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"Dope" for The Lovers of Sport

The Out Look For Major And Minor League for The Season To Come

MORE EXCITING SEASON.

(By Harry Pulliam, President of the National League.)

It is my conviction that the clubs of the National League have been strengthened during the winter, and I believe that we will have a better and more exciting race this summer than we had in 1906 or 1907.

from time to time in the American League. This spring it is possible to take a small exception to the general rule, as there is in evidence throughout the National League a patient determination to place many of the clubs on a standard approximate to that of the Chicago nine, which at present holds not only the championship of its organization but that of the world.

The Minor Leagues.

While the prospects of the teams in the major leagues always will be a subject of interest to baseball enthusiasts, whether they be as far removed from the scene of the games as New York from San Francisco, the possibilities of the season of 1908 cannot be reviewed thoroughly without a word for the minor leagues.

In the East there is a splendid outlook before the Eastern League. Montreal is in new hands. The Newark club has passed out of the control of the Burnham interests to those of George Stallings. The latter is fighter and also a good baseball organizer to the extent of placing a winning team in the field.

Toronto is sanguine that it will be able to win another championship with "Mike" Kelly at the head of the team, and Buffalo is in line with a good nine for the coming year. Jersey City and Providence are well fixed with players, and "Jack" Dunn, the Baltimore manager, says it is up to him to make good this time with the Orioles, and he believes that he has the nucleus of an organization which may win the pennant.

Baseball has taken a new life since the games last year between the Eastern League and the "old timers," who once won the championship for Baltimore, and the interest is greater than it has been in three seasons.

Patrick T. Powers, the president of the league, insists that this season will be better than any which has been enjoyed by the organization for a long time, and concludes by insisting that he is willing to stand by that prediction in spite of the fact that this is a "presidential year."

Toledo believes that it has a better ball team than it had last year, and on the western end of the circuit additions have been made to some of the teams which are expected to make them better able to cope against the present champions.

Milwaukee will not accede from the association this year, and it is doubtful if it attempts anything of the kind any other year. It is certain that an invasion of Chicago will be fought by both major leagues, and it is not likely that the American Association will be in a hurry to risk a battle which would result in somebody being financially crippled and somebody else having all the advantage of the fight at the end. That is usually the case in all baseball wars.

The Southern League is to be in the best of condition; the New York State League, with a new circuit, starts more favorably than it did last year; the New England League looks as if it will be a money maker; the Three I's is booming; the Pacific Coast League is in good standing in every way; the Western League seems prosperous and its outlook favorable, and the score of under better auspices.

Three-fifths of this is due to the excellent agreement which was made when the National League and the American League declared peace.

CAMDEN TO HAVE NEW GOLF COURSE

Camden, April 11.—Camden is to have another golf course and club house. "Sarsfield," located east of Mill street, has been leased for a period of five years, with an option at the expiration of that time to buy it, for this purpose. A good brick residence is on this property, which will be converted into a club house. A force of hands are now at work laying out the grounds for the golf links. This means that Camden will have two golf courses next season.

Mr. J. B. Wallace won the handsome prize offered by the Hobkirk Inn in a golf contest this week. The prize is a large sterling silver cup.

HOW OUR MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS WILL "TAKE AFTER" BIG GAME THIS SEASON

Cartoon and table titled 'THE SEASON WITH SOME OF THE MINOR LEAGUES.' The cartoon shows various teams and players in humorous situations. The table lists opening and closing dates for various leagues.

League Ready To "Play Ball"

FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING THE MAJOR LEAGUES.

Season opens April 16 and closes October 5-8; National League to play 154 games and the American League 152 games.

Opening games in National League: New York at Philadelphia; Boston at Brooklyn; Pittsburg at St. Louis, and Chicago at Cincinnati.

Opening games in the American League: Detroit at Chicago; St. Louis at Cleveland; Philadelphia at New York, and Washington at Boston.

The conflicting dates for the entire season have been reduced to 16, which emphasizes the spirit of peace between the two leagues.

New York, April 11.—Weather permitting, the baseball season of the two major leagues will open Tuesday, judging from the attendance at the preliminary and practice games, the interest in the national game is more widespread than ever this year.

Twice they are to make the jump from St. Louis to Boston—a distance of 1,225 miles. The longest jump for the New York and Chicago teams of the American League will be the trip from New York to St. Louis, which is 1,066 miles.

Of the National League towns Pittsburg will find traveling the most expensive. They are slated to make 37 trips and will cover a distance of 15,057 miles. The Philadelphians, on the other hand, will have to travel less than 1,000 miles, the difference between the two teams being due to the fact that the Pittsburg will be obliged to constantly leave home to fill Sunday dates in Chicago and Cincinnati.

The Philadelphia club in each league will have the smallest amount of mileage to pay, the total for the season amounting to \$3,395.40. The St. Louis club in the American League must put up \$5,150.52 for railroad fare, the largest amount for any club in that organization.

The Pittsburghs, heading the list in the National League, will pay out \$5,420.52 for the season. Before the club treasurers can begin to put figures on the right side of the ledger, something like 350,000 fans must pass through the turnstiles. After that, as the saying is, it is all "velvet" for the owners of them.

The St. Louis Browns are scheduled to do more traveling this year than any other club of the American League. They are down to journey 14,307 miles.

Manager Reynolds Gets Another Good Infielder

Manager Reynolds, who is always looking out for good material has signed another infielder, who has the reputation of being fast and also good with the stick. This man is Don Foley, who was signed the first of the season by the Terre Haute, Central League team, and who, on account of the extreme personal friendship between the manager of this team, and manager Reynolds, was released to Charlotte.

Foley, who is expected to arrive here Sunday, and by that time the whole team will be in the city, in order that the exhibition games preliminary to the opening of the season, can begin.

Sporting News Told In Brief

Charlie Comiskey says the White Sox cleared \$7,000 on the trip to the coast.

The St. Louis brewery workers deny that their strike was brought about by the Browns signing "Rube" Waddelet.

Manager Stallings of the Newark Eastern League is after "Long John" Anderson, who is now with the Chicago Americans.

While Charlie Starr is not a Hans Wagner, still he is doing pretty good work for the Pirates and will doubtless improve.

New York fans are banking on Christy Mathewson becoming the king of pitchers once more. Matty looks to be all right.

The Brooklyn and Boston teams are preparing to make a hard fight to break into the first division of the National League this year.

Freddy Parent of the White Sox has discarded his head protection. As a result the pitchers are throwing at his noddle, which causes dodging on the part of Frederick.

It's a good thing "Ty" Cobb finally signed with Detroit. If he hadn't all of the Atlanta sporting scribes would have become anarchists and bomb throwers.

Arthur Irwin, manager of the Wash-

ington team in the new Union League, says there isn't a "Tri-State" player strong enough for the Union League. He didn't say whether he meant strong enough in talk or ball playing.

The umpires for the New England League this season will be N. J. Stockdale, E. J. Murphy, Mike O'Brien, Francis Connolly and Joe O'Brien.

The Chicago Cubs generally get away their exhibition games, but this season the minors have made them furnish the music while the little brothers danced the "Merry Widow."

Amateur Wrestlers Compete for Honors

New York, April 11.—The Amateur Athletic Union reports the largest entry list on record for this season's wrestling championships.

The preliminaries are to be contested in Madison Square Garden concert hall tonight and the finals will be brought off in the same place next Monday night.

The following weights are to be contested: Bantam, 106 pounds and under; feather, 115 pounds and under; light, 135 pounds and under; welter, 145 pounds and under; middle, 158 pounds, and heavyweight.

A. A. U. championship medals will be given to first and second at each weight.

BRIEF COMMENT OF INTEREST ON SPORTOLOGY

Hackenschmidt is still kicking about the scratches Gotch gave him in their recent bout and has sailed to Europe, his face looking like a piece of rare steak.

That the whole state is back of the university was evidenced at the Virginia-Carolina game in Greensboro by the large number of enthusiasts that attended from all over the state.

Davidson College is playing in hard luck. A number of their best men are on the sick list.

Charlotte is soon to have base ball given to them in such a manner that college ball will seem tame.

Next Tuesday the ball will be started with a number of the league teams.

Trinity College is now on her southern tour and it goes without saying that she will bring back her part of the honors.

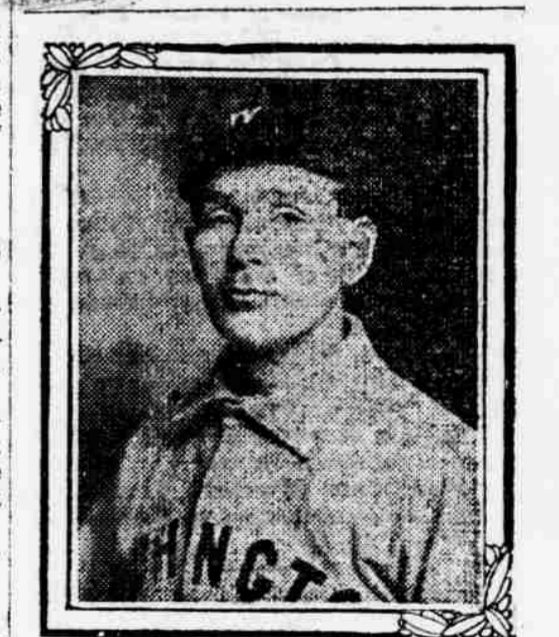
Last week Wake Forest shut out Colgate in two successive games, the score being 10-0 and 5-0. Temple did the twirling act in both games.

One of the best college games yet recorded happened "down in Georgia," between the Tech and the Stone Mountain university, the score being 0-0 in a ten-inning game and three hits credited to each team.

Charlotte now has five of her players here, and from the way they handle the horse hide, there is going to be something doing towards winning the pennant.

Russ Ford will be in the box to start the fire works for Atlanta.

Tom Brown, who has been chosen to umpire in the Southern league this season, was once considered to be one of the fastest runners of his time. Though Tom is now up in years he still loves the game and to leave the diamond is a task too great for him to undertake.



Walthour Not In Good Form

Word from Bobby Walthour would seem to indicate that the Atlanta boy is not having the easy picking this year abroad that he did last season. When he was home in the fall, Walthour was a shoo-in. The breaks should have received on one of the German tracks was very painful and was not mending as rapidly as was hoped. His return to Paris was a surprise to his home friends, who thought he should have remained in Atlanta under the physician's care longer than he did.

His condition is evidenced by his hard luck at the long distances, and many of his well-wishers would be glad to see him return to sprint work, at least for a time. And in spite of his announcement that he would never again ride on the dangerous German tracks—where he had three narrow escapes from death—it is said that he has again signed a contract to ride in Germany.

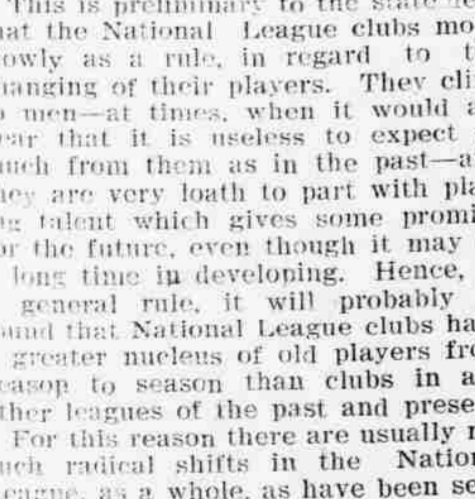
ROCK HILL TEAM MAKING READY

Special to The News. Rock Hill, April 11.—A bunch of prospective players on the local team have arrived here, and will be given a "trial" by Manager Gunter, who is on the ground and making things lively. Experimental playing has already begun on the old grounds in Oakland, but in a few days play upon the new diamond will begin. This afternoon a game will be played with a team from the Aragon Mill. Mr. Gunter has also arranged for a number of exhibition games which, however, will not be played at home on account of incompleteness of park. He will play in Winston-Salem, April the 17th and 18th; in Greenville, the 22d and 23d.



DEARLE OF THE GIANTS.

TWO NEW NATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGERS



KELLEY, WITH DOORSON. JOHN GANZEL WITH GUNTER.



HANS WAGNER ONLY BALL PLAYER EVER REWARDED BY A LEAGUE FOR HIS BATTING.