

# SPORTING PAGE

## CLUBS REDUCED TO TWELVE MEN

All Clubs in the Circuit Are Reduced to Bring Them Under the Player Limit of the League.

## DISPUTE OVER MUSKIES

Marshalltown Scribe Claims Wilkus and Sohn Are Not Veterans—Both Were Released.

Reductions all over the circuit have been made to bring clubs within the twelve player limit and also to get them under the four man rule limit. Egan, in reducing to twelve players cut loose two men who were said to be veterans, Wilkus and Sohn.

A Marshalltown scribe, in commenting on the violations of the four-man rule, states that Sohn and Wilkus, dropped by the Muskies, are affected by the law. He declares that the wee outfielder played at Quincy for a period of six weeks before joining the Ansons in 1914, and Wilkus put in a whole season with the Rockford club in the Wisconsin-Illinois league.

The same person giving out the information concerning the local players association has no record of Lindberg having played in higher company than class D for more than thirty days. However, an examination of the New York State league records will show that the Lindbergs now playing for the Ansons is the same person who played 129 games at second base for Albany in 1912, and twenty-two games for the same club in the year following.

## Andrews Cuts Down.

Muscatine Journal: Before leaving for Clinton, Manager Doc Andrews of the Jays announced the release of Pitcher Marshall, who did not accompany the team to Muscatine for the series which closed yesterday. The leader of the former champions states that he had to drop only one player in order to get down to the limit. A glimpse at the present roster, however, will show that it will be necessary for Doc Jay to get rid of one more player if the player limit rule now in vogue in the Central association is properly recognized.

When the Bluejays arrived here on Sunday, thirteen men comprised the team and each was given carte blanche to Clinton this morning, which proves that Andrews must let loose one of his present crew if he is to abide by the laws of the league. The Jay roster at present is as follows: Pitchers Tuttle, Drohan, Buttle, Torkelson; Catchers Brennan and Askland; Infielders Sheldon, Welch, Wintz and Fairchild and outfielders, Free and Alperman.

## Egan's Club Under.

Manager Ned Egan today reduced the Musky squad to twelve men, in compliance with the new Central association ruling, by releasing Pitchers Ulrich and Wilkus and Outfielder Sohn. The blue slips were handed out only after much thinking, as each of the three men dropped would be valuable in some ways to most teams in the circuit. Ulrich, it is said, will enter the semi-pro ranks, probably at Albert Lea, Minn. Wilkus and Sohn have not yet announced their intentions.

With the disposal of the two hurlers and the star gardener, the Muskies are left with Pitchers Zackert, Ross, Franke and Bagner, Catchers Hruska and Lee; Infielders Hasbrook, O'Day, Runser and Augustus and Outfielders Sours and Reinart. In future games, one of the catchers will occupy the right garden, with Sours in left and Reinart in center.

With Franke and Wagner showing form which indicates that they will rank among the best hurlers in the league, and Zackert and Ross giving promise of rounding into usual form by the first of June, it may be opined that the Muskies can boast of a staff of twirlers comparing favorably with any in the league.

## Clinton Squad Reduced.

CLINTON, Iowa, May 27.—Manager George Manush of the Clinton Pilots sent Infielder Ellison back to the St. Louis Cardinals and will either let Stuart or Gross go. It is more than likely that Gross will be retained as he is a left hander and the locals are badly in need of a man of this type at present. With the going of these men, it means that the Pilots will be made up of Manush, Nolt and Milligan, outfielders; Menne, Kensei, Simmons and Ohlin, infielders; Evans and Darrow, catchers; Jones, Miller, Stringer and Gross, pitchers.

## Johnson Loses His Home.

United Press Leased Wire Service: CHICAGO, May 27.—Jack Johnson, erstwhile pugilistic champion, not only is a man without a country but he may soon be a man without a home. Judge Heap, in morals court, today instructed Mrs. Tina Johnson, black Jack's old negro mammy, to produce James Basious in court. Basious was convicted of pandering. The Johnson woman went his bond to the extent of \$2,500 and gave Jack's home as security.

## MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

American League.			
Club.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	24	12	.677
Detroit	23	13	.639
New York	17	14	.548
Boston	13	14	.481
Washington	14	17	.453
St. Louis	14	20	.412
Cleveland	13	19	.406
Philadelphia	12	21	.364

Federal League.			
Club.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	21	14	.600
Chicago	21	14	.600
Kansas City	19	14	.576
Newark	19	16	.543
Brooklyn	17	16	.515
St. Louis	15	16	.484
Baltimore	13	21	.382
Buffalo	10	24	.294

National League.			
Club.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	18	11	.621
Chicago	20	13	.606
Brooklyn	15	15	.500
St. Louis	16	17	.485
Pittsburgh	15	16	.484
Boston	15	16	.484
Cincinnati	12	17	.414
New York	11	17	.393

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS.

American League. Chicago, 7; New York, 6. Detroit, 10; Washington, 5. Other games postponed on account of rain.

Federal League. Brooklyn, 6; Pittsburgh, 3. All other games postponed on account of rain.

National League. All games postponed on account of rain.

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE.

American League. Open date for St. Louis and Boston, New York at Chicago. Washington at Detroit. Philadelphia at Cleveland.

Federal League. Brooklyn at St. Louis. Newark at Chicago. Buffalo at Pittsburgh. Baltimore at Kansas City.

National League. St. Louis at New York. Chicago at Philadelphia. Cincinnati at Boston. Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.

## C. A. PLAYERS IN LATEST BULLETIN

Many Players Known to C. A. Fans in Bulletin Issued by Secretary Farrell Recently.

Bulletin No. 22, recently issued by Secretary Farrell of the national commission contains the names of many players who are enrolled on teams of the Central association at the present or who have appeared on C. A. diamonds in the past. This list contains the following:

Contracts. With York, Neb.—Frank Wetzel, formerly a Musky. With Norfolk—J. M. Walford, formerly Bunny pitcher.

With Waterloo—Payne Marshall, Edward Alperman, Frank Askland, Eddie Brennan, Thomas Drohan, Albert H. Volkman, Ledger Free, Joe Wintz, I. Rojas, Howard Tuttle, Harry E. Ellis, Arnold Sheldon and James E. Wood.

With Cedar Rapids—James A. Hamilton and William Ludwig. With Burlington—John Anderson. With Marshalltown—Frank Richards and Karl Maul.

With Elgin—Joe Brennan, formerly with Cedar Rapids. With Aurora—Ted Burgwald, formerly with Burlington.

Released by Purchase. By St. Joseph to Muscatine—Player O'Day.

Optional Agreements. Newark to Chattanooga—William Wagner, former Jay. Burlington to Freeport—Walter Mueller and John Anderson. Burlington to Elgin—William Moore.

Released. By Minneapolis—Louis Fine, well known to C. A. fans. By Waterloo—A. Volkman and H. E. Ellis.

By Mason City—Harry Welch and Leonard Cruise. By Marshalltown—Nordvold. By Hamilton, Ont.—Merle Harris, now with Marshalltown. By Grand Forks—Al Melnert, former Pathfinder.

Suspended. By Burlington—M. G. Davis. Reinstated. By Marshalltown—Tommy Ryan.

National Board Decisions. Claim of Jesse Clifton (former C. A. player) against Hutchinson, Kas., disallowed.

Allying for Some Time. Chicago Evening Post: We knew that little Portugal child was coming down with something months ago. But it seems to be measles instead of scarlet fever.

## HAYDEN WILL SELL OUT HIS INTERESTS

Tentative Agreement Reached With Burlington Association to Take Over Baseball Club There.

## DEAL NOT COMPLETED

Only Signing Legal Papers Remains to be Done—Hayden Will Manage Team.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 27.—T. C. Hayden, owner of the Burlington baseball club, will sell out his interests in the team to the Burlington Baseball association, the deal probably being completed some time today. All of the details have been arranged and decided upon by both parties and all that remains to be done is the formal drawing up of the papers and the signing of same. Under the agreement reached, the Burlington players are to be owned and controlled by the local association as Hayden is to give up all connections with them.

The baseball association met with Mr. Hayden yesterday morning and the question was gone over completely. Rumors that a change was to be made in the baseball ownership in Burlington have been going the rounds for a couple of days, but nothing definite was known until after the meeting yesterday, although such a course has been taken was thought likely. There has been no mix-up between Hayden and the Burlington association, and Mr. Hayden will step down without any ill feeling toward the directors of the national pastime in this city. Both he and the association are working in perfect accord and the negotiations, which have been tentatively completed, were carried through without any friction whatever. There is hardly a doubt, but what the association will take over the ownership of the team this afternoon.

Change is Certain. When seen last night, Mr. Kaletch, president of the local association, and Mr. Hayden both frankly admitted that the change was certain and Mr. Kaletch was exceedingly optimistic on the baseball outlook in Burlington at the same time acknowledging that it will be necessary for the fans to turn out in support of the game.

Mr. Hayden stated that the attendance this year had been very poor, but supplemented his statement by saying that weather conditions have worked a hardship to a certain degree. His future course of action is uncertain. He has had several offers from men prominent in baseball, but so far has not accepted any of them. Dick Rohn will stay with the local association and will continue in the capacity of manager of the Pathfinders. With the locals leading the league at the present time and with them playing good baseball coupled with the fact that the players are capable managed, it seems certain that Burlington is to stay in the first division throughout the season and possibly finish ahead of any other club.

Justice Here. Mr. M. E. Justice, President of the Central association, was in the city yesterday morning and met with the local association and Hayden, when the plans for turning over the club to the former were discussed. His comments were of a general character, but he was of much assistance to both parties. It can safely be said that within the next twelve or fifteen hours the Burlington Baseball association will have complete control of the players and will finance the team the remainder of the season.

## Central Association

Standing of the Clubs—Yesterday's Results—Today's Games.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.			
Club.	P.	W.	L.
Burlington	20	15	5
Muscatine	20	14	6
KEOKUK	18	11	7
Clinton	17	9	8
Marshalltown	17	9	8
Waterloo	19	7	12
Cedar Rapids	19	6	13
Mason City	17	3	14

Yesterday's Results. At Keokuk-Mason City—No game, rain.

At Burlington-Marshalltown—No game, cold and wet grounds. At Muscatine—Muscatine, 5; Cedar Rapids, 6.

At Clinton—Clinton, 2; Waterloo, 8.

Where They Play Today. Mason City at Keokuk. Marshalltown at Burlington. Cedar Rapids at Muscatine. Waterloo at Clinton.

Trade Note. Sioux Falls Press: The fur business ought to be very good in this part of the country just now.

## YANKS AND SOX JOLT DOPESTERS

Their Showing so Far in American League Race Has Been Big Get Surprise in Years.

## ROWLAND MAKING GOOD

Man Who Went up From Bushes, is Doing Great Work Under Big Tent—Tigers in Race.

[By Hal Sheridan, Written for the United Press.] NEW YORK, May 27.—Not in the history of baseball has the grand old game got such a series of jolts as it did on the getway this year. Surprise piled on top of surprise and the experts and statisticians who settled the races during the winter months, shuddered and wept as they saw the teams they had picked for one-two-three go bumping along in the rear, winning about one game a week.

Probably the one biggest jolt handed the "dope" was the way the rejuvenated Yankees, under Wild Bill Donovan, fox-trotted out in front in Ban Johnson's loop. "A mere flash in the pan," said many. Be that as it may, they must admit now that it is "some flash." The Yankees are still tearing along at a mighty formidable clip. They lose lots of games of course. But they are still winning more than they are losing and will keep them up there in the front ranks.

Donovan necessarily draws the bulk of the credit for the improved form of the Yankees. "Wild Bill" has infused his cohorts with the fighting spirit and he lashes them along whenever they show signs of weakening. But there are some other factors that enter into the good showing of this gang.

High and Pipp, the two ex-Tigers lassoed by the new Yankee management have been playing a bang-up aprile of the national pastime all spring. Both have been hitting right around a three hundred clip and fielding almost faultlessly. Pipp grabbed the first base job away from young Andy Mullen after the hardest kind of a battle. Since, however, he has chosen that he is entitled to the job by whaling the ball in terrific style.

## Maisel Great Base Runner.

"Lute" Boone at second and Fritz Maisel at third have played championship ball all the way. This pair will come close to crowding any two at similar positions in the league for the honors. Maisel is smashing records galore in the base running department. This youngster boasted before the season opened that if he batted .300 he would steal more than one hundred bases this season. So far he has made good. He has batted close to three hundred and he has swiped an average of one base a game. As there are 154 games on the schedule and he maintains anything near his present clip, he'll chalk up his hundred stolen bases and then some.

In the pitching line, Donovan has been getting some nifty work. The three Rays—Keating, Caldwell and Fisher—have been winning consistently. Jack Warhop has been twirling classy ball but he has lost several hard luck games. Paddy Baumann an ex-Tiger, is also hurling a good brand of stuff for the Yankee crew.

Comiskey's White Sox form another surprise, though not as great a one as furnished by Donovan's outfit. The Chicago bunch, before the season opened, presented a problem. No one knew exactly how to figure them. There was a big "if" in connection with them. In the first place, the manager, Clarence Rowland, was an unknown quantity in the major leagues. He had come out of the bushes with a good record as a manager, but whether his stuff would win games in the big tent was a question. That he is making good is evidenced by the standing of the white hosed athletics in the percentage column.

## Fournier Hits Like Fiend.

Jacques Fournier, the big Frenchman who has been with the Sox for several seasons, is hitting like a fiend this year. He collects, among divers other hits, a brace of doubles, almost every day. Eddie Collins is adding great strength to the Comiskey clan and if they continue to get fair pitching, they will be battling the leaders all season.

Hugh Jennings has his Tigers back in the running after several years back with the trailers, the wily manager set about putting it together again with young blood. Of course, he has some of the old crew left to work with. Cobb and Crawford, for instance, bump the ball with the regularity that they did in the days of old. But Jennings has added some valuable young blood to the club and again has a contender in the field.

Up Boston way, the fans are pulling for the Red Sox twirling staff to round into shape. That's about all Carrigan needs to have his club in the going. So far this season, the Boston pitchers have been going poorly. "Smoky Joe" Wood is just getting right after an illness, Veau

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Gregg is still out of it and the others haven't flashed the brand of twirling they are capable of delivering.

## Among the Amateurs

The Keokuk Electric baseball club has complied with the law and paid its baseball tax. They are on such a good footing this year that they do not want anything to put a crimp in their schedule. This team is rapidly forging to the front in the amateur field and have only a few open dates. However they will be glad to talk business with any team wishing a game. On Sunday, May 30, the Keokuk Electric play Ft. Madison at that place, and on Monday May 31, they go to Canton to play that team. Games with Warsaw and Hamilton are to be played early in June. Line-up for the Ft. Madison game: Andressen, catcher; Semones, pitcher; Clink, first base; Sargent, second base; Buck, shortstop; Kirchner, third base; Nye, left field; Steiny, manager, center field; Drummond, right field.