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Washington Baseball Club Stockholders Will Meet Tuesday

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Washington Ball Club Stockholders Meet Tuesday—To Elect Officers for 1913.

PAST SEASON SUCCESSFUL

Treasurer Will Show that Nationals Made More Money Than Any Previous Year.

By WILLIAM PEET.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Washington baseball club will be held next Tuesday afternoon at which time considerable business of importance will be transacted.

"Not only was the season of 1912 the most successful from a baseball standpoint," said one of the officers of the club yesterday, "but the treasurer's report will show that Griff's team made more money than any club in the history of the sport here."

One important feature of this annual meeting will be the report of the committee selected to gain options and prices on certain lands adjacent to the Florida Avenue baseball park, for the purpose of enlarging the present plant. It is the desire of many of the stockholders to obtain enough ground to move the right field fence back a distance of fifty or seventy-five feet.

The present officers of the Washington club are Benjamin S. Minor, president; W. H. Rapley, treasurer; Rudolph Kauffmann, vice president; Edward J. Walsh, secretary, and J. Miller Kenyon, Clark Griffith, and Henry P. Blair, board of directors.

The stockholders will select officers at the annual meeting next Tuesday, and from an authoritative source it was learned that with but one exception the present board would probably be re-elected.

Last October it will be remembered that Benjamin S. Minor was chosen president to succeed the late Thomas C. Noyes. The meeting Tuesday will likely be held in the baseball headquarters of the club, where Manager Griffith has his office, in the Southern Building.

New Pitcher for Nationals.

Manager Griffith yesterday added a new twirler to his staff in the person of Victor Bickers, who hails from Buffalo, N. Y., where he has played semi-pro ball for several years.

Bickers is a six-footer and was recommended by Bill Shannon, former Eastern Leaguer, who thinks the youngster has the makings of a regular guy. Griff is willing to take a chance, and Bickers will be ordered to report in Charlottesville next March.

Griff's Training Camp Ideas.

"Give me four weeks, with an even break from the weather man, and I can get my ball club into condition to start the season," declared Manager Griffith, of the Nationals, when asked what he thought of McGraw's plan of working out his players seven weeks in advance of the sound of the opening gun.

"I do not wish to go on record as criticising McGraw or his methods," continued the Old Fox, "doubtless he has good reasons for ordering a long training camp season. I myself consider four weeks ample time and have found that such is the case for men who have lived the right kind of lives during the winter, which every ball player should do if he takes any pride or interest in his work."

Johnny McGraw broke up a prevailing belief that existed in baseball and other sports to the effect that the contestant off to a great start is sure to come back before the race ends. Pacemakers, in other words, are seldom winners of the race.

Last year McGraw sent his club to the field for the opening game in splendid shape. It outclassed every team but Cincinnati early in the game, and the pitching it received then from Rube Marquard clinched its pennant. But for that start McGraw might have lost the pennant.

This year McGraw again intends to go on the theory that a game won at the start of the season does just as much to cop the flag as one taken at its end. Every effort will be strained to send the team to the field in midseason form.

If this should happen, particularly of the club's pitchers, it is safe to predict right now that the Pirates and not the Giants will win the flag. The Giants last year were cracking sadly for two months and their slovenly play in the world's series indicates how badly the club was off form at the end of the campaign.

The whole trouble is that athletes cannot stay on edge for six months, even in so moderate manner as baseball men are asked to. They invariably go stale and lose form. It is therefore better to be a coming team than a waning one, for, if it comes down to a final battle or two, the improved club will have the best chance to nose out.

McGraw may have his front running outfit—the one which hits its stride in June is the one that will stand the best chance of the pennant.

Ottawa Beats McGill Team.

New York, Jan. 4.—In a game of real Canadian hockey at St. Nicholas Rink tonight, Ottawa College defeated McGill University, of Montreal, by a score of 4 to 2. The Capital City boys won out in the second half as the result of McGill's roughness. Repeated penalties broke up the fine defense of the Montreal boys.

WOLGAST DOES NOT CARE TO TACKLE BATTLING NELSON

"Uncle" Bill Naughton calls attention to the fact that Ad Wolgast never gave Battling Nelson a return match. Ad grows a bit peevish when he discusses this subject.

"I might have taken on the Battler again, but he went out and got himself licked by Owen Moran. He wasn't any card after that," says the Dutchman. "That ain't all. I never got one single offer to fight Nelson again. If the promoters didn't want the scrap why should I go around drumming up a benefit for Nelson?"

It was pointed out to Wolgast that Nelson is still in the ring and that a meeting between the "two former lightweight champions might draw a big house.

"Show me $10,000 for my end and I'll take him on," said Ad with a plain show of irritation, "but it would be a bum match for me. If I stopped him the public would call me a butcher. If I failed to knock him out the critics would give me the laugh. I'd take a chance, though, if paid my price."

SERVICE ELEVENS TO BATTLE TO-DAY

Army and Navy Football Teams Will Play at Union League Park.

The final football game of the season will be played this afternoon at Union League Park, with the All-Navy eleven meeting eleven picked men from all branches of the United States Army posted near Washington.

Stars of Fort Myer, United States Engineers, Fort Washington, and Fort Hunt are numbered on the Army aggregation, while the Sailors claim to have two men who fought hard against the Vigilants while wearing the Blue of the Reina Mercedes outfit.

Manager Thomas, of the Sailors, stated last night that his team is in the best of shape, and ready to go at the Soldiers at the first whistle. Three men from the Ozark will play on the Navy team, as will several Seamen Gunners and United States Marines. The sailor outfit has been practicing hard for this game, and Manager Thomas is confident of victory.

The Soldiers will have big Harsch in full, Sullivan in half, and Carpenter in quarter. Patten will play the other half. It is planned to start this contest promptly at 2 o'clock, so that full fifteen minute quarters can be played. "Hip" Dugan will officiate. Gates will be thrown open at 2 o'clock.

CHANCE LEAVES TO CONFER WITH FARRELL

Peerless Leader Says It Is Merely a Matter of Terms.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Frank Chance started East at 10 o'clock this morning, going to Chicago for a conference with Frank Farrell, of the New York Highlanders.

"I know absolutely nothing about the situation, except that Farrell wants me as manager of the team, and I want the job," said Chance as he stood on the depot platform at Glendora.

"It's merely a matter of terms between us, and I expect that we will easily reach an agreement."

"Toot! Toot!" from the engine. "So long, Mary!" shouted Chance.

THEY'RE IN AGAIN, OFFICER.

U. S. Baseball League Makes Its Reappearance.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 4.—That the United States Baseball League may be revived this year with a club in Cleveland is a report that reached the Naps' headquarters yesterday. The league lasted only a few weeks last season, the franchise cities being widely separated.

It is proposed this year to form a compact circuit in six States, with clubs in these eight cities: Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, and Kansas City. Grounds for the Chicago team are said to have been selected at Elston Avenue and Robey Street.

Foster Signs Boston Contract.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 4.—The signed contract for 1913 of Pitcher Foster, who was purchased from the Houston club, of the Texas League, late last season, was received to-day by the Boston American League club.

WHITE HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPION OF WORLD

LUTHER McCARTY.

The young giant who, by virtue of his decisive win over Al Palzer on New Year's Day at Los Angeles, has been proclaimed the white heavy-weight champion of America.

THE SHORT AND LONG OF THE ST. LOUIS CARDINALS.

HUGGINS AND SALLEE.

Newly elected manager is shown at the left and his erratic twirler, "Slim" Sallee.

ROGER COMPROMISES WITH THE CARDINALS

Bresnahan to Get $20,000 from St. Louis National League Ball Club.

Special to The Washington Herald.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.—A compromise between Roger Bresnahan, former manager of the Cardinals, and the owners of the club, was adopted late this afternoon at Lon O. Hocker's office.

The amount given Bresnahan was not announced, but was said to be $20,000.

Those present besides Bresnahan were Judge Henry S. Priest and Arthur Sager, his attorneys; Mrs. H. H. Britton, James J. Jones, G. Lacy Crawford, and other officials of the club.

Now that the settlement has been made, Roger probably will sign with Pittsburg or Cincinnati. The Cubs also are after his services. He is free to attach his signature to a contract with any team in the National League. Roger this evening refused to discuss his plans further than to say that the team making him the best offer would land him.

BARTELMAS PLAYS WALTER WALLACE

Pocket Billiard Match to Take Place Wednesday at Colorado Parlors.

Charley Bartelmas, the winner of the recent pocket billiard tourney held in the Royal parlors, will meet Walter Wallace at the Colorado parlors, 712 Fourteenth Street, in a 150-point match for a handsome prize.

This match has aroused a great deal of interest among the local knights of the slender stick, as both of the players have a large following, and the match is sure to be witnessed by a big throng.

The manager of the Colorado plans to have a weekly match, bringing some of the cue wielders of the country here to meet some of the local cracks. The tables have been all re-covered, and the parlor is now a place of beauty. The match will start promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

New Sporting Annual.

The little sporting reference book, the "Police Gazette Sporting Annual," for 1913, published by the Richard K. Fox Publishing Company, is out. It is a compendium of best performances in all branches of sports, ably compiled and edited by Sam C. Austin, the well known sporting writer and critic. The athletic records are the records of the Amateur Athletic Union, and officially accepted by that organization; the rowing, yachting, racing, trotting, pacing, automobile, hockey, football, aeroplane, and swimming records, made all over the world, are officially correct.

SURPRISE GIVEN AT JUAREZ TRACK

Florence Roberts Captures Handicap at Mexico Course.

TWO FAVORITES WIN

Maizie Girl and Lackrose Bring Home the Money from Good Fields.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Juarez, Mex., Jan. 4.—Florence Roberts furnished a surprise when she took into camp a shifty field of sprinters and captured the handicap, the feature of the card, this afternoon. Beauason kept Florence Roberts well up with the pacemakers, and in the final drive, when Pride of Lismore showed signs of weakening, she came on, and won with a comfortable margin. Upright also closed strong, and nipped the place from Pride of Lismore.

Maizie Girl and Lackrose were the only favorites to score. Summary:

FIRST RACE—Five and a half furlongs. The Chief, 4 to 1, won; Rossler, 5 to 2, second; Ask Ma, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:08 1-5. Amelia R., Huker, Meperdale, Wheeler, and Kamchatka also ran.

SECOND RACE—One mile. Fancy, 21 to 5, won; Orbol Lad, 4 to 5, second; E. M. Eckert, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:42 3-5. McCaben, Quick Trip, Joan Patterson, Highland Chief, and Lookout also ran.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs. Frazzle, 8 to 1, won; Elizabeth Harwood, 8 to 1, second; Miss Jean, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:14 3-5. Bells, Sprightly Miss, Gold Point, Orbicular, Aunt Alice, and Golden Agnes also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Five and a half furlongs. Florence Roberts, 7 to 1, won; Upright, 4 to 1, second; Pride of Lismore, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:07 1-5. Cockspur, Lucille Albu, and Closer also ran.

FIFTH RACE—One mile. Maizie Girl, 13 to 5, won; Suffragist, 12 to 1, second; Ursula Emma, 1 to 1, third. Time, 1:43 1-5. Baby Doll, Hughie Quinn, Mimulette, Little Marchmont, Silver Grain, Wadsworth II, and Cullant also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Seven furlongs. Lackrose, even, won; Gold of Ophir, 5 to 2, second; Insurance Man, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:29 4-5. Jack o' Lantern, Mitt Jones, Lively Dieudonne, Lomlay, Cliffoniat, and Puck also ran.

Harvard Election Soon.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 4.—The Harvard athletic committee will soon name a successor to William F. Garceton, graduate treasurer and athletic adviser, who resigned yesterday.

Sabysko Beats Murko.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 4.—Sabysko, the Pole, easily defeated Gus Murko, the Turk grappler, in two straight falls here last night before a record crowd.

LOCAL SOCCERITES DEFEAT AMERICANS

Washington Association Football Team Wins Good Game by 3 to 0 Score.

An interesting game took place yesterday between the Washington Association Football Club and the Baltimore Americans on the Rosedale Playgrounds, which resulted in a win for the local eleven. The ground being heavy made the playing difficult, but the Washington team wore their opponents down, and in the last half of the game W. Brown scored three beautiful goals. The result was 3 goals to 0.

Manager Ainsworth brought over his best team, and had great hopes of beating the Washington aggregation. This is the second time that Washington has beaten them this season. For the locals, Morton, Wright, and all the forwards played well, and for Baltimore, Rollison, Bruff, and Ainsworth were the stars. Line-up and summary:

WASHINGTON.	AMERICANS.
Steadman, G.	J. Sindler, G.
Wright, R. B.	Rollison, R. B.
Morton, L. B.	Hatters, L. B.
Petrie, R. H. B.	I. Sindler, R. H. B.
Briggs, C. H. B.	Bruff, C. H. B.
A. Nelson, L. H. B.	J. Sindler, L. H. B.
Crawford, O. R.	H. Ainsworth, O. R.
F. Nelson, I. R.	Wilbridge, I. R.
W. Brown, C. F.	German, C. F.
McGinnity, J. L.	Taylor, I. L.
Foster, O. F.	Baer, O. F.

Goals scored—By Brown, 3. Linesmen—Messrs Lackey and Phillips. Referee—Mr. Ainsworth.

LOCKE RETURNS HOME PLEASED WITH OUTLOOK

Admits He Has Powerful Friends to Aid Him in Obtaining the Phillies.

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.—Seemingly pleased with the results of his conference with William Shettsline, business manager of the Phillies, in Philadelphia, William H. Locke, secretary of the Pittsburg club, who is attempting to put through a deal to acquire the former club, returned home to-day. Locke denied that his conference with former Police Commissioner Baker, of New York, a few days ago, pertained to the purchase.

"Mr. Baker, though, is willing to take a lot of stock in the club should I need his aid," Locke added. Mr. Baker accompanied the Pirates' secretary to Philadelphia, both stopping at Harrisburg for a brief conference with Gov. Tener, who, according to reports, is also interested in the deal.

Princeton Trims Dartmouth.

Boston, Jan. 4.—In a rather uninteresting game at the Arena to-night the Princeton hockey team defeated Dartmouth by a score of 3 to 2. Both teams showed the lack of practice, and toward the end of the periods the men seemed tired.

TOM SHARKEY WAS NICE LITTLE MANAGER FOR JIMMY BARRY

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Al Palzer springs a good one about Sharkey's experience as a manager, and incidentally tells of a knockout which does not appear in Jim Barry's record.

It will be remembered that Sharkey once picked Barry to win the heavyweight championship, and had so much faith in the big fellow that he took him under his managerial wing.

"Sharkey brought Barry down to the gymnasium one day in New York to teach him a few things that he needed to learn," said Palzer. "Sharkey was trying to teach him a certain defense for a right to the jaw. Barry couldn't see it that way, and failed to follow instructions. After a time Sharkey got peevish, and pretty soon, whang! over went Sharkey's right to the jaw. He knocked his own 'white hope' stiff. 'There, I guess that will hold you for a while,' gloated Sharkey as he left the gymnasium, leaving Barry in dreamland and minus a manager."

CITY TENPIN TOURNEY STARTS FEBRUARY 3

Spillers of the Big Maples Will Hold Championship Events at Palace Alleys.

The Washington City Bowling Association held an important meeting last night at the Palace Alleys and decided to hold its annual championship tournament, starting February 3, at the Palace Alleys.

Fully thirty-five teams of this city will take part in the tourney, and invitations have been extended to the bowlers of Baltimore and Richmond to enter teams. It is not known just how many teams will enter the tournament from these two cities, and another meeting will be held next Saturday night at the Palace Alleys, when the representatives of the cities will be on hand.

Vice President Bob Jones, who presided at the meeting last night, requests all pin knights to be present at the meeting Saturday night, as the tournament promises to be the biggest event of its kind ever held in this city.

Bill Bailey's Column

—The song "All Aboard for Alabam" has not been barred by the Y. M. C. A. For this we are thankful; it is one of our favorites.

—Football game to-day, and its the 5th of January. Verily, the weatherman is good to us down here.

—By next week the Highlanders will have a manager. Then watch the New York papers out loose.

—Billy Smith, who is here visiting Griff, returns to Atlanta to-morrow. But he will be glad to get home, where highballs are unknown, and where folks go to bed at a reasonable hour.

—So the Nationals have released First Baseman Lewis to Montreal. Who the dickens is Lewis?

—Regan and MacDonald will be the rival centers to-day at Union League Park. Watch the fur fly.

—Bob Jones, president of the old Suburban Baseball League, is the main guy in the Washington City Bowling Association. Bob declares that the coming tournament will be the very best ever.

—All Kennett square, the home of Herbert Pennock, Mike Grady, and Roy Meyer, breathes freely. Pennock has signed with the Athletics for this year without questioning the figures Connie put in the contract.

—Tully Fenelleton, of Princeton, has decided not to play professional baseball. He must have read Glenn Warner's speech about the national game making "bums" out of collegians. But hold! We next read that Emil Hauser, former football captain of the Carlisle team, which is coached by Warner, will play with Victoria, of the Northwestern League. Now what will Warner say?

—Dear old Harvard has encompassed the defeat of Yale in a chess tournament, thereby demonstrating her overwhelming superiority in all forms of athletics.

—Pitcher Frank, formerly of Toledo, has signed with Cincinnati and will go South with Tinker's team to throw out.

POILED.

"I fain would become a great actor," he sighed,
But they told him to hire a hall.
"We know you have talent," they coldly replied,
"But where did you ever play ball?"

—George E. Phair.

—Says the merry headline: "Chance Is Out After the Cots," which gives us something to think of, as we were under the impression the Peerless Leader was in the game only for his health.

—Too bad the parcel post was not in operation last evening. So many packages went astray.

EVERYBODY'S DOIN' IT.

Everybody's doin' it, doin' it, doin' it,
Everybody's doin' it, doin' it, doin' it,
See that bunch of rooters over there,
See them wave their banners in the air.
Ain't that cute a hummer, I declare
It's a bear, it's a bear, it's a bear, there,
Everybody's doin' it, doin' it, doin' it,
Everybody's doin' it, doin' it, doin' it,
Ain't that music touchin' your heart?
All aboard for the old water cart!
Come, come, come, name, let's get a start,
Everybody's doin' it now!

—L. C. Davis.

Tri-State Opens April 30.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Tri-State Baseball League will open its season on April 30, and close September 2. The salary limit was reduced from $2,600 to $1,600 a month, $150 a month being the maximum salary that can be paid a player.

HILLTOP SPEEDER.

JOHNNY GALLAGHER.

Olympic Marathon star, who will represent Georgetown in the middle distance events in New York this season.

PLAN TO HOLD MARATHON HERE

Local Merchants to Be Asked to Hang Up Prizes for Event.

WILL BE A TEN-MILE RUN

Open to All Registered Athletes, Under the Auspices of Carroll Institute.

By G. W. SWAN.

A modified Marathon run, of ten miles, is planned for this city within the next month. It is understood that the Carroll Institute is fostering this plan, and has the pledge of all the good men affiliated with the other athletic clubs in Washington to take part in the event.

Several events of this nature have been held in Baltimore during the past few years, and the local runners have won the majority of them. For this reason the Carroll Institute plans to hold a ten-mile run in Washington. The local runners have seldom received the best of treatment in Baltimore, and this is one event in which all those who take part are assured a square deal.

If this plan is carried out, it is understood that several of the leading merchants of the District will offer prizes for the first three men to finish, and also a prize for the team sending home the greatest number of men in the first ten to cross the tape.

A meeting will be held in a short while, and in the meantime all those interested in the project are requested to communicate with D. W. Healy, of the Carroll Institute.

Among the men who will take part in the football game at Union League Park this afternoon are four members of the U. S. S. Franklin, the championship team of Norfolk. The men are spending their furlough in Washington, and have been working with the Sailors for the past few days. Norris, at right end; Curtain, in quarter, and Nelly and Smithson, in the half backs, are the men in question.

Another star who will play this afternoon on the Navy team is Rawlings, of the U. S. S. Indiana, who is also spending the Christmas holidays in this city.

The Army eleven will have Harsch in full, "Reds" Blaiswitch, of the Fort Myer team, and Patten in half backs, and Buck in quarter. In the line Manager Oliveri will have Baker, White, Prigger, Reman, Turner, Burns, and Sinclair. The Army eleven has been working hard for the past few days, and Manager Oliveri stated last night that a victory is looked for over the Sailors this afternoon. The winner will receive the entire gate receipts.

Roller polo has made many friends in the District, and Manager Whiting, of the Arcade team, has made arrangements to play the Baltimore aggregation in Baltimore Tuesday and to have them play a return game here Thursday of this week.

It is planned to bring some of the best teams around New York, Jersey City, and Atlantic City here, and should it be successful in getting them to come here the fans are promised some real roller polo games.

A rattling good pocket billiard match is scheduled for Wednesday night at the Colorado Parlors, in Fourteenth Street. Walter Wallace will meet Charles Bartelmes, the winner of the Royal tourney several days ago, and as Wallace is one of the best known cue artists in the District a fast and exciting game is expected.

"POP" HALLEY WINS ROYAL PIN TOURNEY

Welsbach Knight Lands First Prize in the Down-and-out Event.

"Pop" Halley, the popular captain of the Welsbach duckpin team, won the down-and-out tournament held at the Royal alleys by spilling 362 pins in the final roll-off last night, beating Bill Rider for top prize by sixty-seven pins.

"Pop" won out in the second elimination series by fourteen pins, with Rider, Weckerly, and Oliver finishing in order. In the final set, "Pop" had things his own way, getting scores of 134, 111, and 117, for a total of 362.

"Pop" is one of the most popular bowlers in the District, and his victory was greeted with cheers by the big crowd present. Rider gets second prize, with 295, while Weckerly is in third place, with 288. Weckerly had hard luck, missing a spare when a pin flew over from the next pit, and spoiled his set-up. The final scores follow:

	First.	Second.	Third.	Total.
Halley	134	111	117	362
Rider	97	99	99	295
Weckerly	99	94	95	288
Oliver	94	104	95	293
FINALS.				
Halley	134	111	117	362
Rider	99	99	97	295

Bat Wants Another Match.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Battling Nelson to-day asked for another match with Frankie Russell, local light-weight, who easily defeated the durable Dane in a ten-round bout here last night.

Another Sprinting Phenom.

Southern exchanges make it appear that another sterling sprinter has been discovered in that part of the country. His name is William Coleman and he hails from Tulane University. The Southerners claim he is a second Gwynn Henry.