

Sporting News

Christy Mathewson has worked in sixteen games against the other three first-division teams, with only an even break on the campaign. His record against Chicago is 3-3; against Pittsburgh, 1 win and 3 defeats; against Cincinnati, 4-2.

Tris Speaker, of the Boston Red Sox, the all-round sensation of the year, unlike Cobb, does not play to the grandstand in going after the ball, but leaves out all the frills and fancy work.

President Chas. W. Murphy, of the Chicago National Baseball Club, has issued another statement in which he says that any assumption which might have been gained on account of his first statement that the Cubs had been guilty of wholesale dissipation during the season just closing was wrong. He says it was not his desire to give the impression that the club was seeking an excuse for losing pennants. He declares, however, that he was sure better results would follow if the players were total abstainers and for this reason he had already begun to take steps in this direction for the season of 1913.

Eddie Durman's chances of bringing home the world's sculling championship are considered exceedingly bright. Durman will have plenty of time to condition himself for the race, and on that score there should be no apprehension. The date has been definitely decided upon—Oct. 14th, and with over two weeks to get in trim, and to accustom himself to his new surroundings, the Toronto sculler, who did not neglect his training by any means while aboard ship, should be in pretty fair trim. Many of his local supporters are talking about cabling over a sum of money to wager upon his chances. They feel that he has an even chance of winning, and are prepared to back their opinions substantially. In any event, Durman will give Barry the battle of his life.

President Comiskey of the Chicago American League club has accepted the challenge of President Murphy of the Chicago Nationals for a series of games to decide the baseball championship of Chicago.

That there will be a Canadian League ball team in Guelph in 1913 is an assured fact. The present holders of stock in the incorporated company are at work selling more shares of stock to put the company on a strong financial basis, and it is expected that in 1913 the Guelph team will be as good as any in the league. The owners aim to put Guelph up near the top of the pennant heap.

On last Friday Washington and Philadelphia, in battling for second place, broke the major league record for this season when they played nineteen innings at Philadelphia the former winning by 5 to 4. The contest lasted a trifle more than four hours.

The visitors scored four runs in the first two innings on five hits, two battery and fielding errors and a fielder's choice. After that Plank held them to no runs and six hits for sixteen successive innings. In the nineteenth Williams received a base on balls, and Johnson beat out a bunt. Williams was forced to force Moeller at second, Barry at third on Moeller's grounder. Foster Collins, in trying for a double play Collins threw wild and Johnson scored the winning run. L.Groom pitched the first nine innings for Washington. Johnson, who took Groom's place in the tenth innings, was also hit harder than Plank, but brilliant fielding especially by Foster and McBride, prevented scoring. Plank, a veteran of twelve seasons, outpitched both of his younger opponents, the majority of Washington's runs being due to battery and fielding misplays. Score:—

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Phila ...000000103000000000—4 14 4

Play for the baseball championship of the world will begin on the Polo Grounds in New York at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, October 8. The second game will be played in Boston the following day. The play will alternate each fair-weather day between the two cities until either New York or Boston has won the four out of seven games necessary to win the 1912 title.

Besides winning the 1912 championship in the International League, the Toronto Club completed a pennant winning season in which not a major league game was lost. The New York Giants, the Philadelphia Athletics and Cincinnati Reds all tackled the Leafs and got no worse than a tie game with the Giants which went eleven innings to a 2 to 2 score.

Will Marquard start in the world's series? This is the question all New York is asking itself, and the question John J. McGraw is losing much sleep over. The Reuben has shown anything but real baseball ability of late. He has not finished a game that he started for over two weeks. Marquard seems to have cracked after completing a wonderful record of nineteen straight victories. When Marquard was making his great record the fans of New York were congratulating McGraw, and McGraw felt secure in the fact that he had a wonderful southpaw to throw against the Boston Red Sox.

McGraw himself has confided to a close friend that he is very much afraid that the Rube will be left out of the series. In fact, the little Napoleon is making his plans to pitch Mathewson and Tesreau alternately, unless, of course, Marquard does round to form, and show signs of being able to pitch nine full innings of good baseball.

Had Marquard kept in the shape he was in when making his record, the world's series pitching problem would be comparatively easy for McGraw. With the great Rube in condition, and Mathewson and Tesreau to back him up, McGraw would have had as nifty a trio of hurlers as ever faced the gun. With Marquard out of it, the problem of McGraw's is—anything but pleasant to contemplate.

Tyrus Cobb, one of the greatest living ball-players, and a close student of the game, has been secured to cover the world's series for The Daily and Sunday World. Cobb has not only the American League doings at his finger-tips, but also has studied the National League, and will write fair and impartial criticisms of the games.

Cobb's first article will appear in next week's Sunday World, and he will tell you why Boston should win on their season's showing. Cobb will be in the press box at both New York and Boston when the two teams meet for the premier baseball honors, and will wire in a detailed account of each game for World readers.

Cobb sizes up the pitching staff of the Giants and the Red Sox in his article which will appear on Sunday, and baseball fans will have the two hurling corps compared by the best man that baseball has had in many years, and it will be read with interest.

The Champions in the different baseball leagues in the United States and Canada for 1912 are as follows:—

National League	.....New York
American League	.....Boston
*Southern League	.....Birmingham
American Association	.....Minneapolis
Western League	.....Denver
International League	.....Toronto
Connecticut League	.....New Haven
South Atlantic	.....Jacksonville
Tri-State League	.....Harrisburg
Texas League	.....Houston
Central League	.....Fort Wayne
Central Association	.....Ottawa
Canadian League	.....Ottawa
Western Tri-State	.....Walla-Walla
Carolina Association	.....Anderson
Mt. I. E. K. League	.....Nebraska City
K. I. T. League	.....Clarkeville
Central International	.....Duluth
Virginia League	.....Roanoke
Michigan State League	.....Manistee
New York State League	.....Utica
New England League	.....Lawrence
Appalachian League	.....Bristol
Blue Grass League	.....Frankfort
South Michigan League	.....Adrian
Cotton States	.....Vielsburg and Columbus

TO SOLVE THE PULPWOOD PROBLEM

The Railways are Willing to Accept Higher Rates to the Border

A solution to the problem now before the Government at Ottawa in regard to the demand of the pulp and paper manufacturers for a prohibitory export duty on pulpwood is in sight.

The political difficulties in the way of the imposition of the duty, mainly arising from the antagonism which would come from the tens of thousands of small holders of pulpwood lands in Quebec, will probably be obviated by a comparatively simple yet practical alternative proposal now emanating from the railway companies. Application has been made to the Railway Commission for permission to increase the present comparatively low rates on pulpwood carried to the American border. The railway companies claim that existing through rates on export pulpwood are not profitable, and are unduly low, owing to the rate-sharing conditions with the various roads across the line. Furthermore, the Canadian roads in Quebec, Ontario and New Brunswick prefer to haul the pulpwood to Canadian pulp and paper factories, because in that case they also get the advantage of hauling the finished product.

RAISE RATES TO AMERICAN BUYER.

If the export freight rates are made higher, and the railway companies believe traffic conditions justify this, the result will be to make the price of pulpwood higher to the American buyer, since he must get his supply from Canada in any case.

But economic conditions already encourage the manufacture of pulp and paper in Canada near to the source of supply. If it is made still more expensive for the American mills to import their raw product from Canada, it is believed there will be a steady increasing incentive for the transfer of the American mills to this side of the line and

for the erection of new Canadian mills.

At the same time the proposed equalization of rates on pulpwood to Canadian and American mills should not effect the price now obtained by the Canadian sellers of pulpwood, since the sources of supply and the total demand are not affected.

The Government, it is understood, looks on the proposal with favor, and the Railway Commission may possibly take this into consideration when the rate-increase application comes up for hearing about the middle of next month.

Forty-Seventh Annual Convention

The Forty-Seventh Annual Provincial Convention of the Ontario Sunday School Association will meet in Centenary Methodist Church, Hamilton, on October 21-24, 1912. This is the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Ontario Sunday School Association which is the backbone of the Sunday School Movement of the World. The opening sessions on Monday evening, October 21st, is for members of the General Executive only. This is the governing body. It is composed of three representatives from each county and city unit in the Province, and is an incorporated body. The public part of the programme continues from 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning until 10 p.m. on Thursday, and is the strongest ever presented to the constituency.

The host city, Hamilton, agrees to entertain 700 delegates on the Harvard plan (lodging and breakfast free). This number has been allotted to the various sub-divisions in the Association in limited numbers. All applications for credentials must be made to the Ontario Sunday School Association, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, and accompanied by the enrolment fee, 50c. Bulletins, outlining particulars, may be had on application to the above address.

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