

MILITARY UMPIRES OUGHT TO BE BETTER THAN REGULARS

BASEBALL CLUB OWNERS DEVISE SOME NEW PERSUADERS IN PLAY SEEKING TO LINE UP HOLDOUTS

Board of Taxing Expenses on Non-Reporters for Training Trip Followed by Minor League and Waiver Rumors

Traces between club owners and ball players over the size of the wartime meal ticket proceed merrily. In some quarters the fuss is being down as reporting time approaches and managerial oratory gets more fervid, but in other camps where the pirate crew has the upper hand the holdout chorus is demanding a "have-a-heart" contract...

First it was announced by a number of managers, indicating perhaps "informal understanding," that no player who failed to report for the Dixie chow-choo would be allowed to trail along later at the club's expense. Anybody a minute late would have to dig down in the private purse for the comealong gain.

The latest scheme, however, intended to convince the holdouts that they are all wrong appears in the announcement that players not suffering a softening of the heart will be dumped into the minor league sewer automatically, and intimation further is made of a possible agreement later to waive on all holdouts.

DEFINITE word of a possible minor league arrangement to grab holdouts in the manner named comes from Columbus, O., where it is reported that Manager Joe Tinker has completed such a working deal with the Chicago Cubs.

Military Umpires Ought to Help a Lot

TWO umpire developments of interest for spring games are announced. One is that camp games—and there will be lots of them down South for the entertainment of the soldier lads in the making—will be presided over by army officers in many instances, and the other that National League umpires at least will not be allowed as of yore to act according to taste and follow some one team through its training trip games.

Military umpires ought to help exhibition games, which require something more than the informal authority of ordinary arbitrators to make them move smoothly. With no authority to fine men, discipline in the average spring game is a joke.

President Tener has placed a ban upon the voluntary roaming of big league umpires during the preliminary season on good grounds. Umpires following que team about become objects of suspicion by other managers, for they naturally feel that the officials are inclined to favor their regular customers.

UMPIRES need to be warmed up, both physically and mentally. Just like ball players, and the idea of enforced spring training is therefore good. They must be physically fit in order to be Johnny-on-the-spot on fast plays, and also the old orb must be conditioned for the correct judgment stuff.

Red Sox Successful With Squeeze Play Last Year

RED SOX J. LANIGAN, the veteran Beantown deposer, wonders if the Red Sox will continue Jack Barry's policy of specializing in the squeeze play, which the former Athletic second-sacker as manager worked so effectively last year.

Barry began the play right from the jump, it is said, getting away with it three times on the Yankees in the opening series. The first game won by the use of the play came as a result of the efforts of the manager himself, who laid down one on Ray Caldwell April 11 for a run that sewed up the contest.

"The next game the Red Sox won with the squeeze was against the Yanks on April 21. Hobbs squeezed in the winning run in this contest on a ball pitched by Bob Shawkey.

"Tuske No. 3 won with a man chasing in from third as the batter laid the ball down from Washington on April 25. Yancey Ayers suffered from a punt by G. Duff Lewis.

"Business of squeezing in victories then dropped off until August 25, when a squeeze play worked by Scott and Lewis on Tom Rogers, of St. Louis, sent that young man down to defeat by a score of 5 to 2.

"On September 7 the Red Sox abated the Athletics, 5 to 0, the first winning run de clogging from a squeeze play pulled on Jingling Johnson by Scott and Hooper.

Cicotte His Own Doctor and Nurse

ITCHERS have to be watched like prima donnas not only during the training season, but the playing season as well. It takes careful inspection and diagnosis to detect hurting troubles and it requires expert attention to cure discovered injuries.

Eddie Cicotte, however, is stated to be a real manager's delight, for he is not a bad actor and he doesn't require delicate handling physically or otherwise. He is, in fact, his own trainer and conditioner.

Cicotte has been in the harness a long time and has gained much valuable information. He conserves every ounce of energy and never forgets the dangers of overstrain during training season.

It took three years of jumping about among the minors for the great pitcher to get established in the big league. It was during this period that he pulled the monster bone of selling him to Indianapolis. Since 1903 he played five seasons each with Boston and Chicago.

Stallings Making Ready Without Herzog

STALLINGS' activities within the last few days give rise to the suspicion that the Braves' chieftain may be planning to call Herzog's name and see just what the Maryland agriculturist holds. Unless such a decision is to be drawn the Boston policy would appear to be the loose second base talent.

POST-MORTEM are always interesting, and the thought arises as to just how many pennants Detroit would have won if it had clung to Cicotte along with Cobb.

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THE CONVALESCENT



DEWEES AND COOPER IN NATIONAL SERVICE

Four of North Hills' Most Prominent Golfers Are Now Wearing Khaki

By PETER PUTTER

WILMER L. DEWEES, the sensational young golfer from the North Hills Country Club, has entered the National Army and is now at Fort Hancock.

W. J. Cooper, another of the top notches at North Hills, left yesterday for Camp Dix. He is in the infantry.

The North Hills Suburban Golf team will be short to pieces. With Dewees, Platt and Cooper gone and with Eddie Styles, the club champion, now a resident of Washington, four of the first five men on the team will not be able to play on the team.

Previous to winning the Bala invitation tournament last year Dewees had played in only one tournament. He came to Bala almost unknown.

DEWEES was only twenty last June. In the final for the club championship of North Hills he was beaten on the last hole of a thirty-six-hole match by Styles after a drive had lodged in an almost unplayable lie.

STECHER AND ZBYSZKO WRESTLE TO A DRAW

NEW YORK, March 2.—Joe Stecher and Wilkes Zbyszko, heavyweight wrestlers, today were at status quo ante, following their two-hour bout here last night.

SIX-FINGERED TWIRLING STAR CANDIDATE FOR SOUTHERN TEAM

BENJAMIN PELLOWITZ, With Two Thumbs on Right Hand, Concets Weird Heaves

By PAUL PREP

AGITATION against the use of the so-called "freak" deliveries in baseball will have no effect on the most unusual style of bonhomism of Benjamin Pellowitz, a local schoolboy, whose unique twirling is natural.

That old saying about the awkward boy, "His fingers are all thumbs," acts with reverse English in this case, for it is on his two thumbs that Benny depends for his success in pitching. It may be seen that one is a growth of the other thumb.

Four-Finger Curve

Frighting the bats with his two thumbs and first two fingers Pellowitz discovered that he could control what he calls a "four-finger curve" that was difficult to hit safely, as the members of last year's Public High School Freshman Baseball League will testify.

Although his team didn't win the first-year title, South Philadelphia, through the wonderful pitching of Pelly, as he is known to his friends, had the honor of administering the only defeat of the season to the champion Germantown High club by the score of 1 to 8. In this contest he held the Cliveden batsmen to one safe hit.

Central High yearlings were given a such drubbing the Cliveden and Gold team obtaining two hits. When his report showed three consecutive victories Pellowitz pulled a tendon in his side and was forced to remain idle the remainder of the season.

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EVANS PICKS DAVIDSON HERRON, THE OAKMONT CRACK, AS ONE OF COMING GOLFERS OF COUNTRY

Won His First Tournament at Fourteen and Has Played Difficult Home Course in 68 Strokes, All Putts Holed

By CHARLES (Chick) EVANS, Jr.

AS IS known to every golfer who has played upon it, the Oakmont course is a very difficult one. Having seen very fine players in its membership, it was natural that they should bring back many an idea of training and adjustment of holes, and of these indefatigable workers W. C. Evans has been chief.

As a result they hoped to show the golfers who attended the 1917 championship a wonderful test. Fate prevented the championship, but the course is there, and it was on this fine link that Davy Herron learned to play his game.

Davidson Herron is very young, although no one would say so. He is twenty years old and a senior at Princeton. Young as he is, he has played as long as, and in many cases longer than, players ten years older.

HE ENTERED his first tournament at the Butler Country Club when he was but fourteen years old. He won the tournament after a twenty-hole match in the final, since that time he has won many cups and medals, but he considers his greatest achievement was his 17 in the qualifying round at Detroit in 1915.

DAVIDSON HERRON is a big, strong fellow and, of course, has been interested in many other sports, but prefers golf one of the reasons he gives is that it brings out the element of individual effort.

PREFERS HIS PUTTER

His favorite club is the putter. A most extraordinary confession; I wonder how many of us would dare to make a similar avowal after years of experience.

MARINE QUINTET PLAYS PEEERLESS KID TONIGHT

Contest Will Be Staged in Camden. Naval Training Team Meets All-Stars

Captain Hogan's United States Marines will go over the Delaware to Camden tonight to tackle the Peerless Kid basketball team in the P. R. Y. M. C. A. case.

MORE LOW SCORES MARK BIG BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Birk Brothers, Holders of Five-Man Team Record, Make Poor Showing

CINCINNATI, O., March 2.—No team rolling in the American Bowling Congress tourney last night was able to place among the first ten. Birk Brothers, of Chicago, led the bowlers for the night with a low score.

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HOPPE TO NAME TERMS FOR MATCH FOR TITLE

World's Champion Billiardist Says Challenger Must Post Substantial Side Bet

PLAYS HERE NEXT WEEK

WILLIE Hoppe, the greatest billiard player ever produced, has hurried down the gamut to the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company and threatened to cancel his contract unless that outfit will consent to his playing a championship match with Willie.

Benjamin Is Aroused

Benjamin, who, by the way, is one of the ablest managers in the business and directly responsible for Willie's financial success in the last four years, was indignant when he learned of the reports being sent out from New York about Hoppe's attitude.

Makes \$50,000 a Year

Willie is making something like \$50,000 a year regularly, and his tour covers a period of eight months. He would have to cancel some big engagements if he were to play in the New York match, and what would he get? Probably a silver cup and nothing more.

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Boosts and Bumps

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Paid for, Delivered, but Not Accepted

HARRY FRASSE, the David Belasco of our great national outdoor sport, has just closed a deal with Connie Mack, three months were elapsed to Philadelphia, charges prepaid. It was a great business transaction and the pair of them performed Mr. Harun's trick of everything Mr. Belasco owned, including his eye teeth and engravings, but that only stage stuff and has nothing to do with the real thing.

Another Player Coming

Connie Mack has another player coming from Boston in the Melvin deal. Four ball tossers were promised, but the other one seems to have been lost in the shuffle. The Sage of Shibe Park was supposed to get a pitcher, but none is available at this time.

Connie Expects No Trouble

However, our lean and lanky leader is looking no more over the outside. Far be it from him to be perturbed, and certainly, he should be sorry if the deal should fall through.

Walker Looks Good

Walker is a swell outfielder—a temperamental player, but a good one—and possesses quite a little speed. He will be an able successor to the late Fred Walker, who was a fine player and a great manager.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

ALTHOUGH it is against their principles to "use" any one, Joe Tubert, the sensational bantam of this city, and Herman Hindin, his manager, expect to utilize Joe Lynch, New York's best bantam, in a fight with Tubert.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

CAMBRIDGE, N. J., Feb. 28.—McAndrew and Carey fought a draw. Frankie Maguire was knocked out by Tommie Blinn in the second round.

FRED FULTON KNOCKS OUT HARPER IN SECOND

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 2.—Boxing fans here are convinced today that Fred Fulton, challenger of Jim Willard, is a powerful fighter. Fulton disposed of Jim Harper, Kansas City heavyweight, in the second round here last night.

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