

SPORTS

WOULD CURTAIL LEAGUE EXPENSES

Executive of the Central Association Will Put Money in Treasury During the Coming Season.

HOW IT IS TO BE DONE

But Four Umpires Will be on Staff and the "Corners Will be Knocked Off", as he Puts it.

Economy is the slogan of President M. E. Justice of the Central Association. Already the league executive is taking active steps towards the curtailment of expenses and during the coming season the organization will be conducted at a minimum figure.

"Instead of five umpires as I had during the greater part of last season," said President Justice, "I am going to sign but four, but they will all be men of high rank in the profession and entirely capable. Also the 'corners will be knocked off' in various ways to lessen the running expense of the league."

Three Umpires Signed. Justice was able to state Saturday that he has already signed three indicator men, but will not give out the names until the contracts are returned and the fourth man is included in the list.

Schedule Being Worked On. President Justice hopes to see the schedule before the first of the year. Schedule makers are at work at the present time preparing the drafts and it is thought that the charts this year will not be difficult.

Active About Circuit. There has been considerable activity about the circuit during the past week. Manager Connors has been signed by Kewanee, leaving Quincy the only city without a manager.

HUGHIE WANTS ANOTHER CLUB

In an interview in the current Sporting News, Hugh Shannon, the deposed manager of the Ottumwa baseball club, tells of the luck that figures in baseball, and incidentally invites any club seeking a manager to communicate with him.

"Luck plays a very important part in the game of baseball. One error in each game is liable to make a team lose 10 or 12 straight games, and although the team may play an even game otherwise, one bad bound is liable to make it lose a game. In 1908 I had charge of the Wilmington, N. C. club. When the season began my team was picked for the second division on account of the number of reputed weak hitters I had on my club.

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COBB'S AVERAGE HIGHEST IN YEARS

Sam Dungan Tied Notch in 1900 and Lejole Has Surpassed it Twice Since Then.

"Ty" Cobb, the dandy Detroit, has the distinction of leading the American league swat colony for the third year running. Strange to state, his percentage of .377 is identically the same as old Sam Dungan hung up the first year Ban Johnson was in control of the league. Lejole alone has hit at a speedier clip than .377. The Frenchman soured the sphere to the tune of .422 in 1901 and in 1904 batted .381.

Following is a list of the American league's bingling champions.

Year	Player and Club	Pct.
1900	Dungan, Kansas City	.377
1901	Lajoie, Philadelphia	.422
1902	Delehanty, Philadelphia	.376
1903	Lajoie, Cleveland	.355
1904	Lajoie, Cleveland	.381
1905	Lajoie, Cleveland	.328
1906	Stone, St. Louis	.358
	Clarke, Cleveland	.358
1907	Cobb, Detroit	.348
1908	Cobb, Detroit	.324
1909	Cobb, Detroit	.377

Dan O'Leary Back. Dan O'Leary will be back in the Three-Eye league next season, this announcement having been recently made and comes from Rock Island. The association in that city has secured his return from Memphis, of the Southern league, the city by whom he was drafted last year. O'Leary was the leading catcher in the Three-Eye in 1907 and would have managed Rock Island last season if he had not been drafted.

Sporting Tips. Word comes that three big league umpires have secured positions as field walkers in the Fair store in Chicago. It might be well, at least fans would hail it as a godsend, if some of the Central Associations would get similar positions and stick.

It is almost time for the papers of the Central Association to start sparring over the schedule. The Quincy Herald felted and delivered a weak punch. Other papers have been slow in taking up the battle. However, there is little to contend over this year.



BASKET BALL MEN BEST IN YEARS

Association Quintet Displayed Wonderful Form in Game Thursday With Burlington and Fans Are Pleased.

COMPARED TO OTTUMWA

Burlington Defeated by Team From Packer City by Score of 51 to 10--Keokuk Score was 51 to 18.

The showing made by the Y. M. C. A. basketball team Thursday evening against Burlington was extremely pleasing to followers of the sport and it is clearly apparent that Keokuk is to have the classiest basketball in many years. The only comparison that the game furnishes is that with Ottumwa. Ottumwa defeated Burlington by the score of 51 to 10 and Keokuk won by the score of 51 to 18. Twelve of the points made by Burlington against Keokuk were fouls, while but three field goals were made.

The remarkable showing of Allen, the tall center is possibly the most noticeable feature. Keokuk will compete with strong teams during the season and it was absolutely essential that a strong center be developed. Allen fills the bill and will likely be a fixture.

Burlington's guards appeared quite strong and for this reason and two forwards, "Chuck" King and Paul King were compelled to rely not upon their own ability, but rather upon the skill of Allen and the guards and play the ball to them for baskets. In this department of the game Dadant and Belknap were equal to the emergency and rushed the ball down the field time after time often Dadant receiving the ball for a final shot instead of the forwards and the same strategy being worked with Allen escaping his opponent.

Belknap will probably show the most improvement during the next month and in that time the team should work up wonderful speed. He is not the equal of Dadant in shooting for goals and general knowledge of the game, but is a snappy player with ability to escape with the ball and carry

it to the forwards. He covers well.

All of the men are clever in hitting the baskets, even though they displayed some weakness the other night. Their ability in this department of the game is unquestioned and some high scores are looked for during the season.

Captain King will keep the men hard at work in the meantime and the players should develop to a high degree.

SCHOOLS LOOK TO TRI-STATE

Already a Letter Has Been Received by Management Asking for Entry Blanks.

Although the date is at least five months distant and indoor track work has hardly commenced, schools in this section of the country are already writing for information concerning the Third Annual Tri-State meet, which will be held at the athletic field some time during the month of May.

The first school to write for information and even so far as to inquire for entry blanks is the Moline High school. It will be remembered that Moline was represented by one athlete, Wayland by name, who through excellent work gave his school a tie for the championship. Officials found it hard to arrive at a conclusion as to what disposition to make of the loving cup and it has been retained by the management to be given as a special prize at the coming meet.

Glen Parsons, who has been identified with High school athletics for several years, is manager of the meet and is already formulating plans to make the outdoor event a big one.

An early start is being made and everything done to make it the biggest ever held in the city.

Would Lessen Mileage.

President Terney of the Three-Eye is already being recognized as a capable head for that organization. His latest move is in the direction of a heavy saving in transportation expenses. In former years the schedules were so arranged as to provide for four trips to each city, playing two series of three games and two series of four games each. Next season, with two new towns--Danville and Waterloo--both distantly located and increasing the mileage, the expense of transportation will be 10 per cent greater than in former years. To save as much mileage as possible, the suggestion was made that the schedule be drawn up so as to provide for three trips only, two of three game series and one of four games. Wilson Bering, of Decatur, who has prepared the schedule for the past three years, is now at work upon the charts for next season, to be submitted at the January meeting in Chicago, and it

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