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SPORTS OF SEASON--BASEBALL

"BUCK" CONNORS SIGNED AS "BRONC"

FORMER FIRST SACKER WILL BE BACK AGAIN.

CHANGES SHIRT LETTERS

Deal Completed After Several Days of Dickering—1910 First Sacker Holds 1905 Batting Record.

"Buck" Connors, holder of the batting record of the Central league for 1905, former starting first sacker of the Bronchos, will add a "B" to the "W" for Spokane, with whom he played last year. The result will be "S. B." for South Bend. "Buck" says he will "B" good.

The deal which has been pending for several days, but which was kept from the press on the request of Owner Annis, to beat several other prospective purchasers to the sale, was closed this morning. Because "Buck" is living here and because Wheeler is in Grand Rapids, Owner Annis carried on the major portion of the dickering on the deal.

The price paid for "Buck" was not given out, but it was a good one. Even before the final telegram was received, terms had been reached with "Buck" regarding his salary as a member of the Bronchos. "Buck" was happy when he learned that there was no difficulty in agreeing on salary specifications.

"Buck" is delighted with his transfer. He played with Spokane in the Pacific Coast league last year, and with Aberdeen during the closing weeks it was from the Aberdeen club he was purchased.

"I like the country out there," said "Buck" this morning. "Spokane is one of the good towns in the league. Spokane whose initial I have on my shirt, is a boom city, and Vancouver, Seattle and Portland, are all good towns."

Back Where He Started.

"But I have located in business here and I can't afford to leave it and go that far west. If I had not been sold to Spokane I would not have left South Bend. My sale to South Bend puts me in close touch with my business and I am back here where I belong anyway. I started in with the Bronchos at the beginning of the season of the Central 1905. In that year I went to Toronto and later to Milwaukee.

"From Milwaukee I went to Little Rock in 1908. And last year I hooked up with Spokane. I know Eddie Collins, and Lindsey and Moffitt. Then I met Koehler and Smith in the American association when I was with Milwaukee and they were with St. Paul. I know young Bob Wells well, having played against him at Little Rock. He is a great catcher.

"Eddie Wheeler is too well known as a ball player not to have heard of him and I have met Mike Craven and Jack Ness. Wheeler is a good player. He is there and you can say that I will try my best to clout them in the same old way. My wife is as glad to be back here among friends as I am.

Young "Buck" a Comer.

"All Wheeler needs now is a third baseman and a catcher and a pitcher. I have a three-year-old boy at home who I think will be a good player. I have position. His name is Bernard and he is a comer. There is nothing to it. I am right where I ought to be and I intend to take advantage of my opportunity.

"Buck" hit .365 in the Northwestern league last season and did it with a broken hand. All things being equal, he should hit that clip in the Central league this season. It is a fact that he was "Bronc" hard and will look for the old binglos at Springbrook.

It is hinted that Lathers, the old Springfield outfielder, who has the longest whip in major league and who was with "Buck" on the Aberdeen club last season, may be sent to the Bronchos back to the Central. A price has been placed on him and the proposition put up to the buyer.

ALL WEEKS SESSION.

Magnates Evenly Divided on Schedule Length Question.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—It began to look to-day an all week session of the National league magnates. One proposition was that the schedule announcement would not be made before Monday noon. The club presidents took up proposed amendments to the constitution and let the rival schedule propositions simmer.

Representatives from New York, is understood to have been sore over to the side of the 154 game adherents, voting with Mooney, Herrmann, of Cincinnati, Dreyfuss, of Pittsburg, and Ebbets, representing the Brooklyn club. Against them for the 154 game proposition are Messrs. Ebbets, of Brooklyn, Murphy, of Chicago, Robison, of St. Louis, and Fogel, of Philadelphia.

The Herrmann-Brush-Dreyfuss side is reported to have offered compromise to the Murph-Ebbets faction, one proposition being to close the season a little later than the short schedule now provides for, and allowing games on Christmas day, Oct. 12.

HENDRICKS HAS OPTION.

Speed Kelly May Be With Jack in Western League.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Jack Hendricks, late of Fort Wayne and now manager of the Denver Western league club, announced to-day that he had an option on Speed Kelly, an N. B. A. player, and that he planned an asset of the Washington, D. C., club. Kelly lives on the south side grounds last year as third sacker on Joe Cantillon's team. Hendricks probably will close the deal. He intends to use the option if he cannot secure a first baseman, and expects his to fill up among the best of them.

No Delay in Three L.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Secretary John H. Farrell, of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues, said to-day that the mistake in his last official bulletin, which announced that 12 Danville, Ill., players had been reserved instead of "reserved" would not delay the Three I league opening, as reported from Illinois.

Tribune site bring results.

OLD SLUGGER WHO IS BACK WITH BRONCHOS

"BUCK" CONNERS.

By a deal completed this morning South Bend becomes the baseball home of the Central league club from 1902 to 1907, inclusive. The price was not announced.

PNEUMONIA GETS GRIP ON CONNELLY

BASEBALL PROSPECTS RECEIVE SEVERE SET-BACK.

"Red" Kelley, as New Coach, Will Lead Team—Curtis Given Gold Watch by Students.

Baseball prospects received a severe set-back to-day when Connelly, who has been playing at third base, was forced to give up baseball on account of a slight case of pneumonia. All last year "Gene" played a star game on the third sack and was one of the best men on the team. Phillips, also was forced to go to the infirmary. He has been suffering from the grip for the last three or four days and the rest will do him good, so physicians say. Connelly, Keller, Quigley and Phillips out of the practice the team is in poor shape to continue their work.

"Red" Kelley will take charge of the team to-day and will have a game between the first and second teams. Curtis will be given a gold watch by the students to-day and all of the students are exceedingly sorry to see him go. Immediately after supper he was presented a gold watch by the student body. Curtis has been a popular student and has made a record of his lasting they started a college. The result was a beautiful gold watch, which was presented by Rupert Donaldson, president of the senior class. The presentation was very informal, taking place in the room of the recipient, and he least expected it. Mr. Donaldson's speech was short, but it expressed the sentiment by feeling that the student body had for their coach. As is quite natural Curtis was very much pleased at the presentation and gave a hearty hand-shake the committee left.

SCHEDULE OF 154 GAMES.

American League Does Not Depart From Old Number.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—The American league announced its schedule for 1910 to-day. One of its features is that it contains only a few conflicting dates with the National league. The 154, as usual, contains 154 games.

Chicago, as usual, has the greatest number of conflicting dates. There are six of them, three with the two local clubs. St. Louis has the only other conflicts.

The Chicago club drew many of the choice dates, having July 4, Labor Day, Decoration and 14 doubleheads.

The opening series will open with the following games: New York at Chicago, Cleveland at Detroit, Philadelphia at Washington and Boston at St. Louis.

The first sectional series will open in the east on May 16, with Chicago at Philadelphia, Chicago at Washington, Detroit at New York and St. Louis at Boston.

CIRCUIT SPARKS.

It seems that it's all off with Wheeling's chances of getting McGraboski back this season. Harvey Dorrflyne, of the Pirates, has announced that "Mike" doesn't make good with the Pittsburgh club. Mike is a class A Cat, "Bill" is surely pity for company faster than the Cardinals.

Curtis, who played third base for Wheeling under Tom Fleming and who is now with Little Rock, the team was in the P. C. M. league, will coach the University of Pennsylvania team this spring.

Aggie Grant wants to get the opening game in this city at home with Terre Haute. Grant figures that with Kiesling and Wheeler in the game Terre Haute would be the best team he has seen this season.

Bob Tarbiton will have to play with Wheeling this season or quit baseball. Tarbiton was offered a job by the Pittsburg Dispatch but Phillips put the clinching sign on the deal and Bill said he had rather give up the Wheeling franchise than see Tarbiton go. Tarbiton was recommended to Phillips by Wheeling and wanted to go south. He at Grand Rapids they said "Home Run Bob" left gone long ago.

INTER-HALL GAME.

Second Clash of Notre Dame Second Track Teams.

The second inter-hall meet of the inter-hall series at Notre Dame, will be held in the gymnasium this afternoon when Corby hall will meet St. Joseph hall. As a rule these meets attract as much, if not more, interest as the varsity affairs. The rivalry at the different halls is intense and many good races are pulled off at every contest. Last week Brownson completely outclassed Corby hall and this afternoon promises to be more close and exciting.

The winners of this meet will participate in the triangular inter-hall meet with Sorin and Brownson. Corby and Brownson will also be a participant as they won from Walsh hall. The other will be the winner of the Sorin-Old College meet, which will take place Saturday afternoon.

Lathers May be Tiger.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 17.—"Chick" the Tigers. It is said that the former baseball player, who was dropped from the school on account of being deficient in his studies, will be taken back into the school and playing for the Tigers. It is said that Lathers, the college player has already signed a contract with the local club. Lathers was one of the greatest players that has ever played on a Wolverine team, having a batting average in the neighborhood of .400.

Lydick, Ind., Club Shoots.

The Tribune's Special Service.

LYDICK, Ind., Feb. 17.—The Lydick gun club met at the home of Jacob Watkins yesterday. The score:

J. Watkins, 9 out of 10; E. Pierce, 8 out of 10; W. Pierce, 8 out of 10; Jacob Watkins, 8 out of 10; Ralph Neckell, 8 out of 10.

SOME TEN STRIKES.

The lackless Studebakers drop back into that place in this week's standing. The Studebakers defeated Adlers this week to the Hoosiers, who were in last place.

Adlers defeated Mulberry and Dorans three games on Turner hall alleys last evening.

Capt. Dice, of the Senators, who have refused to play the Boettner Colts, says there is no use wrangling over the question, that the Colts will be the champs of the city. The Boettner-Senator game has been played. Capt. Dice says the game between the Elks and the Senators will be for the city championship.

RESULTS OF BOWLING.

STUDEBAKER ALLEYS.

Studebaker League.

TONGUE.

Madden	158	148	151	457
Brown	148	148	148	444
Hollenbeck	158	158	157	473
Hoover	158	158	158	474
Handicap	90	90	90	270
Total	712	702	704	2118
High score, Hoover, 158; high average, Brown, 148½.				

BOLTZING.

E. Wilmer	152	152	152	456
Hollenbeck	158	158	158	474
Madden	158	158	158	474
Tighe	158	158	158	474
Handicap	108	108	108	324
Total	734	734	734	2202
High score, Hollenbeck, 158; high average, 158½.				

TEAM STANDING.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooks	7	1	.875
Studebaker	6	2	.750
Dixie	4	4	.500
Hoosiers	1	7	.125
Mulberry	1	7	.125

SMITH'S ALLEYS.

Cardinal Men's League.

STITZMAN-STEVENSON.

Couch	137	148	127	412
Stitzman	148	148	148	444
Dr. Hoover	152	152	152	456
Stevenson	148	148	148	444
Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	735	748	725	2208
High score, Stitzman, 148; high average, Stitzman, 148.				

WALKOVERS.

Richards	148	148	148	444
Hoover	152	152	152	456
Hoover	152	152	152	456
Baumgartner	151	154	154	459
Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	753	756	756	2265
High score, Miller, 162; high average, Miller, 161.				

TURNER HALL ALLEYS.

Inter-Club Game.

MULKERT & DORANS.

Fuqua	151	151	151	453
Mulkert	151	151	151	453
Dorans	151	151	151	453
Schaefer	151	151	151	453
Total	753	753	753	2259
High score, Lane, 181; high average, Lane, 181.				

ADLERS.

Lundgren	151	151	151	453
Hagen	151	151	151	453
Lane	151	151	151	453
Jennings	151	151	151	453
Total	753	753	753	2259
High score, Fox, 170; high average, Jennings, 170.				

NEW ALLEYS.

Auditors' League.

HOOK.

Grant	158	158	158	474
Barnes	158	158	158	474
Hook	158	158	158	474
Hook	158	158	158	474
Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	782	782	782	2346
High score, Grant, 158; high average, Grant, 158.				

ELKS.

Schaefer	158	158	158	474
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Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	782	782	782	2346
High score, Schaefer, 158; high average, Schaefer, 158.				

Elks' League.

FAWCE.

Hooks	158	158	158	474
Studebaker	148	158	158	464
Fawce	158	158	158	474
Whitmer	158	158	158	474
McDonald	158	158	158	474
Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	782	792	792	2366
High score, McDonald, 158; high average, Miller, 158.				

BULLS.

Morgan	158	158	158	474
Bond	158	158	158	474
Bond	158	158	158	474
Handicap	148	148	148	444
Total	782	782	782	2346
High score, Morgan, 158; high average, Morgan, 158.				

Central Bar League.

CORYDON.

Dutton	158	158	158	474
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Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	782	782	782	2346
High score, Dutton, 158; high average, Dutton, 158.				

SPECIALS.

Game postponed.

SOPHS COME CLOSER.

Have Chance to Finish in Second Place in Inter-Class Standing.

By winning the last regular basketball inter-class game from the juniors the sophomores got within range of the freshmen, and by winning the postponed freshman-sophomore contest to-day will finish in second place.

Basketball practice was listless yesterday, the half hour's strimmage dragging greatly. The game scheduled with St Joe High for to-morrow in the old High school was cancelled by the Joe High manager, and Brownson hall will be taken on instead. A week from Friday the Brownson team is to play a return game with the academy there.

Basketball practice was carried on immediately after the basketball workout. Next Monday the number of contestants to begin his wrestling out process, the reason for such an early beginning of this proceeding being the cramped quarters of the hall. Only a few days remain before the cutting down of the squad.

Capt. Rowe announces a new system of qualifications for entry into the inter-class meet with the view of bringing out a better class of athletic material. Note at Notre Dame, therefore, those who wished to enter this meet had only to hand in their name, but this year they will be compelled to report to the athletic director a number of times for eligibility for the meet.

Rowe has obtained the use of the Notre Dame gym for the first or second Saturday in March, when the meet will probably be held.

ATHLETIC BOARD MEETS AT INDIANAPOLIS

Will Pass Upon Eligibility of Schools to Membership in Association.

Isaac E. Neff, principal of the South Bend High school, will attend a meeting Saturday of the state board of athletic control to be held in the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis. The meeting has been called to pass upon the eligibility of certain schools to membership in the state athletic association, on account of infringements of the rules of the association. It is likely that one or two schools will be expelled. Principal Neff is treasurer of the state board.

BASKETBALL TEAM ON MICHIGAN TRIP

NOTRE DAME QUINTETTE WILL PLAY HOPE COLLEGE.

"Aggies" Will Come in for Share of Games—Gold and Blue Anxious to Revenge Defeat.

Basketball men of Notre Dame left this morning for Holland, Mich., where they will play the Hope college team this evening. All of the men are in good condition except Capt. Fresse, whose finger has not entirely healed. Although the game with Hope does not look hard to the rooters, it will be one of the hardest on the Notre Dame schedule. Last year they defeated all of the college in Michigan and won the championship of the state. This year they defeated the Hall house team of Chicago by a very decisive score and the locals will have to play their best game to win. On Friday the varsity will meet the Michigan "Aggies." Ever since they were defeated by the "Farmers" last year the Gold and Blue aggregation is anxious to get a chance to regain their laurels. Although Notre Dame will be handicapped by a sitting Roo' they feel confident of winning the game. Without Roo' the Gold and Blue