

Rookies Take Chilly Workout on Field Today—State Denied I. A. A. Entrance

TIGER SCOUT GETS LOOK AT FLINGERS

Gives Rookies Attention in Event Griff Wants to Let Any Go.

HOLD BRIEF WORKOUT

Martin and Altrock Trot Athletes Around Field in a Cold Drizzle.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 3.—If Manager Griffith believes he may send some of his youngsters to minor leagues without any trouble, he is in for a great surprise. Bobby Lowe, the "Tiger" scout, an old ball player himself, is visiting with Ty Cobb here, and under orders to watch the Washington youngsters, especially the pitching recruits. Upon his instructions rests the ultimate waiving of the Detroit club in players about to be sent to the minors by Manager Griffith.

"I'm here merely to visit Cobb," was the first information from Lowe. "Of course, if I see anybody who might help the Detroit club, I'll let Mr. Navin know."

From a close friend of Lowe's, however, it has been learned that any young Washington pitchers with any signs of developing into a big leaguer will not get away from the league, if Lowe tips off the Detroit club. That is the main reason why he is here, where the Washington club is to do all its preliminary work.

Ever since Hughie Jennings has been in charge of the Detroit Tigers, he has had three good ones—Dyovovan, Mullin, and one or two others—but as soon as they cracked the Detroit club's pennant hopes vanished. Last year, had Detroit been equipped with pitching talent, the Stratis City might have copped the banner. This year the outlook is considerably better, but Jennings is taking no chances.

Lowe expects to remain here for at least two weeks. This will admit of his taking a good look at the Washington rookie pitchers and making his report to Detroit before hitting to Macon, where the Yankees are training.

Already some of the pitchers here are wondering where they will eventually land, once the cut begins. This applies particularly to Claude Thomas, Charlie Humphreys, Charlie Jamison, and George Dumont. As far as the latter two are concerned, they don't care much where they pitch this summer, so long as it is in a major league city, but the first two prefer to remain with the Washington club.

The first day of the training season in Augusta proved a fiver, but the boys are still hopeful of getting out under the hot sun and shedding a few pounds. Cold, damp weather greeted the athletes yesterday, preventing their doing much more than warming up and running around the park here a couple of times. Even then, Harry Harper chafed and ran across the diamond at second base.

Despite a cold drizzle Nick Altrock and Mike Martin took the boys out for a short practice this morning. Under the inclement conditions most of the exercise consisted of galloping around the field. Fair skies are promised for tomorrow, and the real training should get under way Monday.

The first squad has now made all its arrangements for the training season. Lockers have been awarded to the players, uniforms have been assigned and given to the players and all that is needed is good weather for the boys to get down to hard work.

With the possible exceptions of Shaw, Gharrity, Berry, and Ayers, all the players are now down to required weight and these will get there after a day or two of hard work in torrid weather.

Arrangements have been made with the Augusta Y. M. C. A. for all the players who wish to take a plunge in the pool and several have accepted the kind offer. Quite a swimming party plowed around the pool yesterday afternoon after the gallop at the ball park.

Ty Cobb, the Detroit star, who makes his home here, has issued a broad challenge to a checker tournament and Mike Martin, mayor of Cherrydale, Va., has accepted. Green and red flags will adorn the city hall during the contest which will be played at the Albion Hotel, preferably in the cellar or engine room.

Jim Shaw came close to being lodged in the county cooler yesterday when he asked a policeman if a monument in Broad street was dedicated to General Grant or General Sherman. Jim was fleet of foot, that's all that saved him.

Uncle Nick Altrock, the comedian-coach, has the honor of donning the first uniform of the season. Also, he tossed the first ball, Claude Thomas catching it. After the fifth Nick quit. He said that he needed all his swift for the Labor Day contest.

Bert Grace, the mnn who broke in with Long Larry McLean back in 1912, is here looking over the Griffith men. He says that if Nick can pitch now, he himself can hit 500. Nick denies this and a contest is coming before Griff's boys break camp.

BRAVES START SOUTH.

BOSTON, March 3.—A contingent of the Boston National League club, headed by Business Manager Haggood and Assistant Trainer Jones, left here last night for the spring training camp at Miami, Fla. Pitchers George Tyler and Robert Gill, with Arthur Rice, a catcher, and a number of newspaper men made up the party.

New Yorkers Have Seen Last of Big Prize Fights

Governor Whitman May Put An End To "Brutal and Demoralizing" Game Before Time Already Specified.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, March 3.—New Yorkers have seen the last of big boxing bouts for some time to come. By ordering the State Athletic Commission yesterday to put a stop to the much talked of Darcy-Dillon scrap, which was scheduled to take place in Madison Square Garden next Monday night, Governor Whitman has established a precedent.

The governor's edict, which was not unexpected, was that if there is an attempt to stage a fight here between Willard and Fulton before the boxing law is repealed by the Legislature, there will be the same interference from Albany.

Governor Whitman believes that all of these big fights, in which the principals receive huge sums of money for their ability to slug, are brutal and demoralizing. In his recent message to the Legislature the governor pointed out the evils of commercialism in the prizefighting game—the efforts of professional promoters to exploit boxing for personal gain, and the disgraceful notoriety resulting therefrom.

May Shorten Game's Life. In view of the governor's determination to put an end to spectacular contests, therefore, his supporters say that there is no reason why the proposed repeal law cannot take effect the moment it has received his signature.

Persons who are interested in the welfare of the promoters of boxing clubs have been arguing in favor of allowing the game to live until January 1, 1918, for the reason that the clubs are bound by certain financial obligations. But this contention has been knocked in the head by the

KAUFF USES BATS TOBACCO-JUICED

Giant Outfielder Has Novel Method of Preparing His Twenty-six Sticks.

MARLIN SPRINGS, March 3.—Bashful Benjamin Kauff has only twenty-six bats with him. By taking good care of them, Bennie hopes to make them last until he reaches New York.

These twenty-six war bludgeons are the special pride of the diminutive outfielder. They should be. He spent a good part of the winter treating them scientifically, or, rather, in spite of tobacco juice over them.

No one around New York seemed to know where Bashful Benjamin was hiding during the months of November and December, 1916. It is only since he has come to Marlin and displayed the twenty-six bats, all of them stained a deep tobacco juice brown, that the secret has leaked out.

Gets Twenty-Six Bats. It seems that along in the fall Bennie determined to start on a campaign to restore his lost batting prestige. Of course, the first essential to the batter is a bat. So Bennie ordered twenty-six Louisville sluggers sent to his home town, down somewhere near the West Virginia line.

Having ordered the bats, Bennie went home to await their arrival. On the road he picked up a supply of his favorite chewing tobacco, some old bones, and a can of oil.

The bats were shipped to him without being polished. They were simply shaped in the natural wood. He attended to the finishing and polishing himself. He drove a tack in the handle of each bat and hung it up on a string. When he had the twenty-six hung, he began treating them.

Tobacco-Juiced Sticks. Tobacco-juicing was the first process they went through. Kauff is an incessant chewer. Every time he had to expectorate he did so on one of the bats. Tobacco juice, he explained, keeps the wood limber and helped prevent cracking.

After the bats had reached the proper tobacco juice color Bennie took out the trusty oil can. Each stick was hung in oil for twenty-four hours. Then came the boning.

It is true that there is a little bit of bone in every good little ball player. According to Kauff, there should be a little bit of bone in every good little or big bat.

Kauff is Hitting Well. Although he has only been facing straight ball pitching, Kauff has been hitting very well since he came South. It is not the distance that he gets to his drive that is reassuring. It is the skill with which he places the ball in left, right or center.

Bashful Bennie is out to regain his batting crown. He is working conscientiously and making good progress. He is cloaking heavily on those twenty-six tobacco-stained, oiled, and boned Louisville sluggers. If any of them are stolen he will suspect agents of the American Tobacco Company or the Standard Oil.

STATE IS REFUSED ENTRANCE TO I. A. A.

Georgetown's Suspension to Be Lifted After Furnishing Meet Data.

Maryland State College has been denied entrance into the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America, and will be unable to send representatives to the big intercollegiate meet sought by Harvard, Cornell and Penn this spring.

The executive committee of the I. A. A. met in Philadelphia last night and refused the application of the State College on the ground that it was made less than sixty days before the session of the committee.

Suspend Georgetown. The committee voted to suspend Georgetown University from all participation in the affairs, athletic and business, of the association unless that institution furnishes proof within a period of thirty days that a track and field meet was held under its auspices at least once during the season of 1916.

Graduate Manager Charles Cox, of Georgetown, says some mistake was made by the committee, as Fritz Flanagan, manager of the 1916 team, and Ray M. C. O'Connell, its manager, furnished a report on the meet.

Held Annual Meet. Georgetown held its annual indoor meet and a dual set of games with Penn State last year. Failure to get the report to George G. Brown cost the Hilltoppers a fine of \$25, which has been paid.

The suspension is expected to be lifted as soon as Secretary Brown can be reached. Graduate Manager Cox says correspondence has crossed between the secretary of the association and Student Manager Devlin.

BIG SCHOOL GAME GOES BY DEFAULT

Culver Had Scheduled Contest With St. John's, of New York.

Culver Military Academy basketball players, here with the famous troop as Vice President Marshall's escort, are without a game for tonight.

The Culver boys, champions of Indiana, were slated to play the St. John's College players, of Manlius, N. Y., at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. Twenty years ago representative teams from the two schools met at the "Y."

New Yorkers Absent. The St. John's team will be unable to play tonight. Culver authorities say St. John's players are being held at Manlius, N. Y. They stated that the St. John's boys notified the Culver players they would be unable to take the trip on account of illness in the school.

St. John's has an enviable record, having defeated the best schools on the floor in New York State. St. John's wrote here for a game, and Friends Select School signified their willingness to play some time next week.

Culver Notified. Culver was notified some time ago that the New Yorkers would not be made no preparations to bring the basketball outfit along.

No game is contemplated with any other school on the trip. The Culver lads will probably take a look at the new Central High School and stadium today.

HOLD TWO MEETS

Philly and Gotham Stage Games for Track Stars.

Two important athletic contests, the intercollegiate indoor championship in Philadelphia and the Metropolitan Association championships at the Twenty-second Regiment armory, New York, will be held tonight.

In the Quaker town meet the collegians will perform on a springy track which should make fast time and new records possible.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

Wallie Schang, Connie Mack's slugger, held out until the last minute. When he found that home really meant to leave him at home unsigned, Wallie quickly saw the light. The managers are in the seat these days, and they mean to stay there. For as long as they have been on the athletes will have to deliver the goods on the field to obtain the fancy salaries.

Baltimore's sporting writers have gone "nuts" because George Chaney, their ring idol, was disqualified in Boston for delivering a low blow in his bout with Young Britt, of New Bedford. They should not worry about that. Chaney's ring reputation is to be considered a foul fighter, he does not have to depend upon low blows. Most of his victories have come from his ability to hammer an opponent into insensibility with a left hand to the jaw. A little hard luck came his way in Boston, that's all, Baltimore, ought to calm itself.

National League fans, especially those in New York, are figuring on the Giants to win the flag in the Tanager circuit. The signing of Davey Robertson brings every one of the team into the fold and puts the Giants where they were at the conclusion of their famous twenty-six straight. However, more than one big league club has opened the season a certain winner, only to fall by the wayside by July 4. It isn't safe to bank too strongly on the Giants, good as they appear to be. This is the time to remember what the Braves did from July 4 to October, 1914.

Although the A. C. B. A. will not stage its annual tournament this year it is not to be concluded that the end of the organization is here. It is quite apparent that something did not turn out right, preventing the staging of the Syracuse event, but with the work accomplished already it is hoped the Syracuse bowlers will be able to do something worth while next year. Much work must be done toward maintaining interest in the association throughout the East, however. Washington cannot be expected to support the A. C. B. A. strongly until the tournament is held in a city closer than Syracuse.

From a standpoint of competition it would be difficult to find better sport than that offered at Conventions-Hall by George Washington last night. The fields were small and select. The meet was purely a local affair save in the relays and was deserving of better support than was given by the public. Some of the managers of track affairs might find it to their advantage to lower the price of admission as well as the price of seats. This might serve to draw out a bigger crowd. The G. W. U. management and especially Manager William S. James deserve a world of credit for the successful affair.

Tech High made a strong bid for the services of Wayne Hart as football coach for next year, but the "big gun" has gone to New York and will not return here for some time. Meanwhile Tech is still searching.

We beg to suggest that two colleges in the city get together and run a joint set of games. The afternoon might be given over to schoolboy races and relays and the night to open and collegiate events as well as relays.

Gallaudet officially closes the basketball season by playing the Hopkins Independents tonight. Jack Hass had a successful campaign out Kendall Green way and appears to be the cock of the walk.

Watch some of the performances in Philadelphia tonight when the intercollegiate indoor events are held. Next week comes the Meadowbrook meet, which several of our local athletes will attend. These two meets are fast driving New York to the rear in track performances indoors.

Who is the greatest first baseman of all time? Some will mention the name of Knetsch, others will shout from the rooftops that Chase and Chance were the first sacker par excellence, and there will be those who put their faith in Jake Daubert, Butch Schmidt, Fred Luderus, or Kitty Bransfield. All will have arguments on which to base their choice, but only those who murmur the name of "Stuffy" McInnis can stand right up and point with pride to the figures. The supporters of Stuffy don't have to argue.

All they have to do is to get out and silently submit them, for McInnis, according to the figures, is the averages of the last few years, greatest first basemen of modern times. What makes a great first baseman is naturally the first question to be answered. In considering first sacker it is not necessary to say much about base-running, ability to score runs, or extra base hitting. A guardian of the initial sack should be rated on his ability to field ground and thrown balls, foul flies, and on his batting.

Is Crack Fielder. "No one who follows the game would think for a moment of criticizing the fielding of McInnis. Perhaps there have been first basemen who fielded as well as Stuffy, but he never had a superior. At handling balls he is a marvel without an equal. The manner in which he scoops up grounders is uncanny, and he can go just as far as any of them for a foul fly. Certainly, as a fielding first baseman, McInnis is supreme. Now, about his batting, and here is where the figures come in.

Holke, of the Giants, ranks first with an average of .251, but it must be remembered that the young New Yorker has taken part in only thirty-four games and therefore cannot be considered the leader. After he has played in the neighborhood of 800 games, it can be said that Holke "belongs," but not until then. Next on the list is McInnis, and he virtually can be considered the leader.

Has Great Record. "Stuffy" has taken part in 892 games during his major league career and has compiled the splendid batting average of .315. His nearest competitor is Daubert, of Brooklyn, who has played 980 games and piled up a batting average of .310. Chase, with 1,361 games, has an average of .290, while Hoblitzell, 1,172 games, has batted .282. Fred Luderus is considerably further down the list with an average of .217 in 893 games. There are the figures, and if they don't prove the class of "Stuffy" McInnis there is no virtue in averages.

But it is not only as a fielder and batter that McInnis is a valuable player. The Athletics' first-sacker is one of the easiest men to manage in the game.

CHEAP AT THAT. SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 3.—South Bend, a Central League member is assured of a second baseball through the campaign which will close next Monday. To make the proposition a success 10,000 tickets at \$1.50 each must be sold. Already 6,000 have been taken. The balance will be disposed of within the next two days.

Ed Smith, owner of the local franchise, has secured Pitcher Schettler and Outfielder La Ross, of Terre Haute, and expects to get First base man Fisher, of Muskegon, in a trade for Outfielder Tydemann.

HATCHETTES GAIN OWN POINT HONORS

Surprise Visiting Athletes and Make History in Indoor Track Meet.

George Washington University is receiving due credit today for winning the lion's share of the honors in last night's final indoor track meet of the season. The Hatchettes made history by winning their own meet which was the best held in this section of the country during the year, and their relay with the Carlisle Indians as opponent.

The Huff and Blue athletes won thirteen points, gaining top honors over Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore, which had twelve points. Kilmartin's first in the open mile, Morrison's first in the high jump, and Wingate's second in the same event, proving to be enough to land the trophy.

Georgetown Wins. In the South Atlantic Intercollegiate events Georgetown again took a prominent part. While John O'Reilly's charges failed to win on totals the Blue and Gray added eleven points to the forty-one already gained in the Georgetown and Hopkins meets.

Hopkins, with twelve points in the S. A. I. A. A. events, led the colleges in competition. Week's record-breaking two miles being easily the feature. In the scholastic events Western High School was first with eight points. Tech won second with seven. Sheehan's half-mile being a sterling performance. Western's total was twelve, as Johnston and Littlehales, winners of first and second in the scholastic fifty were second and third in the novice dash.

Meet is Successful. Despite the rainy weather, there was a fair-sized crowd on hand. In point of competition the meet was the most successful of the year. All the races were hard fought and there was not a runaway in any event. The relays were well matched in all save the Lehigh-Lafayette engagement. Despite the fact that the fields were small, several bad spills occurred in taking the turns.

To Manager William S. James, of George Washington, goes the bulk of the credit for a successful affair. James was disappointed in that many of the officials who promised to be on hand failed to show up. Mike Thompson, who refereed the meet, marshaled the few men who reported, got instructions out, and ran off a highly creditable meet.

Trims Carlisle Team. George Washington defeated Carlisle in the feature relay of the evening. Manager James donned the spangles, and his charges were managed to keep his man within striking distance. Scott and Johnson worked like Trojans, and turned the race over to Capt. Raymond Harsch, who ran a well-judged race ahead of Guyon in the final burst to the tape.

Virginia defeated Georgetown in the two-mile relay, Goodway having plenty of reserve over O'Hagan in the final flight. Maryland State surprised Penn State to death by literally romping off with their third race of the season at mile. Mercersburg, with Jimmy Curran on hand to watch his lads, proved too strong for the Virginia Freshmen and Maryland State reserves.

Finishes Are Close. Western's Juniors came back against the Baltimore Poly Juniors, and defeated the team which had won in the Georgetown meet. The Hartford midlets won their third race of the season. Two bad falls stopped Catholic University from getting on even terms with Washington and Lee, and the Lexington lads won their relay race. Baltimore Polys defeated the John Marshall High and Tome at 1,200 yards.

Carroll Institute defeated the Hartford A. C. Earle Blumer's running at anchor position for Carroll being the feature. Washington Railway and Electric was better than Chesapeake and Potomac at 1,200 yards.

Winners in Open. In the open events Brooke Brewer, running from scratch, won the fifty in 5:24, the best time for the half century made this winter; Gross, of Technical High, was a good winner in the 600-yard novice, while Weedon, of the Baltimore Polys, took first in the scholastic quarter.

Smith, of Hopkins, won the open quarter while Stevens, of the Washington Swimming Club, was first in the field in the half. Kuyk, of Richmond Academy, with a liberal handicap, won the pole vault. Allan Thurman, Virginia's shotputter, annexed the open shot event, winning for the second successive year.

In the South Atlantic, Weidman, of Georgetown, was the pole vault winner. Weeks, of Hopkins, took the two-mile event, while Wood, of Virginia, won the quarter.

TEAMS ARE TIED. Tigers and Ellis Strive for Basketball Honors. PRINCETON, N. J., March 3.—Princeton today in even terms with Yale today in the Intercollegiate Basketball League. The Tigers defeated Dartmouth 19 to 12 at Princeton.

Following is the standing of the teams:

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Yale	7	6	1
Princeton	7	6	1
Pennsylvania	9	5	4
Dartmouth	8	3	5
Columbia	8	3	6
Cornell	8	1	7

As Penn was defeated 29 to 20 by Columbia last night Yale and Princeton remain to fight for the title. Yale will play at Cornell tonight.

CHINK WITHDRAWS. PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—After having emerged with a score which gave him a splendid chance to capture the George W. Childs cup, the chess champion of Philadelphia, and the title of Franklin Chess Club champion, R. Sze, the Chinese chess expert and former University of Pennsylvania student, withdrew from the tournament now in progress at the Franklin Chess Club.