

In the World of Sport

TURF GOSSIP

The King of Spain intends to have some horses in training at Maisons-Laffitte, France. He may send some to England next year.

Thomas "Chicago" O'Brien has some promising yearlings which he expects to race next year. O'Brien will spend the winter months in New York.

Lieut. Stanley Wootton, the noted English jockey, who won a commission and the Military Cross, with the 17th Royal Fusiliers, has been transferred to a cavalry regiment.

Jockeys last a long time in Australia. When R. Lewis won the Caulfield Cup at Sydney last month it was his seventeenth year of riding in that race and his first win of the cup. He first rode in the Cup race on the Heroine in 1895, twenty-one years ago.

W. Knapp, the veteran jockey, who has been on the ground for over two years, is keeping in good condition with the hope of being reinstated by the Canadian Racing Associations, before whom he recently had a hearing. Knapp can still ride at 110 pounds and is breaking and exercising horses daily on the New York winter training camps.

FIFTY BARNSTORMERS

Of American League Were Fined by Commission.

Fines by the wholesale were imposed by the National Baseball Commission on major league ball players who have taken part in various exhibition games following the close of the season of 1916.

Fifty-one players from thirteen of the sixteen major league teams were fined amounts ranging from \$25 to \$100. However, the commission was lenient to an extent and suspended the fines on thirty-eight players, allowing only thirteen fines to stand.

The men who must pay are Henriksen, Janvrin, Shorten, Hoblitzell, Lewis, McNally, Scott, Cady, Ruth and Barry of the world's champion Boston American League; Cobb and Young of the Detroit Americans; and Davis of the Philadelphia Athletics. All of these were fined \$100, except Cobb, who must pay \$50.

The fines on the Boston Americans came as a result of a game played at New Haven, Conn., in violation of the rule against members of the world's champions playing in games after the close of the season. Barry did not play, but managed the team that did play.

Davis was fined as the manager of a team which played in various eastern cities, but the fines of the remainder of the team were suspended, because it was brought out in the testimony that Davis had assured his team-mates that he had the word of President Johnson of the American League that there would be no official objection to the team playing.

GOAL WAS KICKED

From the Field From the 65-Yard Mark.

The longest drop kick for a goal from the field in the 1916 or any other season was that of Capt. George Gipp of the Notre Dame freshmen against the Western Normal Collegiate at Kalamazoo. Gipp booted a goal from his own 35-yard line for 65 yards. Gipp had previously missed by inches from 48 yards.

Last season Mark Payne of Dakota Wesleyan held the record with 63 yards. O'Dea's 62-yard boot is the longest drop kick on record among the bigger colleges. He made the goal for Wisconsin against Northwestern eighteen years ago. Hazall of Princeton kicked a goal from place-ment for 65 yards against Yale in 1882.

Poor Crop Last Season

The baseball scouts of the big league clubs, who have completed their annual reports for the year, are almost unanimous in declaring that the general run of material in the bush leagues last season was below the calibre of previous years, and that few players were uncovered who showed promise of making good in the major leagues without a long drawn-out polishing process by working up through the various minor leagues.

RUTH BEST TWIRLER OF 1916 SEASON

Red Sox Pitcher Gives Only 1.75 Runs Per Game—Cicotte Second.

"Babe" Ruth of the Boston Red Sox led the American League pitchers last season, according to the official averages which were made public by President Ban Johnson yesterday.

The pitchers are rated on the same basis as the National League twirlers not on games won and lost, but on the number of earned runs per game. Ruth allowed only 1.75 runs per game and took part on forty-four games.

Eddie Cicotte of Chicago was second, allowing 1.78 runs per game. Walter Johnson of Washington was third. He allowed 1.89 runs per game.

Davenport of St. Louis was the hardest worked pitcher, taking part in fifty-nine games. Reb Russell of Chicago was next, with fifty-six, and Bob Shawkey of the Yankees pitched in fifty-three games. Walter Johnson, however, pitched the greatest number of innings, 371.

He also led the league in strikeouts, with 228 to his credit. Myers of the Athletics was the most liberal of the twirlers, and the most liberal was the wildest with 15 wild throws. Daus of Detroit did the most damage to his opponents by hitting sixteen players.

Nick Cullip led the Yankee pitchers, permitting 2.05 earned runs per game. He stood ninth among the league pitchers. Shawkey was eleventh, and he took part in more games than any other of Donovan's boxmen. Mordridge was rated twelfth in the list.

DIRECT FORWARD PASS FALLS INTO DISFAVOR

Eastern Mentors Seem to Think Play is Dangerous Method of Attack.

U.S. rugby coaches throughout the east seem to be coming gradually to a belief that the use of the direct pass in certain phases of play is a dangerous method of attack, dangerous to the attacking team.

When the rule was introduced which permitted the use of the direct pass coaches were quick to develop play with the quarter free from handling the ball and a great variety of moves were manufactured. A few were sound, many were radically wrong, and the team using them suffered.

Each year some of these plays have been dropped and others, with the quarter handling the ball, substituted. The direct pass naturally added speed to the attack at its start, but it puts too much responsibility upon the centre. Those direct passes which carry no risk are ones well protected from fumbles.

DETROIT WANTS RICE

Toronto Rowing Coach Has Been Given a Tempting Offer.

James C. Rice, coach of the Columbus University crews, has been asked to take charge of the training of the Detroit rowmen in a new and as yet unnamed club. Coach Rice recently received a letter from Mr. Jackson, who is behind the new club, soliciting advice as to the paraphernalia necessary for a modern rowing club, and suggesting that Rice make known his terms for coaching the new rowing athletes.

The Detroit promoters want Rice during the part of the year when he is not occupied with the training of theVarsity and freshman crews at Columbia.

Getting Wise in New York

A New York Paper says: Now that the football season is positively over, where are the merry wrestlers who were going so strong at this time last year? The annual quarrel of the National League begins here next week, and the six-day bicycle race the following week, but we miss the grapplers. Have they gone to work?

Portland Agrees

The Portland Club will grant Eddie Oatman permission to play with the 228th Battalion. They might as well, unless they want another quarrel in hockey circles. Oatman is going to play with the soldiers, whether Portland gives permission or not.

HOCKEY NOTES.

The 228th Battalion has more hockey teams than any organization in the country. It will play in the professional league, and also compete in the senior and junior series of the O.H.A.

Donald Smith, Gordon Roberts, Walter Small and "Brownie" Baker will not be with the Montreal Wanderers this season. Smith is overseas, Roberts at the coast, while Small is living in Winnipeg.

It is rumored that "Jimmy" Dissette, the St. Michael's point player, will be back in the game this winter. Dissette was one of the best defence men that ever appeared in the O.H.A. and it would be little trouble for him to get back in shape.

The senior O.H.A. series will contain ten clubs instead of eight last year, but two of them are strictly military organizations whose players figured up around North Bay and the Soo last winter. In Kingston Queen's replace the Frontenacs, while Sarnia Intermediates will take a crack at the blue-ribbon event and Preston will also be in.

"Hobey" Baker will play in the exhibition games with the St. Nicholas team of New York, this winter, but owing to the residence rule, which may be a stumbling block, he may be unable to play in the league fixtures.

Both Manager Savage, of the Portland Club, and Frank Patrick, president of the Pacific Coast League, have withdrawn their objection to Eddie Oatman playing in the 228th Battalion, and there will be no trouble as expected.

The Crescent Athletic Club hockey team will play their games at the new Brooklyn Ice Palace this winter.

According to a Boston exchange Arthur Batholomew, "who played a wing position for the Toronto Rowing Club team two years ago," is a candidate for the Boston Arena team.

"Pud" Hamilton, formerly of Kingston, who coached the Montreal Rugby team several years ago, is of the opinion that eGorge Kennedy, of the Canadiens, has picked up a promising player in Couture, of the "Soo." Hamilton is at present residing in the "Soo."

A Galt special says that Walter R. Knox, the all-around athletic champion of international reputation, who trained the Canadian Olympic team at Stockholm, is coming to that city to train the 122nd Battalion hockey team, which will play in the intermediate O.H.A. series. The team is said to be an exceptionally strong one.

Montreal Herald:—Nick Bawit, former Wanderer player writes to an Ottawa friend: "Tell Shag I signed a big Irishman from Cork for him. He punts 70 yards and can bore a hole through a brick wall. Ireland is a fine place. Just like Canada."

Winnipeg Telegram:—In electing W. E. ("Bill") Noble President of the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association to succeed Dr. W. F. Taylor, the hockeyists made no mistake. Noble has been connected with hockey both as a star player and an able official for years, and should be a very useful leader.

WANT AMERICAN JOCKEYS.

Germany Will Lift Bar That Has Kept Foreign Riders Out.

From Austria and Hungary comes word that next year the bar against foreign jockeys that has prevailed during the past season, is to be lifted. Only Austrian, Hungarian and German jockeys were given licenses to ride this year, and at times jockeys of any kind, has been so great that the racing promoters tell it will be necessary to admit neutral riders hereafter.

In the past American jockeys have been the principal outsiders. In general they have been so far superior to native riders that the tendency was to jump wages in order to attract them. Native riders naturally insisted on getting more money also, or on barring the Americans. The latter was adopted as the easier way out of the dilemma.

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WELL - WELL! WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?

THIS GUY'S A PICK-POCKET I JUST CAUGHT HIM IN A CROWD AND HE PINCHED A TEN SPOT - BOSS - WHAT'LL I DO WITH HIM?

TURN HIM LOOSE IN THE CROWD AGAIN - I MUST GET TEN MORE!