FRED MITCHELL PILOTS WELL BALANCED CLUB THIS YEAR

Chicago Cubs Expect to Make Strong Fight in National Race

Manager Mitchell Is Optimistic as Training Starts.

MORE PEP THIS YEAR

Dave Robertson and Charlie Herzog Add to Strength of Bruins.

(This is the second of a series of 18 articles in which the prospects of the National and American league clubs in the coming campaign are set forth.—Editor's note.)

NEW YORK, March 4.—"The Cubs were just as strong as any team in the National league at the close of the 1919 season, and I think they will be as strong, perhaps stronger, when the 1920 campaign begins."

Manager Fred Mitchell, hustling leader of the Chicago Nationals, recently made this statement to the writer in sizing up the prospects of his team for the coming pennant race.

"With Herzog playing the infield and Dave Robertson in the outer garden I think we will have more ginger in the line-up than we had at the beginning of the 1919 campaign," Mitchell continued. "Herzog is one of the greatest and smartest of players. Robertson is one of the fastest. I expect to play Robertson in right field and move Flack to center. Turner Barber ought to be a whale of a player in left field this year.

Hollocher a Star.

"As for the infield, Merkle has been a strong and steady first baseman for years. He is still a good player. Hollocher is a star at shortstop, and Charley Deal played third bang as good as anybody in the National league last year.

"With Killifer to hold up Alexander, Vaughn, Tyler, who has come back, and Hendrix and Carter, who are both seasoned pitchers, I think we will stack up with any of them in battery strength. We have some good young pitchers, too. 'Speed' Martin, Newkirk and Turner are our right handers, and Martin Stolz is a good prospect. He is a left-hander. We also have Abe Bailey, another right hander.

"Perhaps our club is just a bit top-heavy with left-handed hitters. Robertson, Flack, Barber and Hollocher all swing from the port side. Yet the records will show that Hollocher and Flack aren't bothered much by southpaw pitchers. We are not conceding anything to anybody this year."

Reason for Optimism.

Manager Mitchell has reason to be optimistic. His ball club, while it is not topheavy with youthful talent, has enough comparatively young blood to lend it speed and ginger. And, as Mitchell contends, his veterans still have several good seasons left in their systems.

Alexander and Vaughn rank with the best pitchers in either major league. If Tyler really can come back he will be a big help to the Cubs. Hendrix and Carter, though erratic pitchers at times, should be able to take a share of the burden from the shoulders of the Great Alex and the wonderful Vaughn.

The Chicago outfield, while not the most brilliant in the league, is a pretty strong combination. In addition to Robby, Barber and Flack, the Cubs have Paskert, Joe Letter, Earl Mariott, Francis McCabe and Barney Friberg, all of whom are with the team at the training camp in Pasadena. Mitchell thinks pretty well of Friberg, who showed up well last fall in several games. Friberg is a right-handed batter and Mitch says he stands up nicely to the plate and takes a healthy cut at the ball. McCabe, who came from the Western league in 1918, is another outfielder who may surprise Chicago fans by fighting hard for a regular berth.

A Strong Understudy.

The Cubs have an understudy for Merkle in Clarence Twombly, a youngster from Quincy, Mass., who plays first base and the outfield. He is a left-handed hitter.

Walter Pearce, a shortstop from Providence; Johnny Groh, another young first baseman, formerly a Chicago semi-pro, and Freddie "King" Lear, to whom the Cubs have held title for several seasons, will do their part in making Hollocher, Herzog, Deal and Merkle put pepper into their spring work in order to get into the opening game.

At this early date the Cubs must be considered likely contenders for the 1920 pennant. It is well to remember that Grover Alexander, unless all dope goes wrong, will be the great Alex of old next season. Alex did not get going until well after mid-season last year. But when he did get started he was just as effective in the box as ever before.

Infield Is Doubtful.

To the unbiased observer the Cubs' weakest point is their infield. Talk as you will in favor of the seasoned veteran, the fact remains that the veg of the class of Merkle and Herzog gets by because of what he knows rather than what he can do. And Charley Deal, incidentally, is no budding violet.

But even though the Cub infield may lack youth, except in the case of Charley Hollocher, this may not be a great handicap. The pitching and catching and outfielding talent of the Cubs looks good enough to suit the average manager, and these departments should balance the shortcomings of the infielders, if they develop any glaring ones.

The Cubs will have a lot of practise before they get into the struggle for the pennant. Their complete training schedule follows: March 11, Pasadena, at Pasadena; March 19-21, at Los Angeles; March 22-24, Seattle, at Hanford, Cal.; March 25, Vernon, at Los Angeles; March 26, at Los Angeles; March 27, Vernon, at Los Angeles; March 28, at Los Angeles; March 30, San Francisco, at Stockton, Cal.; March 31-April 4, at San Francisco; April 1, at Oakland; April 6, at Phoenix, Ariz.; April 9-11, at Kansas City.

DAILY DOPE

By Larry Dailey

Johnny Dundee has started something. The Wop lightweight declares he is going to claim the world's lightweight boxing championship on the grounds that Benny Leonard can no longer make the 135-pound limit. Dundee says the Jewish lifebond can't make better than 140 pounds at the scale. The dispute over the championship in the lightweight division is one which will continually arise so long as there is no authority to force a champion to make weight. So long as Benny Leonard continues to meet an occasional opponent and win, he is going to be regarded as the lightweight champion, providing, of course, that he does not voluntarily enter the welterweight class.

There is some justification to Dundee's claim that Leonard should be forced to abdicate his throne. And it is also true that Benny can no longer make the lightweight poundage. But Dundee could not legitimately claim the title, even if Leonard were to quit that division. Lew Tendler, the Philadelphia, southpaw, presents as valid a claim as Dundee. Tendler was inactive several weeks due to an operation, but since his recent return to the ring has shown his old-time class. Tendler last week registered two knockouts at Philadelphia.

Ritchie Mitchell, who last week stopped Lew Edwards, the highly touted Australian lightweight is another who must be reckoned with.

Dundee meets a tough boy in Willie Jackson at Jersey city tonight. It was Jackson who stopped Dundee several years ago, when he (Jackson) was an unknown. Dundee has fought his way back to the top, and is determined to show his backers that he can beat the Gothamite. They step eight rounds.

Captain Bob Roper, who has been winning bouts lately meets a real test tonight in Bill Brenna. In fact, the army officer has taken on more than he can handle in the Chicago K. O. artist as Bill ranks as a leading contender for the heavyweight title, while Roper is still in the "problematical" class.

It is with pride and as an illustration of the sporting spirit of Oklahoma scholastics that we point to the reception accorded the Tulsa high school basketball squad and Coach Rau at Oklahoma City last Friday. The Tulsa men were met at the train by a large delegation of capital city students and escorted to the high school, with a band leading the procession. Despite the intense rivalry between the two schools, the game was exceptionally cleanly played and was marked by the sportsmanship of spectators as well as players. Following the game the Tulsa boys were guests at a reception.

That sort of spirit is that which makes sport, what is is. For, after all, "the game's the thing," and although we all like to win, it isn't the victory that counts so much; it is the manner in which one wins or loses.

In contrast to the Oklahoma City spirit let us cite a high school in eastern Oklahoma which showed an ugly spirit and lack of sportsmanship, which, we are proud to state, is foreign to the principles of high schel athletics in this state. The school in question was badly defeated in a basketball game, refereed by a man whose efforts have been for years directed toward the best interests of the game in Oklahoma, and who was not a resident of either city. Despite his competent and fair officiating, the losing players showered abuse upon him charging crookedness and the inability to competently referee.

That sort of spirit hurt no one but the offending players. Defeat did not lower their standards. But their inability to take that defeat like men is a blot on their name.

UNIQUE ATHLETIC MEET PROPOSED

Rau Plans "Sport for All" Program for Three Schools.

Tulsa, Oklahoma City and Muskogee will compete this spring in the most unique track meet ever staged by high schools in the entire southwest if the plans of E. W. Rau director of athletics, materialize.

Mr. Rau has invited the two other large Oklahoma high schools to join with Tulsa in conducting meets in which 90 per cent of the boys in each school shall participate. The figure is set at 90 per cent because physical disabilities and other causes will inevitably bar some from participating.

Aggie Coach to Referee.

If the Muskogee and Oklahoma City authorities accept the Tulsa proposals, the meets will be held on three successive days in the several cities. Coach Dorley of Stillwater A. & M. college will make the rounds refereeing them all.

No traveling will be necessary, for the students of each school will contest in their home city. Every boy who takes part will score something for his institution. The course of the 100-yard dash, for example, will be divided into zones. Each contestant will be awarded points according to the zone he has reached when the winner crosses the 100-yard line. Similar provisions will be made with regard to other events.

Highest Average Wins.

The scores of all Tulsa students in all events will then be added, and divided by a figure representing 90 per cent of the boys enrolled in the school. The same procedure will be followed as regards the scores of Muskogee and Oklahoma City. The school which makes the highest average on this basis will be declared winner of the meet.

The program as planned by Mr. Rau will include contests in all standard track and field events. Every boy will be allowed to compete in as many events as he desires.

TWINS SIGN INFIELDER

Bob Jones, Husky Semi-Pro from Kansas, Accepts Terms—Others Players Sought.

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 4.—Blake Harper, vice president of the Western association, by the action of the league last Sunday, announces the signing of "Bob" Jones for third base. Jones is a husky young giant from Skammen, Kan. He has had a brief tryout in faster company, but he has an idea that Schanz is one of the best preceptors in the game and that he can be best fitted for the inner circle of baseball right here.

Jones played semi-professional ball in Montana last season, and has been sought by several clubs higher up. One of the offers he turned down was from Rogers Hornsby, of the Toledo, American association. Harper also secured several players for tryouts on his trip to Hot Springs last week. One of them is named Miller, from Des Arc, Ark., who is reputed to be a fast man. He is an ambitious fellow and is at the great spring resort of athletes to see what he can pick up from the players now training there. He saw Gene Paulette in Argenta and the Phillies' great all around player recommended two of his friends highly, agreeing to pay their fare to and back from training camp in the event they failed to make the team. He has four other players virtually signed, but will not announce their names until documents bearing their signatures are received.

Sooners Defeat Aggies Fourth Straight Game

NORMAN, Okla., March 4.—Ben Owens' Oklahoma Sooners romped over the Oklahoma Aggies for the fourth consecutive time here this afternoon to the tune of 50 to 11.

Scoring almost at will, the Aggies started off the game with close guarding and made vain efforts to keep up this style of playing throughout the game, especially the first half, but White and E. Waite Ramy, Sooner players, and Cox, McDermott and Leo Waite, although smaller in size, all displayed superior floor ability and also were far more adept at handling the ball.

BRITTON TO BATTLE PERRY

Welter Champ and Pittsburgh Boxer Meet St. Patrick's Day.

Jack Perry, the promising welterweight boxer of Pittsburgh, was matched to box Jack Britton, welterweight champion, over the 12-round route at Canton, Ohio, on March 17. Perry has been forging ahead in his last few starts and bids fair to give the champion a tussle.

Sioux City Gets James Bottomly From Cards

The Sioux City baseball club has obtained James Bottomly from the St. Louis Cards. Bottomly was given a tryout late last fall and hit well. The Joplin club obtained William Brown in the same deal.

Shawnee Tourney Starts.

SHAWNEE, March 4.—The district tournament of the fourth division in the state educational association will be held here Friday and Saturday. 100 players are entered. The tournament is being held under the auspices of the Oklahoma Baptist university.

Goddard Stops McGoorty.

LONDON, March 4.—Eddie McGoorty, American light heavyweight, was defeated tonight in the 13th round of a bout here in the Holborn stadium by Frank Goddard, an English heavyweight boxer.

For use in connection with pipeless heaters a register has been invented that can be set under the wall between two rooms, an attachment dividing the heat to give the effect of a wall register in each room.

Here Are Leaders of Kendall and All-Star Team in City Title Game

Ivan Grove.

Ben Springer.

Ben Springer and Ivan Grove, captains of the Oil league All-Star and Kendall college basketball fives, respectively, which meet tonight in a game which will have a bearing on the city championship. Grove plays guard and Springer forward.

Boxing Bouts Tonight

At Newark—Young Chaney vs. Johnny Murray, eight rounds, lightweights.

At Jersey City—Johnny Dundee vs. Willie Jackson, eight rounds, lightweights.

At Scranton—Capt. Bob Roper vs. Bill Brennan, 10 rounds, heavyweights.

At Waukegan, Wis.—Johnny Ritchie vs. Benny Vogel, 10 rounds, bantamweights.

AGGIE MEET STARTS

Supply, Pawnee and Stillwater Win First Three Games—Okmulgee Forfeits.

STILLWATER, Okla., March 4.—The state inter-scholastic basketball tournament under the auspices of the Oklahoma A. & M. college began here this morning when three matches were finished during the forenoon.

The result of games played are: Supply 17, Yukon 15, Pawnee 23, Norman 16, Stillwater 30, Perkins 17.

Four other games scheduled to be played this morning were forfeited as follows: Cherokee forfeited to Spiro, Chandler to Marshall, Garber to Dewey and Okmulgee to Pawhuska.

OIL BIDDERS GO SLOW

Unsettled Mexican Conditions Are Responsible For Big Companies Refraining From Bids.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The unsettled conditions in the Tampico, Mexico, oil fields was reflected again today in the bidding for supplying the shipping board with its fuel oil requirements for the year beginning April 1. The board invited tenders for 24,000,000 barrels, but bids were received for only 1,500,000 barrels at prices ranging from 75 to 90 per cent above those prevailing at this time a year ago.

Replying to the board's invitation for bids, the large oil companies said they were unable to submit proposals on furnishing a year's supply because of market conditions.

None of the bids received was for Atlantic coast delivery, the only points considered by the companies being Jacksonville, New Orleans and Galveston.

Tenders on next year's supply were first received by the board last month, but all were rejected as they covered only about 1,500,000 barrels.

Proposals today for Jacksonville delivery were at $1.50 to $1.60 per barrel, at New Orleans $1.49 to $1.55, and at Galveston $1.30 to $1.34.

Oklahoma Printer Mat Champion Is Defeated

SHAWNEE, Okla., March 4.—Bob Roberts, printer, champion wrestler of Oklahoma City, was defeated here tonight by Ben Parks, Illinois champion, in two straight falls. The first came in eight minutes with a body scissors and a half Nelson, while the second was made with a toe hold.

A contract was signed wherein Roberts agrees to meet Parks again here March 24.

The income tax yielded from Nevada in 1916 was $18,505, the smallest from any states in the union.

Non-Residents Are Inquiring for Tax Return Blanks Now

By Associated Press State Wire.

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 4.—Requests for income tax return blanks from persons outside the state have begun to come into the state auditor's office, the announcement a few days ago of the supreme court's decision in the C. C. Shaffer case, holding nonresidents liable for tax on incomes derived from Oklahoma property. Two or three such requests are received every day, the auditor said, and more are expected.

An effort will be made later this year to find every non-resident subject to income tax in Oklahoma and to force his assessment.

The net revenue from the 2,472,599 persons who filed income tax returns in 1917 was $13,652,553,297.

Dempsey and Kearns Make Bond; Answer Charge on March 20

LOS ANGELES, March 4.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world and his manager, Jack Kearns, today furnished $1,500 bonds each before a United States commissioner here to appear in the United States district court in San Francisco March 20 to plead to an indictment charging them with conspiracy to evade the selective draft law. Warrants were served upon Dempsey and Kearns in the commissioner's court room by a deputy United States marshal. The attorney for the accused man waived a hearing on their behalf.

The amount of the bonds was fixed by the commissioner.

The Turf

AT NEW ORLEANS.

Results yesterday not available due to wire trouble.

Entries Today.

First race, four furlongs—Miss Adrianne, 104, Aunt Deda, 104; Coombs, 105; Tommie C. 105; Joe Goodman, 108; Morning Face, 108; Fading Star, 112; Mackebaine, 113.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Gloom, 104; Mountain Rose III, 104; Richard V., 104; Salana, 106; Cormoran, 109; Dominican, 106; Alonia, 108; Dyrelig 108; Helma, 108; Ornelia T., 108; Sir John Vergne, 113; Columbia Tenn, 113; Brooklyn, 113; Propaganda, 113; Jazz Band, 113.

Third race, 5½ furlongs—Princess Leo, 101; Maiden Later, 101; The Pirate 106; Mark West, 106; Doctor Blues, 106; Old Sinner, 106; Speedy Foot, 108; Tipford, 113; Duc De Guise 113; Neg, 113; Gorham, 113; Little D., 113; Gas Mask, 113; Polygamist, 113.

Fourth race, mile and 70 yards—Milla, 95; Boher-Na-Breena, 95; Emma J. 95; Peggy C., 100; Betty Curry, 100; Battle Mountain, 100; Elk 98; Edith K., 105; Viola Gaffney, 105; Red Domino, 108; Challenger, 110.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Sir Grafton, 102; Toe The Mark, 106; Dixie Carroll, 106; Stepson, 106; Sweeping Glance, 108; Hadrain, 109; Apple Jack II, 113.

Sixth race, mile and three-sixteenths—W. H. Buckner, 106; Semper Stalwart, 106; Ben Hampson, 106; Lucius, 108; Capital City, 108; Intwich, 110; Grumpy, 111; Will Do, 111; Water Proof, 111; Crumpwell 115; Sourgrassman, 115.

Seventh race, mile and 70 yards—Frances Star, 104; Raconteuse, 105; Mar Tom, 106; Juanita III, 106; Baby Lynch, 105; Blue Thistle, 105; Tit For Tat, 105; Bronner, 109; Unbala, 109; Miss Filley, 110; Christie, 110; Indian Chant, 110; Parrish, 110; Dr. Levy, 110; Sassin, 110; Malice, 105; Sabretash, 105; Miss Kruter, 109.

Clear; heavy.

London scientists have tested oils obtained from antarctic sea leopards, seals and penguins and have found them useful for soap and leather making and heating purposes.

Training Camp News

MACON, Ga., March 4.—Jack Coombs today sent his Tigers against Mercer College for the first game of the training season.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 4.—Coach Christie Mathewson planned to line up the regular and Yannigans of the Giants in their first practice game today.

TAMPA, Fla., March 4.—Clark Griffith, manager of the senators is his own best rookie. The "old fox" is in uniform daily and working out his kids. They have to step fast to keep up with him.

WEST BADEN, Ind., March 4.—The Pirates battery men were given a little harder work to do today. Fine weather is putting the men in fine condition.

BOSTON, March 4.—Shortstop Larrie Kopf's terms were met and he signed a contract with the world champion Reds, Manager Moran will confer with Eddie Rousch today in an endeavor to have him sign a contract.

JACKSONVILLE, March 4.—Aaron Ward is to get his chance along with Wilson Fewster to fill the shoes left vacant by Frank Baker. Manager Huggins placed Ward at third in practice today and is watching the work of both players closely.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 4.—Pete Beyers, one of the Dodgers recruit pitchers, promises to give Miller and Kruger a battle for one of the first string jobs. Beyers has shown surprising ability in both hitting and fielding.

TAYLOR, Texas, March 4.—The Browns toiled through more than five hours of stiff work here yesterday morning and afternoon under a sun that made even walking uncomfortable. In the afternoon a high wind made good fielding impossible.

NEW ORLEANS La., March 4.—A lively contest has developed between Dick Niehaus and Joe Boehling for the port side of the hurling job on the Indian staff. Tim Murchison, heralded as a "find," will arrive in camp tomorrow to make the left hand battle a three cornered one.

COLUMBUS, Ga., March 4.—A pungent odor of liniment and the growing and creaking of muscles are the principal things about the Columbus ball yard where the Braves are going through the drear and painful second day of spring training stunts.

LAKE CHARLES, La., March 4.—With fair and balmy weather prevailing, the Athletics are putting through a stiff morning and afternoon grilling daily. Byron Harris, a Houston pitching "find," is proving the center of attraction and is showing considerable prowess and headiness in his work.

PASADENA, Cal., March 4.—Charlie Deal, veteran third baseman of the Cubs, signed his 1920 contract after creating some little excitement by being a "one day holdout."

Manager Mitchell was much impressed by the first day's workout of the team, especially by the hurling of Alexander and Vaughn. The team started conditioning today on its new diamond.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 4.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Nationals, arrived here late last night from Havana, Cuba, and tomorrow will assume active charge of the Giants training. McGraw was accompanied from Cuba by Larry Doyle. The Giants and the San Antonio club of the Texas league will play exhibition games here Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

KENDALL TO PLAY OIL FIVE TONIGHT

Final Tulsa Game for the Collegians; Hard Game Is Assured.

Probable Lineups

All Stars	Position.	Kendall
Springer	F	Keck
Jolly	F	Pishney
Pappan	C	Williams
Sexton	G	Grove
West	G	Balcon

The Kendall college basketball team, leading contenders for the state collegiate championship, make their final appearance of the season tonight at the Y. M. C. A. when they meet an all-star quintet from the City Oil league. The game is to start at 8:15 o'clock. Mr. Mallett will referee.

Tulsa basketball followers should lend the orange and black squad their support tonight, as this is not only their final and one of their hardest home games of the year, but the receipts will be used to purchase sweaters for them.

COOK PAINT BEATS ARCADE

Painters Win Last Two Frames From Arcade in Tulsa League.

Cook Paint bowlers defeated the Arcade rollers in the last two frames in a hotly contested match in the Tulsa Bowling league last night. Voght of Cook Paint was high individual roller with 542.

The scores:

Cook Paint.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total
Voght	157	189	196	542
Norris	116	127	123	366
Wilmot	152	203	156	511
Middaugh	178	135	155	468
Borgwald	156	165	159	479
Totals	759	819	786	2364

Arcade.

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Total
Brown	144	126	154	424
Morgan	184	178	168	530
Hamblin	134	148	135	417
Blind	150	150	150	450
E. Wrenecke	156	144	147	447
Totals	768	786	784	2338

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