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BASEBALL - BASKETBALL - BOWLING

ALL SET FOR THE LEAGUE MEETING

SCHEDULE WILL BE SELECTED BY MAGNATES.

MAY GET H. WELSCHONCE

Local Management Has Letter, in Which Phillie President Promises to Return Outfielder if he Feels he Sticks.

GUARANTEE PLAN.

By the $75 guarantee plan, which will shortly be submitted to the board of directors, of the Eastern league meeting Monday, the division of gate receipts will be eliminated. By this plan each club will guarantee $50 when the attendance fell short of 400 and when more than 400 paid admissions were recorded the gate receipts were split with the visiting club. In case the gate receipts totaled $75 straight, with no split of the gate toll. By this plan a traveling secretary would not be necessary.

Central league magnates to the number of some 10 or so, and a good half-dozen managers, will descend upon South Bend Monday, Feb. 6, to convene in the annual league meeting. The baseball men will meet in the Oliver hotel Monday morning, and, with intermissions, their session will continue two days, it is thought.

The meeting will require more time this year, as several matters, usually set aside for another convention, will be brought before the league officials. Among the questions which must be settled is the selection of the schedule for the coming year, which promises to cause much discussion this year, some of the schedule makers have set their opening dates for the four northern cities, Dayton, South Bend, Fort Wayne and Grand Rapids.

Favor Northern Opening.

A northern opening is favored by a majority of the league owners, who claim that the weather in the above named cities is just as favorable as in the south. You are asking, what do on the other hand, I believe, that the opening of the season, and considerable difficulty in choosing this season's schedule is expected to result.

Among the magnates who will attend the meeting is L. D. Smith, who will come primed, according to Terre Haute papers, to support a 140-game schedule. "Lefty" does not like the 154 game season, and will battle for a 140 game schedule. Whether the length of the schedule was settled at the November meeting in Chicago, or the schedule makers would have no basis upon which to workout their arrangements for the season, is a question. There are some object besides golfing for the Tot club when he reaches north.

Guarantee Plan.

Another man who will invade South Bend with an idea is Charles T. Sherman, of the Evansville club, with guarantee plan. That the scheme will receive consideration is certain, and there is no only a possibility, but a probability that it will be added to the league schedule. Sherman, or "Chief" as he is known, is be decidedly in favor of the plan, while Owner A. A. Grant, of the Evansville club, in an interview yesterday, stated that he believed the plan would work.

Some first division clubs would reap all the benefit," he said. "But if it comes up for a vote the Evansville club will support it. A second division team would benefit by the plan, and I believe it would take a course with the Evansville people and my club.

L. D. Smith is said to like the plan, and with these four magnates positively lined up for it there is hardly a doubt but what it will be a Central league feature this year.

Baseball Dope Promised.

Baseball dope has been forthcoming very sparingly thus far, but Manager Ed Smith promises plenty of the spring news during and after the meeting. The fans are becoming anxious, and Smith is anxious to satisfy them, but only now, Smith's policy, however, is not to publish his plans, which may fall through and disappoint the fans, until so has his deals clinched. The Smith-Wheeler combination has a number of men who have been placed on the market, and Smith will be on the job during the convention for disposal of some of these men. Among the men who will be placed on the "Smith-Wheeler" block, considered by any as the best fielding first baseman in the league, The "Dummy" is some hitter, too; was one of the best sacrifice hitters in the league last season, and a leading run getter.

If managers are allowed in the executive session of the league, a delicate problem will be before the league magnates for settlement. Manager Wheeler is now considered the manager of the Terre Haute club, since his relations with the local club have never been severed. It is thought Wheeler, who will be in the city during the meeting, and Annis will come together and settle the matter, unless the latter manage to smooth over the squabble. Wheeler will, by signing a contract with L. D. Smith, become a member of the Terre Haute club and therefore be entitled to a seat in the executive meeting, even if the managers are barred.

May Get Welschonce.

That Harry Welschonce will play for the Phillies this season if he feels he does not make good with the Philadelphia Nationals. The South Bend Broncho management has a letter from President Horace Fogel, in which the Phillie president promises that if Welschonce will be turned over to Anderson he does not stick with the major league. With the leading slugger of the Central league on the Broncho roster, that pennant looks closer than ever.

"Mack" Rolls "American."

By Associated Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 4.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler, was from Gus Schoenella, "American" in straight falls here last night. The Russian came in one hour, 20 minutes, 30 seconds, and the second in 18 minutes.

Ledgers, Journals, cash books, at Perkins's 220 S. Main St. room 6. Ph

"MONTY" EXPECTS TO HAVE TOP NOTCH TEAM

April 2 is Reporting Date—Sends Out 22 Contracts.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 4.—At the close of business hours last evening Uncle Sam was entrusted with 22 missives to deliver to various parts of the United States, some some miles in having a very important bearing on the baseball situation in Wheeling for the coming season, as each envelope contained a contract for the players signatures who are to struggle for the honors of the Wheeling team.

Manager Roy Mangleson is now settled in Wheeling, having moved his family here from Zanesville. He is now located at 1114 Chaffine street.

Manager Monty has a few lines out for five new men, and that one or two big leaguers, who are to be farmed for another season will probably be caught in the hook now baited, and this will add force to the local club.

"From the present roster and what we expect to get, I think Wheeling will have a top-notch team," said the new pilot this morning. "The men on the reserve list are not lacking in ability to make good, but they lack ability on the diamond and who are known to Wheeling fans, you making them welcome at the start."

April 2 has been the official date for the opening of the league season, and arrangements are now being made to get several exhibition games both here and in nearby towns before the season officially opens on April 26. Manager Mangleson is now in Washington on a scouting trip.

HARD RACE FOR LEAD.

Studebakers and Hounds Tied in Bowling League.

A hard race for the bowling championship of the Studebaker league has developed, the Studebakers and Hounds fighting it out for the lead. The latter led during the early stages of the game, but the Studebakers managed to overtake them last week, winning from the Hounds. This week, the standing is as follows:

	W.	L.	PCT.
Studebakers	18	9	.622
Hounds	18	9	.667
Wagons	15	12	.556
Beaches	15	12	.556
Bolsters	13	14	.481
Rims	11	16	.409
Spokes	10	17	.370
Hubs	9	18	.333

High game of week—Studebakers, 925. High total, three games—Tongues, 2,588. High individual total—Gessle, 554. High score—Ross, 218; Geyer, 211; Brown, 216; Chapman, 202; Schmidt, 199; Thorn, 181.

CHICAGO CHAMPIONS WILL BOWL AT A. B. C.

Will Attempt to Oust Pioneers, of Windy City, From Lead.

By Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 4.—Sengstacken, champions of Chicago, will attempt to oust the Pioneers, of Chicago, leaders in the five-man bowling division to-night in the American bowling congress tournament. Critics of the game declare the Chicago five can a fighting chance of forgoing their rivals. Members of the Brunswicks, who have been the leading team in the doubles and singles, Glenn Rodell, 22 years old, one of New York's foremost bowlers, will compete against Mr. Father, P. J. Riddell, in the singles and also will oppose him in the doubles.

Basketball Results.

At Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin, 51; Indiana, 8.

At Indianapolis—Wabash, 25; Butler, 18.

At Hanover—Hanover, 46; Moores Hill, 18.

SPORT SPARKS.

L. D. Smith will attend the Central league meeting in the city Monday, he says, but will watch out for the club's interests with an eagle eye. L. D. expects Eddie Wheeler to be in the vicinity of the Oliver hotel, Feb. 6, he says.

Dugan appears to be slated for the heavy work on the Billiken catching department, Bill Bailey, the light hailed slugger, will be sold, traded, or released, Manager Mangleson, of Wheeling, is said to be after a good backstop, and thinks he has found such a man in Detroit man.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mangleson have moved into their new residence, and make their future home. Monty will be given a free rein. Several of the players purchased from McNamara will have already written they will be on deck when the time for practice rolls around.

Jack Hendrick is said to be hold-out. Jack Hendrick terms are signing the expectations in the salary line of the "fastest infielder in the Western league." Keyworthy, ex-Athletic, has signified his intention of proving himself confident of making good.

Wheeling scribes are already predicting a continuance of the deadly rivalry between the Athletics and the Wheeling team this season.

Good news came out of South Bend during the week. It was announced that by F. R. Carson, president of the Central league, was able to be up and around after a long siege with grippe. Mr. Carson is one of baseball's best friends as well as one of the best minor league presidents in the country and a person of influence in the Central league. Carson is as about as sound friends as any baseball man in America, and it was a relief to them to know that he had passed the danger mark—Sporting News.

Two world's and three American records were broken Wednesday at a meet at Chicago, in the pilgrage for distance George Johnson, of the C. A. A., made the mile in 4:17 1-5, beating the world record held by Hopkins of the University of Pennsylvania by 2 1-5 seconds. J. C. Ichter, Johnson's team-mate, also broke the world's record for the two-mile, covering the ground in 9:24 2-5. Two records stood by the wards when Michael McDevitt of was the 100-yard breast stroke match race in 1:12 3-5. The Cherry Circle relay match race in 3:12 1-5, the Cherry Circle team of the American match and two seconds off the world's mark of Holmes, of Chicago, who made the mile in 4:18. Shipwell covered the second of the American record held by Daniels for 40 yards, winning the event in 0:19 2-5. The Cherry Circle relay team also established a new American record of 1:42 3-5 in the 440-yard breast-stroke.

Announcement has been made that the wrestlers, Hackenschmidt and Zbyszko will meet Madison Square garden, New York, Hackenschmidt will gamble with the Pole the world's championship, the Pole challenge Frank Gotch the American champion.

CRACK BILLIARD PLAYER WILL MEET FOREIGN STARS

The Tribune's Special Service.

CHICAGO, Feb.—Calvin Demarest the local billiard star, is the latest to get abroad to seek more fame and money. The youthful cue wielder recent ly received a cablegram from Paris for a match engagement in Paris and has sailed to fulfill it. While in Paris he will give exhibitions nightly at the Olympic. Although nothing definite has been announced, it is possible that Demarest, during his stay abroad, will challenge Vignaux, who is to sail for Paris late next month.

WALKOVERS TAKE FIRST TITLE GAME

SHOE MEN OUTPLAY CHARD, PRICES AT Y. M. C. A.

Initial Post-Season Contest for Championship of Association is Hard Fought.

The Walkovers won the first of a series of championship games from the Chard, Price & Hanover Friday night, in the Y. M. C. A. "gym" by a 41 to 31 score. This contest was one of a series of three for the championship of the association basketball league, the shoe men and hardware merchants finishing the season tied. The winners led most of the way, although the Chard, Prices came up with a rush in the last five minutes. Each team fought hard from start to finish, and the play was brilliant throughout, marked by flashes of team work by the Walkovers. Steely's fast passing was the order of the day for the Prices' play, while Brogi, aided by Kirby, shone for the Walkovers most few moments of play. The first half ended 16 to 14 in favor of the Walkovers. In the second period, however, the latter found no difficulty in piling up points, when the court was begun by Chard, Price, however, resulted in a reversal of form. The Walkovers defense loosened up, finally taking the lead, and the Prices were unable to get on to the formula. The Chard, Prices