

Charlotte's 'Like' to Be Abandoned as Nationals' Training Camp

Griffs May Not Train At the Virginia Camp

Old Fox, Unable to Obtain Charlottesville, Likely to Trek Farther South.

OTHER SPORT GOSSIP

San Antonio, Tex., and Macon, Ga., Considered Seriously by Local Pilot-Comment.

As a Christmas present to three-fourths of the Washington ball players and all of the local scribblers, Manager Clark Griffith of the local club announces that there is a possible chance the team will not spring train in Charlottesville, Va., next March.

Trainer Mike Martin who last week paid a flying visit to the college town, reported to his boss that the fraternity house which had been available during the past three years could not be obtained next spring.

Griff himself expects to go to Charlottesville before very long and determining for himself the exact conditions. Failure to rent suitable quarters for his players will probably result in a change of training camp this spring.

It is known that the inducements have been offered at San Antonio, Texas, and Macon, Ga., also a half dozen other places in the land of cotton and Griff will have little difficulty in selecting a suitable training camp.

What was probably one of the greatest, if not the greatest, of the thoroughbred yearlings ever held in this country was the outcome of the putting under the hammer of Mr. Clarence H. MacKay's French bred youngsters and other horses, which netted the remarkable total of \$60,000, with the star of the sale, Sunlight, a Sundridge-Spectrum colt, fetching \$20,000, with John H. Morris, of Lexington, Ky., the purchaser. Nearly every prominent sportsman in America attended the sale.

A report from Chicago states that Charley Wegman admits that he has not actually purchased the Cubs, but has been authorized to negotiate to be allowed to do so. If this is the truth, Wegman is not as smart in business as is believed, because "double-cross" is a favorite in baseball politics.

The most disgusted man at the peace meeting when the announcement was made that the umpiring players would be reconstituted was Owner Lammie, of the Red Sox. He paid \$125,000 for the release of Charles Sorn Agnew two years ago. The fact that Agnew would not be worth more than half the amount, and it will also be an easy matter for a major league team to pick up a first-class catcher from the Fed's by merely taking over his contract.

Says the New York Evening World: With the return of Harry N. Hempstead, Capt. Huston and other baseball magicians comes information bringing out the fact that after the end of the season in the Federal League of major league clubs.

Huston says the good Fed players will not exceed a dozen. The only one in demand are Lee Magee, Benny Knaut, Davenport, Plack, Zwilling, Zelder, Johnson, Tobin, Marsans, Arthur Wilson, Fischer and Hendon.

The magnates have shown no eagerness to get Mike Doolin, Otto Knabe, Hal Chase, Hariden, Seaton, Hartley or Crandall.

There would be no chance to get Crandall or Hartley, anyway, as both will be transferred from the St. Louis Fed to the Yankees. The only one who may be the two clubs. This will also apply to Wilson and Fischer, of the Chiefs. Joe Finker, as manager of the Cubs, will take the pick of his Fed team that won the pennant.

When it is realized that only a dozen out of 125 Fed players are really good enough to be wanted, the only one who is easy to understand why the "out-of-league" league failed to draw patronage.

Since Mr. Herrmann, of Cincinnati, was permitted to buy the team and Pennsylvania was refused to take the team, the new defunct Newark team, the magnates have agreed not to make any more bids for the Fed players until after the holidays, when the Philadelphia club has a chance to look up the records and make other investigations into the relative merits of the players for sale.

Cap Huston is very confident of getting Lee Magee, but will take no further steps toward closing the deal until after the first week in January. The Tanks were thinking in Magee for the regular second baseman, but experienced managers in the National League are of the opinion that Magee is much better as an outfielder.

Early Crew Training.

New York, Dec. 24.—In view of the decision of the Cornell and Pennsylvania state authorities to begin training for June 17 as the date for the Poughkeepsie Regatta, the Columbia management is already making preparations for crew training. The university authorities will be asked to hold examinations for the rowmen at the crew quarters at Highland, N. Y., so that the crew may enter upon the rigorous training about May 25.

Houser a Coach.

Ben Houser, the former first baseman, last with the Orioles, who is now living on a farm at Litchfield, Maine, has been selected as coach of the Bowdoin College baseball team. Last season he coached the Colby team.

When Joe Mandot Reached his Dressing-Room

After being knocked out by Benny Leonard, the other boxer, he dropped into his chair and placing both hands to his jaws exclaimed: "Well, I am through with the fighting game. I don't know what is going on, but I am not hit on. I tried hard, but I was knocked out all right. This was a fine Christmas present."

Always the Same

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Wrenn to Retire as President of Big Tennis Body

Robert D. Wrenn, the former great tennis player, and for years the captain of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, has declined to be a candidate for re-election to the presidency at the annual meeting of the organization, which will be held here February 21. Wrenn didn't want to accept the office last year, but as much pressure was brought to bear on him that he accepted it. This time, it is said, his business cares are so numerous that it will be impossible for him to do so.

SENECA RUNS FIRST IN JUAREZ HANDICAP

Carries Top Weight and Lands Easy Victory in Mexico

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 24.—Seneca, carrying top weight, scored an easy victory in the selling handicap, which was held here this afternoon, winning in commanding fashion, four lengths ahead of the runner-up. The race, composed of 12 horses, was one of the most exciting of the season. Seneca, owned by J. M. Starnes, carried a top weight of 132 lbs. and won in 1:44. The other horses were: Elmer, 122 lbs., 1:48; Elmer, 122 lbs., 1:48; Elmer, 122 lbs., 1:48; Elmer, 122 lbs., 1:48.

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HAVANA ENTRIES

FIRST RACE—Pure, 3-year-olds and upward; 5 furlongs. "Pansie G.," 110; "Lulu," 110; "Hollinger," 108; "Lola," 106; "Piper," 104; "Vero," 102; "Hasty," 100; "Judy," 98; "Lulu," 96; "Lulu," 94; "Lulu," 92; "Lulu," 90.

Freeman Seeks Games with Toms.

Port Deposit, Md., Dec. 24.—The Toms School football team has received invitations from both the University of Pennsylvania, Freshman team and the Princeton Freshman team to be on their schedules the coming season, and negotiations are now pending. The game with Princeton will in all probability be arranged.

Ball Sends for Manager.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—Phill Ball has telegraphed Fielder Jones to come to St. Louis at once to take up the task of reorganizing the St. Louis Americans.

SIX NESSER BROTHERS ALL STARS ON ONE TEAM



Left to right—Ted, half back, coach, and captain; John, quarter back, and Phillip, tackle. Bottom—Alfred, guard, Frank, full back, and Fred, end.

Family of Gridironers Play on Panhandle Eleven of Columbus

College football is one thing, and professional football is another, and as the two never meet, comparisons cannot be drawn. However, it is doubtful if the best college team in the country could score a victory on the famous Panhandle team of Columbus, Ohio.

This team, composed of employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad in that city, has made some wonderful records in the past sixteen years. The team was organized in 1900 by Joseph F. Carr, now president of the Ohio State Baseball League.

The six Nesser brothers who have made fame and fortune playing on this team are Germans by descent on both sides of the family, their parents having come to America from the Fatherland far back in the early fifties. Today they pride themselves on saying that although they are proud of their ancestry there is no hyphen in their Americanism. They are plain American citizens whose forebears came from Germany.

The parents of this great family are still living and although far advanced in age enjoy the best of health. The father is a boiler-maker and follows his craft daily.

In addition to the members of the noted family shown in the picture there are two other boys and two girls. The entire family were born and reared in Columbus, Ohio, and all of the boys are employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as boiler-makers. None of the boys have had the advantage of a college education, but all have applied themselves diligently.

Their activity in football dates back sixteen years when the Panhandle football team was organized. At that time

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KILBANE MAY MEET CROSS.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Johnny Kilbane, of this city, feather-weight champion, and George Chancy, of Baltimore, will battle in the ring for the title in Baltimore March 17. Arrangements for the match were settled here last night. Billy Hopp, of Philadelphia, was accepted by Chancy.

Brown Eleven Rests.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Brown University football players, en route to Pasadena, Cal., for a game New Year's Day with Washington State College, rested yesterday. They were guests of the local alumni of the Providence school.

PLAYERS LIMIT THE MAJORS

Garry Herrmann Claims that Peace Will Make No Difference in Ruling in Vogue.

IS A GOOD RULE

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—The Chicago National and the St. Louis Americans are exempt until the year 1917 from that provision under which organized baseball is now working, limiting the number of players of each team on the 28th of May of each year.

This is part of the baseball peace agreement that was signed here, according to August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission. Mr. Herrmann made this announcement last night when told that Harry Sinclair, manager of the Federal League peace conference, had stated that there would be no player limit in baseball next year.

Final Gridiron Game of Year Scheduled Today

The football fans of Washington will get their last chance of the year to see a game in this section, when the two all-star elevens under the leadership of "Country" Morris and Joe Oliver, take the field at Vigilant Park. On Manager Oliver's eleven are many of the Vigilants who played such great football this year, while many Engineers from the team which won the championship from the Vigilants in 1914, will be in place on Morris' team.

These two managers have been clamoring for a long time for a game and now as the Vigilant season is over, and nothing left in the way to prevent the game, they got together and arranged the battle for today.

Not in the history of football in the Capital have two better all-star combinations been put on the field and in view of this fact it is thought that many will turn out to see the contest.

STAR TEAMS TO MEET

Oliver's Stars: Poirr, Morris Team, Sinclair, L. E., Dettmore, Gormley, L. T., Kennah, Miller, L. G., Walters, Regan, Center, Huntman, Langer, R. G., Litkus, Burns, R. T., Mungson, Shipley, R. E., McDonnell, Oliver, Q. B., Blair, Derby, J. H., Nance, Carter, R. H., Bittenbender, Edwards, P. B., Montgomery, Referee—Calnan, Georgetown. Time of periods—15 minutes.

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Cincinnati Reds Now Valued at Half-Million Dollars.

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Tommy League has been given his unconditional release by the Cincinnati Club. He should have little trouble in catching on as a manager in some good minor league, as he knows the game thoroughly and is still a good hitter and a base-runner. King Lear will probably be sold to the Louisville Club, where his knuckle ball is likely to create a lot of havoc among the association sluggers.

TINKER AND BROWN RETURN WITH GLORY

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CONTRACT FOR O'DAY.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.—"Don't forget that I want to be on your staff next season." This was the substance of a telegram President John Tener received from O'Day in Cincinnati last night. Tener said he was glad to get the umpire's message and lost no time in wiring to Secretary John Heydler, of the National League, to send Hank a contract.

Richmond Hopeful.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—Richmond will not, according to the information here, lose her bid for the team that will use League. Jack Dunn came here a year ago and brought the remnants of his old Baltimore team, and, while the season was not by any means satisfactory, the people of Richmond patronized the game far better than several of the cities already in the league. The national game here has every confidence in him, the success of the league so far as this city is concerned is fixed.

Star Drop-Kicker Is Honored.

Anville, Pa., Dec. 24.—Leroy Mackert, elected captain of Lebanon Valley's football eleven for next season, holds the distinction of being the highest scorer in the country at scoring field goals. He registered eight goals. Mackert comes from Sunbury and is the star of the team. He stands three inches tall and weighs 150 pounds.

Brown Stops Off in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Brown University football players, on the way to Pasadena, Cal., for a game New Year's Day with Washington State College, left here last night. The players were guests of local alumni of the Providence school, and in the afternoon the team was taken to the city today, and there signed up for one year, with an increase in salary over his contract of the past season.

Brickley Again at the Helm.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 24.—Charles E. Brickley, spoken of as a likely successor to Percy Houghton as head coach of the Harvard football team, will battle for the position for the title of the Johns Hopkins football team for one more season. Brickley, at the height of the Baltimore management, journeyed to the city today, and there signed up for one year, with an increase in salary over his contract of the past season.

St. Sinclair Is After Giants.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 24.—A report published here says Sinclair is negotiating for the purchase of the New York National League club, and that he would carry Major League players from other Federal states who would carry through the deal go through.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AN UNUSUAL ANGLE—By Goldberg.

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT

THAT'S A PECULIAR PRESENT FOR GEORGE TO GIVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS

I WONDER IT IS TO BE USED FOR— IT'S A NEW ONE ON ME

WHY DON'T YOU CALL UP GEORGE AND ASK HIM?

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IT'S A HERRING FORK

