

soul into the game. He is a natural shortstop, and a remarkable fielder at that position. But with Weaver alive there is no chance for him to break in there.

At second base Berger fielded acceptably, but his batting was weak. This was to some extent offset by his gameness, but still Joe did not quite measure up to major league standard.

Callahan in casting around for a man to occupy the second base position selected Russell Blackburn, also a converted shortstop, and he and Berger will have the hardest kind of a fight for the keystone. Blackburn appears to be the strongest wallpaper, on the face of the records he established last season in the American Association.

A rumor broke loose yesterday that Blackburn was dickering with the Feds, and has not yet signed a South Side contract. Where it came from could not be determined, and no one paid much attention to it.

Blackburn would rather play with the Sox than any other team in the business. It was here that he made his big league start, failed; was panned to a turn, and finally sent back to the minors. And he wants to come back with both feet right where he made his poor start.

President Ebbets of Brooklyn broke into our town yesterday, but did not talk with Joe Tinker, who almost became one of his hired men. Ebbets gumshoed out, and it is believed his only purpose was to sign a couple of his players who live in this neighborhood.

Clarence C. Childs, former Yale football star, has been selected to fill the vacancy at football coach at University of Indiana, caused by the resignation of Jimmy Sheldon.

Preliminaries in three track events and all field contests of the First Regiment athletic meet will be run off tonight at the Michigan avenue armory. Athletes from several western universities and all the local athletic clubs will take part in the meet,

which will be concluded tomorrow night.

President Weeghman of the local Feds says he has signed a pitcher, rated by Tinker as one of the best in the business at the present time. He declined to give out the hurler's name, as he fears the organized magnates will go to work to induce every jumper whose identity becomes known to hop back again.

President Gilmore of the Feds, over the long distance 'phone from Toronto, says the backers of the third league in the Canadian city have secured a site for their park and that there is no chance for the franchise to be transferred to Cleveland.

Fourteen players, six of them former major leaguers, are said to have signed with the Indianapolis Feds. The roster given out is as follows:

Pitchers — Falkenberg, Moseley, Kaiserling, Billiard, Mullin and Juul. Catchers — Rariden, Texter. Infielders — Dolan, Vandergrift, McKechnie. Outfielders — Kaiser, Scheer, Kauff.

Drummond Brown, purchased last year from Boston Nationals by Toronto, has signed a contract to play two years with the Kansas City Federal team.

The annual attempt to legalize Sunday baseball in Baltimore met defeat yesterday. The bill was unfavorably reported by a committee of the house of delegates and a motion to substitute the bill for the unfavorable report was voted down almost unanimously.

John F. Foster, secretary of the New York National League club, sent out a call for a meeting of the National League rules committee to be held in New York at 10 o'clock on the morning of February 9. The meeting will be held at the office of the New York club. The rules committee consists of Foster, Manager Miller Huggins of St. Louis and Umpire Henry O'Day.

Federal Leaguers have made such strides towards forming their playing