

# 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 Ben 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 big circuit. 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.

The new schedule will have to be endorsed by the respective leagues at an annual meeting. Practically all of little or no opposition. Johnson expressed himself 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 adjustments. For 140 games the athletes will not be paid on the 154 game basis. These players now under contract, of course, will not be affected. But doubtless some way will be found to chop about one-fourth from the present rate of pay. It will not be at all surprising if a five month contract is adopted, rather than the existing six months' instrument, with 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 had for almost a year. But it is far from being a dead issue. How generally or of joining the army for the livelihood of the slaves of the octopus will depend on the 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.

Major League baseball has definitely decided upon a spring base. Colonel Ruppert has an option on Macdon, Gen. while Harry N. Hempstead has a home at Marlborough. The Giants own the Long Star State.

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

It was common gossip among some of the club players during the world series that the club would go to California next spring. The fact that his team failed to win the world series may have allayed this plan of McGraw. But if the Giants leader is at all superstitious he should be easily influenced against Marlborough. This city 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.

Charles Weegman, owner of the Cubs, reports a very profitable trip to the Pacific Coast last spring. He is anxious to have some good American League club accompany his outfit to the land of perpetual sunshine next spring. Such a joint trip would find fine opposition, and at the same time furnish a better attraction for the exhibition tour east.

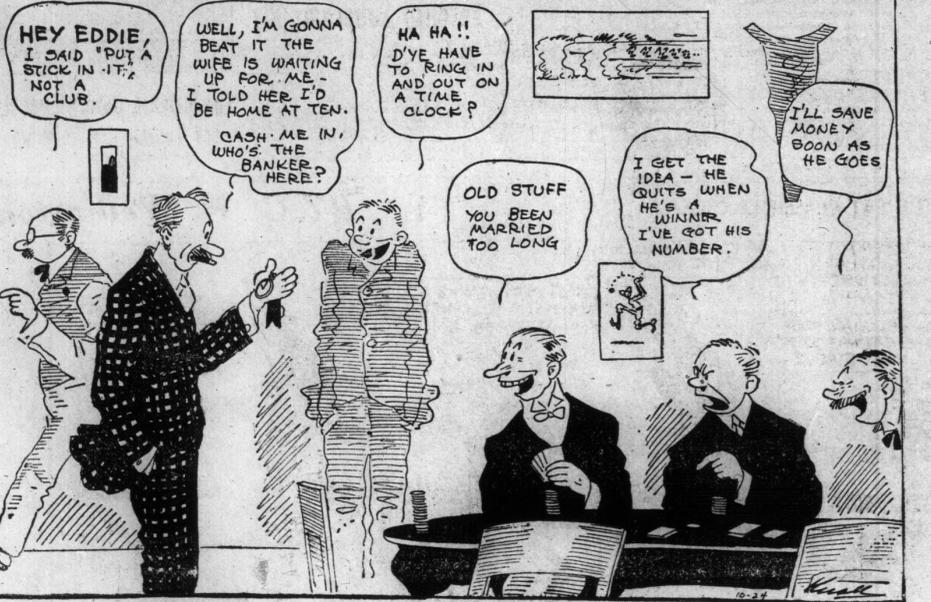
The joint tours of the Giants and Tigers and the Yankees and Braves were very profitable this past spring. Weegman says he could guarantee a strong American League club \$10,000 profit on such a joint trip. He has tried to interest Col. Ruppert in the project, but the latter believes that transcontinental tours might be detrimental to the best form of his players for the opening of the 1918 campaign.

### MARGETTS WINS THE SCORE.

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

Shot	Score
T. G. Margetts	91
M. G. Mearns	88
J. P. White	88
C. E. Packham	78
R. Ruthven	78
R. Clark	76
W. F. Rose	76
M. F. Rose	63

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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 officers were elected as follows:

Honorary president, Arthur Hewitt; president, H. Spence; vice-president, V. H. Irving; secretary-treasurer, R. B. Rice; assistant secretary, W. Philip; chaplain, Rev. Prof. Law; committee, H. Geale, A. T. Cringan, J. H. Wellington, Joe Wright; representatives, G. A. C. General, Robert Renne, R. B. Rice; friendly games, W. Philip, G. G. Jackson.

The club skips will be elected at a special general meeting in November and these will later choose the Tankard and District Cup skips.

The Queen City looks for a great year on the ice. Already many new members have joined and several more are assured.

**A RING FREAK.**

New York, Oct. 25.—Wille Meehan, the San Francisco boxer, who started as bantam and put on fat so rapidly that he is now in 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 fistfighting, 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.

## LAKEVIEW CURLERS WILL HAVE BONSPIEL

### The twenty-first annual meeting of the Lakeview Curling Club was held last night, with a large number of members in attendance. Officers were elected as follows:

President, A. W. Holmes; vice-president, Chas. Snow; secretary, Hugh Spence; Tel. College 4085; managing committee, A. Keith, J. White, M. S. Coates and P. J. Hayes; O.C.A. representative, the president and secretary; patron, Robert Young; Tankard skip, Alex. Keith and M. S. Coates; District Cup skip, H. Chisholm and E. Allan; club skip, Messrs. Allan, Chisholm, Coates, Coburn, Graham, Dr. Hart, Hayes, Holmes, Keith, Loveys, McCurdy, Robertson, Singer, Snow, Vallentyne, J. Wittich, R. Young.

Lakeview has decided to hold a bonspiel this winter, with the expectation of entries from all the city clubs.

Several new members joined last night, and the prospects are for many more, and a great winter with the beam and stane.

**MANY THOUSANDS OUT.**

New York, Oct. 25.—It is easy to over-estimate race track crowds. So many persons walk around on the lawn that appearances are deceptive. When Omar Khayyam was seated at Laurel by four-ten last week, it was announced that more than 20,000 men and women saw the race, and that it was a record-breaking attendance for Maryland. But it turns out that the figures were greatly exaggerated. According to a careful count, 9500 persons went to Laurel in railroad trains and trolley cars, while 1500 made the trip in automobiles. Less than 12,000 passed thru the gates. So the estimate of the attendance exceeded the actual figures by at least 8000.

## 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 Technical 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 (as 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 will be in excellent form for tomorrow's encounter. The game will be called at 5 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. Technical of Hamilton, at Capital; good man and good player, Bobby Hewitson. At Hamilton, Parkdale, Frank Robbins and Bert Harper.

"Big Bill" Stacey, who plays on the wing for the Caps, had his shoulder injured last Saturday and will be out of the game tomorrow against Technical. He is one of the best men on the Blue and will no doubt strengthen the team considerably. He weighs 215 pounds.

"Red" Everfield, who plays outside wing for the Capitals, had four ribs injured last Saturday and will be out of the game for a couple of weeks. He is one of the best men on the Blue and will no doubt be no doubt missed by his team mates tomorrow.

"Mucker" McLean, the star half-back of the Caps, will be in uniform tomorrow. He featured in last Saturday's game with a 50-yard dash.

Clarence Fidler, who played quarterback for the Tigers Big Four team, will play with Techs. tomorrow, when they play with Capitals, and will be out of the game for a couple of weeks.

Victor C. "Babe" Sheppard, of the Capitals, got a good shaking up last week in the Parkdale-Capital game, but not bad enough to keep him out of tomorrow's game. He is a good line plunger, weight 225 lbs.

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## STEEPLECHASING FEATURE OF PIMLICO 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.

The stables of Harry Payne Whitney, which have evinced marked efficiency at distance running, are to be Mr. Sage's veteran jumpers, Pebeto 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 Paradisi, which Mr. Whitney bred in France. Donohue brought him because of his fine size and likely-looking build.

The Brook will not wait for the Pimlico opening before endeavoring to win a purse. Pebeto and Quel Bonheur, both of which have evinced marked efficiency at distance running, are to be Mr. Sage's representatives 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 Pimlico were the stables of W. A. Prime, Edward M. Williams and Jos. E. Widener. In Mr. Prime's establishment are Belle of Bryn Mawr, a veteran, and Silver Star, a new arrival. At jumping on this side, Charles Douglas is training the first named, G. R. Tompkins the other.

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## Soccer Notes

Ulster United meet British Imperial on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Dunlop grounds. Kick-off at 3 p.m. The following players are requested to put on their uniforms and meet at the street at the time. The horses were in charge of Thomas Rittles, of 5 N. Toronto street. Neither of the horses was injured, but the wagon was badly damaged.

## 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 adopted. The question of putting teams in the field next year was settled affirmatively and a schedule named.

Daniel O'Brien, 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 Collins, New Haven; T. Lane, Bridgeport; James T. Clark, Hartford; William E. Gorman, New Britain; Edward M. Smith, Worcester; M. J. Gorrity, Portland; and R. W. Emmons, Lawrence.

The schedule committee, made up of M. J. McMahon, of Worcester, and M. J. Gorrity, of Portland, will have the assistance of O'Brien, the treasurer, and James J. Collins to buy a pennant for his park.

## How to Play Golf

When a lady woman can reach the green on a hole which is 250 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 Holms of New York, Marjorie Watson of England, and the late champion of Great Britain. There are few men who would not have been more than satisfied to accomplish this feat. This same player turned in a score of 81 for her first trip around, with superior conditions and good play. Miss Alice Stirling, 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 slobber stolidity 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 ye play golf or no? Be in a chatterbox!"

## Golf for Ladies (2)

To restate the big principles, women players should bear in mind, let me say, "Follow the same principles in practice that are given for men players. Guard against the mistake of using clubs that are too light under the impression that you have to handle light clubs. Use clubs that are adapted to you, individually. Practice for a three-quarter swing rather than a half-swing, and in all other respects the same golfing principles described in my articles for men are applicable to women. And, finally, do not underestimate the value of professional instruction. Even after you are an accomplished golfer, an occasional lesson will refresh your mind on basic points you may have forgotten and probably be productive of new ideas and hints, that will better your game."

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## Canadian Show Horses Entered at New York

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Announcement that the gross receipts without any deductions for expenses are to be given to the American Red Cross has stimulated the owners of show horses to enter their animals.

All the riding and driving classes have increased entries; the hunter classes have attracted the pick of the show jumpers of this country and Canada; the military classes have responded to the officers as competitors with the United States Army men, and the new classes for women, notably for hunt club teams and tandem drivers by women, have filled beyond all expectations.

## 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 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 J. Gillespie, who is now president, R. McDonald, and J. Walker. 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 referee rule. In future releases will be granted after Sep. 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. O'Venden, 4; W. Hamer, 3.

**DE ORO DEFEATS DALY.**

New York, Oct. 23.—Alfred De Oro, of Cuba, holder of the three-crown birdie 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 hole, 10 to 12. The score for the match, De Oro, 156; Daly, 129. De Oro's high run tonight was a six, while Daly's best was a five.

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