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SPORTS OF SEASON--BASEBALL

UMPIRE TO RULE BASEBALL FIELD

OWNERS AND MANAGERS CAUSE MOST DIAMOND TROUBLE.

OFFICIALS TO BE FIRM

President Carson Will Give His Henchmen Support—Departure of Jack Hendricks Expected to Have Good Effect.

Owners and managers are more troublesome umpire baiters than ball players, according to President Carson, of the Central league. The president has issued a statement that the umpire will be the king of the ball field this summer and to that end he is not going to waste any time on the player, but on the managers.

Of course if any player shows an ugly disposition he will be quickly brought to terms. The rules of the game are going to be enforced, and if any players care to take exceptions to the umpires' rulings and the latter see fit to impose a fine, the fine will stand.

In the past two years there has been a good deal of umpire baiting in the Central. In several instances riots have developed, although none of them resulted seriously. Dr. Carson has always stood against such practice, but could not always prevent it. This year he says it will be different, and the spectators will not be forced to witness as much wrangling as in the past.

Umpire baiting is one of the worst things in the game, and the fans who are partial elections in the past few years has worked wonders towards increasing the attendance and making it the great sport it is.

Although a successful manager, Jack Hendricks was about as bad as any fellow in the game. Departures from the league will likely have a tendency to stop much of the rag-chewing. Jack never seemed happy unless he was argue with an umpire and Dr. Carson has stated that he has told his idol in the matter. Jimmy Burke, the new manager of the Waynes, is rated as a gentlemanly player and one who cuts what he goes after behind the umpire, and he will be willing to help in doing it. Eddie Wheeler, the other new manager in the league, is a clean man, and it is hardly likely that either of these two will make life miserable for any of the poor ladies' handlers.

The owners cause most trouble by raging on their managers. They become prejudiced regarding a certain umpire, and it is up to the boss to tell their managers to give the umpire all the trouble they can. Dr. Carson declares he will be on the look-out or any such tactics and will deal harshly with the offenders. The old staff of umpires officiate in the Central this year. Mike Jacobs has been retained and the others have gone. Mike came in for his share of trouble last season, but Dr. Carson thinks he has shown a good deal of improvement this year, and will give him a chance to do so.

The new rules adopted this winter give the umpire more power than before, and the rules committee has more clearly define the duties of the field judge, and every one of them works in his favor, and ought to make the game cleaner, faster and better in every particular.

GREAT TEAM WORK WINS FOR BUSY MEN

BUSINESS MEN LOSE THREE STRAIGHT GAMES.

Valley Ball Competition of Y. M. C. A. Gym Physical Training Classes is Keen—Tie for Lead.

Showing the best team work ever seen on the Y. M. C. A. gym floor, Busy Men, of the Y. M. C. A. gym volley ball classes, went ahead of the Business Men in three straight games last night. The scores were: 15-11, 14-16, 15-7.

The triple victory puts the Busy Men in a tie with the Office Men for the lead. The standing is now as follows:

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.
Busy Men	6	3	.667
Office Men	4	2	.667
Business Men	3	7	.333

The lineups of the team were as follows: Busy Men—Herman A. Tobias, capt.; J. W. Taylor, S. M. Lock, F. A. Miller, J. W. Jackson, H. L. Davis and Elmer Yeiter. Business Men—Ernest Ellis, capt.; W. J. Schmucker, Robert Gilchrist, C. Fisher, A. Abernathy, H. C. Gibson, Walter Pannacott, C. W. Eitch and O. J. Dunning.

G. S. Arbogast did not appear until the last half of the last game. Mr. Fitzer took his place until that time.

The feature of the games was the serving of Rev. Henry L. Davis, his consistent serving did much to win the second game for the Busy Men. Mr. Miller was of material assistance in the team work of the victors.

Two more matches of three games each remain on the schedule. The Business Men will meet the Busy Men April 14, and the Busy Men will meet the Office Men, April 21. In the league meet between the Office Men and Business Men, the latter were able to take the only two games they have won in the series. The Office Men had defeated the Business Men, and took three games from the Busy Men.

Norvall Whipped.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 25.—"Cyclone Johnny" Thompson, was given the decision last night over Charlie Norvall, of Butte, Mont., in their 15-round bout. Norvall was knocked down twice in the third and fourth rounds, but could not land the knockout punch.

Tigks Gets Two Men.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., March 25.—Manager Tighe, of the Islanders, has signed Richard Higgins, a young infielder from Cardiff, Ill., who made a good record last year with semi-pro teams in Illinois. Also Ed Ruhl, an outfielder, has signed after leaving his parents from Lansing, Mich.

CIRCUIT SPARKS.

Manager Montgomery, of Zanesville, stated last evening that he expected the signed contract of "Dusky" Holmes to arrive at local headquarters at Zanesville in a few days.

Centiver, the new pitcher signed by Zanesville, is the son of a wealthy brewer, of Fort Wayne, and is playing ball just for the fun of it. He caught last season.

Louie Smith, of Terre Haute, was down to the schedule committee meeting at Indianapolis. Smith thinks that nothing can stop his team this season.

There will be some fights for positions on the Dayton team this season. Eleven pitchers, four catchers, eight infielders and five outfielders have been signed by "Punch" Knoll.

Kenworthy, purchased by the Chicago Cubs from the Zanesville club last season, will report to Manager Fried next Saturday. Local fans are of the opinion that "Kenny" will make good.

OLD TIME PLAYER MAY BE SECRETARY

BERT DENNIS, FORMER TOT LEADER WITH BILLIKENS.

Fort Wayne Ball Tosser Will Probably Handle Claude Varnell's Correspondence.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 25.—Although nothing has been given out officially, Bert Dennis, will probably be secretary of the Fort Wayne ball club during the coming season. Owner Varnell, while here, was in consultation with Dennis and it is known that a proposition was made the Shamrock player to take the place, as secretary of the club in conjunction with the score card and refreshments privileges at the park.

Dennis is admirably qualified for the position, as his long experience in baseball has given him a good insight into the handling of ball players, and his work at the Majestic theater as assistant treasurer will stand him in good stead in this work. Personally Dennis is popular with the fans. He worked for the local league club under Dugan Miller and Bode Myers in the middle garden, and is one of the most popular players that ever wore a uniform in Fort Wayne. He played with the Shamrocks and the Elks for the past two years, adding to his popularity with the fans.

He was also at one time manager of the Fort Wayne club in the Central league. Sid Hubbard, who had the place last season, is at present employed at the Elks' lodge and has decided to stick to that work.

GRANT BUYS LOTS TO GET IN GOOD

SHREWD LEADER PLAYS FOR POPULARITY WITH FANS.

TRY INDUSTRIAL SCHEME

Former Broncho Wires $500 to Purchase Ground in Evansville—Shows Business Ability.—Has Record.

Aggie Grant has always been known as shrewd. His short stature, Napoleonic attitude, keen gray eyes, and finally his success, have all tended to class him as one of the shrewdest leaders in baseball. And his latest feat only adds to his shrewdness.

Down at Evansville they are boosting the city for all it is worth. They are after two big factories and they are trying to swell the population for the next census. One of the schemes is a lot selling plan. A home company has been organized to sell lots to be turned over to factories.

Grant read the Evansville papers. He saw that the lot buyers were getting publicity. Without being solicited, he wired to the home company, asking them to reserve him two lots for $500. The Evansville papers got the story and Grant made a home run for popularity with Evansville people.

MOSIMAN SHOWS IN VAULT

Winner of Medal Gets Second Place in Last Individual Event.

The final event in the Y. M. C. A. individual gym competition for the Frank Stover silver medal, was held last night. Mosiman, who clinched the medal by his work on the parallel bars, the pole vault and made his total points 24. Julius Brug won the vault with the low mark of 7 feet and 4 inches. Hoover stands second in the final standing with 44 and Wagner is third with 14.

Foskett Gets Four Hits.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 25.—Dode Paskert, ex-Central leaguer, was the star of yesterday's game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Speed Boys. In four times at bat, Dode smote a home run, a two-bagger, and two singles.

CARSON IS ELIGIBLE.

Star Third Sacker Will Play Hot Corner for High School Team.

Baseball has been given a decided boost by the announcement that Carson, star third baseman of the High team, of several years ago, is eligible for spring baseball. This fact makes the infield the strongest of years, all but one of the men being veterans. Carson will probably play third, Ring, second, shortstop; Wolf, second base; Kirby, first base; Kirby behind the bat.

When Cripe reports for practice, which he expects to do a week from to-day, the outfield will be a strong one, Cripe, Cummins and Carson, with Whitaker, center, while the right garden position rests between Conifer, Sorkey and Cassidy. The latter is also a candidate for the pitching staff and with the exception of the loss of the Hosford and Rogers also look good as pitchers.

SULLIVAN TO PLAY AGAIN.

Star White Sox Catcher Will Don Suit After Season Opens.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 25.—"Billy" Sullivan, the catcher and former manager of the Chicago Americans, will not play ball until a week or two after the big league season opens. Surgeons at the Clara Barton hospital here have decided that the blood poisoning which followed the puncturing of his left foot 10 days ago, had been fully overcome, but that it would require more than a fortnight for the wound to heal, and that time is need sufficiently to allow him to go on the diamond again. Sullivan will leave here in a few days for Chicago.

THREE PLAYERS WORK OUT

Tieman, Arndt and Connors, Train at Notre Dame.

"Estele" Tieman, "Buck" Connors and Harry Arndt are working out daily on the Notre Dame diamond. Tieman will play with the Stags as soon as they appear at Cartier field. Arndt will learn in a short time for Providence in the Eastern league. Connors will be with the Stags and play first for the Brooches. This season, is taking off weight, and adding sureness. Eddie Smith, Notre Dame coach, is getting into great condition through his daily work with his squad.

Ware Shows Good Form.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 25.—Clyde Ware, the prime shortstop, bought by the Oakland club from the Cleveland Americans, who dropped him from the Zanesville Central league club, showed up well in the game with the Cubs yesterday's game with the Chicago White Sox. He was at bat three times, whacked out two hits, made three put-outs, three assists, and no errors.

RESULTS OF BOWLING.

ELKS' ALLEYS.
Anthes' League.
HOME.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Smith	142	137	137	416
Grant	172	128	137	437
Ring	137	137	137	411
Schoch	137	137	137	411
Bowman	150	150	150	450
Total	847	809	841	2512

High score, Schoch, 162; high average, Bowman, 150.

ELKS.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Schaefle	137	137	137	411
Engelman	137	137	137	411
Holland	137	137	137	411
Cassidy	137	137	137	411
Chandler	137	137	137	411
Total	691	685	685	2061

High score, 172; high average, Holland, 137.

Elks' League.
FAWNS.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Miller	158	137	158	453
Jackson	158	137	158	453
Wolf	158	137	158	453
Whitaker	158	137	158	453
Shoup	158	137	158	453
Hastings	158	137	158	453
Total	790	671	811	2272

High score, Shoup, 173; high average, Miller, 158.

DUKES.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Kingshammer	137	137	137	411
Schwartz	137	137	137	411
Hurson	137	137	137	411
Ring	137	137	137	411
Forchedle	137	137	137	411
Handicap	136	136	136	408
Total	721	712	714	2147

High score, Clark, 181; high average, Clark, 154.

STUDEBAKER ALLEYS.
Inter-Club Game.
INDIANA CLUB.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Donahue	151	151	151	453
Wood	151	151	151	453
Ellis	151	151	151	453
Kinney	151	151	151	453
Total	787	776	807	2356

High score, Donahue, 187; high average, Miller, 158.

STUDEBAKER TONGUES.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Hammer	151	151	151	453
Williamson	151	151	151	453
Shoke	151	151	151	453
Harvey	151	151	151	453
Shafe	151	151	151	453
Total	712	810	785	2318

High score, Shoke, 201; high average, Shoke, 187.

Studebaker League.
TONGUES.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Shoke	151	151	151	453
Harvey	151	151	151	453
Hammer	151	151	151	453
Williamson	151	151	151	453
Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	861	855	819	2515

High score, Harvey, 179; high average, Shoke, 167.

BOLSTERS.

	1	2	3	Tot.
Wilmer	151	151	151	453
Palmer	151	151	151	453
Kimble	151	151	151	453
Fahrenbacher	151	151	151	453
Handicap	150	150	150	450
Total	874	842	805	2712

High score, Wilmer, 194; high average, Wilmer, 181.

TEAM STANDING.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Shoke	17	7	.708
Bolsters	16	8	.667
Tongues	14	10	.583
Indiana	12	12	.500
Studebakers	7	17	.292

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