TIMELY BITS OF SPORT

Sam Hildreth Will Train the Kohler Horses in France.

CHANGES HIS MIND AGAIN

Baseball Commission Rules That Yankees Must Pay Back Salary to Player.

S. C. Hildreth has changed his mind once more, and has decided to train the Charles Kohler horses abroad—not in England, however, but in France. He will sail on the Campania with his wife to-morrow, while ten of the fourteen horses, including Fitz Herbert, Zeus and Novelty, will be shipped on Saturday by the Atlantic Transport liner Minneapolis.

Mr. Kohler, who bought the Hildreth horses last fall, said yesterday that he had made up his mind to race abroad because the outlook was so dark in this state. He added that, so far as he could learn, the chances were against a repeal of the directors' liability law at Albany, and that under the circumstances he could not afford to maintain an expensive stable here.

Carroll Shilling, it is understood, has been released from his contract, and he will ride for a prominent stable on the Kentucky and Canadian tracks this summer.

Fitz Herbert, Zeus, Novelty, Puggins, Gold Blade and the two-year-old colts Broadwood and Beethoven II have been nominated for stakes in England. It is the present intention to prepare this lot at Maison Lafitte, in France, for these and other races, and ship them across the Channel a few days prior to the running of the races.

The rules of racing in France specify that only horses foaled in that country are eligible to start in races on the flat. Occasionally, however, the conditions of some races permit the entry of foreign-bred horses. For this reason some of the Kohler horses will be schooled for jumping.

Under a ruling by the National Baseball Commission yesterday, the New York Yankees must pay $384 to Justin Fitzgerald in back salary.

He asserted that on September 17, 1911, he was disposed of to the Jersey City club, of the then Eastern League, with which he played until September 24, when its season closed, under a promise from President Farrell that he would receive his salary from that time to October 15, but that his demand for $384 in satisfaction of that claim was ignored.

Indications point to an agreement between the new Columbia League and the United States League which may result in a combination of the two, possibly under the former name. In such case the Columbia League would take over the franchises in several cities now in the United States League, so that the circuit would be made up of Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, St. Louis, Kansas City, Louisville and Indianapolis. It begins to look as if baseball angels were hard to find.

Mike Gibbons and Jack Denning were matched last night to box before the Fairmont Athletic Club, of The Bronx, on March 25. Billy Gibson offered a purse of $7,500, of which Gibbons will receive $4,000 and Denning $3,500. The men will weigh in at 150 pounds at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Archer Harmon, of this city, has been re-elected captain of the Yale hockey team.

Jim Donnelly, Yale's campus "cop," will attend the Olympic games in July as the guest of the senior class of the academic department of the university. The decision to send Jim abroad at the expense of the class was made at a meeting of the class last night.

Thomas J. Dowd, scout of the Boston Red Sox, will coach the Trinity baseball team this year.

The Wesleyan Athletic Council has elected J. Freeman High, Brown, 1911, coach of the football eleven for next fall. High played end on the freshman eleven at Brown his first year, and his sophomore year played end and tackle on the 'varsity. His junior year he played tackle and guard and his senior year was used at quarter. Last fall he coached the Tulane University team, of New Orleans, and turned out a successful eleven. His experience on the line and in the back field make him a valuable man.

The much talked of bout between "Packey" McFarland, the Chicago lightweight, and "One Round" Hogan, of San Francisco, will be held at the Fairmont Athletic Club, of The Bronx, to-night. Hogan is sure that he will win on points, for he believes that his well known hitting ability will offset the speed and skill of McFarland. There are few who share his opinion, for the stockyards boy has never met his master in the roped arena. Hogan is a good boxer, but not so clever as McFarland, and his famous wallop has been slumbering for some time.

"Sailor" Burke will start his busy campaign for the week when he faces Larry English in ten rounds at the Royal Athletic Club, of Brooklyn. If Burke is not too badly used up he will face Charley Victor in ten rounds at the Long Acre Club to-morrow night.

The third bout of the evening will be at Brown's Gymnasium, where "Young" Shugrue, the Jersey City featherweight, will face Jack Lennon.

Word comes from Chicago that Charley White, the featherweight, has been matched to box Johnny Kilbane in a twelve-round bout in Cleveland some time the latter part of this month. Patrick McIntyre, the promoter of the Forest City, has the promise of Kilbane to box at his club, and the boys will probably meet on March 28. White boxed Kilbane to a draw recently.

CHARLES H. EBBETS BEGINNING WORK ON NEW HOME OF THE SUPERBAS, IN BROOKLYN, YESTERDAY.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT STEERS.
Standing second man on left of picture.

EBBETS SWINGS A SPADE

It's a Silver One, Too, and He Makes the Dirt Fly.

THEN COME GOOD WISHES

All of Which Means That the New Home of Brooklyn Baseball Is Begun.

Work on the new home of the Brooklyn Baseball Club was formally begun yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, when Charles H. Ebbets, president and chief owner of the club, turned the first spadeful of earth with a silver spade and christened the park Ebbets Field. A gathering of loyal "fans" some five hundred strong witnessed the ceremony, and Mr. Ebbets was showered with the good wishes of the crowd for a team worthy of the new park.

Borough President Steers made a short speech. He called Brooklyn the home of baseball and related several tales of the old Atlantics, champions of nearly forty years ago. He, too, expressed the desire for a winning team and wished the club long life and prosperity. Mr. Steers had hardly left the stand, when Castle Brothers, the contractors, set a lang of laborers at work breaking ground in what will be right field.

At a luncheon which followed Mr. Ebbets said that he hoped to have the grounds completed by the latter part of July or the early part of August. While the luncheon was in progress a telegram was received from Bill Dahlen and the team in Hot Springs, Ark., wishing the new field the best of luck.

The field is situated near Prospect Park and is bounded on the east by Bedford avenue, on the west by Cedar Place, on the north by Montgomery street and on the south by Sullivan street. Centrally located, it will be within easy reach of almost any part of Brooklyn. No fewer than a dozen transportation lines pass within a few blocks of the entrances.

When completed the stadium will compare favorably with any in the country. It will be built entirely of concrete and steel and will have a seating capacity of from 30,000 to 35,000 persons. The grandstand and pavilion will have a frontage of more than 1,100 feet. It will extend from Bedford avenue west to Cedar Place parallel to Sullivan street, and from Cedar Place north to Montgomery street parallel with Cedar Place.

The grandstand will be built on the western end of the plot and will be semi-circular. It will be two tiers in height. The entrances will be at the corners of Cedar Place and Sullivan street. The lobby of this entrance will be eighty feet in diameter, elaborately finished with tiled floors; the walls will be finished with glazed brick. The ticket sellers' booths will be furnished with plate glass windows.

AN ALL-STAR HOCKEY TEAM

Princeton Coach Gives Only One Place to the Tigers.

Princeton, N. J., March 4.—"The Daily Princetonian," the undergraduate paper of Princeton University, will publish to-morrow morning an all-collegiate hockey team and a review of the last hockey season written by G. H. Hornfeck, one of the most prominent authorities on hockey in the country.

From a Princeton point of view the surprising thing about Mr. Hornfeck's team is the fact that Baker is the only Princeton man on it, while Harvard gets three places. As Hornfeck coached the Tiger seven during the last season, however, he should know the abilities of the players, who won the championship, better than the average critic. Hornfeck's team follows:

Baker, Princeton, rover; Bates, Columbia, centre; Huntington, Harvard, and Sortwell, Harvard, wings; Blackall, Harvard, cover point; Smith, Cornell, point; Carhart, Yale, goal.

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Yankees Begin Work at Training Camp in South

Ford Shoots Over Some Fast Ones Warming Up with "Gabby" Street.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Atlanta, March 4.—The squad of New York American League baseball players assembling here for training was increased by noon to-day from thirteen to twenty, exclusive of Wolverton, the manager. Of this invoice all but two who reached town too late swarmed out to Ponce de Leon Park this afternoon for the first work of the season and for the first drill under the new manager.

The seven morning arrivals were Kauff, the hard hitting Bridgeport outfielder; Shears and Clark, southpaws from the Blue Grass League and the Western League, respectively; Upham, a pitcher, and Zinn, an outfielder, both of whom have been with the Yankees before for brief sojourns; Tonneman, the Jersey City catcher, and last, but far from least, Russell Ford.

Ford has been raising flax and wheat up in Canada this winter and looks prosperous and in fine condition physically. He never before looked so well in the spring. The only ones who did not get into the afternoon practice were Upham and Tonneman. In the morning the outlook for work was next to nil, but the sun came out valiantly at noon and provided a bright, warm afternoon. The field was too soft for extensive work, but Wolverton found some dry spots and put the men through an hour's drill at loosening up the arms and prancing around fielding balls.

Limbering up arms came first, the men pairing off for that purpose. Street took Ford and Jack Quinn in charge. Quinn had on all sorts of clothing, topped off by a rubber shirt, and perspired freely. He merely tossed the ball, but Ford cut loose fairly fast with a few straight ones. This work was done back of the grandstand. Then the brigade moved out to the field and went through a lively session gathering up batted balls and skylarking generally. Erhardt, the young New Yorker, and Coleman, the Tacoma recruit, were the embodiments of ginger. Clark made a good impression by his actions and motion while pitching.

The work with a dry field to-morrow will be more elaborate and will consist of two sessions.

REAL GIANTS PLAY BALL

Not for Long, However, as Rain Once More Plays Havoc.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Marlin, Tex., March 4.—For the first time since the dismal breakaway and muster-out last October, the troops that won the flag for the Giants last season assembled for field duty this afternoon. The old machine was set up and started to the accompaniment of many a wheeze and groan, and it rattled along for a half hour before it was short-circuited by rain and put out of business for the day.

The reunion of veterans was a mere incident in a day of abbreviated practice on a sticky field. It occurred early this afternoon as the advance agent of another storm darkened the skies. McGraw called off the daily game when he saw that rain was coming and sent the National League champions to their positions. He batted grounders to the infield and Matty hit fungoes to the outfield.

The infielders fought their changes quite a bit, as it was the first time they had moved about in their positions, and the uneven surface of the diamond made difficult the gauging of the hits. They carefully refrained from speedy throws, and the outfielders also nursed their salary arms. Arthur Fletcher was sharply reprimanded for shooting a fast throw at Merkle, but the others violated no ethics of the early spring code.

In the mean while the colts stood about on the side lines, with one eye on the old boys and the other on their own exercises. When the drizzle blew in over the right field fence all hands broke and ran for the bathhouse. The rain came down in copious quantities later in the afternoon, and it is doubtful whether the players will get out at all to-morrow. If they do the field will hardly be in condition for a game, as there has been no sunshine since the downpour of Saturday.

The athletes were cooped up indoors for several hours this afternoon and to-night, and they gave the old domino game a great play. McGraw retired to his room disgusted with the weather, which is the worst he has ever experienced down here. In four years the Giants have seen fewer bad days than have broken up the training schedule in two weeks this spring. Unless there is a big change soon the regulars will not be in condition to put up much of a game in Dallas and Fort Worth at the end of the week.

The new pitchers are fairly well advanced in training, and so far none have complained of sore arms. Usually there are one or two of the young hurlers who acquire lame arms as a result of too much work the first week.

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BOY SCOUTS TURN OUT

Go Through Various Drills at the Sportsmen's Show.

The Sportsmen's Show attracted another big crowd to Madison Square Garden yesterday, and with something going on almost every minute there was plenty to amuse and entertain. The Boy Scouts were much in evidence during the evening, about three hundred being on hand from Brooklyn.

The troops which participated in the various scout activities and their scout masters were as follows: Troop 37, Brooklyn, the Rev. Ben Wyland scout master, first aid, signalling; Troop 28, Brooklyn, Joseph C. Dexter scout master, setting up exercise, knot tying, signalling; Troop 55, Brooklyn, James R. Spurgeon scout master, hiking, staff and company drill, setting up exercise; Troops 2, 3 and 6, Jamaica, Henry S. Curtis, Albert Hibberd and Bernard B. Horsbrugh, respectively, scout masters, ambulance, signalling; Troop 54, Brooklyn, Charles B. Hunter scout master, first aid, signalling; Troop 1, Woodhaven, Frank Van Leer, jr., scout master, first aid, signalling, lighting fires; Troop 27, Brooklyn, Lester Harrison scout master, first aid; Troop 1, Rosedale, N. Y., John W. Eklund scout master, trapping, and Troop 1, New Brighton, Staten Island, Charles F. Smith scout master, fancy staff drill.

So much interest has been taken by the trap shooters in the coming Olympic eliminations that Stephen M. Van Allen decided yesterday to devote part of the Friday session to try-outs under Olympic rules.

The early morning session among the professionals brought H. C. Kirkwood, of Boston, to the front once more with a score of 49 out of a possible 50 targets. Sim Glover, of Rochester, was second with 48, and C. R. Dickey, of Boston, third, with 47.

In the amateur division P. E. Osborne, of West Summerville, Mass., lead with 48 targets out of 50. C. R. James, of the Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, was second with 47. Other good scores were by F. H. Schauffler, 45; H. T. Lee, 44; J. F. James, 44; F. B. Stephenson, 43; W. Simonson, 43, and F. N. Reed, 43.

The anglers' tournament was continued in the afternoon, starting with the competition for accuracy. The target was placed sixty feet from the platform. E. M. Gill won with a score of 97 per cent; C. H. Higby was a close second with 95 4-5 per cent and Walter McGuckin third with 96 3-5 per cent. The judges were John J. McGee and Willett B. Crane.

The shooting exhibition of Miss Annie Oakley proved more instructive and interesting than at any time since the show opened. Her accurate work brought out much enthusiastic applause.

WHITNEY MEETS DEFEAT

Goes Down Before Prentiss in Fast Match at Squash.

OTHER EVENT POSTPONED

Winner Loses First Set, but Rallies Strongly in Hard Uphill Fight.

Gradually working up his game from a poor beginning, John W. Prentiss succeeded in winning his place in the final round of the national squash tennis championship tournament yesterday. In his semi-final match on the court of the Harvard Club, No. 27 West 44th street, Prentiss defeated George H. Whitney at 4—15, 15—8, 15—7.

Rarely in his career at squash tennis has Prentiss, who was runner-up for the national title to Dr. Stillman a year ago, displayed such skilful handling of the racquet and cleverness in footing. Whitney, who is rated as the third best player in the country, compelled his opponent to be at the top of his work in order to win, and the tardiness of the winner in getting warmed up made the ending all the more spectacular.

The other semi-final match was postponed until to-morrow afternoon. Dr. H. S. Satterlee advised the committee that he was ill and would have to default to Dr. Alfred Stillman, 2d, if the schedule was adhered to. The officials were averse to a default at such an important stage of the championship and the postponement was allowed. As a consequence the final match for the championship has been put over to Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The spectators wedged themselves into every spot from which a view of the court could be obtained to see the Whitney-Prentiss match. The former burst into action like a tropical tornado with the opening service. Prentiss, in contrast, was inert. Stocky of figure, his bulk was emphasized by a heavy sweater, while a broad brimmed felt hat, from which the crown had been torn, surmounted his head, but shaded his eyes.

Whitney reeled off half a dozen aces, the ball fairly burning the walls of the court, especially when he played a crossed wall shot from his low backhand, which was especially fast. It took the full limit of the first set before Prentiss was really going. Even then he was not quite equal to holding Whitney, who, despite flagrant errors of judgment in the playing of his shots at important stages, was going so swiftly as to win on sheer speed.

The two men were halfway into the second set when the strategy of Prentiss's handling of the ball and his splendid tactics in manœuvring began to show. His movements were as sure and swift as a panther's and he pounced upon the ball with a certainty in all of the rallies that soon beat back even the wonderful speed of Whitney. From that point Prentiss steadily drew ahead, winning the set with a run of five straight aces.

The third set was practically a repetition of the second. Whitney made a dazzling spurt at the start, by which he held on in the scoring. When that flash of brilliancy passed Prentiss drew out and won the match in a splendidly played rally.

PLAN BIG ATHLETIC MEET

Columbia To Be Host at Games for Local Colleges.

Columbia will be the host of practically all the colleges of the greater city in a metropolitan collegiate athletic championship meet, to be held on South Field on April 20. It will be the first time that such a meet has ever been held, and the colleges that will compete are Columbia, Fordham, New York University, the College of the City of New York, Pratt and probably the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. The games have been arranged by Columbia with the object of increasing the interest in track athletics in the student bodies of the various institutions. If it is a success it will be held at a later date next year, probably one week before the intercollegiate games.

Norman C. D. Cox, who has coached the Columbia swimming team during the present season, has resigned in order to accept a position as coach of the Chicago Athletic Club swimming team, according to an announcement made yesterday by Harry A. Fisher. Under Cox Columbia has enjoyed its most successful season in years, although the Australian coach has devoted most of his time to building up a squad for next season.

He is to begin his work at Chicago next summer and is to have entire charge of the aquatic equipments of the club, his duties as coach of the swimming and water polo teams being merely incidental.

NEW MASCOT FOR GIANTS

So Says Boy Who Is Picked Up Half Frozen in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, March 4.—Kevin Saunders, a fourteen-year-old boy of Springfield, Ohio, was picked up by the local police this morning and told a story of how John J. McGraw had hired him to be the mascot of the Giants this season. He was almost frozen when found by a policeman, who took him to the station house, thawed him out and sent him to the House of Detention.

When Kevin heard that the Giants were about to start South he ran away from the Knights of Pythias Home at Springfield and started beating his way East. He got only this far to learn that the Giants are in Texas.

The police purpose to send a telegram to McGraw to ascertain if his "mascot" shall be forwarded.

DAHLEN TRIES HIS MEN

Begins Early to Find the Best Combination for Infield.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Hot Springs, Ark., March 4.—Daubert on first, Hummel, Downs (Minneapolis) and Cutshaw (Oakland) on second, Smith on third and Reilly (Yale and St. Joseph) at short was the way Dahlen, of the Brooklyn team, lined up his infielders in the morning practice session at Whittington Park to-day. The rest of the squad took batting practice.

After luncheon Dahlen dispatched the players who had worked out in the regular practice in the morning, as well as most of his pitchers and catchers, over the mountains, while the others returned to the grounds and took a brisk workout. James, the Texas fence buster; Cutshaw, Reilly, Breen and Downs continue to show excellent form, while Allen, the pitching recruit from Mobile, gives every indication of staying in the big league.

Charley Dooin arrived in Hot Springs this morning in command of the Philadelphia Nationals. His party numbered almost sixty, in addition to the players and newspaper men. There are eight loyal rooters and the wives of Dooin, Sherwood Magee and Otto Knabe in the party. The Phillies dedicated their brand new grounds right after luncheon.

O'KEEFE WINS ON POINTS

Gets Better of Dundee After a Fast, Whirlwind Bout.

Eddie O'Keefe, the clever Philadelphia featherweight, won a slashing ten-round bout from Johnny Dundee, of this city, on points at the Empire Athletic Club last night. The battle was one of the fastest between featherweights seen in years. Both were clever and aggressive, and the tide of fortune ebbed and flowed.

O'Keefe won because his longer reach enabled him to stave off the furious charges of Dundee, who had all the better of the infighting. Dundee was the stronger at the final bell, and many left the building believing that in a long bout he would win decisively.

The first two rounds were of the whirlwind variety, with honors decidedly in favor of O'Keefe. He remained at long range, and taking advantage of his height and longer reach poked his left hand to the face almost at will. Dundee was unwise enough to try and box his man on the defensive, and let O'Keefe do all the leading, while he tried to counter. His efforts were fruitless, for O'Keefe beat him to the punch in almost every exchange.

The third and fourth rounds saw Dundee alter his plans slightly, and he closed in to fight. The Quaker City boy was not willing to relinquish his advantage so easily, and he called some speedy footwork into play and continued his jabbing.

O'Keefe bordered on swift and sudden defeat in the fifth round. Dundee tipped off one of his left hand leads and shot a crushing right hook inside to the jaw. O'Keefe crashed to the mat, and at the count of nine arose in a groggy condition. Dundee went at him hammer and tongs and landed punch after punch on the head and body, but O'Keefe, though weak and weary, refused to go to the boards.

The sixth round was even and fast. In the seventh Dundee landed a crushing right hand punch under the heart and ripped a left uppercut on the jaw. O'Keefe reeled to the ropes, but came back strongly. In the closing rounds O'Keefe proved clever and held his lead on points.

Frank Duffy, the Boston lightweight, easily defeated Billy Sherman, of this city, in a ten-round bout at the Irving Athletic Club, Greenpoint, last night.

Harry Lortz outpointed Willie Howard, the Ridgewood lightweight, in a ten-round bout at the Brooklyn Beach Athletic Club last night. Lortz forced the battle and gained the winning points in the last two rounds.

PLAY POCKET BILLIARDS

Amateur Championship Tourney Begins in Three Places.

HYMAN AND CARTER WIN

Munoz Also Scores, Beating W. A. Tilt, Who Holds the New York A. C. Title.

Showing cleverness and resourceful execution in sending the balls to the pockets, Arthur B. Hyman, the champion of the Amateur Billiard Club of New York, and L. F. Carter, his clubmate, led off with victories yesterday afternoon in the national amateur pocket billiard championship tournament. Hyman, on the table in the lounging room of the New York Athletic Club, defeated G. T. Brown, also an Amateur Billiard Club player, by a score of 125 balls to 74. Up at Paul's Riverside Academy, 125th street and Seventh avenue, Carter defeated William H. Anders by a score of 125 balls to 72.

Both of the matinee matches continued through fourteen frames, which for amateurs was somewhat faster than the professionals have played in some of their recent contests in this city. The best run of the two matches, which opened the first championship among amateurs for a national title ever held in this country, was made by Carter, with 26 in his eighth, ninth and tenth frames. Hyman worked out a run of 22 in his third and fourth frames. Carter cleared the table once and Hyman twice.

There was a great turning out of enthusiasts to watch both of the matches, and it was so also in the evening games, where the third ring of the tournament was opened at the Amateur Billiard Club of New York, 74th street and Broadway, when William A. Tilt, champion of the New York Athletic Club and Strollers' Club, was beaten by Cecil Munoz, at 125 to 87. Altogether half of the fourteen aspirants for the title got into action. The results were excellent. In the estimation of Peter Doelger, jr., who has been largely instrumental in bringing about the championship, the skill and rapidity of play indicate that the amateurs are only a trifle below the professionals in skill.

As Hyman and Brown performed at the New York Athletic Club the newly offered championship cup reposed upon the mantelpiece above the table. It inspired Hyman, for he easily had the better of the first two frames. Then in the third Brown tried safety, with the result that he scratched three times and the frame was forfeited to Hyman, who cleared the table and ran off seven balls of the next frame. Hyman also cleared the table in the sixth frame and came within one ball of it in the tenth. Hyman played position splendidly, cleverly using english, and his cut shots for the pockets were all well done.

Carter at the Riverside Academy took all kinds of chances and his daring seemed to bring him luck. He came close to clearing the table in nine out of fourteen frames and that kept him ahead of William Anders all the way. Carter manœuvred so as to compel his opponent to break the pyramid in all but one frame. Then he proceeded to pick off the balls, making excellent use of the cushions for his position work. Anders was alternately brilliant and mediocre. He brought off two splendid long cut shots, only to fall down on the easy direct carroms to the pockets.

E. C. Everett, the Riverview Yacht Club champion, defeated Dr. Walter G. Douglas, the former New York Athletic Club title holder, in the evening game at the Riverside academy, by the score of 125 balls to 124. The match required seventeen frames. Dr. Douglas treated the crowd to wonderful playing, clearing the table in the tenth frame. In doing so he made a three-ball combination. He followed right on with twelve balls out of the next pyramid for a run of 27. Everett's best run was 18 balls.

The evening match at the New York Athletic Club went through eighteen frames before C. B. Porter, of Buffalo, defeated James M. Heatherton, of the home club, by 125 balls to 121. Heatherton played well, but was over-anxious, and made eleven scratches.

CORNELL HONORS HALSTED

Elects a Sophomore from Brooklyn Captain of Basketball Five.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Ithaca, N. Y., March 4.—At a meeting of the Cornell basketball team held here this evening G. C. Halsted, '14, of Brooklyn, was elected captain of next year's team. Halsted played particularly well at centre this season, which accounts for the unprecedented election of a sophomore as captain. Halsted pitched on his freshman baseball team.

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