

Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Slab Staff and Morale, Robins, Pennant Asserts

Robbie Allows Brooklyn Players Attain Form Gradually—Holdouts Still Holding.

By JAMES CRUSINBERRY.
New Orleans, La., March 14.—(Special.)—It is seldom one finds anything new in the spring training camp of champions. That's exactly the situation in the camp of the Brooklyn club this spring. Not only that, but at present writing one doesn't find all of the old ones on hand, for, as often is the case following the winning of a championship, the big trouble the next year is with holdouts.

At present Zack Wheat and Hy Myers, both nice outfielders, and Burleigh Grimes and Sherrod Smith, both splendid pitchers, haven't accepted the terms of the deal. In fact, all except Myers are far away from the figures offered, and President Ebbers, who is here, states in most positive words that the players never will be offered what they are asking. All have been offered substantial increases over last year, according to the boss.

Slab Staff Is Backbone.

Just the same, it is a strong club, especially in the pitching department, and one that should be up there, providing the fellows play with the same spirit they showed in 1920. Colonel Robbie is recognized as one of the wise men of base ball. Quite in contrast to John McGraw and Branch Rickey, he is letting his men start their work in an easy-going manner. Last year the Robins were in better condition on opening day than any of the major league clubs. He started them in an easy-going way that time.

Isn't This a Sweet Staff?

Whether, with Grimes, Smith, Jeff Pfeffer, Al Mamaux, Leon Cadore, and Charles Mitchell, make up the "big seven" of the pitching staff. All are men of such sterling worth that nothing of the nature of take-turns, Colonel Robbie has never even if needed. He can use four hurlers in tough games and still have fresh ones for the next day. Then, George Mohart and John Miljus, who spent all of last year pitching for the Brooklyn club, are still on the job, and so will feed up on pitching that they are about ready to try their stuff on an enemy instead of friends.

Base Catching Staff.

The others are four Phobos also a left hander, from the semipro fields of Buffalo, and young Mr. Scheiber from the Florida league, who was tried out last year.

Yes May Break In.

In the outfield Wheat, Myers and Grif, both like regulars, and Little Berzel Xels may improve enough in hitting to crowd into a place. Bill Lamar is another capable extra man, and recruit young Mr. Hood from the Salt Lake club is a bright prospect.

Council Bluffs Five Wins

Iowa Legion Championship
The Council Bluffs American Legion basketball team won the championship of Iowa Sunday at Fort Dodge.

A challenge to the winners of the championship in the Nebraska American Legion basketball tournament will be issued by the Bluffs team.

Beatrice Base Ball Fans

To Form Diamond Nine
Beatrice, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the base ball fans of Beatrice, which was held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Friday night, plans were made for the forming of an association having for its purpose the organization of a first-class club in Beatrice. Committees were named, and an effort will be made to raise a fund of \$3,000 to finance the proposition. An effort will be made to secure the athletic park for week-day games.

Training Camp Rumbles

Cleveland, O., March 14.—Wayne Middleton, a left-hand pitcher from Simmons college, Abilene, Tex., has joined the Cleveland Indians at Dallas for a try-out, according to advices received here today.

Cincinnati, O., March 14.—Four home runs and a single out of six times at bat was the record made yesterday by Sam Bohne, Cincinnati National league recruit third baseman, in a game with the Columbus American association team at Kanger, Tex.

Trial of Indicted Persons in World Series Scandal Scheduled to Start Today, But Postponement Likely

Chicago, March 14.—The case of Chicago White Sox base ball players and others indicted for the alleged throwing of the 1919 world series is scheduled to be called by Judge W. E. Dever today, but a postponement of at least 30 days is considered certain.

The state Sunday reiterated its intention to move the case be taken off the court call, which would prevent its coming up at least six months, while the defense was prepared to fight to postpone the trial more than 30 days.

Claude Williams, Joe Jackson, Oscar Felsch, Buck Weaver, Fred McMullin and "Swede" Risberg Sunday were ready to go into court, while Eddie Cicotte was expected from Detroit tomorrow. "Chick" Gandil, the other indicted player, was not expected.

No word had been received from Hal Chase, Rachael Brown, Bill Burns or Joseph J. Sullivan, charged with being the men who arranged the alleged conspiracy.

Barred From President of Sox.

Charles Comiskey, president of the returned from California Sunday, declared no member of his team who had been indicted last fall would play for him again.

"Cincinnati won the 1919 world series on the square by playing better base ball than the Chicago White Sox."

That, will be one of the contentions of the defense when the eight Chicago White Sox players, indicted on charges of throwing the series and accepting bribes are brought to trial.

While the complete plans of the defense will not be known until the trial begins, attorneys already have announced that they will contend that the indicted players never intentionally made misplays and consequently could not have taken part in a conspiracy.

Claude Williams and Joe Jackson, in their confessions to the grand jury which investigated the series, maintained they had played their best, confessing only to receiving money and to discussing the throwing of games.

Cicotte confessed to hitting Rath, the first man up in the first game, purposely, but said he played his best after that. The other players denied either throwing games, entering into the conspiracy or receiving money.

To Submit Play by Play.

The defense will be prepared to submit the play by play account of the series, which shows that Chicago won its three games largely through the feats of some of the indicted players. In reply, the state plans to point out that Cincinnati won its five games through hard hitting of two indicted pitchers and below par playing of other indicted men.

The story of the series shows that in the first game, Cincinnati scored in the first inning after Cicotte hit Rath—deliberately, he told the grand jury.

Jackson, Felsch and Gandil, indicted players, produced a run which tied the score in the second inning. Jackson was safe on an error, Felsch sacrificed and Gandil's single scored Jackson.

In the fourth Cincinnati drove Cicotte, who confessed to receiving \$10,000 to throw games, out of the box and produced five runs. Cincinnati won 9 to 0.

In the fifth game, Cicotte pitched a 4 to 2. Williams, the other pitcher who confessed to receiving money, walked two men in the second and a single and triple scored three runs for Cincinnati. Another walk, followed by a single and a sacrifice, produced a run in the sixth.

Here and There in the Sport World

COMMERCE HIGH school's basketball team won the state championship Saturday night in the Coliseum at Lincoln and with the ending of the Bookkeepers' title game with University Place is the close of the eleventh annual interscholastic tournament, the "world series" of basket ball in Nebraska.

The huge growth of basket ball as one of the most popular of high school sports was indicated by the large entry list. The tourney was the largest ever held by the Nebraska High School Athletic association and one of the largest ever staged for high schools in the country.

Competition, too, was much keener, which is largely responsible for the great popularity of the game. Not so many years ago there were but two divisions of the state tournament. This year 13 classes with a grand total of 2,000 athletes compete in the tourney.

While the 1921 tournament was a success from every angle and was the largest ever staged in Cornhusker land, too much credit cannot be given to the small army of referees, timekeepers, scores and guides and members of the High School Athletic association who assisted in making the tournament a success. The students of the University of Nebraska acted in this capacity and to them belongs the credit.

May the 1922 tournament even be larger than this year's meet.

During the tournament last week there was plenty of discussion among the coaches and officials regarding the basket ball rules. The main point of conversation seemed to hinge on the change in relation to the free trial for goal after fouls. Those who are in favor of the change argue that the present rules give a team with a skillful free goal shooter too much of an advantage. It has been suggested that when a team makes a foul the opposing team be awarded half point or a point, and that the free goal be eliminated.

There is much opposition to a change, the claim being put forth that it is to the advantage of all basket ball quintets to see to it that a skillful free goal shooter is developed.

Take away the trial for goal after

Judge Refuses To Take Players' Trial Off Docket

Another Hearing Is Ordered for Thursday, at Which Time a Date for Prosecution Will Be Set.

Chicago, March 14.—Judge William E. Dever today refused to comply with a motion by the state that the trial of Chicago White Sox players and others indicted for the alleged throwing of the world series in 1919 be taken off the court call. He ordered another hearing for next Thursday when it is believed a date for trial will be set.

Attorneys for the defense moved that an immediate trial be held Thursday and Judge Dever said that he would announce his decision on this matter later.

Claude Williams, Buck Weaver, Oscar Felsch and Charles Risberg were in court. Eddie Cicotte, Bill Burns, Joseph J. Sullivan, Rachel Brown, Chick Gandil and Abe Attel were represented by counsel. Hal Chase was the only defendant not present or represented by counsel.

Judge Barrett, American league attorney, in pleading for a postponement, said prosecution had learned that "Eddie Cicotte, Claude Williams

White Sox Hurling Corps Ironing Old Winkles Out of Arms

Waxahachie, Tex., March 14.—Despite inclement weather which robbed them of almost two full days' work since their arrival here a week ago Sunday, "Kid" Gleason's White Sox hurling corps is in a highly advanced physical condition.

"I have five pitchers practically to start the big league battles right now," said Gleason, "and by the time we open against the New York Giants' second team in the two-game series next Friday, I'll have enough talent to give any of them a tough argument."

The Sox pilot referred to Hodge, Kerr, McWeeny, Mulrenan and Davenport. All these fellows have been hooking 'em as well as unhooking the fastest kind of fast balls in the practice of the last two days.

Dearmond Winner of Pebble Beach Tourney

DelMonte, Cal., March 14.—A. E. Dearmond of Oakland was the winner in the Pebble Beach Gold Vase Golf tournament, defeating Fred Le Blond, jr., of Los Angeles, one up, in a sensational final round here Sunday.

Entries for 1921 Davis Tennis Cup To Close Tonight

Drawings Will Be Made Tuesday to Determine Order in Which Countries Will Battle for Right to Meet U. S.

New York, March 14.—Entries for the Davis cup championship matches of 1921, culminating of the world's team lawn tennis honors, will close here tomorrow. Already a record-breaking number is on file. The following day the draw for the preliminary ties or rounds will be made and before nightfall every tennis-playing nation in the world will know the order in which the various nationalities will battle for the right to challenge the cup holding Americans.

All matches resulting from the draw shall be completed not later than a certain date, which this year will probably be about the middle of August. Whatever the date fixed, ample time will be given the challenging nation to prepare for the challenge round to be played against the United States team at Forest Hills, N. Y., beginning on September 1.

With teams entered from the British Isles, Canada, Japan, Belgium, Australasia, all India, Spain, France, the Philippines, Holland and Czechoslovakia, interest in the

Prospects of Title Cue Match Tumble

Cochran's Defeat of Horemans Lowers Belgian's Chances With Hoppe.

Prospects of a championship 18.2 ball-line cue match between Willie Hoppe, world's title-holder, and Edouard Horemans, Belgian champ, took another tumble Saturday when Welker Cochran defeated the foreigner in the final book of their match Saturday night at Detroit.

The fact that both ake Schaefer and Cochran have won over the Belgian champion only goes to prove that Hoppe stands more than an even chance of trimming Horemans. The champion ball-line cue wielder has trounced both Schaefer and Cochran by big scores.

According to Omahans who have seen the Horemans in action on the green table, Horemans is great mass expert, but lacks the remarkable skill as an open table player and shot-maker that characterizes Hoppe. Reports concerning the Belgian's matches with both Schaefer and Cochran clearly brought out the fact that he was not a shotmaker.

On the other hand, Horemans is yet in his prime and is a cueist who has a reputation as being as cool as a block of ice when it comes to playing a game of billiards, whether for a title or not.

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall To Speak at Big Banquet

"Efficient Manhood" Will Be the Title of Dr. Winfield Scott Hall's Address to the Basket Ball Players and their Friends at the Banquet to be Given at the "Y." Wednesday Evening.

The banquet will start at 6:30 o'clock. Medals and trophies will be presented to the winning teams.

Osceola Legion Organizes Base Ball Team for 1921

Osceola, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—A base ball team was organized by the William Wolfe Post American Legion of Osceola, for the season of 1921. Practice will start at once. W. F. Neujahr is manager of the team and William Alvin Campbell is secretary.



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