successfully defended the title in the three-day match in this city by defeating John Daly, of New York, the challenger, in the last knock-out of the match. De Oro, 150; Daly, 129. De Oro's high run tonight was a six, while Daly's was a five.

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Cincinnati, Ohio, yesterday was one Matthews, manager, National Baseball man, Cincinnati was as a volunteer subscriptions to the Green another men club is also selected Hal Chase, who had that he would amuse

GEN. JONE

London, Oct. 25.—Press is informed Jones is returning to London as inspector medical.

That