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TAFTVILLE VS. BALTIC. One of the Fastest Games of the Season—Both Managers Report Teams Are in Best of Condition.

The Taftville basketball team went through a stiff practice Monday night for the big game tonight. This game is to decide the championship between the two villages. The rivalry between these two teams might be compared with that of Yale and Harvard.

GIANTS DEFEAT RED SOX. In the Willimantic Duckpin League by Score of 1,526 to 1,374.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Score 1, Score 2. Lists players like Cone, Gorman, Murray, Bernard, Gallagher, and totals for Red Sox and Giants.

Red Sox: Cone 94 88 88 267, Gorman 108 88 106 300, Murray 105 98 105 306, Bernard 102 111 100 313, Gallagher 104 131 96 331. Total 513 512 501 1526. Giants: R. Bath 105 115 105 325, F. Smith 93 92 104 289, Plesionette 99 88 81 268, Machin 104 104 90 298, Martinou 94 105 106 294. Total 485 504 485 1574.

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TAFT MIGHT SELL HIS SHARE

Taft Undecided Whether to Sell—Has Offer From Two Chicago Men—J. Behan Made a Proposition to Taft—Received a Bid of \$700,000 For His Share.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 23.—The probability that a majority of the stock of the Chicago National League club will not remain long in the possession of Charles P. Taft, Cincinnati capitalist, who purchased it on last Saturday from Charles W. Murphy, was indicated today when it was announced that Mr. Taft had received numerous offers for the stock and was not disinclined to listen to propositions looking toward the sale of his interests.

It is more than probable that one body of men and possibly more will arrive in this city tomorrow to hold conferences with Mr. Taft. The one proposition that is known to have been made, that from Louis J. Behan of Chicago, representing a syndicate of men from that city, appears to have impressed Mr. Taft, although in an announcing that he had answered a telegram from Mr. Behan today Mr. Taft wished it decidedly understood that he is considering a number of propositions and was far from making up his mind on any of them.

With the exception of the Behan offer, the names of the men making the other propositions were not given. The apparent negotiations for the purchase of the stock owned by Mr. Taft indicate that it will be some time before the announcement of the sale of the next president of the Cubs will be made. This is made certain by the knowledge that Mr. Taft now owns the controlling interest in the club and it is understood he will not consider calling a meeting of the club until he has finally decided whether he desires to sell his stock.

Chicago Men After Stock. Chicago, Feb. 23.—Twenty syndicates of Chicago business men are bidding for the control of the Chicago National League club, the baseball organization now owned principally by Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, since he took over the interests of Charles W. Murphy Saturday night. A bid of \$700,000 for the Taft stock by a coterie of "Cub" fans was made today and word reached their representative, Louis J. Behan, that Mr. Taft would give them consideration with the other bidders, so a committee of three will go to Cincinnati tomorrow night to see him.

The Behan bid was distinct from the proposition made by the syndicate headed by William Hale Thompson, who asked that Mr. Taft submit to him and James A. Pugh and Charles A. McCulloch appearance for his holdings. News from Cincinnati that there were several bids for the Cubs led Chicago fans to believe that other capitalists of this city are anxious to buy the stock. It was said today that a number of Chicagoans in addition to the Behan committee would travel to Cincinnati to see Mr. Taft personally about their propositions.

QUARTETTE OF HEAVYWEIGHT GRAPPLERS WILL ARRIVE. McGrath, W. Zysko, Mantell and Mulsowski in the Bunch.

Jack McGrath sent word from Worcester on Monday to the Sporting Editor of the Bulletin that he will arrive here on the noon train today and that he is in tip-top shape for his match with Bob Mantell, the Buffalo heavyweight, whom he is to wrestle to a finish. Mantell will arrive during the day, as will also Waldek Zysko, the Pole, and Ignatz Mulsowski, the Russian, who are to be opponents in the main bout. It is understood that these two big fellows have been looking for each other's scalps for some time, so that the bout between them will be savagely contested.

McGrath has been promised a match by Waldek Zysko when the latter returns from his brother's training camp in Chicago.

HARVARD WANTS FOUR OARED RACE. Yale Wants to Abolish It, and Believes That Harvard Will Abolish It.

Yale is decidedly favorable to the idea of abolishing the 'varsity' four-oared race, but is opposed at Harvard, and indications are that it will not be given up, to be substituted by a race between the second 'varsity' eights. Last year Yale asked Harvard to make the change to a second 'varsity' eight-two-mile race, replacing the four, but Harvard declined. The stewards of the college races on the Hudson have taken up the idea and have made the change. Yale has renewed the request that the change be put into effect this year, but Harvard seems unwilling, and the matter will probably be dropped for this season.

The Yale argument is that the 'varsity' oarsmen work in eight-oared shells

throughout their rowing season till about two weeks before the Thames races, when the second eight is arbitrarily disbanded, its organization destroyed and a four-oared crew formed, without specialized coaching for four-oared racing. The second eight is organized in outside races like the American Henley and has become well adapted to organized rowing because it is disorganized and compelled to learn four-oared technique. Another Yale argument advanced is that the rowing of the second eight would bring more oarsmen into the regatta. At Yale the belief is held that Harvard will ultimately fall into line in favor of the change.

DOC CRANDALL JUMPS. Has Jumped To The St. Louis Federals.

The staggering shock the Giants experienced last fall when they attempted to beat the Athletics was nothing compared with the setback they have just received when it was announced that Doc Crandall had jumped to the St. Louis Federals. Everybody remembers Crandall. He's the fellow who had permanent headquarters in deep right field at the Polo Grounds. On the first day of every season, Otis started to "warm up," and when fans were sounded on the season "Doc" was still out in his field office "warming up." For several seasons he has led the league in "warming up." In his day he has done more pinch pitching than any player in the league.

Whenever the enemy got obstreperous and started to dent the service of the regular hurlers, the alarm for help was sounded from the Giants' bench and in came Crandall. His task was not to save the game as much as to make the defeat look less humiliating. Nevertheless there were times when "Doc" stemmed the tide of defeat in close games and halted the enemy at critical moments of their batting madness.

Also, there were times when Crandall performed as a pinch hitter. Otis had a wide free swing, like the Stars and Stripes in a breeze, and if he hit the old ball, by cracky, it went somewhere. New York fans will always have a warm spot in their hearts for Otis Crandall, for a rescuer of faltering pitchers he did yeoman's work. Otis pitched more, warmed up more than other boxmen pitched in a nine-inning game. The only time he was not in right field exercising his arm was when he slept in at his Harlem hotel and didn't get to the ball park on time.

Last season Crandall, for want of work, fattened up considerably. He took Turkish baths, and wore a rubber shirt, but he failed to get down to that weight where a hurried trip to second base would be anything less than an imitation of Truck 5 going to a fire.

This year the Giants have so many young pitchers that Crandall's salary was not raised to the Federal League standard, so he decided to desert the Giants and play with Mfner Brown, who also used to be a pitcher.

Greiner Cleveland Hasey, who went to Cincinnati in the Herzog trade, has also cast his lot with the St. Louis Federals.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION UMPIRES Selected Four on Recommendation.

President O'Rourke has signed his umpires for the Eastern association staff and the list has been announced today. He took the four upon the recommendations of wise baseball men and he decided to desert the Giants and play with Mfner Brown, who also used to be a pitcher.

The staff will consist of George B. Barnett of Louisville, Ky.; M. J. McLaughlin of Waveross, Ga.; Martin Phelan of Troy, N. Y., and P. J. Crisahan of Syracuse, N. Y. Phelan is the same fellow who played first for Bridgeport in 1909. He has since umpired in the Carolina and Inter-State leagues and is said to have been a success. Crisahan worked in the Tri-State league last season. He was recommended by former President Carpenter of that organization. In 1912 Crisahan umpired in the Greater Boston league.

McLaughlin has been service in the Western, Central Cotton States and Three I leagues. Some friends who met President O'Rourke at the Columbus, O., minor league convention praised him highly. Barnett is the official in the bunch. He weighs 200 and stands six feet in height. He is affiliated in the Appalachian Blue Grass and Kansas leagues and Billy Neal, scout for the Philadelphia Nationals, recommended him.

Spring Baseball at Holy Cross. Coach Billy Dyer sounded the bugle

call for spring baseball practice in the sage at Holy Cross Monday. Capt. Jimmy O'Brien, several other members of last year's varsity, and all the battery candidates have been out hammering up for the past two weeks. From now on practice will be held regularly three times a week. Coach Dyer expects to turn out an exceptionally strong nine this year, as the battery candidates are unusually promising and many veterans are back in the field.

There are 55 candidates out for the team, 14 of whom are prospective pitchers. The squad will be reduced considerably within the next two weeks by a process of elimination.

Gibbons Defeated McCoy. New York, Feb. 23.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul easily outpointed Al McCoy of Brooklyn in a 10 round bout in Brooklyn today. Each man weighed 132 pounds.

SPORTING NOTES. Wild Bill Fleming and Tom Maloney will meet in Schenectady March 2.

Tommy Gary and Charley White have been matched to box in Peoria March 9.

There is talk of matching Jack Blackburn and Sam Langford in New York next month.

Promoter Baker of Australia is going to give Gus Christie \$4,000 for five bouts in Australia.

The Rhode Island A. C. which has been meeting with hard luck as regards boxing, is going to make another try March 9.

Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion of England, is to have a permanent opponent in St. Louis Thursday night.

The signed contract of Morgan McShea, a young outfielder from the Tri-Country league in Pennsylvania, was received Friday by the Bridgeport club.

Promoter Baker of Australia has had a talk with Pauley McFarland about going to Australia. The price that McFarland put on his services, it is believed, stunned the promoter.

The track meet schedule of the Southern California colleges just announced calls for nine dual meets. The season closes with the Pacific coast intercollegiate meet at San Francisco on Saturday, May 2.

The first intercollegiate handball affair to be played in recent years will be held at the Crescent A. C. in Brooklyn on Saturday, March 7, when the teams of Yale and Princeton will meet in a dual competition.

Hector McInnes' champion, Johnny Glover, has two contracts to fill this week. He will meet Harry Kutny of New York Wednesday night in Manchester, N. H., and on Thursday night he will go against Joe Tagan in Lawrence.

Owner George Cameron of the New Haven club has written to President O'Rourke from Chicago to say that he has traded Second Baseman Rolin to Winston-Salem of the Carolina association for Infielder Schumaker.

It would appear that Nate Lewis, manager of Charles White, the Chicago lightweight, is becoming reckless with his money when he wants to bet Tom Skonek of New York. The latter would not last 10 rounds before White.

The Bridgeport club is after an outfielder who was with the Inter-State league this season. His name is unknown, but he is said to be a good hitter. His terms have not been fixed, but the club wants to know whether he is a left or right handed hitter.

Dave Gregg, the big right hander, last year with the Waterbury club, left for a hunt of trouble at another club at New Orleans, where the Cleveland club is taking its preliminary work before the start of the American league season. With Charley Hiltz, the Albany boxer, who is trainer for the club, Gregg is charged with assault. The cases come up Friday.

Hamilton college has announced the athletic coaching staff for the present year. E. J. Star will direct the football players; Floyd Risley will have charge of the track and field squad, and Coach Turner will show the baseball candidates the inside features of the national game. Risley is a former University of Pennsylvania track star; Turner a Harvard graduate who has played professional baseball, while Samp's record with the eleven last season was so satisfactory that he was re-engaged.

A new use has been found for western college coaches' players, the Adonis type. These heroes of the gridiron secured positions as artists' models for the men who draw illustrations for ready made clothing advertisements. For their time they receive \$2 an hour and all they had to do was to put on a borrowed suit of clothes and stand in an alleged society pose alongside a model of the feminine sex.

Some co-eds found positions almost as easy for men who are illustrators of women of newly acquired wealth in the rudiments of etiquette at \$1.50 per hour.

Jack Johnson is determined to stand in right with some people abroad. He has written to socialist leaders in Glasgow saying that he is a socialist. Johnson said that many colored persons besides himself realize that the only way they are going to get fair play is by supporting the socialist movement. He also desired his intention to immediately organize a movement among the colored people of the United States to sever their connection with the republican and democratic parties and give their adherence to the socialists.

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Harvard baseball cage the other afternoon to renew acquaintance with Dr. Sexton, the coach, and to meet Capt. Dana Wingate.

There appears to be little possibility of an Oxford or Cambridge undergraduate rugby football team accepting the invitation of the University of California and Stanford university to visit the Pacific coast for a series of games during the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915. Such a trip would take the English students away from their studies for too long a period. A tour may be made, however, by a fifteen composed of old blues. Many of the old blues keep up their rugby play for many years after leaving college by joining various club teams, and a team of alumni, judiciously selected, would probably prove a more formidable organization than a regular varsity squad. Such a team would probably consist of Cambridge as well as Oxford men, as it is known that certain former Cambridge stars have been asked if they are in a position to consider such a trip.

Requesting me to wait a minute, Clark's friends went upstairs and soon afterward reappeared, followed by Clark, who seemed very nervous. I greeted him cheerfully, telling him I was very glad to see him—which was strictly true—and told him there was a good thing for him at Newark that afternoon. He seemed somewhat reassured, and requested me to wait till he got his suit. When he reentered the house I stepped into a neighboring drug store, called up Scharden and told him that Clark and I would be at Holmes' saloon within an hour.

Clark soon returned and we left for Newark, going at once to the saloon, and found the had arrived in advance of Scharden. After waiting for some time Clark began to grow suspicious, and Scharden had arrived in advance of Clark at once. I used every pretense to detain him without avail, and he had started to leave, when the door opened and Scharden, accompanied by Captain Glori, the chief of police, at that time backer of Bob Fitzsimmons, entered the saloon and placed Clark under arrest.

He was given the alternative of returning the money or going to prison, and he produced \$50, all that remained of the hundred dollars, and was allowed to depart, with a warning from Captain Glori to never return to New Jersey.

So soon afterwards called for London, and I never heard from him again. I remained for a few days at Newark, where I met Orville Gardner, one of the old time champions of the prize ring and spent many pleasant hours listening to the tales of battle in the roped arena in the days of Morrissey and Heenan.

TWENTY YEARS ON THE CINDER PATH

By JOHN D. NOLAN.

Soon after my two mile race with Hegelman at the New London county fair I paid a visit to my old friend and backer, Albert Scharden at Elizabeth, N. J., and found him in a rather disturbed state of mind—owing to a clever trick played upon him by Jerry Clark, the English runner, whom I had defeated in 1890 in a mile at Orange, N. J. On the day before my arrival Scharden was surprised by receiving a visit from Clark, whom he invited into a nearby saloon where they found a local runner, named Schultz, standing at the bar. During the conversation that followed Schultz boasted that he could outrun any man in Elizabeth at a mile for \$100 a side. "Give me a hundred," whispered Clark, and knowing Clark could easily beat Schultz, Scharden slipped him a roll of bills containing one hundred dollars. Clark

at once accepted the proposition of Schultz, but the latter declared he could not get the money until the next day. Clark returned the money to his pocket, and soon afterwards, excusing himself for a minute, entered a room in the rear, from which he passed into the back yard, scaled the fence and disappeared. After some time had elapsed Scharden became suspicious and sought in vain for Clark. He then notified the police, but no trace of Clark could be found. Being familiar with some of the saloons in Newark, frequented by Clark, I decided to try and locate him, and went at once to Newark, first going to Holmes' saloon on Broad street, where I was told Clark had left Newark some time previous. I then hunted up his bosom friend, Ted Wilson, who told me he had gone to Brooklyn, N. Y., to visit an old friend before sailing for Eng-

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