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MORDECAI BROWN MAY MANAGE CINCINNATI REDS

Frankie Farrell of Highlanders Says
He Will Bid High for Joe Tinker's
Services

New York, Nov. 26.—The Mordecai Brown, the three-fingered pitcher, has been selected to manage the Cincinnati National League team, succeeding Joe Tinker, is the statement declared to be based on good authority printed here this morning. Brown is a member of the team which got him from Louisville last year, after he had been released to that club from the Chicago Nationals, for whom he starred in the box for many seasons. He twirled many games for Tinker last season. He never has possessed managerial ambitions, so far as is known, but his friends assert that as a level-headed, intelligent baseball man, who knows the game, he is worthy of a trial in Tinker's place.

President Frank A. Farrell is anxious to buy Tinker's release. The Highlanders' president declared he would outbid any other magnate for Tinker's services. "Perhaps we can induce Herrmann to let Tinker out of the National League," said President Ban Johnson, of the American League, who is in this city and had heard Frank Farrell's statement.

JOE DONNELLY'S CASE NOT TO BE INVESTIGATED

(Montreal Herald)

Unless specific charges of professionalism are made against Joe Donnelly the McGill line-man, there will be no investigation into the newspaper rumors that he is a professional, according to the announcement this morning of Prof. McLeod of McGill, secretary of the Interprovincial Football Union.

"We cannot pay attention to newspaper talk, which may only be concocted to tide over a dull news season," said Prof. McLeod. "But if any definite charges are made, we will probe the matter from A. to Z."

Meanwhile Donnelly himself persists in denying that he has ever taken charge in any professional base ball games in the Maritime Provinces. The matter is receiving much attention in the press, and there seems to be some evidence for connecting Donnelly with the man of the same name who played ball in the east.

PROGRAM OF WINTER MEET AT DELORIMER

The program of trotting and pacing meeting which is to be held at Delorimer Park, Montreal, from January 15 to 21, has been announced as follows:

January 15—2:30 pace stake, \$1,000; 2:22 trotting, \$400; 2:35 pace, \$400.
January 17—2:16 pace stake, \$1,000; 2:13 trotting, \$400; 5 miles open, \$400.
January 19—2:17 trot stake, \$1,000; 2:20 pace, \$400; 2:10 pace, \$400.
January 20—2:25 trotting, \$400; 2:30 pace, \$400; 2:14 pace, \$400.
January 21—2:19 trotting, \$400; free-for-all, amble, \$600.
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All Blacks' Manager Discusses American Rugby

Defects He Finds in Californian University Teams
are Similar to Those Existing in Maritime Provinces—Players to Become Expert Must be Trained
From Boyhood—Cramming Green Players at College Does Not Produce Best Results

The Victoria (B. C.) Colonist publishes an interview with G. H. Mason, Manager of the All Blacks, the famous New Zealand Rugby team which this week concluded a triumphal tour of the Pacific Coast of the United States and Canada in which this Antipodean handles California college teams, without gloves and points out defects in their play and particularly their system of training. Many of his remarks are applicable to the game as played in the Maritime Provinces and support the opinion expressed by many that Rugby players must grow up with the game.

The interview is as follows:—
"There is room for an immense improvement in California Rugby," stated Mr. G. H. Mason, manager of the New Zealanders, yesterday, "in fact the Californians have to start right from the bottom if they ever want to develop real Rugby football talent in their country." His remarks were seconded by Mr. D. Guiney, the press representative with the tourists. The latter thought that the Americans aimed too much towards spectacularity and show in their football and "nursed a spirit of heroics rather than genuine enthusiasm into their play." This being the case it is evident that a decided reformation is needed if Rugby in the States is ever going to reach a high standard. The Californians themselves have acknowledged their deficiencies since the New Zealanders ripped through their papier mache opposition and scored as they pleased, and it is pleasing to learn that in many quarters an agitation for a complete revolution in the methods now used in developing and training players has been started.

WHERE THE TROUBLE IS

Going right to the heart of the trouble, Mr. Guiney pointed out that there was no need for the elaborate system of preparation now in vogue in California Rugby circles. "The training table, the highly paid coaches and so forth are absolutely unnecessary," he said, "They defeat their own purpose by bringing the physical condition of a player to too fine a point and serve to eliminate all pure love of the sport. The men are content if they make the representative team and, except as a medium through which they may draw upon themselves the plaudits of the public, they don't care a fig for football. The preliminary processes are too mechanical, too superficial and their effect is reflected in the style of game played—a fierce, spectacular game pleasing enough to those who don't know Rugby, but needlessly hard on the men and absolutely useless against a team which goes about its work in a natural way, unhampered by any desire for individual displays of brilliance, and all striving in unison and utilizing their brains as well as their muscles to gain the end in view.

"The Americans seem to go the more difficult way about everything they do in the game. In tackling they fling themselves on an opponent on every possible occasion, almost always coming down harder than the other fellow, and, copying a custom permitted in their national game, keep on their check and endeavor to block and maul him about whether he has the ball or not. By so doing they impose unnecessary hardship upon themselves, and paying too much attention to the opposing players, greatly weaken their own attack."

STRONG ON KICK

Asked whether there was any department in which the Americans were strong, Mr. Guiney said yes, they were very good on the kick. Out side of that he did not think their teams were in any respect to be admired. They went in too much for brute force and too little for brain work.

That the visit of the New Zealanders would prove of great benefit to the Californians was the opinion of the speaker. He stated that before leaving he had noticed a tendency to profit by the lessons given them on the part of some of the teams. In the California-Stanford game, he said, the Stanford fifteen endeavored to conform their tactics to those of the New Zealanders with a very fair measure of success.

Another gratifying circumstance was the desire evidenced by many of the public school Rugby organizations to copy the New Zealander's game. In many cases the New Zealanders had been asked to give the school boys a few lessons and had done so willingly.

Both Mr. Mason and Mr. Guiney thought that if the game was taken up extensively in the public schools in California and the youngsters taught to look on it as a healthy, manly exercise rather than simply as a means of gaining glory and settling old rivalries, another generation would see genuine Rugby football played there.

NEW ZEALAND'S STRENGTH

In response to a question as to where the main strength of the New Zealander's lay, Mr. Guiney said that, as was true of all New Zealand teams, the forwards were the backbone of the organization. The backs were able to do their share, but it was the ability of the forwards to make openings and keep the opposing defence busy that accounted for much of the team's success. Not only were they able to pave the way for the backs, but their beautiful dribbling generally brought in a good many scores.

The Auburn team which beat Vanderbilt, 14 to 6, this season, has been playing the Commodores for twenty years, in which time they had previously not won even a single game.

FRANKIE FLEMING KNOCKED COLLINS OUT IN SECOND

Canadian Boxer Showed First Class
Form at Montreal—Had Things
His Own Way

Montreal, Nov. 28.—With a left jab and a right swing to the jaw, Frankie Fleming, the Canadian feather-weight champion, knocked out George Collins of New York, in the second round of a ten-round bout at the Canadian Athletic Club tonight.

The meeting between Fleming and Collins was the feature event of a card of five bouts staged by the local association as the second of a series of entertainments to the members. Collins came on from New York as a substitute for Banty Lewis who broke his hand in a fight with Collins on Thursday night.

After the first thirty seconds' fighting there was no doubt as to who would win. Fleming simply put it all over his opponent. Shortly after the second round, opened Fleming invited an opening which enabled him to land the finishing punch.

A knockout was also registered in one of the preliminaries between Kerrigan and Lewis, local boxers. This also went to the second round, when Lewis with a wicked right hand smash, put his man away.

The three other preliminaries went the limit, the decisions, if any had been given, would have gone to Kid Hubert over Russell, Desautels over Audette and Stockhouse over Frechette.

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