The Umpire Is More Despised but He Generally Lasts Much Longer Than the Manager

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SCRAMBLE FOR JOBS IS KEEN

Seals Have Seven Infielders Who Are Looking for Berths Next Season

By JOE MURPHY

There is sure to be some keen contention for infield positions when the Seals go into training next February. No less than seven players, which includes Manager Del Howard, will be striving for jobs in the infield. From the present array of talent which Manager Howard has on hand, it looks as though he is going to find it a difficult task in picking out the men who are to get permanent places.

Howard assures us that he will be back in harness next season and that he will play in a majority of the games. Last season the big fellow had some bad luck, being crippled some of the time; in fact, he had a bad year. Now, if Howard rounds to shape and shows his old time form, he is the man for the initial bag, as he is needed there, as he is one of the best hitters in the league.

There are those who are skeptical about Del ever being able to play as a regular. They maintain that he is getting too heavy for an active man around the initial sacks and that his legs are a bit dicky and will not stand the strain of hard work, which comes to a first sacker.

Howard can not be considered too seriously for the guardian of the first sack. He told the members of the press on various occasions last season that he would get into the game regularly after July. We will have to admit that he got into the game after July, but not any too regularly.

Del can do his share of work from the bench. The big leagues are finding the bench managers more successful than the playing manager, so the same rule should apply in the minor leagues. Howard made a good showing last year, considering the bunch of junk he was handed when the season started. He got a lot of baseball out of Class B players, and at one time during the season the local fans took them seriously.

They were playing above their mark and the strain of the pace told on them. The big crash came about July and the Seals started to slide, until they finally reached the position in the race which the dopesters had them figured, right down near the tail end.

During the last half of the season Howard secured many new players who look like men who can play baseball and keep their team up in the race. The infield will be one of the problems that Howard will have to deal with.

There are McArdle, Downs, Corhan, Cartwright, Howard, O'Leary and Charles striving for positions as inner guardians of the Seals. With the exception of O'Leary, who is not known to the local fans outside of his major league reputation, the other players are recognized as capable performers and it is hard to figure who should get the jobs.

Corhan is practically assured of the place at short, but the other players are not sure of their berths. O'Leary is a third baseman and he is said to be able to hold down the initial sack in a capable manner. Howard and McArdle also will be after the job. The latter was conceded to be about the best fielding first baseman in the league last season, but he was woefully weak as a hitter. If he is out of the game it will be on account of his hitting. Mac plays intelligent baseball, and, even though he is weak with the stick, he is pulling off stunts to advance a runner or score a man. He proved to be the best sacrifice hitter in the league last year.

Downs looks to have an excellent chance of holding down second base next season. He is a wicked hitter and he is expected to prove one of the best batters in the league next year. He was only a fair fielder last year.

The third sack is the one in doubt. It is generally believed that O'Leary will get the job. However, it is up to the former Tiger to show that he is entitled to it, as some bad reports are coming to hand about his playing last year with the St. Louis Nationals. It is up to Charley to show the fans, as past performances no longer count in this neck of the woods.

When the training season starts the fans can expect to see some hustling between these players for regular berths.

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The Oaks made a ten strike when they landed Catcher Dan Howley from Montreal. Manager Art Devlin, who is now in New York, wired the good news to Magnate Leavitt yesterday that he had signed up Howley for next season. The fans along the coast will remember Howley. He played with the Portland Beavers during the season of 1912. Last season he played for a time with the Philadelphia Nationals and then was turned over to the Montreal club of the International league. There was some dispute over salary and Howley became dissatisfied. Devlin has been dickering with the Montreal club for some time and it was only yesterday that he came to a settlement with the eastern club.

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Carl Zamloch, the local high school boy who played in the Coast league and then went up to the big league, is said to be on his way to this city. He is coming here to act as coach this winter for the University of California baseball team.

Zamloch was the real hard luck pitcher of the American league last season. He played with the Detroit club during the early part of the year and pitched remarkable ball, but he could not win a game. Every time he pitched the batters of the Tigers fell down on him. He was turned over to the Providence club of the International league. According to the new system employed in the American league in rating pitchers, Zamloch is right up with the first flight of heavers.

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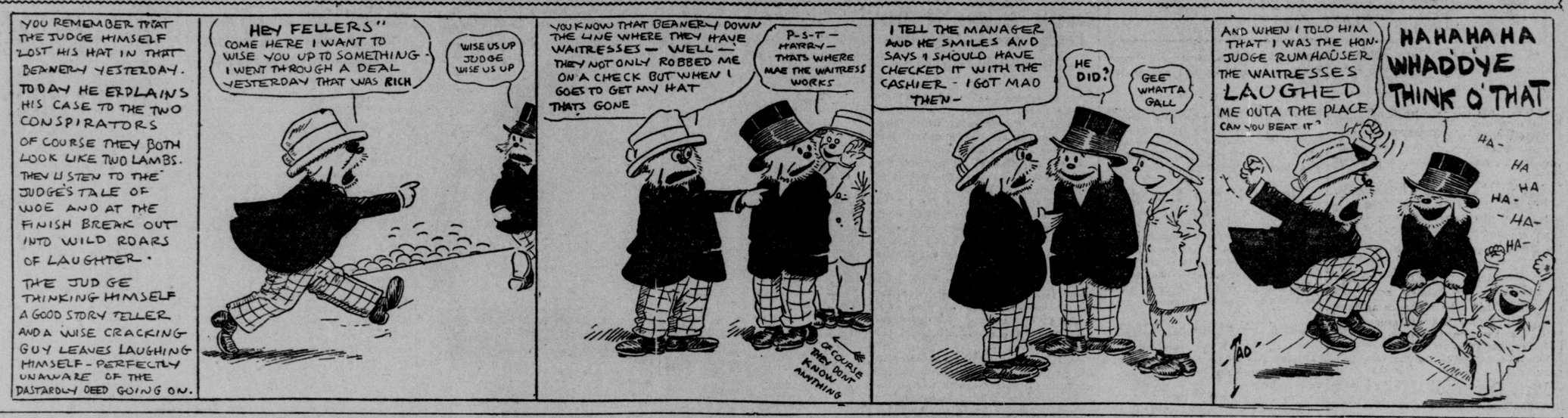
Honus Wagner has batted above the .300 mark for 17 consecutive years. This season Honus just got above this mark by a whisker. He finished the year with his usual rush and added more honors to his wonderful record. Cobb will have something to shoot at if he goes after Wagner's mark.

The Judge Was Double Crossed on Sympathy & & & & & & By Tad



NORTH IS LOYAL; WILL STICK BY UNION

By WILLIAM UNMACK

The proposal from Los Angeles that an intercollegiate Rugby association be formed has evidently lost out, as far as the southern universities' hopes are concerned in getting the varsities and colleges of this section to join in the movement. None of the colleges hereabouts is in favor of the idea, and naturally the clubs favor the old union.

Should the intercollegiate association be formed, it would keep the clubs out of the association. While this would probably not affect the clubs in so far as getting games with the universities is concerned, the loss of the union would be a bigger one to the clubs than to the universities and colleges.

Edgar Pomeroy of the Barbarian club expressed the opinion that he did not see where the universities or colleges would gain anything by the formation of the intercollegiate association.

In part, Pomeroy said: "The Rugby union only wants the game played under uniform conditions, and if this association were formed it is quite possible that the members would in a very short time alter the rules of the game to suit themselves. Rugby would hardly gain anything from such an association. As far as the clubs are concerned, they would undoubtedly continue the union by themselves and arrange a championship schedule, but I hardly think it will come to that."

WOULD BAR FOREIGN TOURS

Various clubmen expressed considerable surprise that the University of Southern California should have opened up the subject of doing away with the Rugby union and forming another organization. The consensus of opinion is that it would not be of advantage to any organization, and that even if the intercollegiate association was formed the members thereof would not be any better off than they are under the Rugby union.

It is also pointed out that it is doubtful if the members of the association would play any games for a championship any more than they would as members of the union.

Clubmen also point out that if the universities seceded from the union that foreign unions would only recognize that body known as the California Rugby union, and that to gain recognition by foreign unions the intercollegiate association would have to be affiliated with the California Rugby union.

Foreign tours could only be arranged through the California Rugby union, and Australian and New Zealand or any other unions would not in any way deal with the intercollegiate association as the governing body in this state.

Tinker Says He Is Through With Cincy

Joe Tinker asserted he would never be a player on the team from whose management he was ousted. He said his release came as a surprise and he had no plans. Tinker regretted that he could not retain the management for another year, as he thought he could build up the team into a stronger aggregation.

Tinker asserted he was released because as manager he refused to be a figurehead. He said it had been the practice of a director or some man unknown to the players to watch them when they were off the field. When he objected to this, opposition to him increased among the club's owners.

Tinker said he expected to be traded, as he would not play with Cincinnati under any conditions.

Junior Five Shows Class at Stanford

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 9.—By defeating the senior quintet, the junior basketball team won the interclass championship. The third year players had little difficulty in taking the seniors into camp by a score of 40 to 17.

The series of games was scheduled primarily for developing new material for the series of games with the University of California quintet next semester. The local champion team is composed of Worthy, Blodgett, guards; Davis, center; Farrar, Reynolds, forwards.

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TENER IS READY TO LEAD THE NATIONAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—It seemed agreed prior to the annual meeting of the National Baseball league today that Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania would be elected president to succeed Thomas J. Lynch. The governor was expected to arrive during the day.

It was reported that Lynch would be retained as chief of the umpire staff, but no official announcement was made.

The directors met to award the 1913 pennant to the Giants and hear among other reports that of a committee appointed last year to consider the New York club's protest against paying more than 25 per cent of its share of the 1912 world's series receipts.

At the league meeting the program included consideration of the demands of the Players' fraternity; C. H. Ebbets' new plan for drafting players which will give the second division clubs first call; the attitude of the Federal league, and the appointment of the schedule committee, to be made up of Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburg and John A. Heydler.

The rules committee, appointed today, will meet a similar committee of the American league, composed of Ban Johnson, C. W. Somers and Connie Mack. These committees will confer with three members of the Baseball Writers' association, which also held its annual meeting.

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Stanford Tennis Men Will Clash Today

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 9.—R. L. Murray, present university singles champion and former varsity tennis captain, will defend his title today in the final game of the annual championship tournament. H. L. Hahn, who defeated Murray last week for the Theile handicap trophy, will be his opponent. Hahn won the right to play in the finals by defeating K. Uhls, and Murray bested P. T. Jones for a similar privilege.

College Women Plan Fencing Tournament

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Dec. 9.—Stanford and California women's fencing teams will meet next spring in the annual tournament on the morning of the intercollegiate track meet. The tourney will be conducted under the rules of the Amateur Fencing league of America, according to the decision made at the meeting of the representatives of California and Stanford. The women of Stanford were represented by Miss Mary Gard, Miss Frances Odenheimer and Miss Evelyn Trent.

VETERAN TOSSER DIES

PITTSFIELD, Pa., Dec. 9.—John J. Grum, one of the pioneer baseball players of America, is dead here. He was a member of the famous Brooklyn-New York "Eckfords" in 1862-63, playing with Al Reach and other old time stars.

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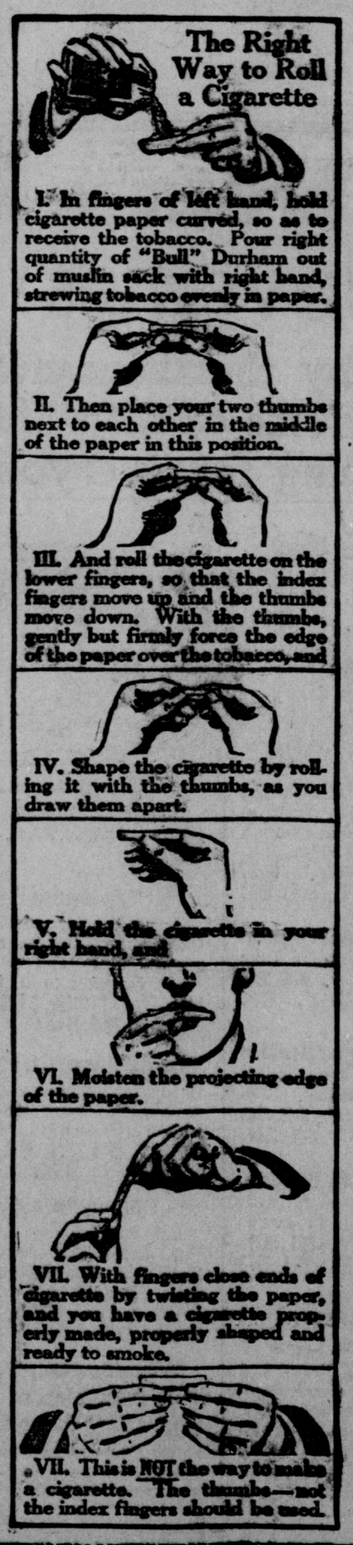

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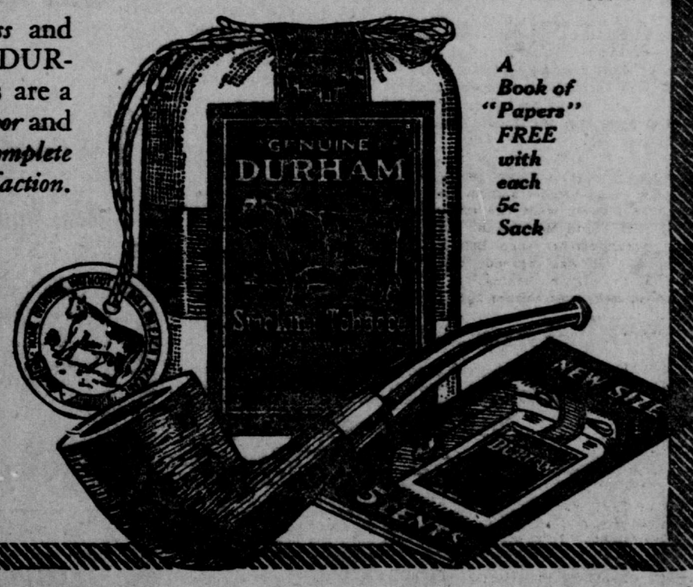

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