

Live Gossip Of The Sporting World

BIG BALL LEAGUE GOSSIP

New York, Dec. 18.—Roger Bresnahan, the new manager of the Chicago Cubs, and President Charles Thomas spiked the rumor that Heinie Zimmerman would be the new third baseman of the Giants next season to assist Manager McGraw in his fight to win back the National League pennant from the Boston Braves.

"There is nothing to the story that Zimmerman is to be traded to the Giants," said Bresnahan. "I consider that a great player, and you can bet that he will be with the Cubs next season."

President Thomas took up where Manager Bresnahan left off and declared that he would not part with Zimmerman for a whole team. "I think Zimmerman too valuable a player to trade," stated President Thomas, "and if any deal is made that involves the Chicago Cubs, Zimmerman will not be one of the players to figure in the deal."

But while Bresnahan and Thomas deny this trade there will be many arranged before the baseball magnates leave for their homes. Both the Highlanders and the Giants are to figure in deals, but what players are to be traded in them are not known.

CANNOT AGREE ON RACE DATE

New York, Dec. 18.—The triangular university eight-oared shell race for the Childs Cup, which was arranged between Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Columbia as an annual affair, is off for the coming spring because of a disagreement as to the date. This will be a great disappointment to many rowing followers, as these three crews nearly always put up a good exhibition of oarsmanship. Columbia won the last race.

Pennsylvania was willing to row on any date, but Princeton insisted on either May 1 or May 22. The former date was early for the New Yorkers, as the Hudson in early spring is too rough for satisfactory practice. Princeton felt that they could not get in form to do themselves justice. Lake Carnegie and the Schuylkill both allow of very early spring shell rowing. The later date was out of the question for the Blue and White, as the men will be in the midst of the final examination of the year. Columbia named May 8, but the Tigers objected to this because it is a week before their race with Cornell and Yale, and the authorities thought that there was not sufficient time between. At the general meeting of the crew managers in Philadelphia, recently, the matter could not be decided, and it ended in a deadlock which has proved unbreakable since then. Columbia men are disappointed with the stand taken by Princeton.

FED. HURLERS CAN STILL USE THE EMERY BALL

New York, Dec. 18.—The now famous emery ball may be the answer to the great pitching which the Federal League produced last summer. The records show that taken as a whole, there was better twirling among the new league than in the older organizations. It is significant that many of the moundmen who did the best work were "comebacks" who had suffered harsh handling by American and National League batsmen before they took the old ball for the new. Cy Falkenberg's case is one in point. The lanky Cy is highly flattered by having it said of him that he pitched every emery ball for the Washington some years back. He did fairly well for Cleveland later, but not well enough so he was sent to the American Association. Then Cleveland took him back. His return to the big leagues and to winning form was noteworthy.

Folks who know Falkenberg personally claim that it was he who invented the emery ball, and that his victorious campaign after a time in the minors was due to tossing a sandpapered sphere to the batters. Then Cy jumped to the Feds. His winning greatly outnumbered the defeats, and there was little effort to conceal the fact that Cy worked the emery ball overtime.

The Federal League has not declared against this scraping of a baseball by a piece of emery to afford the pitcher a better grasp which permits in turn better control, and there are Fed. players aplenty who know positively of the emery ball having been used by their pitchers throughout the season.

THE THISTLE RINK

There will be a meeting of the Thistle curlers in the club house this evening at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of making arrangements for the curling on Christmas Day when the President will curl a match against the Vice-President. This match is always looked forward to with interest by the members. A great amount of repairs have been made to the rink this year especially to the sills and owing to some repairs the advantage of the recent cold snap could not be taken, but there is at present an excellent foundation laid and there will be excellent sheets of ice ready for the members on Christmas Day.

THE FIRST HOCKEY GAMES OF THE SEASON

Argos; Varsity 5
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Varsity and Argonauts took to the ice yesterday afternoon in an exhibition game in the first hockey fixture of the year. Both teams were in good shape, as they have been working out for the last two weeks. Argos pulled out ahead by a score of eight to five.

A Tie Game
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Although the match went ten minutes beyond the usual time, a tie score of two to two was the result of the hockey game here Saturday night between the Cleveland Athletic Club and the Riverdies of Toronto.

Wanderers Victorious
Montreal, Dec. 20.—Ushering in the local professional hockey season and incidentally marking the first game played on artificial ice in Montreal, the Wanderers earned their first victory when they defeated a team of all-stars at the Arena on Saturday night in an uninteresting game by a score of ten to three.

Bellevue was the only newcomer to the N. H. A. ranks tried by the all-star team. He played last season with the Crescents of Halifax and gives every promise of making good with the Flying Frenchmen. He played his wing well and has plenty of speed.

ONLY WHITE PUGILISTS CAN FIGHT

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 18.—The Wisconsin Boxing Commission today ruled against granting a permit to a loamy boxing club for a bout between Sam Langford and Sam McVey, negro heavyweights, early in January. Permits for contests in Wisconsin, it is announced, will be confined to white boxers.

BOBBY McLEAN THE CHAMPION IS SUSPENDED

New York, Dec. 18. Allan I. Blanchard, President of the International Skating Association, explained today the action of that body in suspending Bobby McLean, of Chicago, champion speed skater, pending investigation of charges that he had been receiving money for giving skating exhibitions at Chicago.

"The Western Skating Association repudiated the action of the parent body," said Mr. Blanchard, "but it was not sufficient time between. At the general meeting of the crew managers in Philadelphia, recently, the matter could not be decided, and it ended in a deadlock which has proved unbreakable since then. Columbia men are disappointed with the stand taken by Princeton."

"Pending an investigation by the Western authorities, the International Skating Association decided to bar McLean from competing in any amateur event held under the auspices of the various clubs. From this it may be seen that the action of the Western Skating Association was a bit premature. If that body after investigation decided that McLean is not guilty of the charges, well and good, if they find that he is guilty the matter in their report to the parent body and the skater will be promptly expelled."

DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN
Orders By
MAJOR W. H. HARRISON, Commanding.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 17, 1914.
1. Special parades of Headquarters and No. 1 Section, Divisional Ammunition Column will be held at the Armoury, Saturday morning, 19th instant, at 9:30 o'clock, and on the afternoon of that day at the same place at 3 o'clock. All officers, N. C. O.'s and men must be present.
2. Headquarters and No. 1 Section will parade at Red's Point wharf, Sunday morning, 20th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m. to attend Divine service.
3. Headquarters and No. 1 Section will parade at the Armoury on Monday morning, 21st instant, at 11:30 o'clock preparatory to enrolling for Frederick where they will be mobilized.
W. A. HARRISON, Captain, Adj., Divisional Ammunition Column.

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JOHNSON RETURNS TO WASHINGTON

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Clark Griffiths, manager of the Washington American League baseball club announced here Saturday that he had signed Walter Johnson, as pitcher for the Washington Americans with a three-year contract and that Johnson would play with Washington next season.

The manager and pitcher reached an agreement in an all-day conference. Johnson issued the following signed statement:
"After a conference with Manager Griffiths and legal authorities, I am convinced the option in my last year's contract with the Washington ball club was binding and I am going to return to the Washington ball club and fulfill my agreement and at the same time offered me by that club."
Griffiths said Johnson's new contract called for a salary of \$12,500 a year for three years—an increase of \$500 over his last season's contract.

GOV. GENERAL INSPECTS TORONTO TROOPS

Toronto, Dec. 20.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught held a double inspection of battalion and brigade sections at Exhibition Park yesterday. By special order issued by His Royal Highness as commander-in-chief, the review was cancelled, and an indoor inspection substituted. At 10:45 the Duke of Connaught arrived in two of Sir Henry Pelham's touring cars. After holding a staff reception the Duke inspected the 19th and 20th Battalions successively in the Transportation Building. He lunched with the officers and made further inspection, expressing his satisfaction with the conditions at the camp.



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