

Sports

CHARLOTTE FANS EXPECT VICTORY IN 1914 SEASON

The outlook for the 1914 baseball season in the North Carolina league is especially bright, according to President George W. Wearn of the North Carolina Baseball Association. Mr. Wearn is beginning to get the machinery of the league in readiness for active work in 60 days, the training season opening about April 1.

Manager Emery expects to have the members of the Hornets in the city by April 1, and the men will get down to hard work immediately, continuing their spring practice for about 15 days until the 1914 season opens in Charlotte at Wearn Field.

At the recent meeting of the managers of the North Carolina Association every member of the organization present expressed the view that the coming season would be an excellent one and very optimistic hopes for the success of the game were expressed.

Making the forecast more local, it may be said that the Charlotte association is now bending every energy to get together the best aggregation of players that is available, taking on all of the old men who have made good and who are desired for the 1914 team, and adding some new men who, it is believed, will materially strengthen the team this year.

The baseball season proper is about 10 weeks distant but the fans are even now engaged in talking over the prospects and in getting a general line on the situation and are looking for a winning team this spring and summer, that will make the remaining five cities of the Carolina League get a great move on themselves.

They want to know in advance the race which the Hornets are going to put up during the approaching season.

Baseball in Charlotte will begin to be a live topic in a mighty short time and the fans will be discussing the coming season before they have shed their winter overcoats.

Manager Emery is quite busy at present getting the contracts in shape and sending these out to prospective members of the Hornets' team and the entire outlook is as promising as any that Charlotte has had in recent years.

It is believed that Charlotte's time to win the pennant has come and to this end the Hornets are expected to put up a mighty fight this season to gain possession of the strip of cloth that means championship in the Carolina league.

Zeider and Yanks Fail to Come to Terms.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Rollie Zeider, reported to have joined the Chicago Federals, refused an offer of \$1,900 salary to sign with the New York Americans. Zeider wanted \$5,000 and a chance to play third base, but Arthur Irwin, representing the Yankees, would not grant the difference in money, nor with Maise's prospects of another good year at third, would he promise Zeider an opening there.

This information was given out today by Irwin who delayed his departure for Texas a day though the delay was not made in hope of talking over a contract with Catcher Ed Sweeney. Much speculation followed the arrival at Federal League headquarters of a large envelope addressed to Charles Wegman, the local magnate, and bearing the printed name of Charles Ebbetts of the Brooklyn Nationals.

McCormick Wins from Holbery on Foul.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 24.—McCormick, of Australia, was awarded the welterweight championship of Australia today when Waldemar Holbery, the Danish fighter landed a foul blow in the sixth round of their fight, Holbery was completely outclassed.

BISONS TO TRAIN IN CHARLOTTE—BEGIN MARCH 15

A decided impetus to baseball in this section and city will be afforded this spring by reason of the fact that the Buffalo Bisons have selected Charlotte as the site of their spring training and are expected to land on the local diamond about March 15, according to the announced schedule, when they will take up regular work preparatory to the baseball season of 1914.

The Bisons played several games in Charlotte last spring while on their way north from their southern training grounds, and the team made a fine impression on the local fans, and the announcement that these men will be back for a stay of two or three weeks in March and early April, will be hailed with extreme delight by the Charlotte fans. The Bisons are a fine set of fellows, as local fans ascertained upon the occasion of the brief sojourn of that team here one year ago, and their return is being looked forward to with great interest by every fan in Charlotte.

President George Wearn of the Carolina Association is likewise interested in the selection which the Bisons have made and believes that their stay in Charlotte will be a decided stimulus to baseball in Charlotte.

The announcement that the Buffalo team would train in Charlotte this season was made Friday at the headquarters of the International league, of which the Buffalo team is a member.

Another item of baseball news that will interest local fans is the announcement from the same source that Empire Miller of the Carolina league will this season be with the International league. Miller is known to many fans in North Carolina.

The presence of the Bisons in this city for several weeks training will most likely offer the opportunity for a series of at least three games with the Hornets before the Bisons take up the march back home, provided the Buffalo men do not leave Charlotte before the Hornets assemble. The present program is that the Hornets shall report for duty and for training here on or about April 1, and therefore if the Buffalo men are here until that date it is very likely that several games will be arranged between the Buffalo men and the Hornet crowd. Other games likewise with colleges and teams in this section are not improbable, this depending largely, however, on the time when the Buffalo team decides to start back on the home trip for the regular 1914 season in New York and adjacent states where the International league teams are located.

National Racquet Honors Captured by the West.

New York, Jan. 24.—For the first time in the history of the game in this country, the national doubles racquet championship went to the West. J. W. Wear and Dwight F. Davis of St. Louis won the final match here today from last year's champions, George R. Fearing and H. B. Scott of Boston. The scores: 12-15; 6-15; 15-3; 15-6; 15-11.

Miller, Cub Outfielder Jumps to the Federals.

Dixon, Ill., Jan. 24.—Ward Miller, former Cub outfielder, today said he had signed with the St. Louis Federal League club. He said he would receive an increase in salary and that his contract was for three years.

Manager of St. Louis Feds Talks with Bridwell.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 24.—"Minor" Brown, manager of the St. Louis Federal League club, arrived unexpectedly in Cincinnati today and had a conference with Ad Bridwell, the Chicago National League club's infielder.

Winter Racing at Juarez.

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 24.—The first two year stake on the Juarez course this winter will be run tomorrow. The event, the seniorist stake is for two year old fillies. Thirty-three starters will face the barrier.

FEDERALS CLAIM TO BE READY FOR "PLAY BALL"

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The Federal League is ready for the first 'play ball' from the umpire. Every club now has its manager signed, 127 players are under contract and the business of constructing stands in cities where they are needed is being speeded up.

This was the announcement made by President Gilmore following a secret session late today of the committee of players and the committee on stands.

Gilmore's statement was supplemented by a terse declaration from President Washington of the Chicago club, that "it's about time to quit hinting that I'm looking for a major league or minor league franchise."

The signing of W. M. Bradley, former star third baseman of the Cleveland Naps to manage the Toronto club was the chief item of interest handed out before the executive session tonight. The fact that Rollie Zeider, who went to the New York Highlanders in the famous bunion deal involving Hal Chase, has signed to play third base for the Chicago club was also given out. Catcher Ed Sweeney, of Chance's aggregation, was reported still on edge with prospects that he will leap into the Federal's stronghold.

The league magnates slipped into town so quietly today that all sorts of rumors began to float, ranging from one that the transfer of Toronto's franchise to Cincinnati was to be approved, to another that Wegman and his Chicago associates were to quit the league and buy out St. Paul.

The players' committee, composed of Walter Mullen, of Buffalo; Ned Hanlon, of Baltimore, and Charles Wegman, of Chicago, announced that 82 of the 127 players now under contract are former big leaguers. If the 123 were divided equally among the eight clubs, each would have 15 3/8 ball players, but it is now understood there will be no pooling of players. Each Federal club, it has been given out, will carry about 20 players, leaving only a few more men to each team to be signed.

The committee on stands composed of E. A. Steinhilber, of St. Louis, and President Gilmore, announced everything proceeding satisfactorily. The Chicago club, it was reported, will award contracts for its new concrete stand next week.

A mysterious package, addressed to Wegman, and bearing the words "Brooklyn National League, Ebbetts field" on the cover, excited the curiosity of the Federal officials. It was found to contain a batch of newspaper clippings bearing on the case of the Thinker deal.

Russell Out of Reach.

Reb Russell, star recruit pitcher of the White Sox, for whom the Federals were reported to be angling, is beyond grabbing distance, it was announced today.

Russell signed a three year contract when he made his entry into big league ball last year.

Scores Fifth Week Interclub Rifle Matches Announced.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Warren, Pa. Rifle Club still leads in Class A, and the Peters Rifle Club, or Kings Mill, Ohio and the Stillfater, Minn. Rifle Club are tied in class B, of the National Interclub Rifle matches, according to scores for the fifth week's shoot, announced tonight by the national rifle association. The scores:

Class A, Warren 994 vs Dist of Columbia Rifle Club 991; Engineers Rifle Club, Cleveland, Ohio 998 vs Adrian, Mich., Rifle Club 991; First Wisconsin Association, Milwaukee 968 vs Manchester, N. H. Rifle Club 967; Birmingham, Ala., Rifle Club 990 vs Milwaukee Rifle Club 948; St. Paul Rifle Club 964 vs Tacoma, Washington, Rifle Club 960; Park Club, Bridgeport, Conn. 954 vs Youngstown, Ohio, Rifle Club 941.

Class B, Gisholt Club, Madison, Wis., 969 vs San Francisco Rifle Club 797; Stillwater Club 972 vs Hopkins, Minn., Rifle Club 952; Marion, Ohio, Rifle Club 968 vs Glendale Rifle Club, Bedford, Ohio 949; North Parke Rifle Club, Rochester, N. Y., 901; Minneapolis Rifle Club 965 vs Helena, Mont., Rifle Club 902; Boston Rifle Club 933 vs Swiss Rifle Club, Louisville, Y., 930.

Wolcast Has Dreams of Coming Back.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Ad Wolcast was so tickled tonight over his showing against Joe Rivers, a Milwaukee catcher who threatened to call off his scheduled bout with Rudy Uhlitz, at Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, desert the gas light circuit for good, and irritate Willie Ritchie until the champion offered an engagement. Wolcast announced that he will go to the Pacific coast and take a good rest before taking on any more real fighters.

Langford Gets His Man in Seven Seconds.

Paris, Jan. 24.—Sam Langford, the Boston negro, with one punch tonight knocked out Petty Officer Curran, the last English white hope at the Luna Park arena here tonight.

Langford caught Curran coming in just seven seconds after the long sounded and put over a terrific left cross to the jaw and the Britisher dropped to the floor, like a man struck by a trip-hammer. He was out cold.

A girl can always bring her hands when she can't get any more to do for her.

Lots of people who complain that they don't get all they deserve should really congratulate themselves.

It may sound like an Irish bull, but a man never knows how many friends he has till they come to his funeral.

If you have any suspicions about a man shake hands with him. That may prevent him from picking your pocket.

AMUSEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Every night excepting Saturday Mattice Stock Co., in "Repertoire." Saturday Matinee and Night, Henrietta Crossman in "The Tongues of Men." Piedmont Keith Vaudeville Matinee and night.

Mattice Stock Company.
The Mattice Stock Company begins a five night engagement at the Academy of Music tomorrow night presenting for the opening play "A Cowboy's Girl," a Western melodrama, which has met with great success in all the principal cities, and which is said to receive an excellent presentation by the Mattice Company.

Miss Lois Hammond, is the leading woman of this well known organization, and her work has been hugely commented upon by the press in Wilmington, Raleigh, and Greensboro.

Mr. Mattice has surrounded the star with an excellent company and offers complete scenic productions with each play given. There will be a change of plays each night and matinees will be given on Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Seats are now on sale at Hawley's and as popular prices will prevail a capacity house is sure to welcome the players tomorrow night.

Henrietta Crossman in "The Tongues of Men."
Taking as a basis the New York criticism, Henrietta Crossman has in her newest vehicle "The Tongues of Men" by Edward Childs Carpenter, the greatest play she has had in years. This new comedy comes to the Academy for the next Saturday matinee and night, direct from a successful engagement at the Harris Theatre, New York, where it scored heavily. Undoubtedly Miss Crossman has in her newest comedy a part that shows the varied aspects of her charm and art to the very greatest advantage.

The story of "The Tongues of Men," which is a very unique one, tells of a strange situation that arises from an opera singer and a young minister being thrown into close contact with one another. The minister had taken occasion to condemn a certain opera in which the woman appears, because of some of the scenes in which she acts like a siren—and also says that she must be bad or couldn't act such a role. To do this, she must get him to enter her world and she dares him to come to Bohemia and correct the wrong ideas that have done so much harm—for his sermon got the public police started on the work of closing the show. Many amusing situations arise, when the preacher finds that everything he has thought in the past was purely imaginary and he meets new and strange people in a new world.

Miss Crossman has a brilliant supporting company and the production is an excellent one. The following is the cast:

Frank Gilmore, Benton Grove, Home Granville, Edward Lee, Laura McGilvary, Katherine Presley, Sheridan Block, Paul Douset and Mary Mitman.

Seats will go on sale Thursday morning.

"The Red Widow."
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Don't miss the girls of "The Red Widow," they are the most bewitching types of the North, South, East and West ever gathered in one production."

"Broadway Jones."
That creative genius of the theatre, Mr. Geo. M. Coban has written another tremendously successful play entitled "Broadway Jones," and it has scored an absolute hit in New York City. It does not offend in thought, utterance or action. On the contrary, young Mr. Coban has taken a simple home life idea and constructed an ingenious plot absolutely free from any suggestion of coarseness but so full of real hearty fun that the audience who views it is kept in a constant state of laughter from the first till the final curtain. The American stage has rarely seen a better play than "Broadway Jones."

"Polly of the Circus."
In the company appearing in Polly of the Circus' with Miss Elsie St. Leon in the leading part, accompanied by the famous St. Leon company of acrobats, which appears at the Amademy of Music soon are, in addition to a score or more of well-known actors, a number of circus people and circus acts which contribute not a little to the success of the play. The big third act sawdust ring scene, represents a three ring circus in actual operation—one of the most realistic stage pictures ever shown on a stage. One of the many features of "Polly of the Circus" is a trained horse, one of a

Big European Feature At the Piedmont This Week.
The program that will be seen at the Piedmont the first three days of this week will include a big European Novelty Feature in "The Act Beautiful." This act is the only one of its kind upon the stage today and includes a troupe of trained posing hunting dogs, and a beautiful white horse. They will be seen in statuesque poses, which are not only beautiful pictures, but artistic and wonderful. This act is one of the highest priced acts that has been booked at the Piedmont Theatre and should prove a great drawing card.

Others who will be seen are: Julia Rooney, who is considered America's foremost singing comedienne. She will present the same act here that she did at the B. F. Keith's new theatre in Washington a few weeks ago.

Josie and Willie Barrows present a dancing, singing and talking skit that is a laugh from start to finish, while the extra added feature the Vallorie Sisters will be seen in the classiest singing and dancing novelty that has yet been presented at the Piedmont. The bill the first three days is a high priced one and every act is a feature within itself.

AN INDUSTRIOUS FAMILY.
(Cleveland Star.)
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Moore of near Boiling Springs have an ideal farm home and they manage their farm in a business-like and profitable manner. Last year Mrs. Moore who is a very thrifty housewife, sold 900 pounds of butter for which she got 30 cents a pound or a total of \$270. They have a cream separator and make fine cream butter which they ship to a South Carolina hotel. The cows are scrub stock and they keep nine, but milk only part of them at a time. Mr. Moore specializes in Berkshires and last year sold \$200 worth of pigs and pork. They are great believers in education and every child is given the very best advantages. One son, Mr. Odus L. Moore, a graduate of Wake Forest, is now in business in Gastonia and was former editor of The Gastonia Progress. Two daughters, Misses Ollie and Kate, will finish this year at Limestone College.

An Obliging Clerk.
She came into the telegraph office and rapped on the counter. The clerk remembered that she had been there about ten minutes before as he came forward to meet her. He wondered what she wanted this time.

"Oh," she said, "let me have that telegram I wrote just now. I forgot something very important. I wanted to underscore 'perfectly lovely' in acknowledgment of the receipt of that bracelet. Will it cost anything extra?"

"No, ma'am," said the accommodating clerk, as he handed her the message.

The young woman drew two heavy lines beneath the words and said: "It's awfully good of you to let me do that. It will please Arthur ever so much."

"Don't mention it," said the clerk. "If you would like it I will put a few drops of violet extract on the telegram at the same rates."

"Oh, thank you, sir! You don't know how much I would appreciate it. I'm going to send all my telegrams through this office. You are so obliging."

And the smile she gave him would have done anyone good, with the possible exception of Arthur.—The Pathfinder.

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