

The World of Base Ball

LATEST NEWS

A GREAT BALL PARK PLANNED FOR ST. LOUIS.

President Herrmann of Cincinnati to Repeat the Field Day Events—A College Pitcher to Enter the National League in June.

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struck on the head during the local Central League ball game of May 1, by a pop bottle thrown from above him in the bleachers. Edward Parks is under arrest, charged with having thrown the bottle, intending it for a group of boys whose antics in front of the bleachers annoyed the spectators. Young Haverkamp toppled over unconscious when he was struck and a general free fight started almost immediately, during which several persons were arrested.

ANTI-GAMBLING MOVE.

President Johnson Takes Heed of Conditions in Detroit.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Chicago, Ill., May 5.—The recent press comment upon the growing practice of public gambling on base ball in Detroit has aroused President Johnson, of the American League, and he has notified the mayor of Detroit that base ball is made a medium for gambling in that city and has requested that the machinery of State and municipal law be set in motion. From Pittsburgh comes the good news that the local Police Department is going to make a serious attempt to end the gambling at the Pittsburgh Ball Park, and in other parts of the city. Between

30 and 40 bettors on the Saturday game of the St. Louis-Pittsburgh series were arrested and in some instances the stakes were confiscated. Pittsburgh's ordinances and the statutes of Pennsylvania forbid gambling, and if the crusade is kept up, the game's greatest menace will be stamped out in one of its strongholds.

M'CORMICK ELIGIBLE.

The Philadelphia Outfielder Reinstated With a \$100 Fine.

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Cincinnati, O., May 4.—On the payment of a fine of \$100, outfielder Harry McCormick, of the Pittsburgh Club, who was transferred to the Philadelphia National League Club, will be reinstated, according to a decision announced Saturday by the National Base Ball Commission. McCormick refused to sign with the Phillies three years ago and left the game to engage in other business, but while thus engaged he played at various times with clubs harboring ineligible players, for which reason the fine is assessed.

The National Commission on Saturday also handed down another decision. Player McGill's request that he be declared a free agent was denied, there being found no action in his purchase by St. Louis Americans from the Austin Club, of the Western Association, and later return to that club, which would warrant such decision. The appeal of A. J. Ross for release from Los Angeles reservation because not tendered a contract was denied because the club sent the contract to Ross' only known address.

A UNIQUE OFFER.

Of Admission Tickets for Stock in a Base Ball Club.

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East Liverpool, O., May 5.—An offer of \$4 a share, payable in ten admission tickets to Ohio-Pennsylvania League games at Rock Springs Park, having a face value of 40 cents each, has been made for 85 per cent. of the stock of the East Liverpool Exhibition Company, which controlled the base ball situation here for two years. The proposition was made to President W. W. Bagley, of the exhibition company, by C. A. Smith and J. H. Maxwell, now holding the Ohio-Pennsylvania franchise. There are 280 shares of Exhibition Company outstanding. In the event that 85 per cent. is secured \$300 now in bank to the credit of the company will be equally divided.

CINCINNATI'S CAPTURE.

Pitcher Sincok, of Michigan University Team, Has Been Signed.

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Cincinnati, O., May 4.—The Cincinnati Club has signed, through Ted Sullivan, Herbert S. Sincok, a sophomore medical student at Michigan University. He hails from

Calumet, Mich., and has been a member of the Michigan Varsity team. Sincok has been unable to play 'varsity ball on account of his failure to pass in one subject last semester. He has now removed the condition, and may play again. President Herrmann said to-day: "He has been pitching fine ball for the University of Michigan for two years, and did good work for Calumet in the Copper Country League last year. He's a big fellow, too—and that counts for something. Sincok will join the team some time between June 1 and June 10, and there seems to be no doubt in the minds of those who have seen him work that he'll deliver the goods."

M'CARTHY'S PLEA.

The National Board Refuses Pardon for Contract Breking.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Auburn, N. Y., May 4.—Secretary Farrell, of the National Association, has promulgated the following decision in re the application of player T. J. McCarthy for reinstatement:

Player T. J. McCarthy, whose name appears upon the ineligible list of the Columbia (S. C.) Club, applies to the National Board of the National Association for reinstatement. The evidence submitted in this case and the records in this office agree that this player signed a contract with the Columbia (S. C.) Club in 1905; that he received transportation from said Club and \$100 advance. The player failed to report to the Club, however. Later on, when his attention was called to the matter, he pleaded ill-health. The player, however, joined the Williamsport (Pa.) Club in 1905, and played with that Club during the 1905 season, and his name was thereupon placed upon the ineligible list. The player volunteers the information that he is willing to refund the \$100 secured from Columbia upon his reinstatement. This player has filed a previous application before the National Board for reinstatement, which was denied. The player violated his contract. This, his second application, must therefore be denied.

ELBERFELD INJURED.

The Highlanders' Short Stop Forced to Take to His Bed.

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Washington, D. C., May 4.—Short stop Elberfeld is in bed at the Arlington hotel, laid up with that spiking he received from Bob Ganley, of the Washingtons, in the fifth inning Friday, May 1, and will hardly be able to play for a month. His left shin is cut to the bone and the flesh of the calf is also badly gashed. While the collision was entirely accidental, the Washington players attribute Elberfeld's injury to the desperate and successful attempt he made to throw himself in front of the runner after catching the ball. It was an extremely quick play, and Elberfeld was so hurried in making the catch that he could not swing around in time to touch Ganley in the ordinary way. Hence he solved the problem by lunging into the Washington man, who was in his full stride. Unfortunately he caught Ganley's foot just as it was coming down and that marked the temporary retirement of the Kid.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES.

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The Providence, Eastern League, Club has released outright pitcher Stevens.

Outfielder Frank Delahanty has deserted the New Orleans Club because he was not allowed \$10 a day hotel expenses.

Manager Jack Auslet, of Alexandria, La., has resigned the management of the Monroe team, of the Cotton States League.

The Clarksburg Club, of the Pennsylvania-West Virginia League, has signed third baseman Herbert White, late of Sharon.

Umpire Goodhart has resigned his position with the Southern League and accepted a similar berth in the Union League.

The Toledo Club, of the American Association, is negotiating with the Cleveland Club for pitchers Clarkson and Graney.

The Wilmington Club, of the Tri-State League, has traded "Mike" Lynch and "Johnny" Barthold for infielder "Red" Owens, late manager of the Reading team.

The New Castle Club, of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League, has released second baseman Miller, right fielder Russell, catcher Retzer, center fielder Pfeiffer, left fielder Kelley and pitcher McColl.

Edward O'Neil, better known as "Tip," a former well known base ball player, and former Philadelphia policeman, died at Gloucester City, N. J., May 3, after an illness of a month, due to typhoid fever.

The Paterson, N. J., Club, of the outlaw Union League, has been sold by E. C. Landgraf and his partner to J. H. Yale, of New York, who owns a hotel on the ground and who proposes to put in a winning team.

As "Sporting Life" goes to press a despatch from Franklin, Pa., announces that President Rexford, of the Inter-State League, has received unanimous rejection by the league clubs of the Ohio-Pennsylvania League's offer for the release of the Erie Club and territory.

President Rammelkamp, of Illinois College, of Jacksonville, Ill., on May 1, disbanded the college ball club for using a "ringer" in St. Louis with Washington University. The faculty of the Illinois College has sent an apology to the authorities at Washington University deploring the fact, and stating also that they go on record for clean athletics.

CHICAGO POINTS

THE CUBS WIN AND WHITE SOCKS STUMBLE.

Faithful South Side Fans Not Losing Heart, However—Opening Day at Cub Park Reveals a Genuine Palace of Base Ball.

BY W. A. PHELO.

Chicago, May 2.—Editor "Sporting Life."—The Cubs continue on the resistless tenor of their way, and the Sox are having troubles of their own. Still, all hands, whether south side bugs, or west side fans, are perfectly satisfied. The south side tribes figure that their pets are only suffering from temporary slumptions of the batting lamps, and will soon be all O. K. again, and the west sideers are exultant over the manner in which their invincibles are mowing down all comers. It was worth while going to opening day at Cub Park, if only to see how Charlie Murphy has remodeled the place. It is



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HARDLY RECOGNIZABLE

as the old scene of so many hard campaigns. Ornaments and statues, broad stairs with sweeping thresholds; an entire upper deck built atop of the pavilion; a calm confiscation of 50 per cent. of the room formerly sacred to the bleacherites, and its annexation to the grand stand—all these things are in evidence, and completely alter the aspect of the park. The humble though vociferous bleacherites are now exiled to remote precincts. To put it in exact terms of location: the 75 cent people now sit where the 50 centers long held forth; the 50 centers have been shoved back to the district formerly occupied by the 25 cent throng, and the quarter bunch has been banished to the extreme outfield. Besides the field seats back of the gardeners,

A NEW BLEACHER

towers straight up to heaven—a thing of immense height—and on this now perch hundreds of the 25 cent crew. The whole park has been re-arranged with the idea of getting as many seats as possible, and as much money as possible out of those seats. Mr. Murphy, surveying his new domain, doubtless bewails the error made in earlier days, when a half-block in width and a full block in length, the property of the club was made into a promenade park on the north. Had the grand stand been originally located on the northern line of this useless territory, there would have been fully 150 feet available for either extra seats or the traveling of long outfield drives. It would be impossible to set the stand back except by tearing it up by the roots, and so all Mr. Murphy can do, when immense crowds are turned away, is to look sadly at the useless piece of land, and think what should have been. The capacity of the park, as re-arranged, must be 30,000 or more, and could have been 40,000 had the stand been originally located on the north boundary. As a piece of artistic decoration, as a sample of business skill and judgment, and as a palace of base ball, Cub Park is certainly a wonder.

FAST TEAM.

The Cubs, faring before a crowd that must have passed the 20,000 mark, showed their friends that the great base ball machine has not run down or clogged up during the winter. Every man works with clocklike precision. Mechanical skill is mixed with good judgment and quick thinking, while daring nerve is brought into play whenever it is of value. All sections of the team are perfectly balanced, and it is hard to see where there is a show to stop the machine except by the combining of two other clubs into one, as was done when Brooklyn took the Baltimore cracks, and when Pittsburgh gained the best men from Louisville. The Reds showed well against overwhelming odds, and brought off a great victory on the 24th. That afternoon, they took on a new load of ginger. They played Cub ball against the Cubs, running bases with skill and daring, and how their left-hander, Campbell, did stop the hitting! Most of the critics had Hulswitt picked to blow up early. Judging by the way he played the game in the series, he is better now than when at Philadelphia. He comes way up past the bag for grounders, and stops the sliding runners in elegant fashion, while his

BATTING IS EXCELLENT.

Huggins plays his usual great game on second, and Mowrey is better than last season. Johnny Kane, the Chicago kid with the Reds, got a chance in the absence of Mike Mitchell, and simply tore the cover off the ball. He hit like a Brothertons, and when the swats didn't go safe it was because somebody risked losing a hand to stop them. Lobert broke off a home run early in the series. It was a noble biff into extremest center, and the left field bleachers rewarded Hans with a shower of

small coins. A few minutes later, he let a grounder get by him, and the bleacherites indignantly demanded the return of their money. Such is fame. Cincinnati, when the Reds once get to working together, will make good. All they need is ginger. That was all that McAleer's Browns ever needed, and now that they seem to have acquired it, look at them go! If about 40 per cent. more snap and fire can be injected into the hides of the Reds, they will make people sit up and take notice all through the campaign.

LUCKLESS SOX.

The Sox hit the ball hard only three games out of their first ten. That won't do. Take out those three games and the batting averages of the club to date would be about .120. The pitching is way above grade, and the fielding almost flawless. Nothing in the world the matter but light hitting, and the club, as now constituted, is bound to pick up and begin some industrious whaling of the leather. Waddell got in against them again on Friday and beat them about as easily as when he worked on the south side a few days before. The Ruben is as great as ever—for one game in a set. It is not safe to work him often. He has changed from an iron horse to a quarter-stretch racer, and must be handled to fit the change. Smith has been pitching even better than is his wont, and evidently has a fine season coming. White is not yet a success, but is bound to come into his own in the near future. Walsh is all right—the same burly buffalo, strong as a bull, and sure to whip the majority of his adversaries. Frank Owen again demonstrated that he has regained perfect form, and is fit to go the route against any of them.

THE SOUTH SIDE FANS,

while a bit annoyed, are not scared or faint-hearted. They believe that the Sox will rush forward at almost any time, and no word of caustic comment can be heard. "Give them a little time," "wait till they start hitting," is all that the fans remark. One change has been made in the line-up—no one can say for how long. Eddie Hahn, who has not been hitting much, has been given a bench-rest, and big John Anderson is in his shoes. John has been performing capably so far, and his ability to hit all kinds of pitching makes him especially valuable. Davis is back on the job, and Jakey Atz is acting as pinch hitter. Davis and Parent are fast growing acquainted with the new angles of their work, and will be a mighty pair round the middle station before June.

WASHINGTON SCORED.

By National Commission in the Anderson-Heydon Cases—Players Must Be Treated Fairly by Clubs.

Special to "Sporting Life."

Cincinnati, O., May 4.—In announcing the reinstatement, without fine, of players John Anderson and M. E. Heydon, who left the Washington Club last season, the National Commission to-day announced two fines of \$25 in each case against the Washington Club. Anderson and Heydon left Washington during the playing season, an offense usually followed by a fine. The Commission took the ground that the players had not been rightly treated by the Washington Club and announced its intention of compelling all clubs to treat their players fairly, same as



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members of all other professions. The Commission says: "A very careful examination of these cases has been made, and, while the Commission does not at any time encourage a ball player to leave a club that has title to his services, feeling that at all times if a player has a grievance there is a regular way for him to have the same considered by the proper officials, yet in these cases there are certain facts in connection therewith that, in our judgment, warranted the players acting as they did. Managers of clubs must understand that ball players must have the same treatment as individuals in any other profession. Where this is not done, the good offices of the Commission cannot be invoked in behalf of such managers. The ineligibility against both of these players is therefore removed, and the players reinstated without the infliction of any fine against them."

"It also appears in this case that the Washington American League Club disposed of the services of these players to other clubs while the players were not actually in the services of the Washington Club at the time they were released. Player Anderson was released to the Chicago American League Club and player Heydon to the Kansas City Club, of the American Association. The Washington Club's action in this matter was in clear violation of rule 33 of the National Commission. Under rule 38 of the National Commission it is prescribed that when a club disposes of the services of a player in violation of the provisions of rule 33 then a fine of \$25 shall be inflicted in each instance against such club. The fine is therefore inflicted against the Washington Club in both of these cases, for violating rule 33 in this, to wit: In disposing of the services of players Anderson and Heydon to another club at a time when these players were not actually in the service of the Washington Club."