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DAN SHEEHAN IS NOT DISATISFIED

FRIENDS SAY HE HAS NO KICK ON SALARY.

CENTRAL LEAGUE GOSSIP

Bert Niblett Anxious to Leave Grand Rapids—Lindsay Wants Release From Fort Wayne Club and for Nothing, Too.

Friends of Danny Sheehan, the classy little third sacker of the local team, are most emphatic in their denial of the rumors that have been going the rounds of the circuit that he was dissatisfied with the salary customatized by the recent ruling of the Central league directors, placing a limit of $200 a month on salaries of players.

While Sheehan has made no statements himself one way or the other it was reported that he would not be with the locals this season. One man close not only to Sheehan but to Owner Annis said yesterday, "There is nothing to the report. Sheehan is anxious and willing to be with South Bend this season and would come back to-morrow if he were called."

Johnny Lindsay has written Claude E. Varnell, owner of the Fort Wayne club, asking for his release, with no proposition to pay anything for it or have anybody else pay. He wants his freedom so that he can get a manager with Lindsay he failed to make good in the managerial chair. Varnell said that if he should be placed in communication with the club that wants Lindsay he would be willing to release him. Last October Mr. Varnell paid $50 for the old Fort Wayne shortstopper to the Pirates, it is thought that if a satisfactory dicker can not be arranged Lindsay will either report to Fort Wayne or stay out of organized baseball.

Pete King, the Kismet youngster, has made a big hit with the Fort Wayne management by the time of his return home for the holidays. Talking to Varnell, Kismet said that he was glad to hear of all of good men the Railroaders were signing as he was sure of making good in spite of them.

Kenneville will begin its practice season on April 1. Twenty players are now on the preliminary roll.

Romaine, one of the Pittsburg twins, who last season, on contract, will have his second tryout with that club. Romaine pitched two games with the team last season. He won the opener at home, then got a drubbing at Dayton and was released, but Manager Hendricks has concluded that he deserves another trial.

Unless Bert Niblett, Grand Rapids shortstop, has a change of heart and changes his base-running, or, hard for Central league fans are liable to wit, nees one of the prettiest exhibitions of fez works that ever emanated from the Furniture city. Niblett has made his slogan "Anywhere but Grand Rapids" and he means it. He is aware of the "home folks" and no one seems to entertain the slightest doubt but what he means all he says. As he is one of the fastest little teasers Grand Rapids has ever turned out, Brodbecker is more than anxious to keep him in the game, and, with the turning over of the management to Bobby Lowe would solve the difficulty as Lowe could handle the keystone sack himself.

Personal friends of Curt Hinton have "doped" it out that Fort Wayne will have a big bale to fill in the outfield, unless the plans of the hard-hitting gardener go astray. A few days ago several prominent citizens of Lafayette received letters from the local recommendation blanks from a Chicago firm with whom he desires a position in learn the roller-making trade. It is believed that should he land the position he contemplates he will bid farewell to professional baseball.

Fort Wayne has added another to its big list of "faithful in the person of a Mr. "Carter" Mount. Manager Hendricks learned of "Carter's" "washing" from the acknowledged order Saturday.

That C. F. Brulherton is wasting no time awaiting the settlement of Grand Rapids's shortstop vacancy, is evidenced by the numerous letters he is sending throughout this section of the country asking for exhibition dates. He is making especial efforts to secure a Sunday game in southern Michigan. Kalamazoo has been asked for dates between April 1 and 10 and has replied that they will take on games between April 23 and 26. Jack Morrissey is willing to take his Lansing team to the Furniture city any time it is not adverse to taking a date or two.

Jade Myers of Dayton, is after "Kling" Kelly and will probably get him unless the brunt of the catching load seems too heavy.

DETROIT'S NEW PARK WILL COST $300,000

And Other Gossip About Other Leagues.

Plans are being drawn up for an expensive and elaborate set of stands in the new Detroit baseball park, for which a $15,000 site on Mount Elliott avenue was purchased Saturday. The stands, which will be completed for the playing season of 1911 are to be of steel and concrete. When completed the park will represent an outlay of $250,000. The park is about two and one half miles from the center of the city, and is to be reached by a street car line in the same manner as the present home of the Tigers, Bennett park, can be reached in seven minutes. The new park has about 18,448 square feet more space than has the old park.

The Pirates have signed Hugh Yain, of Cumberland, who lead the Ohio State league with the stick last year.

St. Louis fans are still living in hopes that Jimmy Austin will make some profitable trade whereby Bill Burns, one of the Nationals' star catch artists, will throw in his lot with the Browns. It is understood that Manager Jimmy Austin and Owner Richard Rut Pulsen, of the Browns, says there will be a post-season series of baseball games for the championship of the last A league.

BOWLERS WHO WILL REPRESENT PITTSBURG IN BIG TOURNAMENT

Pittsburg gin knights are anxious to take advantage of the coming tournament by rolling match games with some of the visiting bowlers, believing that they will be in a position to give them all a tussle on account of being familiar with home alleys. Bowlers from whom the crowd will with Smith, Kunderwess, Birch, Metzger and Meister stand opportunity for them to make a cleaning. The Smoky city has boast of some high class rollers in big events. The Dinning five-men team, which is now in Chicago, expects to bring home a thousand or more.

Also early in October, it is reported, it is to have the series played under the supervision of a committee composed of two members of the American association and Eastern league. He hopes to have one game in Chicago and one in New York.

Hal Chase, consider yourself sent, by shagged on the here wire and come back to home and mother.

W. H. Lucas president of the Northwestern league, has written to President Pulliam of a change in the playing rules he would like to have laid before the rules committee at its meeting next month. The idea originated with Manager Jake Stahl, catcher, and is as follows: Whenever bases are unoccupied, the pitcher shall be required to deliver the first two balls pitched to each batter perfectly straight, and no strikes shall be called, and same to be judged by the umpire. For any infringement of this rule the umpire to penalize the pitcher delivering a curve or spit ball by calling same a "ball" regardless of its going over the plate.

MAROONS MAY LENGTEN 1909 GRIDIRON PROGRAM

Athletic Board Votes for Seven Games Next Fall.

Director Stagg's football team may be seen in seven games next fall. At a recent meeting of the athletic board of the Midway university the authorities decided to lift the lid and allow an extended schedule of seven contests.

This action came as a surprise to the student body, who had feared the board would decide to follow the recommendation of the faculty and have passed last year that the schedule should revert to the five game variety. Instead, the professors took a little rest and voted to remove to the Maroons the two extra games taken from them last year by the board.

With the Chicago faculty agreed to allow seven games, its consent to the new arrangement was given provisionally on the consent of the other conferences to playing seven games. Director Stagg says there he will ask for a final vote at once.

DEBATE PRELIMINARIES AT COLLEGE WEDNESDAY

Five Contests to Be Held—28 Men Have Entered.

The preliminaries of the varsity debating team will begin here Wednesday evening. Five contests in all will be held, one being place every other evening after the preliminaries. The contest in the first three contests and five men in the last two. Each speaker will be given 15 minutes on direct subject and there will be no rebuttal. Twenty-eight men and 21 men have entered for the contest. The question is on guarantee of bank deposits. The law debating contest will be on the same subject.

RESULTS OF BOWLING.

Elks' League.

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.	Pins.	Ave.
Elks	7	2	.778	10197	848-2-15
Elks	7	2	.667	10192	848-4-15
Elks	6	3	.667	10192	848-4-15
Foresters	6	3	.667	10192	848-4-15
Elks	3	6	.333	10142	845-12
Elks	2	7	.222	10142	845-12
Elks	2	7	.222	10142	845-12

Y. M. C. A. League.

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.
Cliquots	7	2	.778
Cliquots	7	2	.778
Cliquots	7	2	.778
Dwarfs	3	6	.333
Dwarfs	3	6	.333
Dwarfs	3	6	.333

Actions' League.

Clubs.	W.	L.	Pct.	Pins.	Ave.
Orbits	7	2	.778	9713	812-15
Orbits	7	2	.778	9713	812-15
Orbits	6	3	.667	10049	837-12
Orbits	6	3	.667	10049	837-12
Orbits	5	4	.556	10049	837-12
Orbits	4	5	.444	10049	837-12
Orbits	3	6	.333	10049	837-12
Orbits	2	7	.222	10049	837-12
Orbits	2	7	.222	10049	837-12

GAMES FOR THIS WEEK.

Actions' League.

Tuesday—Orbits vs. Orbits.
Wednesday—Orbits vs. Orbits.
Thursday—Orbits vs. Orbits.
Friday—Orbits vs. Orbits.

Elks' League.

Tuesday—Elks vs. Elks.
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Thursday—Elks vs. Elks.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR SNOW RACING

SOUTH BEND DRIVING CLUB MAY TAKE ACTION.

MANY FAST LOCAL HORSES

Present Weather Conditions Indicate That West Coffee Avenue Will Soon be Scene of Some Lively Sleighing Dashes.

"Back to the garage with the benzine buggies. Come on you snow path fliers."

This is the sentiment that has been strongest among the heaviest horsemen of South Bend, ever since the little snow flurries intimated were with us to stay for a while.

In all probability, within the next 48 hours the South Bend Driving club will limber up for action, issue a call for contributions, appoint a committee to arrange for the putting in shape the path track on West Coffee avenue between William street and Laporte avenue. While the present state or conditions of last winter are supposed to have disorganized, there is little doubt but a good lay of snow will bring them out in force, and the lay is here.

Some Racing Backers.

Following is a partial list of those who have usually taken a leading part in the promotion of the sport. Col. George M. Studebaker, Dr. F. R. Carson, Harry Hoffman, John C. Eliason, Horace Greene, Hugh Chalmers, James Mowbray, Charles E. Salisbury, Dr. Frank Earl Wolverton, "Pat" Joseph M. Sullivan, Sandy Leeper and Dr. James Varier, of this city, and William Miller, of Mishawaka.

Speaking of the possibility of snow racing Saturday, Chief of Police Mowery said:

"I can see no reason why we should not have some good snow racing matches this season. Of course, we have had that last season we didn't have much of a snow path, but if a good track will serve as a set-back, but if the weather conditions warrant, you will see some good racing. There is the dearth of good horses in this vicinity. There are some of the best horses of any city on the path last season and some of the owners have some cards up their sleeves in the shape of promising youngsters that they are only too anxious to play. There has always been plenty of enthusiasm in this line whenever it snowed."

The competition for first honors is expected to be very keen this season. The fast horses that claiming to the largest part of the honors the last season are expected to be here. Among them are: Lady Grace, owned by J. C. Deer; Lady Mac, 2:07, owned by Cleo Studebaker, jr., and Major Woodland, 2:14¾, owned by Col. George Studebaker are still with us and may be expected to help in the entertainment of the sport.

Horse Maybe.

Although he claims he has no horses to enter, it is believed Howard Cushman will have something classy to put forward. Chief McWeeny, speaking of Mr. Cushing's 2:07¼ horse, Strathlina, said:

"He may be entered if the going is good. I think he should give the horse that can make them all hustle."

Crossmore, 2:17, trot, owned by Mayor Fogarty and Dr. C. K. Lane, owned by Dr. F. R. Carson, two of the best known horses that ever left the south Bend snow path are reported in tip-top shape and should they be entered in their respective classes they should make Lucent go the full distance to finish ahead of them.

Lucent, 2:08¼, 2:07¼ Cleo Studebaker, jr. Major Woodland, pacer, 2:18¼, Col. George Studebaker; Dr. C. K. Lane, 2:18¼ and Dolly R., trot, 2:18, Dr. F. R. Carson; Ralba J., pace 2:14¾, Dr. Frank Earl Wolverton; 2:14¾, J. Hoffman; Silver Dale, pacer, 2:15, Harold Greene; Minnie D., pace, 2:17¼ and Sigma K., pace, unclocked, Dr. James A. Varier; Riley Wilkes, trot, 2:21, Harry Scanlon; Silver Dale, pacer, 2:15, Harold Greene; Dexter Lee, J. F. Woodworth and Madame Dillard, trot, 2:21¼, a Kalamazoo horse that will be driven by Chief McWeeny if entered, are among those fast ones that will probably be displayed on Coffee avenue soon.

NOTRE DAME QUINTETTE BACK FROM OHIO TRIP

Varsity Will Meet Wabash in Basketball Feb. 5 and 27.

Varsity quintette returned last evening from its Ohio trip. The men are in good condition. The varsity made a clean sweep of the three games played while on the tour. Taking the lead from the first the season's standings of the Notre Dame, and Manager Eller, of Wabash, after what looked like a serious squabble with scouts on both sides, have finally settled their differences and the game will be played Saturday between their teams. The first contest is to be played at Crawfordsville, Feb. 5 and the second at Notre Dame, Feb. 27. The arrangement of these two games makes it possible to decide the holder of the state championship honors. The Wabash team is one without doubt the strongest aggregations in the state.

Storm Cancells Game.

The Indiana basketball game scheduled for Saturday night between Michigan City and the South Bend Watch company team was called off because of the late arrival of the latter aggregation, due to the storm. A return game will be played providing the Auditorium Annex can be secured in near future.

Mosier Is Lead Iowa Five.

IOWA CITY, Ia., Feb. 1.—Carl Mosier, of Steinbeck, Ia., has been elected captain of the University of Iowa freshmen basketball team. His work so far this season has stamped him as one of the best basket tossers to ever enter the University of Iowa.

LANGFORD AFTER KETCHEL'S TITLE

MAY CLAIM MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Says Grand Rapids Man Has No Right to Draw Color Line on Him—Posts $1,000 Forfeit.

Sam Langford, the Boston negro who has been making all the fight fans sit up and take notice lately, having once broken into the limelight seems to have tired the big show and decided to stay a while.

Langford has sent a message to the effect that unless Stanley Ketchel, middleweight champion, comes across with some fight for him, Langford will claim the title by default. To show that he is in earnest he posted Saturday, in San Francisco, $1,000 forfeit good dollars as a forfeit with the announcement that he had $1,000 more that he would post as a side bet, if Ketchel so desired.

"I have tried to get a fight with Ketchel ever since I beat Jack Johnson. I have been trying for months to get the white boxers to meet me and they are afraid. They dodged me just as they all dodged Jack Johnson. When I had the chance to prove what he might do.

"What difference does color make anyway if there is anything in the talk of boxing being a test of strength and skill? Ever since I beat Jack Johnson, George Gunther and a dozen other white men have called me from board of either of them doing anything to lower the sport. Neither did Peter Jackson, if Ketchel would agree to box inside of a month I'll claim the middleweight championship of the Rapids as he weighs 165 pounds. He can scale what he pleases if he will only fight."

Langford's manager says that the fear of the effect of color behind him after the fight will be no trouble to Langford.

Langford will sail for England on March 1. Sam declares that Johnson will not have even an outside chance of defeating him in the best they are capable of giving him. If Johnson is afraid he defeat Jeff Jeffries he will meet all comers in England for a while and then come back after Jeffries.

RACE TRACK FIGHT CRISIS IN TWO STATES

Judicial Decisions About to Be Handed Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—For the second time the Walker-Otis bill which prohibits betting on horse-racing in California, will come up before the state senate to-morrow. In case it is passed race track gambling will be a thing of the past in this state within 60 days.

Even if the bill is read to-morrow for the second time it will not be known when another hearing may be given.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 1.—Judge Mengtine will hand down a written decision to-morrow in the case of Jim Sheehan, otherwise known as Mark Sheehan, who is accused of violating the state anti-pool room law. Upon its case the verdict has accepted that racing will immediately be resumed at Suburban park. In case the decision is adverse the dead-knell of racing will be sounded, so far as Louisiana is concerned.

Big Wrestling Meet To-night.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Mahmout, the Turk, and Sneed, or Rosen, of Russia, will meet for the third time at the Coliseum Saturday evening to-night in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling bout. Last two out of three falls. Not only will this match decide supremacy, but is also expected to put the winner in line for a go with Frank Gotch.

UPSETS MARATHON PLANS

Dorando Pietri Steadfastly Refuses to Meet Johnny Hayes.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—After a two hours' conference with Dorando Pietri and his brother Uglano yesterday afternoon J. J. Callahan and L. M. Houseman, the local Marathon promoters, practically concluded the deep negotiations with the Italian runner and cancelled the match between Pietri and Longboat. Hayes was Friday night at New York to meet Hayes.

Johnny Hayes, Dorando's prospective opponent, was the only person heard from, a telegram to Callahan in response to the announcement of Dorando's withdrawal read:

"Will bet Dorando thousand on side to stiffen backbone. Hayes written."

Dorando yesterday reiterated all his previous objections to meeting Hayes in a match race, and stated that he had two more reasons for declining to meet Hayes.

"He fouled me twice in New York," the runner declared through his brother, "and if I run him again I want a revolver in each hand. I also want the Italian Ambassador to be present to see that not get me or try to trip me. Some of Corey's friends tried that here."

Whether Harry Pulliam and Pat Powers, Dorando's American backers, will force the issue remains to be seen. It is not impossible that Pulliam may come here to enforce the contract through the courts.

FIRST HONORS TO NOTRE DAME MEN

DANA CAPTURES 1,000 YARD RACE WITH KINKEAD.

Fletcher, With a First and Second is Star Individual Performer.

CHICAGO, Feb.1—Three middle west collegians who participants in the 15th annual handicap indoor meet of the Field Beginner Athletic association here Saturday night must take off their hats to the blue and gold of Notre Dame, for to her athletes went the largest share of the honors in the collegiate events.

Fred Dana, in his 1,000-yard match race with Kinkead, the Purdue star, shot to the lead after the crack of the gun and although the Purdue man struggled hard to keep the terrific pace set, drew away from his weaker adversary at the beginning of the last lap and won by the comfortable margin of 15 yards. Time, 2:18 4-5.

Dana, the star of Notre Dame, was the star performer of the meet. He won the 40 yard dash in easy fashion and finished second in the 40-yards hurdles. In the latter event he was set back one yard for a false start and his second place was given to Ayres, of Purdue.

The summary of events follows:

Forty-yard handicap dash—Fletcher, Notre Dame (5 feet) first; Harris, Chicago (6 feet), second; Moore, American Institute (4 feet) time 0:04 4-5.

Forty-yard hurdles, open for high schools, prize and academies—Kline, Wendell Phillips, first; Martin, Oak Park High school; Lynch, Chicago, time 0:04 4-5.

Forty-yard hurdles, handicap—Moriarty, Notre Dame, first; Fletcher, Notre Dame, second; McGlane, Ogden Park A. C., third—time: 0:5 4-5.

Thousand-yard open handicap run—Kline, Central Y. M. C. A. (40 yards), first; Wallace, C. A. A. (25 yards), second; Kinkead, Central Y. M. C. A. (0 yards), third—time: 2:18; 2-5.

Three hundred-yard dash, for prep, academies and high schools—Mills, Morgan Park academy; Martin, Oak Park High school; Lynch, Chicago, Fuhrer, Chicago, third—time: 0:37 2-5.

Special match race 1,000-yards—Dana, Notre Dame, first; Kinkead, Purdue, second—time 2:18 4-5.

Two-mile open handicap—Gibson, First Regiment, scratch, first; Bowman, Marquette, 1 mile, second; Tuttle, Y. M. C. A., yards, second; Ryan, C. A. A., 1 mile, third—time, 9:47 2-5.

Eight-pound shot put, handicap—Menual, U. of C., 4 feet 3 inches, first; Bowman, Marquette university, 4 feet 3 inches, second; Prather, U. of C., scratch, third—distance, 42 feet 4 inches.

The victorious athletes returned from Chicago this morning, bearing with them the first prize for contests with a total score of 32 points. The Notre Dame men, it is reported, demonstrated the good their reputation showing gave their fellow students.

Sunday League for Indiana.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 1.—A Sunday baseball league, including Richmond, will be launched in Indiana providing the bill now before the legislature, to legalize the game on Sunday, becomes a law. Clarence Jessup, one of the promoters of the old Indiana-Ohio league, is the head of the movement. The cities in the league are Richmond, Muncie, Marion, Kokomo, Fort Wayne, and perhaps another or two. It is believed a Sunday league would prove a success in all these cities.

New Centers to Meet Turners.

Negotiations are under way for an indoor baseball game between the New Centers and the South Bend Turners at Place hall a week from Saturday. The Turners are reported to be able to put up fast games. The New Centers games with Michigan City Centers are planning to arrange games with Michigan City Center aggregation also expects to arrange games with Michigan City and Laporte.

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