

NEWS of SPORT

BIG CHANGES IN BASEBALL FOR NEXT YEAR

Eight New Managers in Big League Baseball —Both Leagues Af- fected by Shifts.

New York, Dec. 27.—Baseball is changing its colors like a chameleon. The biggest shifting of outstanding figures the game has ever known—involving leaderships of eight of 16 major league clubs—will find a host of new alignments when the 1927 season opens. Here are the developments of the past few weeks that have started the diamond world:

American League.
Expose of alleged fixed game between Detroit and Cleveland in 1919, implicating Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, retired managers of the Detroit and Cleveland clubs. Cobb succeeded by George Moriarity, old umpire and third baseman; Speaker replaced by veteran coach, Jack McAllister.

Eddie Collins, long king of the second basemen, ousted as White Sox manager; signs to play again with Athletics, with whom he performed as first of famous "\$1,000,000 infield" years ago. Succeeded at Chicago by Ray Schalk, veteran catcher.

Bill Carrigan, famous manager of world's champion Red Sox of 1915-16, called out of retirement to succeed Lee Fohl in old job.

George Sisler, famous first baseman, deposed as manager of St. Louis Browns in favor of Dan Howley with Bill Killefer, last season with Cardinals, as assistant.

National League.
Following disagreement with club president over new contract, Rogers Hornsby, manager and second baseman of the world's champion Cardinals, traded to Giants for Frankie Frisch, second sacker, and Jimmy Ring, veteran pitcher.

Bill McKechnie, who piloted Pittsburgh Pirates to 1925 world's title, ousted after stormy season and replaced by Donie Bush, Indianapolis manager and old-time Detroit short-stop.

Art Fletcher succeeded as manager of Phillies by "Stuffy" McInnis, late of Pittsburgh and first base star of the old Athletics.

BASKETBALL BIG GAME IN UNITED STATES

Basketball, long since elevated to the status of a so-called major sport in the leading colleges of the United States, continues to grow in popularity and draws greater crowds than do the most important hockey games, amateur or pro, in this country. University of Minnesota, with a seating capacity in its present basketball court of only 2,400, is about to place itself on a par with the other colleges of the Western Conference by building a home for basketball that will seat 17,800 and cost more than half a million dollars. With the decision to erect the new field house, rumored plans for enlarging the Minnesota Stadium have been dispelled. Director of Athletics F. W. Luehring announced that only the Michigan and Notre Dame games in the three years of existence of the stadium brought out capacity crowds and that there was no need for enlargement from 55,000 to 72,000.

WOMAN AGED SIXTY SIX YEARS IN BIG SWIM

Santa Monica, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Anne Van Skike, 66 years old, of Santa Monica, who each year celebrates her birthday with a ten-mile-or-longer swim in the Pacific Ocean, today announced her intention of participating in the \$40,000 Wrigley Marathon channel swim next month.

J. W. McDonald of Toronto is a guest at the Windsor.

FANS QUESTION PRESENT N. H. L. PLAYING RULES

Eddie Gerard Says De- fence Will Adjust It- self if So Called West- ern Rules are Adopted

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The Gazette, in its sports columns, says:

"Complaints coming from various quarters over the National Hockey League circuit, indicate a growing dissatisfaction with the incomplete form of the playing rules, and are adding force to the arguments of those who are starting to agitate for the adoption of the western rules, as were used in the old Western Hockey League before it disbanded last spring, with the majority of the former Western players now in the National Hockey League and several of the former Western League managers directing new clues in the Eastern circuit this winter, there is a direct move to have some of the salient features of the Western game introduced into the N. H. L., including the forward pass, the penalty shot and other novelties. Art Ross of Boston, Lester Patrick of the Rangers, Pete Muldoon of the Chicago Black Hawks, and Art Duncan of the Detroit Cougars, favor the Western code. Those opposing it expect a definite move to have the Western rules introduced next season in a general clean-up of the N. H. L. code.

"Opponents of the Western code, while they admit that the rules may be incorporated in the N. H. L. book next year, do not consider they will necessitate any great change in present methods to cope with them. Manager Eddie Gerard of the Montreal Maroons, is convinced that just as tight, defensive hockey will result in a game under the Western code as under the present N. H. L. rules, and that it would not take teams long to build up a defensive system against the forward pass when allowed all over the ice. Gerard is against an indiscriminate use of the forward pass and does not consider the play as spectacular around the goal as the methods necessary to advance the puck inside the defending team's goal area under the present rules."

DELANEY HAD CHRISTMAS AT HIS OLD HOME

(Boston Globe.)

Christmas and New Year's at home with his parents mean more to Jack Delaney than a good deal of money. The Canadian light-heavyweight boxer who is now pointing for the heavyweight title was wanted by a Toronto matchmaker for a bout here at New Year's. When negotiations were opened with Delaney's manager the latter informed the Toronto interests that no less than eleven requests for the French-Canadian's services during the holiday season had been declined. One of the offers was a flat guarantee of \$30,000, but the invariable reply to all matchmakers was that Delaney would spend the holiday season with his father and mother at St. Francis, Que.

NELS STEWART OUT ONE GAME

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Nels Stewart, Montreal Maroon centre player, will be out of the National Hockey League play for one game, following his automatic suspension after receiving three major penalties. He will miss the Maroon game against Chicago in the latter city on Wednesday, but will be in the line-up against Detroit in Windsor on Thursday. President Frank Calder of the league announced his decision in the matter today.

London, England.—London is taking New York's scheme for reducing jay walking and resultant street accidents by establishing fixed crossings for pedestrians. Signs have been erected in crowded parliament square reading "Please cross here."

CLARK SAVED FREDERICTON FROM SHUTOUT

Lack of Practice and Team Work Sends the Green and White to 7 to 2 Defeat.

Moncton, Dec. 27.—A mighty Atlantic wave of maroon and white hockey jerseys rose high and completely submerged the Fredericton sextette in the curtain raiser of the southern section of the New Brunswick Hockey League in the Arena Rink here tonight by a 7-2 score. The game was witnessed by some 800 fans and was a fitting opening of a league that bears all the earmarks of a close and hard fight for the attic position.

It found the local puck chasers in rare form exhibiting excellent combination, they marked their men closely which was largely responsible for the final score, although Bidlake was a mighty factor in keeping the opposition down to but two tallies.

The locals won because of their superior team play which is so dear to the heart of the fan and so deadly to the hopes of the opposition. The visitors fought hard but their attacks were mostly individual, and the absence of a player to pass to at critical times robbed them of several chances to score.

The line-ups and summary follows:

Fredericton	Moncton
Goal	Bidlake
Defence	Wilson
Wade	E. Kervin
Steen	G. Lowther
Clark	Centre
Sterling	Gould
Keene	Forward
Keenan	Earl Kervin
Chalmers	James
Lynch	Wall
Referee—Jack Brown.	Lane
Summary.	
First period—1, Gould, 45; 2, James, 10.00; 3, Lane, 11.00.	
Second period—4, Lane, 1.55; 5, Lowther, 8.00; 6, James, 11.30.	
Third period—1, Clark, 0.47; 2, Clark 12.30; 7, Gould, 17.40.	
Penalties—First period: Wilson; second period, Gould, Steen, Wall, Earl Kervin; third period, Steen, Lowther, James.	

MANAGEMENT COM. SKIPS ARE SELECTED

The Fredericton Curling Club Monday night in regular weekly session organized for the Management Committee Senior during the winter by electing eighteen skips. These will meet later and choose their rinks.

It was tentatively decided to play in Saint John against three clubs there on 12th and 13th of January.

F. L. Cooper was elected to membership in the club.

SAINT JOHN BEAT CHATHAM

Saint John, Dec. 28.—Fourteen hundred people witnessed Saint John Fusiliers open the hockey season here last night against the fast Chatham sextette when they won an impressive game against the fast skating North Shore team, 8-1. The game was replete with fast skating, scintillating plays, clever stickwork and kept the large crowd on edge for the entire 60 minutes.

JOLSON WANTS TO BUY STOCK

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—"Al" Jolson, the blackface comedian, is negotiating with Rogers Hornsby for the purchase of his stock in the St. Louis Cardinals. Jolson is already one of the minority stockholders in the St. Louis baseball club, having bought his shares several years ago. Jolson and Hornsby are close friends.

SAM BREADON BEING BAWLED BY ST. LOUIS FANS

His Mail is Colossal — Waiting to See What Hornsby Does Next Season in League.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Sam Breadon, president of the St. Louis Cardinals, said today he believed he was the most unpopular man in St. Louis last Tuesday, just after he had announced the trade of Manager Rogers Hornsby to the New York Giants, but now, he added, the wrath of the fans seems to be subsiding.

Three irate fans leaped on the running board of Mrs. Breadon's automobile last Tuesday night and shouted reproaches at her until a policeman appeared.

"Aside from that incident and the fact that someone tied crepe on my office door and several dozen have written me anonymous letters, we have not been troubled," Breadon said. "As my friends telephoned expressions of confidence and wrote me letters I revised my early percentages. I think it is about 50-50 now. If a hundred fans yelled 'Hang him,' another hundred would yell 'O, let the poor sap live. Give him another chance.' Public opinion is a fickle thing. You know, I've even heard them razz Hornsby."

Breadon pointed to two piles of letters on his desk.

"I like the ones on the right," he remarked. "They're favorable. I shall answer them with thanks. The ones on the left are so hot they're funny."

One of the critics wrote to Breadon. "You're not a Card, you are the ace of chumps." Another suggested the club president should be tarred and feathered.

"If Hornsby burns up the league and Frisch breaks a leg and Ring has a bad year, I'll catch it," Breadon commented. "They'll razz me to a fare-you-well. However, if Hornsby slips, as he gave evidences of doing last season, and Frisch and Ring play real ball, and I get a manager who will keep us right up there in the fight, fans will say, 'Well, Sam Breadon knew his ivory, after all.' It's quite a gamble. Time will tell, and if time doesn't, the bleachers will."

O'FARRELL WILL MANAGE ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Bob O'Farrell, catcher, was appointed late today to manage the world's champion St. Louis Cardinals, succeeding Rogers Hornsby, who was traded to the New York Giants for Frank Frisch and James Ring, Sam Breadon, club president, announced O'Farrell had signed a one-year contract. Terms were not revealed.

PREFERS BLOND, IS A GENTLEMAN

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parsons are sure John M. Aaron is a gentleman.

In order that there might be no mix-ups in the plans for the wedding of Aaron and their daughter, Hazel, the Parsons sent a note to the probate judge here, telling him their daughter who is 16 had their permission to marry, and that Aaron 21 "is a gentleman we are sure, because Hazel is a blond."

"They have our consent to marry so please sell them a permit," the note added.

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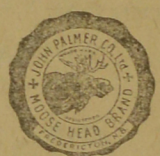
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