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The executive of the Kingston Senior Baseball Club has been called for an urgent meeting on Wednesday night to consider what is to be done about the coming season. There is a difference of opinion as to the success of a three-team league. The whole matter will be threshed out thoroughly and definite word as to what will happen will be announced.

The members of the Queen's Bowling Club will be getting together for their annual meeting before the month is out and it will not be long before they swing into action. The lawn up at Queen's will be a pretty busy place for the next few months.

The Mercantile Baseball League, which takes in the junior baseball teams, will meet this week to make more definite plans for the season. The officers of the league are bent on making this season even more successful than last and hope to provide the ball fans with some baseball of high calibre.

There seems to be a great difference of opinion as to whether there would be success in running the Central Ontario League with three teams. Some are opposed to it and declare that it would be a financial failure for the three clubs, and the interest besides would be gone after the first couple of games. There are, on the other hand, those who insist that it would be a great success. So there you are.

BIG LEAGUERS GOT UNDER WAY TO-DAY

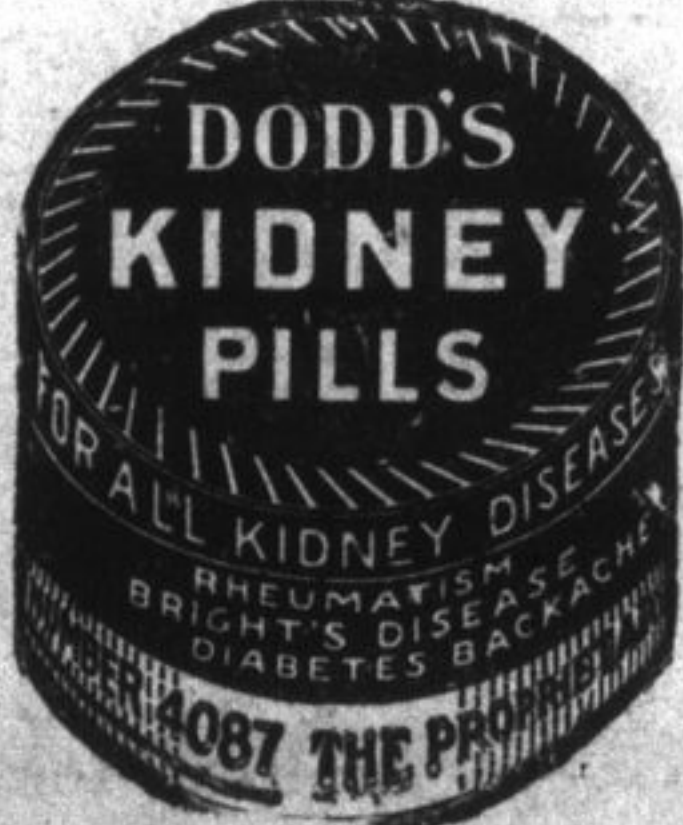
Campaign Scheduled to Open Up in Eight Cities—Speculation on the Race.

New York, April 13.—National and American League baseball teams, fired with new ambitions, according to optimistic reports from managers, opened the annual campaigns in eight cities on Tuesday. Favored in the American League are Philadelphia, New York and Washington. The Senators and Athletics will start with about the same line-ups carried last season, except that the Philadelphians have Hauser back at first base after suffering a broken leg. New York, with only Dugan of last year's infield still in action, have indicated by many lusty home-run blows that their batting will give any pitcher plenty of trouble. They won twelve straight games from Brooklyn on the training trip.

In the National League the New York Giants, Pittsburgh Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals vie for first-place honors, although an unexpected power may develop in one of the other clubs. The Giants have found a real centre-fielder in Al Tyson, the first time that this position has satisfied Manager McGraw in years. A brilliant showing in training games has given the Cardinals, managed

by Rogers Hornsby, a large amount of prestige. The Pirates will be unable to take the field with all regulars in action, a factor which may give the world champions a poor start. Captain Max Carey is out of the game, following an attack of influenza, and Eddie Moore second baseman, probably will be limping when the season starts, his place to be filled by Hal Ryme, from the Pacific Coast.

Another Record Up. Chicago, April 13.—Charles Hoff, Norwegian star, again has demonstrated his ability to break the world's pole vault record, apparently at will. He cleared the bar here at 13 feet 8 1/4 inches, adding three-



STAN HARRIS FIGURES JOE BUSH TO STAR



Joe Bush in Action.

Tampa, Fla., April 13.—"Bullet Joe" Bush of the Washington Senators is here depicted getting his trusty right fliker into shape at the training camp of the American League champions.

Bush, a veteran of many seasons, quarters of an inch to his previous high mark. It was the seventh time he had broken the record for a total of more than eight inches in his indoor track season, now concluded.

was acquired from the Browns during the winter and is being courted strongly upon by Manager Harris in the coming campaign. Harris figures Bush will win at least 15 games, possibly 20, which, naturally, would aid the Nats' cause to an appreciable extent.

ATHLETIC COMMISSION IS FUNCTIONING WELL

Will Send Winners of Toronto Meet to the Championships at McGill.

Toronto, April 13.—The Ontario Athletic Commission has decided to send at its expense the following winners of the athletic championships at the fall meet here to the national school championships at McGill University on May 29th.

Shanacy, Midland, high jump and broad jump; St. Clair Davidson, Listowel, middle distances; Finlayson, Midland and St. Andrew's College, sprints; Skelington, Toronto, sprints; Agnew, Winchester, hurdles and jumps; Broderick, Midland, shot; McArthur, Windsor, pole vault.

This team has been placed in the hands of the Commission coach, Walter Knox, and each must satisfy him as to his ability and willingness to train for the games. Mr. Knox will approve these boys after seeing them at work, or substitute others if he thinks that action will serve the purposes of the team better.

Hamilton Collegiate are sending a relay team to these games, and they too, will compete in individual events, so that Ontario will be represented by a formidable team—and, after all, this is the place to look for material for the next Olympic games. Incidentally Hamilton Board of Education is financing its own team.

The Commission also granted \$100 toward the fund for the sending of the Hamilton Collegiate team to the relay carnival at Philadelphia.

HELPFUL GOLF HINTS

BY JOHN G. ANDERSON.

We had a thought the other day, which has to do not only with local club affairs but also some of the bigger tourneys held all over the land each week during the season. A hundred or more golfers qualify for three or four sixteens and the disappointed 40 after the first day go back to their homes. But we have seen it happen time and again that defaults will be recorded in the lower sixteens, sometimes as many as a dozen being recorded on the chart on the first day. The committee is not to blame, but the defaulters are.

Why, therefore, would it not be a good idea to notify the players who finished in order just outside the qualifying sections, say a half dozen or more of them, that they would be drawn to take the place of any defaulting golfers if they cared to put in an appearance in the morning.

This would mean, of course, that a golfer in the second sixteen might be pitted against a golfer not in his class, but he would have the round at the links at least.

Pittsburg Pirates Now Look Like Repeaters

BY VID LARSEN.

Paso Robles, Calif., April 13.—Who's to win the National League pennant this year?

"Well, what are the other clubs doing?"

And thus Bill McKechnie, canny manager of the champion Pittsburgh Pirates, answered a question with a question.

Still, it must be admitted, he answered the question because, unless the other pennant-chasers of the National League have improved considerably, Pittsburgh looks to repeat. However, the Pirates fared none too well in their spring training. The condition of the club is a matter of much concern.

McKechnie's 1926 team is the team with which he won the world's championship and, while it is true that three of his champions are not now in good condition, it is also true that out here on the coast McKechnie has grabbed the two out-

standing players the minor leagues have developed in a couple of years—Hal Rhyne, infielder, and Paul Waner, outfielder, both purchased from San Francisco.

Rhyne and Waner not only have added a lot of money to the box-office receipts of the training games, but they have shown such class that McKechnie isn't losing sleep over the temporary indispositions of Max Carey and Pie Traynor, who may not be able to start the season. Carey is recovering very slowly from an operation and Traynor wrenched his leg badly early in training.

"They'll be all right," smiles McKechnie. "What are the other teams doing?"

Pittsburgh probably will start the season with Rhyne on third, Wright at short, Rawlings at second and Grantham on first.

Of course Rhyne is not "Pie" Traynor but his work in the field and at bat is impressive and thus

far he has held his own with the three other members of the infield quartette.

In the outfield, Paul Waner, a little shy, of course, has been chasing the fly. And at the bat he has been walloping the ball in the same style that made him the best hitter of the Coast League last year.

Cuyler is going great guns. Bigbee has been subbing for Barnhardt, who was rather badly hurt by a fall early in the training season.

McKechnie's pitchers are in fine shape. Vic Aldridge never looked better; Lee Meadows spent the winter in Florida and is as frisky as a two-year-old; Ray Kremer has, if anything, found more speed; Yde, Babe Adams and Johnny Morrison are burning them over.

For catchers McKechnie still has Earl Smith, Grooch and Spencer.

Punch—speed—pitching—class. Yes, folks, what are the other teams doing?



Here are Hal Rhyne and Paul Waner, former Pacific Coast League sensations, who have been showing up nicely at the training camp of the Pirates. In fact, western critics say each will break into the opening day lineup. At any rate they've apparently made the grade. Rhyne as an infielder and Waner in the outfield. Rhyne is on the left.

NOT SIGNING PLAYERS.

Port Arthur, April 13.—"We are not signing any players. Such a course would be impossible under the East and West agreement, which we acknowledge as effective," said "Connie" Smythe, late University of Toronto coach, who, with Colonel Hammond of New York was here over Sunday. In the interests, it is understood, of another pro. hockey team, which it is proposed to locate in the United States metropolis, Smythe did state further, however, that interviews had been had with a number of local players, to see whether they would turn professional, and so that in the event that they are willing, New York might negotiate with the Western League for their release in order that the players might be signed.

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