

Washington Ball Club Gets New Outfielder From the Amateur Ranks of Cleveland

OUTFIELDER SIGNED FOR THE NATIONALS

Comes From Cleveland at the Recommendation of Bradley.

HAS MADE RECORD IN AMATEUR RANKS

Manager McAleer Surprised That Reising Has Not Signed Contract.

By THOMAS KIRBY. Determined to strengthen the Nationals' outfield, which at present is most uncertain, Manager McAleer has signed Andrew Keef, a Cleveland amateur player, who is highly recommended by "Bill" Bradley, the veteran third baseman.

For weeks the Washington leader has concentrated his attention on his outer gardens. He has consulted his scouts on the proposition of obtaining men who can field and hit, but they have all made the same report—they are not to be had. McAleer told Bradley of his predicament and the former Naps gave him an unqualified endorsement of the youngster who has been the sensation of the Cleveland lots.

Keef has played on a number of different teams in Ohio, and Bradley, who watched the player in action a couple of times last summer, declares he is the best outfielder he has ever seen outside of organized baseball.

McAleer sent Keef transportation yesterday and he expects the player to report here in time to go to Atlanta with the rest of the players. He will work with the other outfielders at Ponce de Leon and if he shows sufficient class will be brought back to fight it out for one of the regular berths.

"Of course, I don't know what Keef will amount to," said McAleer this morning, "but the situation is such that we must take a chance, and I think Bradley ought to be able to tell a real ball player from a 'basher.' Keef is described to me as a big fellow who can hit and field, so it's up to us to give him every encouragement."

"Mike" Kabow will begin his scouting in taking a look at the Georgetown pitchers and catchers at their indoor practice.

Figuring on the Outfield.

"With a pitching staff in which I have confidence, a settled infield, and I think as good a corps of catchers as there is in the league, I am now trying to figure on the strongest possible combination for our outfield," was the way McAleer today explained his feelings in regard to the outlook for the Washington club.

"We all know just where Clyde Milan stands in the estimation of not only the fans here, but the players all round the circuit, and that settles one-third of the problem, but who the other two will be is a question, but he will get a fair show just like the rest of them."

"I have done well enough at times, and if he can get well started should be able to get a permanent place in the lineup." Dutch Schuster has sent the word that he is ready to go, but he will be a real, sure-nosed outfielder, and I hope he will. Even since he has been at Hot Springs, Schuster has been showing his ability to improve his batting eye, and has evidently given up his plan to try to break into the infield.

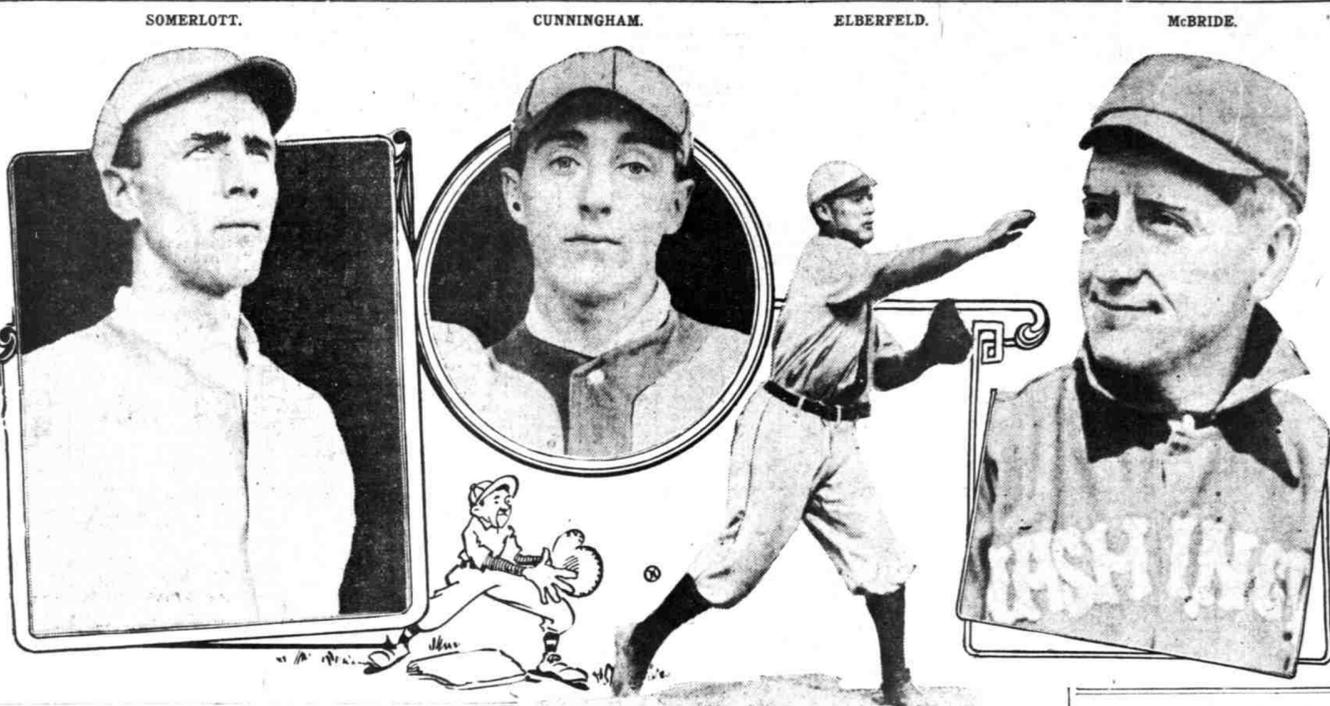
"In addition to these we will have Halston, Swain, Keef, and the rest, who will do to perfection of the battle for the posts in the outfield."

"The Nationals are scheduled to leave here on the evening of March 4, and arrive in Atlanta the following day, and have their first workout at Ponce de Leon Park on Monday, March 6.

Surprised by Reising.

The decision of "Doc" Reising to permanently retire from baseball was a greater surprise to Manager McAleer than anyone else in the game.

Favorites for the Four Positions in Infield of Washington Ball Club This Year



READY TO SPEND \$500,000 FOR RACING

Californians Say Passage of Walker Bill Entails Loss of Millions of Dollars to the Breeders and Promoters of Game.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—California breeders are willing to spend half a million dollars, if need be, to assure the success of racing at Tia Juana. The passage of the Walker bill, that kills racing in this State, will entail a loss to them of considerably more than this sum at first blow, without regard to losses that must be endured in years to come, and Tia Juana represents the sum total of their hopes for continuing in business in California.

Tia Juana is so close to our doors that California breeders would not have to be shipped any great distance for racing, and would remain in the climate in which they were bred. As soon as the Jockey Club Juarez makes official announcement of its plans to move to Tia Juana breeding interests in this State will take on another lease and those who had intended establishing breeding farms here, but were influenced against such a move by the unfriendly legislation of two years ago and this year, may be induced to go ahead with their plans and make California some day outrank Kentucky as a breeding spot for thoroughbred and standard bred horses.

Baltimore City College Is Easy for Georgetown

The Georgetown basketball quint ended its intercollegiate season in this city last night at the Arcade by disposing of the Baltimore City College team by 39 to 21.

The university players had a distinct advantage in weight, and after they had obtained a substantial lead Captain Schlosser and Prof. Joyce made substitutions until the whole squad was in the game.

Barricello and Kreizer did the best work for their respective teams.

The line-up: Positions. B. C. C. Barricello, L. F. Peters, Lamberton, Smith, King, R. F. Travers, Schlosser, R. F. Center, Kreizer, Heiskel, Graham, L. G. Peppen, Monarch, R. G. Brown, Goslin-Barricello (9), Monarch (7), Peters (6), Schlosser (6), Kreizer (2), Lamberton, Martin, King, Travers, and Brown. Free tosses—Peters, Reference—Mr. Hughes. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

Smith and Murphy Bout Tame Affair in Boston

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Boxing fans here today wondered how young Sammy Smith, of Philadelphia, got his reputation, as a result of his defeat last night at the Army by Eddy Murphy, of Boston, in their twelve-round bout.

Murphy had the best of it most of the way, although he had to chase Smith considerably.

Girls' Basketball Game.

The girls' basketball team of the Ingram Memorial Church is in Baltimore today for a game with the team representing the Church of the Messiah, of that city. The following went on the trip: Director Haas, the Torres, Craig, Marston, Carroll, Torrey, Craig, Smith, Webster, Reed, Jones, and Carswell.

Georgetown Boxers To Meet Business High

The Georgetown Prep boxers who are to meet Business High School in a dual tournament at the Ryan gymnasium on Saturday evening, were picked last night by Director Maurice Joyce.

The boys chosen were: Heavyweight, Golden; middleweight, Priscott; welterweight, Cusack; lightweight, Gillan; featherweight, Tom Smith; bantamweight, Martingale.

Director W. E. Hudson, at Business, has quite a likely looking squad at work and the indications are that the tournament will be close.

As soon as this dual arrangement is over, Director Joyce will concentrate his attention on the interdepartment meet on March 23, which will be for the students in the various schools of the university.

Defeat for Freshmen Of Catholic University

The Army and Navy Preps continued their winning basketball work yesterday by defeating Catholic University Freshmen by a score of 22 to 11. Marsden, Berwind, Turner, and Wotherpoon were the individual stars of the fast contest.

The line-up: A. & N. P. Position. Freshmen. Turner, L. F. Marsden, Smith, R. F. Ryan, Chandler, A. G. Lambert, Berwind, L. G. Furey, Wotherpoon, R. G. Bond, Goslin-Smith (2), Turner (4), Chandler, Wotherpoon (3), Ryan (2), Lambert, Bond. Free tosses—Berwind (2), Marsden. Reference—Mr. Le Mott, Timer—Mr. Lechman.

Roller Skaters Race.

Lyman Moore, of this city, was defeated in a rink roller skating race at the Arcade rink last night by Carroll Donnelly, who claims the Southern title.

BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Snappy weather.

Hill and dale runners in the cross-country championship at Brightwood this afternoon have the benefit of just such weather as should make it possible for each one to do his best.

One of the greatest handicaps in the past, when these events have been held has been the fact that the heat so interfered with the work of the athletes that they ran far below form. But today it is all changed and fast time should be the rule in the most important affair of its kind of the year in these parts.

LeMat to help.

"Jimmy" McAleer is a great believer in speed for a ball club, so it is not surprising that he should once more have R. F. LeMat, the track coach, to help in the work of developing the Nationals.

For the past two years LeMat has attended most of the meeting sessions at National Park, and has assisted materially in developing the sprinter's art among the players.

While he knows all the rudiments of running, it is a special scheme of his that helps a man to turn while going at top speed, that he will try to teach. LeMat claims that a certain style, which he has discovered of arm swing in crossing a base, will enable a man to keep his stride instead of being forced to miss a step at each of three corners of the diamond.

The excellent record being made by the Tremont Athletic Club in the indoor meets this winter is, in a way, a tribute to the ability of LeMat, who is the organization's coach.

Game with Army.

I learned at Georgetown today that the football game with Army is now practically a settled affair.

The contest will be on the gridiron at West Point and will take the place of the one originally scheduled by Georgetown with Princeton. By playing the cadets, the Blue and Gray will be in a position to demand recognition and classification among the Northern eleven's, something which was impossible last fall because of the rather restricted schedule of the university here.

From what can be learned, the decision of Princeton not to take on Georgetown resulted from Captain Hart's belief that it would be too much of a task as the addition of Harvard gives the Tigers their hardest campaign in years.

Settle the dispute.

For the sake of sport it is to be hoped that some arrangement can be made whereby the Georgetown Preps and Cathedral School can settle their dispute over the interscholastic basketball title of the District.

As matters now stand neither school can be perfectly satisfied over the season while one game or a series of three contests would clear up the matter for all times.

Get together.

Largest universities.

The discussion concerning the advisability of eligibility rules that tend to cut down the number of students available for participation in intercollegiate sport, prompted a reader to write to ask for the number of students in the largest universities in the country.

The six largest are as follows: Columbia University, 7,563; Chicago University, 6,007; University of Michigan, 5,382; University of Minnesota, 5,330; University of Pennsylvania, 5,343; Harvard University, 4,968.

Langford winner.

Langford's decisive victory over Lang makes it quite evident that the stumpy

Boston negro is local opponent of Jack Johnson in a battle for the heavy-weight title.

Although Lang is by no means the best of the "white hopes," and would be easy picking for Al Kaufman, still the complete mastery of Langford over the Australian indicates the class of the negro and shows conclusively that there is not a white heavyweight in the world that he cannot put away in short order.

But Johnson is not anxious to get into the ring with Langford. The champion knows that the abbreviated Bostonian packs a punch in either mitt that is second only in effectiveness to that possessed by "Freckles" Fitzsimmons in the palm days of that gladiator, and he also knows that any time Langford lands on him it would be a severe wrench to his championship laurels.

Johnson doubtless feels that his superior reach, height and weight would enable him to keep the Bostonian at bay till such time as he could jab him to a helpless condition, but he also realizes that Langford would always have a chance of getting home with one of those dangerous hooks for which he is noted.

Help to oarsmen here.

I am glad to note the action taken in Baltimore when it was decided to organize a rowing association composed of the clubs of this section of the country.

Such a regatta as is proposed means the opportunity for South Atlantic oarsmen to get the proper sort of competition without incurring the heavy expense of traveling for great distances in the search for a well-conducted regatta.

It is to be hoped that the clubs here will come forward with hearty support as Baltimore is determined on the matter and will go forward with the movement regardless of how the other critics in this section feel.

PROSPEROUS SEASON IS AGAIN PREDICTED

Capital City League Expects to Secure Suitable Grounds.

Members of the Capital City League today expressed themselves as being certain that the league would continue with the success that has always been its portion, and that if the old playing grounds could not be obtained another and suitable field would be gotten for the teams in the league.

The committee appointed to look up the matter of negotiation with Gonzaga College will present its report at a meeting of the league next Monday night, at the residence of Acting President Blosser. The entire matter of the grounds will be thoroughly discussed and the question will be put before the managers. It is expected that terms can be arranged between the college and the officials of the league wherein the park can be used during the summer season.

The announcement that Gonzaga College had obtained the use of the park as the Capital City League came as a surprise to the members of the league, and the matter was given great attention last evening at the first meeting. First and M streets has been used by the league for so long that the officials were in no hurry to get the usual option upon it. When it was learned that Gonzaga had been first in the field this season other business was put aside and matters of organization were of secondary importance.

The Capital City League is conceded one of the strongest of the amateur organizations, and it is thought that strong pressure will be brought to bear upon maintaining its standard this season.

Penn Defeats Harvard.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 22.—In the very fast time of 8 minutes 22 1/2 seconds the crack relay team of the University of Pennsylvania defeated the Harvard relay quartet by about two yards in the principal event of the big indoor athletic meet in the State armory this city, held under the auspices of the second division of the Connecticut Naval Militia.

HOPES RUN HIGH FOR 1911 PENNANT

Only St. Louis and Boston Without Rosy Anticipations.

DREAMS ARE SWEET UP IN NEW YORK

Detroiters Feel Their Boys Will Nose Out the Athletics This Year.

Pennant hopes spring up eternally in the baseball breast. Although but two teams out of sixteen in the major leagues can capture bunting, yet the supporters of a majority of the remaining teams nurse hopes that their favorites may come in first.

Possibly the fans of St. Louis have no expectations, so far as the Browns are concerned, and it is not unlikely that the Boston enthusiasts are not filled with rosy anticipations as to a whirlwind finish by the Doves. But those two cities are exceptions to the rule.

Up in New York, they are filled with the liveliest hopes as to their chances, and the only trouble is their uncertainty as to whether they will capture the National League bunting through the efforts of the Giants, or the American League flag by reason of the superior play of the Yankees.

Detroiters feel that their boys will nose out the Athletics, although not being very certain as to the solidity of several positions on the nine.

Columbian is said to be negotiating for a pennant pole, and in Cleveland Deacon McGuire is reported to be overflowing with confidence of the bats. The trip of the Boston Red Sox to the Pacific coast does not enable them to win the flag this season, they will probably train in the Sandwich Islands next spring.

In Washington there is a strong feeling that if McAleer succeeds in developing one or two good men out of his young blood the Nationals will give an excellent account of themselves from start to finish.

With players shivering in training quarters, new uniforms being selected by managers, owners of major leagues teams relegating all others to the second division, star performers threatening to be in the "pink of condition" for the opening of the season, and others hunting darkly that they will "play the game of their lives," it cannot be denied that the baseball season of 1911 has got a fairly good start.

The Nationals who have been camping at Hot Springs for more than a week have had a chilly time of it, and the only benefit obtained up to date has been the effects of the baths. The weather has been so unseasonably cold at that resort that the players have been able to get out for a few games. However, that has been the history of spring training ever since P. Anson first broke into fast company, and there is no immediate prospect of a change.

Clark Griffith declares that there is not a club owner in the major leagues but would rather have a winning team than a million dollars. Quite true. Some of the managers will give an opinion that they can't have a winner that when it comes to the payment of dividends on the stock, they accept the cross with loathing.

As April 12 approaches several men who have been in the major leagues but who have not yet had a winning team, as though they feared an average year on the trail, but they are not to take their medicine, and they will for the most part walk bravely to their doom.

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