

COMISKY IS OPPOSED TO A SHORT SCHEDULE

San Johnson Says New Major League as War Measure All Right—Readjustment Necessary.

Chicago, Oct. 30. — The question of a shorter playing schedule for the major leagues and the possibility of a third major league as a war measure was revived today with the return of President Johnson of the American League.

There will, however, be opposition to the proposed 140 game schedule, as Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox, has already expressed his disapproval of any schedule shorter than 154 games. It is said that two other club owners in the American League also will oppose a shorter schedule.

"A new league might benefit the game during the war, and it should be considered a war measure exclusively," said Mr. Johnson. "It is a certainty that the minor leagues will have to make some adjustment next season, in order to get by. They cannot go on as they have in the past."

He did not indicate what cities might be grouped into a new league.

AUBREY WON THIRD MONEY

Aubrey, by Capt. Aubrey, won third money in the 2.18 trot at Windsor, Ont., Friday. Walter Cox won with Silkobell after a hard fight in 2.15 1/4, 2.19 1/4, 2.17.

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Sporting News

CANADIAN FOOTBALL AGAIN BEING BOOMED

Little Chance of Game Supplanting English Rugby in the Maritime Provinces.

The story that colleges in the Maritime Provinces are likely to adopt the Canadian football rules after the war has been revived. The argument now is advanced that students now serving in England and France will associate with those from Upper Canada to such an extent that they will see the superior qualities of the hybrid game played in Quebec and Ontario.

Those advancing the argument forget that Canadian soldiers are now able to see Rugby played in the country of its origin by players who know all the fine points and who are able to give the very best exhibitions of it. It is much more likely that men from the Maritime Provinces will be more impressed with the good qualities of the game as they know it. In addition to the Old Country players in the army there are the Australians and New Zealanders, the best Rugby players in the world, barring the Welsh. It also is a fact, although it appears to be overlooked by the critics of the English game, that all the Rugby played in France and England by military teams is of the English variety.

The only attempt to oust the English game in the Maritime Provinces was at St. Thomas' College, Chatham, and had to be abandoned. St. Francis Xavier talked about it, but merely because a number of players who had been at Ottawa University had gone to St. F. X. Until all the High Schools in the country and primary schools change the game they play there will be no fear of any change in Rugby rules.

SAID JOHNSON MAY BE SOLD BY SENATORS

New York Yankees Said to be After Him—Pratt May be Bought from St. Louis Browns.

New York, Oct. 30. — Walter Johnson is again the chief topic of conversation in the American League and it leads to the same old conclusion—that Walter is getting somewhere pretty soon — somewhere where they win more ball games in a season than has been the habit in Washington.

The Yankees are angling for the speedball demon. They are after him strong and they want his battery mate — Ainsmith, to go along and make the party a good one. Miller Huggins has set his sails for a bright spot and Walter is going to wear a New York uniform next year if tears and money have any effect on Ben Minor and Clarke Griffiths.

Col. Jacob Ruppert, who now is alone in directing the Yankee exchequer, has opened wide the purse. He was after Johnson once before, but the deal fell through. Now it appears that more persuasion will be flung into the affair.

Will Transfer.

Derrill Pratt also is expected to transfer his batting ability from St. Louis to the Yankees. When the latter club was trying to buy the second baseman from the Browns during the summer, Phil Ball mentioned something that sounded precisely like a United States treasury to Col. Ruppert and the deal immediately did a John McGraw. Now, however, Derrill and Phil have had words or something to that effect and the Yankees believe Ball can be persuaded to part with the player for something less than the New York franchise.

The same plan of reckless money-spending, with a good purpose in view, has a firm hold on the Yankee management, but with a tried and proved manager waiting to take up direction of the team.

NO TEMPTATION FOR HUGGINS

St. Louis, Oct. 26. — Branch Rickey, president of the St. Louis Nationals, said today that he offered Miller Huggins, who yesterday signed a contract to manage the New York Americans, a salary of \$10,000 a year and 10 per cent. of all profits over \$25,000 if he would remain with the St. Louis club next season.

"We have not signed anyone to take Huggins' place," Rickey said. "I do not expect to make any announcement as to the managership for some time."

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MATT WELLS HAD NO TROUBLE WITH ED. KELLY

Easy Winner in 12 Rounds—Ohio Boxer Dies as the Result of Injuries Received in the Ring.

Pittsfield, Oct. 2. — Matt Wells of England, won the honors in his 12-round bout with Harlem Eddie Kelly of New York, here tonight. Kelly, who was the favorite, as he passes his summers here, was on the defensive throughout. He cleverly blocked many of Wells' onslaughts.

Fatally Injured.

Dayton, O., Oct. 30. — "Young" Epstein of Hamilton, O., died early today from injuries he sustained when he fell in the ring during the last minute of a ten-round contest with "Battling" Hess of Fort Wayne, Ind., at the Dayton club last night. When Epstein went down, some of those who were at the ringside say his head struck on the edge of the platform, causing concussion of the brain.

RING NOTES.

Sam Langford and his old rival, Harry Wills, meet for the seventh time tonight at Albany.

Tommy Robson is booked to meet Young Bat Nelson at Brooklyn tonight. Joe Egan, who is now playing Milwaukee, is billed to meet Billy Kramer in that city Thursday night.

The Lawrence sports will have a chance to see Bill Brennan, the County of Mayo heavy, in action Thursday night, as he meets Joe Bonds in that city.

Freddie Welsh, the ex-lightweight champion, is going to try and make a come-back in New York Wednesday night. He is being handed something easy in Jim Paul, Benny Leonard also will get some easy money meeting Young Lustig. Patsy Cline and Frank Callahan also will have soft game at the same show.

Jack Britton, Willie Jackson and Patsy Cline will be handed some soft money Thursday night in New York. The boxer who oppose them are about fifth-raters.

Champion Benny Leonard and Frankie Callahan will get a good bunch of money in New York Friday night without doing each other much harm.

Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons is opposed to a monument being erected at the grave of the late great boxer by the Chicago sports.

Athletics are encouraged at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., and among the athletes are a number of good boxers. Among the best is Soldier Lamar, formerly of Springfield, Mass., who won the welterweight championship on the border. He will meet Pete Shaughnessy in Atlanta Tuesday.

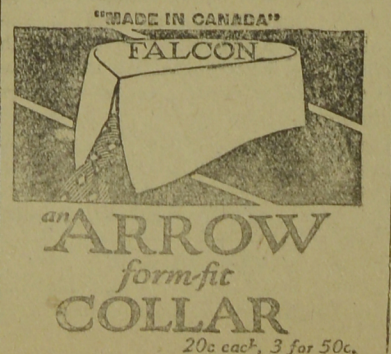
SECOND RATERS IN AUSTRALIA

New York, Oct. 26. — The latest news from Promoter "Snowy" Baker of Australia indicates that so many boxers have enlisted that the sport over there is in a bad way. When the late Les Darcy was astonishing the world with his prowess, Australia cut a big figure in fistic history, but since Darcy's departure and subsequent death, the bottom has dropped out of the sport.

Ring stars now are so scarce that "Jimmy" Clabby and "Eddie" McGoorty, both Americans, and both of whom were forced into retirement when Darcy was alive, have come back and are the stars of the middle-weight division. The ancient Harry Stone is the star of the welterweight class, and "Dave" Smith, who was knocked out with the first punch by "Dave" McGoorty some years ago, has come back and won the heavyweight championship.

DALHOUSIE LOST ANOTHER GAME

The Rugby game between the 10th Siege Battery and Dalhousie teams at Halifax Saturday, resulted in a victory for the former, 13 to 0. The 10th Siege scored five in the first half and eight in the second.



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