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CONNORS IS ON TOP

SOUTH BEND MAN IS BEST BATTER IN CENTRAL.

ANDERSON WALKS OFTEN

Some Interesting Figures Which Official Average Will Show When Issued by President Carson in Near Future.

The official averages of the Central league which will soon be issued by President P. H. Carson will show that John Connors, the big first baseman of the Grantites, is leading the batters of the league by a fairly good margin, his average being .315. Ostsen, of Springfield, is the second best man averaging .312 and Curtis of the same club is third, with an average of .310.

The South Bend man has been in 116 games and has been at bat 345 times, the same resulting in the scoring of 76 runs, 107 hits, of which 21 were doubles, ten three baggers and three home runs. Connors stole 16 bases and sacrificed 11 times.

Besides Connors, Ostsen and Curtis, the .300 hitters of the league are Smith and Ryan.

The averages will also give South Bend the credit of having the best walker in the league, Anderson having walked to first not less than 94 times. Still another honor comes to South Bend as the two premier sacrifice hitters of the league, Connors and Anderson and Thomas leading the list with 35 each. In stolen bases the honors go to Puckett, of Dayton, who pilfered 51 sacks. Ryan led the fielders with a .946 mark, while Connors of South Bend, was the king of three sack hitters having been credited with 11 triples. Walsh, of Dayton, with 23 two baggers carries off the honors for cracking out doubles.

St. Louis May Get Gansel.

Another club in the American league desires the services of Jimmy Gansel, the popular manager of the Grand Rapids Central league team. This time it is St.Louis. While in Chicago Friday, Gansel met Jimmy Mulkey, manager of the St. Louis Americans, at the Grand Pacific and discussed matters of the American league. Mulkey made Gansel an offer, but the latter neither decided nor accepted.

Johnson said that he would like to see Gansel remain in the Central league again and that if he did not want to return to New York, according to his contract, Johnson said that he would do all in his power to arrange for him to remain in the Central league. In the manner in which Charles Ebbets, Gansel believes that the St. Louis manager has already made arrangements with the New York club for his purchase.

"I went to play with Grand Rapids and I want to play," Gansel yesterday, "and will do so if I can secure my release from New York. If I am unable to get away from the Highlanders I do not know, just now, exactly what I will do."

Gansel will meet Jim Johnson in Chicago again, Sept. 23, the date of the game to be played for the benefit of Manager Barry.

Cincinnati Signs Johns.

Saturday's signer of a declaration of independence was Cincinnati, which for salary for the remainder of the present season and all of next, year was Tracey Johns, pitcher of the Dayton club, who was drafted Sept. 1. Johns is said to be in good shape and feel confident with any degree of trepidation. "I can't say how good a pitcher I am," said Johns, after he had signed his contracts with President Herrmann. "I don't know how good I am in the big league and am ready at any time to take my turn on the rubber in order to show President Herrmann and Manager Kelley just what I am capable of. I had a good enough club in the Central league to still have some of the Cincinnati fort that carried me on the circuit. Let me say that the Cincinnati club got a good catcher in Livingston, the backstop drafted from Wheeling. While he is no contender on the stick he is the best catcher I ever saw and he also can hit the ball in good form. He looks to me as though he ought to succeed in the big league."

Handicaps After Players.

"Not until the American association season is ended, perhaps, will we know whether or not we will cut Ostsen. It is now practically settled that Dickey will become our property at that time and I also think that Curtis will be with us next season as well." This statement was made by Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indians, it develops that there is no one also whereby Zalusky, one of the men catching in the American association, will be with Springfield next season. Zalusky, who is a Pittsburg Americans part of the last season and he objected when plans were made to send him to Toledo and finished the season with Altoona, in the Outlaw league. He is now in Indianapolis and Indianapolis has been of a high order.

Both Champ Ostsen and Guy Dickey, of Springfield, have received offers from the Akron team of the Independent league and both have signed with that club and both note have submitted their terms. Ostsen has also received an offer from the Youngstown team of the same association, but has not signed with that club. He is expected to play any more games.

News From Other Diamonds.

Manager Schreve, of Springfield, presented a gold watch yesterday to him by Hugh Fee and Ed at Steubenville, W. Va., last week.

All of the teams in the league except the Dayton Veas are picking up loose change playing exhibition games. Wheeling is playing in West Virginia, Springfield is busy in games with the Champions of that city, Canton is busy with the independent teams in Ohio, Zanesville is busy in Ohio, Steubenville, South Bend and Terre Haute are touring Indiana and Illinois with indifferent success. Gansel and Grand Rapids are passing the time away playing the Michigan independents until the American association and major leagues close, when a long sitting of games will give the fans excitement until the middle of October or November.

Steubenville Redskins has done as well in the Southern league he thinks he ought to be called up higher.

Clark Griffith has taken more pitchers off other managers' hands than any other manager.

One of the minor league teams that suffered from the draft this year is the Bisons, of Buffalo. Mahlikier, Kissinger and Lange have been sold to Cleveland, Jack Powell goes to Chicago, Joe Dougherty and Sam Mason are to be traded.

Presidents Johnson, of the American league, and Pulliam, of the National league, are likely to have some serious trouble this winter. The Chicago National league club is trying to arrange a game from St. Louis to Chicago to play a double header in conflict with the Chicago Americans yesterday. President Comiskey, of Chicago, is not after any protest, but Secretary Barnett, of the Cleveland team, said his club protest would take up the matter if Comiskey did not.

Chicago Nationals lost last 21, 13, Johnson, of the Detroit baseball club, yesterday, and Secretary Barnett, of a meeting of the contending Cincinnati on Sept. 25. The schedule by the world's champion series will then be formulated and other contingent matters will be settled.

Games For This Week.

The fans are anxiously awaiting the contest of Thursday when they will give the Grantites a well deserved benefit by turning out in large numbers. The Grantites will also play Friday and Saturday, the latter being the Connors day. Connors and Curtis will make their farewell appearance at the Oliver hotel. It is thought that Curtis will not be with the Grantites next year.

Wednesday's game will be played on Wednesday when the leagues will take on the all stars with "Cobb" Ferris on the bench. Sept. 23 and 24 however, the Grantites will play Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24 at Springfield park.

INTEREST IN BENEFIT GAME.

Fans Expect All-Stars to Give League Hard Fight.

Among the followers of the Grantites much speculation has been spoken of as to what they will be able to do with "Cobb" Ferris Saturday and Wednesday. Each has figured in more close scores against any other pitcher in the Central league and it is generally conceded that the Grantites will have to do their very best to hit him with any success. Some contend that the leaguers will be lucky to get off him, in such a case the game will be a close one.

On the honor of the All-Stars are a few who are noticeably in some clothing. They are anxiously waiting for some of the Grantites to arrive and will certainly keep some Grantites busy.

It has a prestige that the hand of many a baseball battalion, "Old Luke" Gallagy, will umpire. No one knows more of the game than he and he knows how to keep the game moving along briskly, insures a fast game.

KENTLAND DEFEATS GREENS.

Tom Williams is Hit Hard by Both Leagues.

The Tribune's special service.

Kentland, Ind., Sept. 16.—A large crowd saw Kentland defeat South Bend yesterday. There was sharp fielding by both Kentland and heavy hitting won the game. Williams was touched up for eight doubles, three baggers and two doubles with McCarty was very effective.

Kentland: 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 = 4 11
South Bend: 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 = 1 6
Batteries—Williams and Neman, McCarty and Johnson.

McCarty, who pitched for the South, is 17 years old. He has won 23 out of 27 games this season. "Chief" Graneboe is now catching for the Regulars. Co. Sigler's South Bend defeated the home 1 to 0.

WATCHMAKERS DEFEAT COLTS.

Robins Strike Out 17 Men and Has Erratic Support.

The South Bend Watch company team defeated Manager Cobb's Michiganite, on the former diamond yesterday afternoon by the score of 6 to 1. Jackson, of the Watch company, struck out 17 men and was given erratic support.

Terre Haute to Lose Pete.

Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 16.—Magnates of the United Pole league will hold a meeting in Indianapolis this week. At the meeting it is expected that the salary limit and the time for beginning the season will be settled. Manager Pete Bowman, manager of the Terre Haute team, says that he is positively quitting care in the pole situation and that he will not resume pole business this season. The Terre Haute club will be no pole in Terre Haute.

Reserves Are Defeated.

The South Bend Reserve were defeated by the Lakes yesterday. The score was 10 to 2.

"CHRISTY" MATHEWSON, OF NEW YORK, AND "RUBE" WADDELL, OF PHILADELPHIA, TO MEET IN CONTEST

When the New York Nationals and Philadelphia Americans meet in the world's championship series two of the greatest pitchers the diamond has produced will be arrayed against each other, they being "Christy" Mathewson and "Rube" Waddell.

Both men have been doing remarkable pitching all season and when they meet in the world's series it will be one of the greatest contests in baseball annals of all time.

Many followers of the game predict that Mathewson will outmark the erratic left-hander, but Waddell has a score of admirers who wait to be shown. Waddell has a remarkable record of the mighty Christy in the championship series. The man, it is feared, will pitch three of the games. Alone will probably field it out in the outfield while the Philadelphia city will present for pitching honors, selected to lead the variety this year owing to his ability and his good nature.

Draper a Great Basin.

Draper will give an account of himself when the season finishes. He is a fast man on the bases, a good hitter, a good and a punter and drop kicker that has never been surpassed at Notre Dame.

The team would not look half so formidable without Draper. He is the prestige of Haines Stiver on the squad. During Shaughnessy's absence from the game last year the responsibility of running the team was "rested" on Draper's shoulders and he came back equal to his very the "rest" was consistent and fast that he deserved the confidence that was placed in him. Stiver was good judgment in directing the team, and he was good in keeping his backs working together all the time. His defensive work at Lafayette and Milwaukee in 1904 was a lot of praise for him. He has been chosen alternate captain for this year and may call the signals.

Dorais, Dwyer, Dillon, Steele of brawn and bone to start the season with. Heretofore his work has not been of the brilliant and sensational order but of the steady plugging sort and he is the man who did go into "time out" last year for injuries during the games and he played in every one "final" Sheehan, candidate for center field, is a fast man and a good one. He has his picture taken in togs. When he played his great game two years ago he weighed 180 pounds; now he tips the scales at 194. He is a fast runner and a good hitter. He is a worthy substitute for Dorais in the Notre Dame and for Sullivan last year.

Punk Reports to Coach.

Punk only reported for practice yesterday. He has the stuff in him that will make him a valuable player. He is short and rather fat but he is a fighter from start to finish. Walford is another man who with a year's experience on the "varsity should be a valuable man for Notre Dame. He will come in for his share of the work. Jones just as soon as the opportunity for genuine football playing is offered. Hoachen and McNerny are two good men of last year's squad who will come in for their share of the work. Pierce is a man from whom much is expected.

Punts From the Gridiron.

Columbia students are singing the praises of Marcus Hurley, who is showing up as an extraordinary punter.

"Finest set of football candidates we have had in years," is the verdict of Coach Reid, of Harvard, is training the eleven on radical lines this year. Falling on the ball and breaking down tackles are the rules.

The Yale football coach at Beloit, Wis., is J. W. Poe.

Walter C. Booth, coach at Lincoln, is putting the Nebraska eleven through a fast training.

"Let every man be a Ford, every man be a Yost," is the cry of Coach Yost, of Michigan, who is trying to get the first man down the field on a punt or kick off and to get at every fumbler. Learn to control your temper: "Don't lose when you are about to be handicapped."

Professor Sampson, head of the athletic committee of Indiana university, said that the report that Indiana was contemplating a game with Notre Dame "was a mistake." Professor Sampson, Bill Reid, coach of the Harvard football team, intends to try a novelty in practice work for his men that is an innovation in the east. In the same way coaches have brought before a Kansas do a set of punting boxes a ball placed in each box until the correct method of punting and catching the ball was recorded. Old Ben now gave exhibitions of breaking through and smashing up interference and the Kansas coaches have taken the idea to heart made. These photos have been enlarged and they will be displayed daily to the candidates until they have accomplished the results desired by Coach Reid. Ben is a good thinker and his brain has thrown forward out to the letter.

NEWS OF THE PUGILISTS.

Owen Moran, of England, is to Meet Frankie Neil.

Owen, Moran, the English bantamweight fighter, is willing to come to America to meet Frankie Neil.

"Twig" Sullivan, the new England middleweight, is matched to fight Tommy Burns western middleweight, 20 rounds at Los Angeles the first week in October.

Tommy Ryan, of California, feather-weight, has returned from England. He is matched with Jem Bowkes, English lightweight, in London Nov. 18.

Young Corbett still believes he is the greatest feather of his weight and thinks in the world. He's finding Terry McGovern and says he's the man.

Willie Fitzgerald and Eddie Hanlon are to battle again at the Pacific coast and the winner hopes to get a bout with Joe Gans.

It looks as though Joe Gans could not make the lightweight limit, 133 pounds, after all. If he fights Dixon it probably would be for welterweight championship, which Gans has fought Jim Wardner a few times.

Battling Nelson and Young Corbett have fought twice. Corbett was beginning to the 15th round.

TEETZEL TO COACH WOLVERINES

Chicago Man is Second in Drill Behind Harbor Football Team.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Sept. 18.—Benton Harbor is after the interscholastic championship of the state this year. Clayton Teetzel, a graduate and player from Michigan has been secured to coach the team. Teetzel has had charge of the eleven for three consecutive years, and he will be back in the very satisfactory way.

Hundreds of dollars stand ready to back the team and the business men have pledged their unlimited support. Teetzel has been engaged by the Chicago Athletic club of Chicago, for August 31 and she will be played with Englewood High, of Chicago, Oct. 28.

Studebaker Buys Fast Horses.

Col. George M. Studebaker, through Harry Mullman, has purchased the Canadian pacer, Major Woodland, 2:14¾, from Calahan parties. The deal was consummated at the recreating held at Jackson last week.

TRADE QUITE GOOD

MARKET HAS POINTS IN ITS FAVOR.

Government Crop Report is One of Helps to the Improved Condition of Stocks.

The Tribune's Money Service.

New York, Sept. 18.—Henry Clews, the financier says that the stock market has had the assistance this week of two distinctly favorable news developments, namely, the government's monthly crop report—which may for all practical purposes be regarded the harvest statement—and the definite engagement in London of a sizeable amount of gold for shipment to this center.

Continuing he says: "The government's crop report gives promise of something like 25,000,000 bushels in the already record-making August indication of corn; while the measure of the August deterioration in the spring wheat is shown to have been below 8,000,000 bushels. The figures of the government's figures of condition and area indicate a total yield of 1,000,000,000 bushels, a great crop; 1,750,000,000 bushels and of wheat 704,447,000 bushels. The indications are that we have exceeded and the latter but slightly, the record of 1904 and also exceeded the 1901 harvest. The 1904 wheat harvest was but 552,600,000 bushels.

"It cannot be said that the showing in the crop report is a bearish one. It is, however, more conservative, moderately, at least, quite a degree of enthusiasm and be consistent with the gold engagement already noted influenced free buying of stocks in the expectation of any of the favorable crop condition commitments. The bull pool leaders took advantage of this situation to really prices, but none more failed to attract outside buying. The closing decline of the week the market ended with a decline of 1 point from the prices of Friday, and at the risk of adding somewhat to their commitments.

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SENATE TO ACT FIRST

HOUSE WILL WAIT IN RAILWAY LEGISLATION.

TAWNEY SUGGESTS A PLAN

Representative Takes Position That Passage of the Esch-Townsend Bill Put Lower Branch on Record in This Regard.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Representative James A. Tawney, republican whip of the house, suggests a plan for forcing an agreement upon railway legislation that is likely to appeal to the house leaders. It comprehends an attitude of inaction and expectancy on the part of the house until the senate agrees upon and passes a bill to regulate railway rates.

Mr. Tawney's theory is that the house, having passed the Esch-Townsend bill at its last session and the senate having failed even to consider it, the house can now afford to sit down on its record and wait for the senate to act.

"I do not mean to say," Mr. Tawney explained, "that the house will ever again take up the Esch-Townsend bill. It is true that concerns was under consideration it had the indorsement of President Roosevelt, most of the press and I believe nearly all of the people.

"It is not improbable that there has been a change in public sentiment since then, not in regard to the underlying principles that dictated the passage of the bill, but concerning some of the provisions. The senate will have to determine whether there has been such a change and if there has been it will be for it to yield to it without question. If the house will pass the report adopted by the senate and the senate will do the same, public attention will be focused upon the senate. If, on the other hand, the house under takes to pass a bill public attention will be diverted and that will be a good thing for railway legislation. The Esch-Townsend bill by its vote in the house last session showed that it favors reform and it can afford to stand upon its record. Just as soon as the senate gets out a bill the house can take up the matter and pass a measure and did the house itself set forward will take care of it.

"The Dingley tariff bill was passed in its present form because the house leaders had a definite plan of action. As a result the bill got the unending favorable consideration of important and desirable legislation the that which I suspect has no superior. I think it will be adopted."

SATURDAY'S SPORT CONDENSED.

Brief Review of Leading Events in Outdoor Pastimes.

A condensed review of Saturday's sport follows:

Baseball—The Chicago Americans defeated St. Louis by the score of 13 to 2, the losers getting eight runs off Glade in the first inning. Rain prevented the double-header at St. Louis scheduled between the Cardinals and the Cubs.

Other National league results were: Cincinnati, 4; Pittsburg, 1. 2—Cincinnati, 5; Pittsburg, 3.
Brooklyn, 3—4; Philadelphia, 8—4.
American league scores:
Detroit, 6; Cleveland, 2.
Chicago, 13; St. Louis, 2.
New York, 5—4; Washington, 3—2.
American association games:
Toledo, 1—2; Indianapolis, 5—1.
Columbus, 8; Louisville, 5.
Milwaukee, 3; Minneapolis, 4.
Western league games: defeated the North Division flag in the first game of the season in Chicago 12 to 3. There were no scores in the second game.
Purdue varsity defeated the scrubs, 12 to 0, on Stuart field.
Turf—Sagamore won the Junior Champion stakes at Gravesend, N. Y. Derby Trial stakes, a great crowd saw Louisville fall meeting opened with Major Daingerfield taking the handicap.
Trotting—Allerton was defeated by Billy Seal at the Washington Park, Chicago, meetings. Fred Hartwell won the pacing.
Sculling—Ten Eyck invited a mile in 5:10 at Syracuse, N. Y., beating Joe Stevens leading course by a close.
Boating—Stalting Nelson engages a lawyer to effect a settlement with his manager "Billy" Nolan.

BOYS ENTER A STORE.

River Park Grocery is Robbed of Small Amount of Money.

David and Herbert Mann, Marvin Wise and Joe Free, boys ranging in age from 11 to 13 years old, were arrested last night on a charge of entering the store of Louis F. Wolfe in River Park Sunday afternoon.

It is said two of the boys entered the store by crawling through a cellar window while the two remaining boys watched. Neighbors felt sure that the store was the boys could not holding the boys until the police could get the two boys left to watch the building from away, but Marvin Wise and Earl Free were captured when they carried out of the cellar window. The boys seemed to be in good spirits, and seemed sorry they had broken bonds.

The case has been reported to Probation Officer Miller who will make a complete investigation.

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