

Hardage, Vanderbilt Star, May Join Climbers---Local Season Under Way This Week

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Crack Football and Baseball Player Reported to Have Received Offer.

DETROIT WILL HAVE AMATEUR AFTER JOB

Hal Chase Confident He Will Be Success at Second Base, Having Experience There.

By "SENATOR."

Lewis Hardage, Vanderbilt's crack baseball and football player, captain of last season's eleven, which made a good showing against Harvard at Cambridge, may join the Climbers for a trial at Charlottesville, according to reports from Nashville received today. If he fails to land a berth here he may go to Billy Smith's Atlanta club for a season's work.

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Hardage recently went on a barnstorming tour with a football team into Texas and charges of professionalism have been made against him. It is believed that they will be sustained and that he will be unable to represent Vanderbilt this spring on the diamond. He is said to have received offers from the St. Louis Browns and the Climbers, but prefers to come here.

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Speaking of college amateurs, the Detroit Tigers will have an amateur tryout for first base this season in Wilbur H. Leggett, of St. Mary's College, southern California. He made his reputation largely with the crack amateur team of Madera, Cal., but played against many major league outfits as a member of the St. Mary's team. He stands six feet one inch, and weighs 175 pounds, the ideal build for a first baseman in the big show. He is but twenty-one years old, and should develop into a big fellow before winding up his career.

Leggett has been playing ball but three seasons, Connie Mack, the angular leader of the Athletics, tried to get him signed to a contract last year, but failed. It remains to be seen if the scout to do the trick, and the youngster will join the Tigers at Gulpport and try to beat out De Graffenhoyer, George Moriarty for that first corner berth.

Mary's generally has a fast baseball team. Hal Chase, Harry Krause, and Fred Brodgrass, to mention a few, graduated from its varsity nine. Chase has reached the greatest heights of brilliancy, but many experts on the coast predict equal glory for Leggett.

Chase on Second.

Hal Chase, the Yankees' most brilliant star, is delighted over the prospect of playing second base this season, and doesn't hesitate to say so, either.

"I've heard a lot of depressing conversation about my trying to play second base," says Handsome Hal, "but it's no use worrying over it. I played there all through the season of 1932 at college, and was on second when I was picked up by the Coast League in 1931. I played sixteen games there as a professional before being moved over to the first bag. I found the crack left-handed helped me, rather than hurt me. I discovered that I could make plays that no right-hander ever could make to second or third. On slow hit balls I got along all right, even though I did have to shift my feet. I was able to force runners at second base when right-handers would have been obliged to get the runner at first base. These hot grounders that I could make that the shortstop can't get are easy for me. My glove is on that side, you know. My theory is that it should be out and hit to score a man from first, but only a hit to bring him across from second. I believe in stopping the runner from reaching second."

Service Game Likely To Stay at Philly

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 15.—At a conference of representatives of the athletic bodies of the Naval and Military Academies strong indication was given that an agreement will be reached which will bring about an arrangement of the playing of the annual football games between the midshipmen and cadets over the space of a number of years. Every effort was made to reach an agreement which was satisfactory to both sides as to the time of playing. The navy having the date desired as the date the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day, and the Army wishing the Saturday before.

Employees at W. & L. Start Athletic Body

Male employees of the Boston Store are making plans for the organization of a ball team to represent the firm in one of the local leagues this summer. The athletic association which it is hoped will grow out of the present movement. Officers of the association elected yesterday were J. H. Brahier, president; E. Martin, vice president; C. E. Martin, secretary; L. Berliinsky, treasurer; V. Histon, manager; J. Kiewart, captain. The new organization will be known as the Woodward & Lothrop Athletic Association.

CLIMBERS' TRAINING BEGINS THIS WEEK

Yannigans Will Gather at Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium Thursday to Undergo Preliminary Practice for Season of Nineteen Thirteen.

By "SENATOR."

The Climbers' training season begins this week. Thursday morning a bunch of aspiring young athletes, with here and there one who has been through the mill, will gather in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium here and, under the eagle eyes of Mique Martin, the Climbers' safe and sane trainer, and Manager Clark Griffith, will begin their preliminary stunts for the season of 1933.

Tom Drohan, drafted from Kewanee in the Central Association; Joe Boehling, who was with the Climbers off and on last season when not in Chattanooga or Worcester; Elliott Dent, drafted from Newark in the International League; Victor Bickers, a towering youth from Buffalo independent team; Robert Austin, a Wesleyan College star freshman pitcher; Buck Barton, product of the Capital's sandlots; Joe Engel, the Climbers' "milk bottle" pitcher; "Rip" Williams, who clouted for '31 last year in the big show, and "Dutch" Munch, a local sandlot backstop, will start getting the kinks out of their whips.

"This preliminary training will not be so strenuous," says Manager Griffith, "but it will be serious enough. I shall be on the job there every day, taking a look at the work of the lads for pointers as to my future action. Mique will keep them from overdoing it. I don't want any sore arms before the jump to Charlottesville."

Good Practice.

I figure this will be good practice for the players and good judgment on my part. If they can appear at Charlottesville with the kinks out of their systems, and with their arms strong enough to begin pitching within a few days, the batsmen will be helped all the more. Usually the hitters can't get decent pitching for a week or two after landing at the camp.

"I count on having these youngsters ready to pitch two or three innings all right in the first day they arrive in Charlottesville. This helps everybody, not only themselves, but the other men on the team. Some arms among the pitchers retard the work of the regular players on every team every spring. We had our difficulties last year at Charlottesville with sore arms, and I don't want a repetition of it."

But one session a day will be in order for the youngsters, and the pitchers will be in turn with Williams and Munch. If John Henry feels himself able to do a little receiving, he will join the party and work with the twirlers.

Not Too Much Work.

"I shan't give the kids too much work," says Mique Martin, the safe and sane trainer. "I shall keep an eye on them from the start, cautioning them against overdoing it. At the end of each practice session I shall give them a rest and send them out in good condition. The preliminary work should be of great benefit to the young pitchers."

PLANK WILL PLAY WITH ATHLETICS

Veteran Southpaw Accepts Terms Offered by Mack and Will Go South.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15.—Eddie Plank will be with the Athletics this year. The star southpaw of the former world's champions has communicated with Manager Connie Mack, who has decided to play ball for at least one more year. Plank will join the Athletics at Harrisburg when the team leaves for the training trip to San Antonio on Monday, February 21.

Plank's decision to play ball this year will be a great relief to Manager Mack, who is depending upon his veteran pitchers to land the Athletics on top in the championship race in 1933. All Mack's players except Pete Daley, the Los Angeles outfielder, have signed, or terms now and Manager Mack will do so now or shortly. He has offered Daley a liberal salary and if the youngster refuses to sign, there are enough outfielders already signed to make up a strong outfield.

He did not make up his mind until yesterday when Manager Mack called him on the phone and asked him to give him a decided answer. As soon as Mack said he would play this year the veteran pitcher decided to sign. Mack did not state whether he had given Plank an increase in salary in order to act him to sign, a contract, but whatever the terms are they were satisfactory and Plank will be on hand at San Antonio.

Kiviat Makes Record; Dartmouth Wins 2-Mile

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Abel R. Kiviat, Irish-American A. C., made a new world's indoor record in the Duxbury mile, the feature event at the annual carnival of Columbia University, at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, Manhattan. The meet attracted the largest aggregation of stars of the indoor season, and there were many sensational performances. Kiviat's exhibition far surpassed all others. Close to 5,000 spectators jammed their way into the armory.

Dartmouth, Harvard, and Cornell were the only colleges to send teams to the post in the two-mile intercollegiate relay. The Cornell quartet was a heavy favorite, but Harry Hillman's charges from Dartmouth furnished a big prize by winning by twenty yards. Granger, McLure, and Burdord started for Dartmouth, Harvard, and Cornell, respectively.

They will strengthen their arms by it, because they go to the training camp they will be able to show their real form inside of the first week.

Manager Griffith has a large number of young pitchers on his team, and I suppose he'll keep an eye on them in the hopes of seeing signs of real skill. He's got a lot of them, you know, if we're to land that pennant."

Drohan's Record Best.

Tom Drohan's record is quite the best of the youngsters reporting here next Thursday. His team came in second with .582 for its percentage figures, but his own pitching record stood at .500, winning twenty-four games and losing but six. He hit for .352, being used in the right field on account of his strength with the willow. He closed the season with the Columbus team of the American Association, but was drafted by the Climbers and seems almost certain of making good here.

Elliott Dent worked with Newark in the International League last summer, is another very promising youth. After gaining control toward the middle of the season, Dent became one of the most effective pitchers in his circuit, doing his best work against the Athletics, against Toronto and Rochester. Manager Griffith has been told many good things about him.

Joe Engel, putting on weight with his winter's rest, is sure to appear in much better fettle than he did last season. He was good enough then to be handicapped all last spring with a sore arm, but Mique Martin will see that he is right at all times this year.

Williams Is Coming.

"Rip" Williams is coming in order to strengthen his pegging wing before he begins outdoor exercise. The big clouting backstop is going to be seen behind the bat much more often this year than he was last, particularly since John Henry injured his knee. Williams is made of iron and is seldom injured, except on the off-season and wants a little extra work to take it off before showing up in Charlottesville. Eddie Alinath will not report here for the preliminary work. His winter's rest, down in Texas, has added years to the lad's life and he will join the team at Charlottesville ready for much this season. He will not be used until the last of the season. Unless injured, Alinath will be Johnson's "Kansas Whirlwind" and will climb the hill for a little afternoon's exercise. Munch, the local sandlotter, and Jack Egan, a young backstop from Bridgeport, Conn., will fight it out for the position in the catching squad. Griff will probably carry four backstops all season, not wishing to be left in the hole as he was in the last year. Many of Williams to do the receiving, and many a day there were prayers offered through the game without any injury. Had he been put in to receive a ball, he would have been left without a single experienced catcher.

Will Try for Griff's Climbers.



BALDOMERO ACOSTA, JR., The Sixteen-year-old Cuban Lad, as He Looks at Bat. This Picture Was Taken On the Almendares Park, Havana, Cuba, and Shows Him to Have a Post Much Like That of the Famous Willie Keeler, Whom He Resembles in Many Ways.

INTERCITY TOURNEY CLOSES WEDNESDAY

Nine Baltimore Tenpin Teams Come to the Palace Alleys on Maryland Day and Will Occupy Alleys for Twelve Hours.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

Tomorrow and Tuesday, Washington bowlers will complete their matches in the Intercity tenpin tournament, and on Wednesday the Baltimore aggregation, consisting of nine tenpin teams, will have full possession of the Palace Alleys from 12 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight. This will be the first time in the history of bowling in Washington that any one city has occupied the alleys for twelve consecutive hours, but the Baltimore entries are so heavy that this will be necessary.

Wednesday is to be Maryland Day, and the Baltimoreans will begin pouring into the city on the early morning cars so that the contestants will be rested for the long, grueling hours on the alleys. The Browns' Brewery Bowlers are the best represented in the tournament city, that league bringing seven out of the nine teams that come here from Baltimore.

Among the contestants for first honor in the tenpin tournament, which is now held by the Palace quint, of this city, is the Metropolitan. This is one of the best teams in the world in Baltimore, and they are anxious to annex the honor now resting on the local District League team.

Richmond Pleased.

Richmond bowlers have held their matches here and have gone back to the Old Dominion satisfied that the present tournament is the best in which they have ever competed. Before they left, the Richmond contingent made a bid for the 1934 tournament, and Washington has promised the Virginians its assistance in landing it for the Old Dominion capital. Baltimore is said to be willing to agree on Richmond for the next year, and indications point to a gratification of the Southerners' wishes in this matter.

Some disappointment has been expressed over the size of the scores made to date in the intercity tournament, and the most experienced exponents of the game feel that there has been below standard, usually registered by teams in annual tournaments.

Suspend Schedules.

Many of the local tenpin and duckpin leagues of the city halted their schedules this week to allow their members to take part in the intercity tournament. The games in most cases will be taken up again tomorrow night, according to the schedule. Wednesday's intercity matches will lead in the National Capital Duckpin League. Halley's team has lost considerable money in the tournament, but the runners-up will have to go to a lively clip to overcome even the present lead.

Enthusiasm at Pier as Arcadian Leaves for Bermuda for Training Camp.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—"Good-bye and good luck!" More than a hundred-dyed-in-the-wool baseball fans shouted these words in the direction of Frank Le Roy Chance as he stood smiling over the rail of the steamship Arcadian, which backed out from Pier 42, North river, at 10 o'clock yesterday. The new manager of the New York American League team at last was headed for Bermuda, where soon he will have twenty-eight ball players in harness.

Among those who were at the pier to see Chance begin the season, as a small boy put it, were President Farrell, of the New York club; Secretary T. G. Davis, Robert Riley, William Carroll, James J. Lillis, president of the Jersey City club; Hal Chase, the peerless first baseman; Jack Gleason, William E. Hills, Mike Bergen, and Harry Leonard.

Collegians Win Out By But Two Points

The Georgetown Collegians are to-day realizing what a close call they had in their game last night with Eppiphany's basketball team which has shown such marked improvement of late. The final figures were 19 to 17, in the collegians' favor. Not until the last few minutes of play could the winner be determined.

BIG LEAGUE TEAMS FLYING SOUTHWARD

King Baseball Coming Into His Own, as Diamond Stars Prepare for Their Strenuous Exercises in the Training Camps of Dixieland—Many on Way Now.

By "SENATOR."

Hark, dinna ye hear it? The sound of baseball bats beating in the land. Already the big leaguers are gathering their traps together, hiking to the trains and are off for Dixieland. Before next week comes fully half of the major league clubs will be in action beneath the balmy skies of the Southland, preparing for what is expected to be the toughest pair of struggles in the history of the national pastime.

On the ocean today is Frank L. Chance, peerless leader, bound for Bermuda to see beforehand if those old legs of his will stand the strain of the sound of league campaigns. Somewhere on a train are the rookie members of the New York Giants, rushing on toward Marlin, Tex. On another train are almost all the players of the Chicago Cubs, on their way to Tampa, Fla. By the middle of next week the sound of baseball against horsehide will be echoing to all the far corners of the land. King Baseball is about to stir.

Preparations for the approaching season are concluded in every camp. At New York last week it was announced that every big league team in the country was waiting the word to leave for the training camps. Here and there players are holding out, but by the time the training season gets under way, it is safe to say that they will all be in line.

More Next Week.

The Detroit Tigers leave for Gulpport next Saturday, choosing a holiday for good luck, but more teams are scheduled to leave next week. By the first day of March almost every team will either be in camp or on its way. One week from tomorrow will find the battery candidates of the Cleveland Naps right on the job at Pennsylvania, Pa. On the same day Connie Mack will marshal his hopefuls in line for their long jaunt down to San Antonio.

On Thursday, February 27, the battery candidates for Joe Tinker's Reds will arrive at West Baden for preliminary training. Here and there players are holding out, but by the time the training season gets under way, it is safe to say that they will all be in line.

Chicago Nationals Leave for Tampa

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Admirers of the Chicago National League Baseball Club were given their first chance to cheer the players who will fight for the left per drinking of its health-giving waters, while on the day following the first squad of the Pirates will leave Smoke-town for Charlottesville. Then every Capital City fan will realize as never before that another season is at hand.

Frank Chance, accompanied by Mrs. Chance, Roy Hartzell, Business Manager Arthur Irwin and Chief John Voide, are now on their way to Marlin, Bermuda, where the Yankees will train this season. Next Saturday Hal Chase will escort a party consisting of Eweeney and Sturrett, catchers; Ford, Fisher, Warhop, McConnell, Davis, Green and Keating, pitchers, and Charlie Barrett, trainer, over the same route.

Matty Goes Early.

As if realizing that he is growing old in baseball, Christy Mathewson, the Giants' star pitcher, is among the early birds now on their way to Marlin, Tex. So is Larry Doyle, the peppery second baseman. He feels the need of the extra exercise and does not want to lose out in the competition for the infield jobs.

Jim Thorpe, the Carlisle Indian star, is among the first ones to leave for the training camp. Johnny McGraw will work hard and long with him in the hopes of making him a major leaguer, knowing that the money will flow in at the gates if he succeeds.

All the way across the country as far as St. Louis the Giants will pick up other members of the team, and by the time the bunch arrives in Marlin it will include Hartley, Joe Evers, Jeff Tesreau, Burns, Willie Cooper, Evers, Groh, Kirby, Demaree, Schupp, Robertson, Perryman and Hanley. Most of these lads are green twirlers due for a steady grid against the sluggers at the camp.

Phillies Under Way.

Charlie Doorn's "Phiting Phils" will arrive in camp at Southern Pines a week from Wednesday. Already Trainee Mike Dee is on the ground, getting things ready for their coming. Ground-keeper Sam Payne is with him and is preparing the field so that the major leaguers won't injure themselves on any rough surfaces.

Washington or at least the attendants at the Union Station, will see most of the Eastern teams en route to Dixieland. The Boston Nationals, Brooklyn Athletics, and Phillies will all pass through this city on their way to the training camps. Then too, the International Leaguers will almost without exception stop here for breathing spells a week or two after the fellows have gone home. Some class to us!

MILITARY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT LIKELY TO BE WELL FILLED

Y. M. C. A., Memorial A. C., and Gallaudet Promise Heavy Entries in Mat Games.

The National Guard Athletic Association will hold its annual championship wrestling tournament on February 23 and 24. The preliminaries will be contested on Wednesday, the 23rd, and the final bouts on Friday, the 24th. There will be matches in all the classes, from 105 pounds to 165 pounds. In preceding years the entry list has been very large, attesting to the popularity of these annual tournaments.

The best amateur wrestlers in this section have signified their intentions of entering. The entries received to date have been heavy, and the management is looking forward to a banner entry list of last year's South Atlantic champions who reside here will be seen in action.

Faxton, of Y. M. C. A., who won the 165-pound championship last year, is coming in training hard and has already entered. Barrett, of the same club, the heavy-weight champion of two years ago, has entered and expects to win. Connolly, of Memorial, who won the 155-pound championship last year, is coming in training hard and has already entered. Barrett, of the same club, the heavy-weight champion of two years ago, has entered and expects to win. Connolly, of Memorial, who won the 155-pound championship last year, is coming in training hard and has already entered.

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Cornell Defeats Penn Wrestlers

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The Cornell wrestling team overcame the Pennsylvania representatives yesterday by taking all seven bouts in comparatively easy fashion. In scarcely any of the matches did the Quaker wrestler appear as a dangerous opponent of the member of the home team.

Cardinal Club Wins At Richmond Armory

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 15.—The Howard University basketball team and interesting game of basketball at the armory last night. The Cardinal Athletic Club, of Alexandria, by a score of 24 to 23. The game was pretty rough at times, about ten fouls being called on each team.

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