

BILL ESSICK IS HOLDING UP JAKE MAY DEAL WITH YANKEES

REMINISCENCES OF R. D. Dugdale As Told to Leo H. Lassen

Peoria City Championship Game of 1883 Started Dug Out as Catcher

WE didn't have any high-faluting baseball paraphernalia for the deciding game of the Peoria, Illinois, city championship in the summer of 1883. I can remember that we used a piece of the curbstone for home plate. Nobody except the catcher used gloves, and he only had a fingerless glove of thin leather over both hands.

I had been playing shortstop, but the regular receiver split a finger and there wasn't anybody else to catch, so I tried it. We stood back for the pitches except on the third strike, and except with men on bases, catching the ball on the first bounce when standing back.

Tom Kennedy, who later helped pitch one of Pop Anson's Chicago teams into the championship, was hurling for our side that day, and, baby! but he could throw that ball with plenty of swift.

"Don't catch if you want to keep your health," Tom warned me before taking up my receiving duties. "You don't know anything about it."

Kennedy was right. The first time I stood up close to catch, the ball hit that curbstone plate and crashed into my mouth, knocking out teeth by the wholesale and putting me on Queer street.

But in those days no one considered quitting as long as it was possible to stand up and catch the ball. I finished the game and we won the championship, and I felt well repaid for it.

That game started me on my baseball career as a catcher, after which I was to serve for 15 years as a receiver for clubs throughout the country.

Tomorrow Dugdale will tell how Harry Becker, his catching partner on the Peoria team in 1883, invented the catching glove, in use today.

KIPKE WAS BAD KICKER LAST YEAR

HARRY KIPKE, Michigan's brilliant back, is being picked on nearly all mythical eleven for one of the backfield positions.

VALE FOOTBALL DREW IN COIN

Football paid well at Yale this year, receipts totaling nearly \$500,000. The bowl was filled twice, 77,000 people cramming the stands for the Army game and again for the Harvard tussle.

GILLUM WILL BOX TUNNEY

Harry Foley, formerly known as Harry Gillum in these parts, is scheduled to box Gene Tunney in Omaha January 3. Gillum has been in New Orleans for several seasons.

FINCH CLAIMS FIRST HOME-RUN TITLE

REWELL, Colo., Dec. 29.—Henry R. Finch claims to be the original Babe Ruth of baseball. What is more, he has the goods to prove it.

Willard Is Simply on Exhibition

Toys Around With Frank Farmer in Tacoma; Don't Expect Much

BY LEO H. LASSEN DON'T expect too much of Jess Willard when he goes on exhibition here at the Crystal Pool Tuesday night, boys, because the Oklahoma oil king is far from being in condition.

Willard doesn't claim to be in first class condition now, saying that he needs five or six months in which to get in shape for Jack Dempsey.

Willard is merely on exhibition. He did his exhibiting stuff in Tacoma with Frank Farmer last night and he flounced around the ring and horsed a bit with the Orting logger with 16-ounce gloves for four one-minute rounds. They didn't box any, just played around.

The former champion is a mope of a man and is remarkably agile for a man of his size.

The big boy, however, is sporting a punch that almost rivals Virgil Garvey's gristly figure. Willard is no youngster, and it's a question whether or not he can ever get rid of that superfluous weight.

GOOD CARD LINED UP

The Willard exhibition Tuesday night will only be an extra attraction, as Austin & Salt and Nate Druksman, who are staging the show, are putting on a regular card with Willard topping off the evening's entertainment.

Billy Wright, who has been doing some tall comeback work in Eastern Washington, is down to meet Oakland Billy Harms, a newcomer here, who has had pretty good success in several main events in Everett.

CHECK HELMAN SHOWS CLASS

Another newcomer is on the boards for Tuesday in Chuck Helman, a clever little kid from Portland. Helman will meet Frankie Green, the local colored bantam. Helman stopped Ludwig Jones in the sixth round at Tacoma, last night, and showed all kinds of class for a youngster.

He boxes well, is in great condition and packs a punch.

TWO OTHER PRELIMINARIES

Mickey Hanson will mix with Frank Hoff, another Portland miller. One other preliminary for the show is still in the making.

Vets Deliver for Dreyfus

Jim Bagby may prove to be a mighty good man for the Pittsburgh team for a year or two.

The former Cleveland pitcher certainly knows how to pitch, and his peculiar style for a time may prove most troublesome to the National leaguers.

NINE RIDERS IN BIG EVENT

Nine riders are entered in the annual endurance motorcycle race at Eugene, Ore., Monday. Roberts, Arzner, Fletcher, Davis, Humphrey, Vaughn, Rennie, Parks and Burnside are the men entered.

Illinois Pilot



Captain-elect McMullen of the Illinois football team is one of the biggest players in the country, sporting some 220 pounds of beef. He is considered the best guard of the Big Ten season. He is also champion heavyweight wrestler of the conference.

JESS WILLARD



Frank Boucher Showing Well With Champions

Young Hockey Player Developing Into Good Man With Vancouver Maroons; He Comes From Hockey Family; Other News

IN Frank Boucher Vancouver has uncovered one of the most promising youngsters to break into the Coast hockey league in years.

This young fellow has a world of speed under those steel blades and he is a darn good stickhandler.

In this, his first year in fast company, Boucher is doing mighty well, and he bears watching.

He is playing in some sweet company with such veterans as Harris and Mackay, and the rest of the Maroons to help him out.

Boucher comes from a hockey family. He has two brothers playing in the Eastern league, one with Ottawa and the other with Toronto.

Lehman, you'll have to show us. They have played together for several years and they're at the top of their form. The Maroons will be mighty hard to beat from here in.

VICTORIA VS. VANCOUVER TONIGHT

Victoria and Vancouver will clash tonight in Victoria. The Victorians must start to win or they'll be counted out earlier than usual this season.

MAROONS DEFENSE CRACK HEAVE

Vancouver has the greatest defense in hockey. This may be stretching things a bit, but if there is any other better defense than Cook, Duncan and

Corvallis High Prepares for Big Game With Scott

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 29.—Coach Keane is putting his Corvallis high school team thru its final practice sessions in preparation for the post-season game with Scott high school of Toledo here Monday.

While the local high school eleven beat every opponent it went up against, rolling up a total of 276 points in eight games and being scored against only once for seven points, it is extremely light in weight. The team average is 152 1/2 pounds, the line average 151 pounds and the backfield 155 pounds.

In spite of this lack of poundage the boys have met and defeated teams that outweighed them 20 pounds to the man and they expect there will be at least that much advantage in favor of the East-erners.

To make up for what they lack in weight, however, they are as fast as any team in the country and they play in unison. Their fighting spirit is the mainspring of a versatile attack, which includes every kind of trick play.

Dennan, midset quarterback, is a field general of rare judgment and a real triple threat. He has averaged 35 yards in his punts thru the entire season and his kicks are accurately aimed and timed. Probably

Knute Rockne Facing Hard Schedule Again

HARVEY BROWN, of Youngstown, O., was recently elected captain of Notre Dame's football team for 1923.

In Knute Rockne Notre Dame has one of football's greatest coaches.

In all the history of Notre Dame football, no captain or coach has ever been called upon to face a harder task than that which confronts Brown.

Notre Dame had a hard schedule during the season just closed. However, it hardly compares with that of next season.

Notre Dame will meet the Army, Princeton and Georgia Tech on successive Saturdays. The Army will be met October 13, Princeton, October 20, and Georgia Tech, October 27.

Vernon Manager Wants Valuable Men for Star

Essick Is Shrewd Man, and He Knows Value of May to Yankee Team; Deal Has Not Been Consummated Yet; Trade Will Make Vernon Team

VERNON has a working agreement with the New York Yankees that has been of great value to the Tigers in the past, but Bill Essick, the shrewd pilot of the Los Angeles team, is too smart a fellow to swap off a star like Jake May for nothing.

Essick went East with Ed Maier, the Vernon owner, to the Louisville convention, but he couldn't come to terms over the transaction with the Yankee owners and so the Yanks haven't landed May, the best south-paw prospect in the minors.

The Yankees need a southpaw sadly, their lack of a good sidewheeler being one of the reasons for their rout at the hands of the Giants in the world's series.

May showed on the Coast this summer that he has everything a great southpaw should have—stuff, control, speed, strength and real baseball brains. He pitched superb ball all summer.

Essick wants a flock of good men in return for May, and altho the Yanks have first call because of their agreement, leave it to Essick to get all he can before turning May over to the Gotham club.

LEWIS TRIED TO PROMOTE STRAND

In spite of the fact that Paul Strand is only 25 years old and led the Coast league with a tremendous stick average this year, making a new record for hits, Duffy Lewis couldn't land him with a big league club, altho he tried to at Louisville.

Big league managers remember that Strand was in the big show about 10 years ago and figure him too old to consider. Paul is far from being an old man.

SINGLETON JUST FAIR HURLER

Bill Jake didn't land anything wonderful in Pitcher Singleton, who figured in the Heinle Sands deal with Philadelphia. Singleton, according to reports, is just a fair pitcher, who may get by with a Coast league club, altho nothing great is expected of him.

KELLY AND VALLA AS REGULARS

San Francisco has a wealth of great outfield material for next season, but you can count on it that Joe Kelly and Gene Valla will be regulars. Kelly had a great season in 1922 and Valla will be groomed for a big league sale.

WOLVERTON COMING SOON

Harry Wolverton will come to Seattle soon after the first of the year for a visit before going South to training camp at San Jose in March. Wolverton still has a couple of infield deals pending and he may add an outfielder.

HOW ABOUT O'DOUL?

Coast league fans are wondering what Frank Chance will do with Lefty O'Doul, former Seal southpaw, who was never given a chance with the New York Yanks. O'Doul showed real stuff on the Coast and Chance is expected to give him every opportunity of showing his real stuff this coming season.

PIRATES PUT SCHMIDT ON MARKET

Lefty Schmidt is undoubtedly a great catcher, but he has always had a pretty good idea of his own value. He was a long-time holdout last year. Manager McKecknie has put him on the open market and some of the bids that Pittsburgh got will undoubtedly do much good for Mr. Schmidt.

McKecknie tried to land Horace Ford, the great young Boston infielder for Schmidt, but Manager Mitchell said nix.

DIAMOND CHIPS

Tr Cobb figures his pitching staff all set. He has Dausa, Flette, Franck, Collins, Johnson, Cole and Feltica lined up.

The reason for the split between Col. Huston and Col. Ruppert, which resulted in Huston selling out, is reported to be the annual squawk of Eddie Higgins. Huston wanted him fired, it is said, go make room for Wilbert Robinson, but Ruppert wouldn't stand for it.

Commissioner Landis put a crimp in the alleged deal between Chicago's White Sox and the Yanks, which would have sent Dick Kerr and Eddie Collins to the Gotham club for a flock of players. Landis simply said that Kerr is ineligible until 1923, and that's that.

The player limit will not go into effect until June 15 this year, a month later than formerly. Twenty-five players is the present limit.

It is understood that Salt Lake realized \$10,000 on the hands deal with Philadelphia, besides landing four players.

DRASTIC RULE FOR FOULING

The New York boxing commission has made a drastic ruling against fouls in the ring, forfeiting all purse money for fighters losing on foul blows. Dave Rosenberg was the first victim, losing a wad of coin for fouling Mike O'Dowd.

PHIL INFELD IS ALL READY

The new Philadelphia National infield is made up. Holke, first base; Parkinson, second base; Rapp, third base; Sands, shortstop, and Wrightstone, utility.

CUTSHAW THRU AS A REGULAR

George Cutshaw, veteran second sacker, retires from active playing. He will act as coach for Ty Cobb at Detroit this coming season.

Major Leaguers Have Pilots and Camps All Ready

Here are the managers and the spring training camps of the 16 major league clubs:

- AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York—Miller Huggins. St. Louis—Lee Fohl. Detroit—Ty Cobb. Cleveland—Tris Speaker. Chicago—Bill Gleason. Washington—Owen Hugh. Philadelphia—Connie Mack. Boston—Frank Chance. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh—Bill McKecknie. New York—John J. McEraw. Cincinnati—Pat Moran. St. Louis—Branch Rickey. Chicago—Bill Killefer. Brooklyn—Wilbert Robinson. Philadelphia—Arthur Fletcher. Boston—Fred Mitchell. Teams and training camps: AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland—At Lakeland, Fla. New York—At New York. St. Louis—At Mobile. Washington—At Tampa. Detroit—At Augusta. Boston—At Hot Springs, Ark. Chicago—At Catalina Island, Cal. Philadelphia—At Montgomery, Ala. NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York—At San Antonio. Boston—At St. Petersburg, Fla. Brooklyn—At Clearwater, Fla. Pittsburgh—At Hot Springs, Ark. Chicago—At Catalina Island, Cal. St. Louis—At Bradenton, Fla. Cincinnati—At Orlando, Fla. Philadelphia—At Leesburg, Fla.

THRU THE ROPES

A bout between Helme Schuman and Bobby Harper is brewing for a Danny ring soon.

Purry Kramer and Joe Gorman are all set for their 10-round scrap in the Rose City Monday.

Lackey Morrow, former Seattle boxer, is now doing his ring act in Los Angeles.

For reasons best known to the promoters, the Bill Tate-Fred Fulton fight billed for Milwaukee, Or., soon, has been cancelled.

With Jimmy Rivers and Ted Krachs meeting in one bout and Doc Hercock and Jack Neenan in the other, Tacoma has lined up a strong card for next Thursday.

BIG THREE IS FORMED IN SOUTH

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 29.—With the coming of the New Year, the "big three" in Pacific Coast collegiate sports will become a reality.

A 10-year playing agreement between Stanford, University of California and University of Southern California has been drawn up, it is declared, and will be ratified here New Year's eve by Coach "Pop" Warner, representing Stanford; Coach Andy Smith of California and Coach Elmer Henderson of U. S. C.

The program is to be made without regard to the Pacific Coast conference. It is said that Henderson today returned from Palo Alto, where he has been in consultation with Warner.

OTTO MILLER TO ATLANTA

Otto Miller has definitely decided to go to Atlanta to manage the Southern league team there. This quiets the rumor that the former Brooklyn catcher was to act as coach for the Kansas City Blues.

VILLA DENIES RING REPORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Pancho Villa, flyweight champion, emphatically denied that his ankle which was strained recently in practice, will prevent him from meeting Terry Martin in a 15-round bout in Madison Square Garden tonight.

Johnny Evers Picks Indians

Funny how even the wise guys of baseball go wrong. At the start of the 1922 campaign in the American league, Johnny Evers made his debut in that organization. His previous major league experience had been confined to the National.

After he had seen all the American league teams in action, he was asked his opinion of the various teams. "Cleveland plays the most brutal baseball, New York has the brute strength, St. Louis plays a consistent game, Detroit is dangerous." "Because I always favor teams that play smart baseball, I like Cleveland. It brute strength is to win, but I doubt it, the Yankees will repeat."