

WILD BILL SAYS HE FOUND TY COBB

Donovan Claims Credit for Georgia Peach's Discovery.

When you are in a little group of fans and the talk is frittering away almost to a dead silence a good way to knock them all cold is to loudly announce: "I discovered Ty Cobb," or "if it hadn't been for me Eddie Collins would be selling ham sandwiches on the B. & O. But when Wild Bill Donovan comes out with the announcement that he was the first to find Ty Cobb in the baseball world, Harlan to Wilbur:

"It was my back in 1905 when I was training in Augusta, Ga., and the future captain in our army was a regular busher. Ty attracted little attention, for he was a terrible fielder and tried to run through the fence in every game. Hugh Jennings used to issue every time Cobb came out on the field, for there was nothing about him that even suggested a future star. His hitting was of the bush league variety, and when an outfielder can hit it's time to forget all about him.

Detroit had a game that year to get Cobb for nothing, for the Augusta club had made a deal with the Braves whereby he would have the privilege of selecting any player on the team if his ball club did its spring training in Augusta. But when I saw that a bit Cobb made, Clyde Engle, the infielder, was chosen and Ty was left out. In the way was a good player and afterward went to Boston, where he knocked that high fly ball in the world's series in 1912 which was nuffed by Fred Snodgrass.

"I never forgot Cobb," said Donovan. "For one day when I was pitching his ball to the Braves, I saw him run toward third base to field it. It wasn't a hard-hit ball, so I took my time, but before I could straighten up to throw to first you can imagine my surprise when I saw that busher roosting on the bag. Never before had I seen such speedy traveling toward first base, and I remembered it.

"Later in the season one of our outfielders went bad and I suggested to Jennings that he take a chance with that fast guy down in Augusta. Jennings wired down there and a reply came back that Cobb would not be sent South unless the Detroit club purchased him for \$750. President Nain sent them the money and Cobb was signed by Detroit.

"The first year, as you know, Ty did not set the world afire, but he proved there was a good reason for his being the next season, and now look at him. At the same time, I attribute the speedy journey to first base that day in Augusta to Cobb's joining the Detroit club.



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JOHN M'GRAW SAYS HE'LL HANDLE CHASE

Manager of Giants Cites Case of Bugs Raymond.

John McGraw says pooh-pooh to those well-meaning friends who tell him he has taken on a bunch of trouble with the signing of Hal Chase. McGraw says there never was a troublesome character he could not handle and he tries to prove it by telling a story on how he managed Bugs Raymond. It will be news to most of us to learn that he kept Raymond straight. Anyway, Bugs Raymond was one thing—a harmless drunkard—while Hal Chase is something else again. But let's have McGraw's story of how he handled (7) Raymond.

"After I had done everything I could to kill Raymond's thirst, including hiring a keeper for him, I thought John T. Brush, who was alive then, could do something," says McGraw. "I had a second of Raymond and right out sent it to Mr. Brush along with Raymond. This record showed Raymond had swallowed 45 beers and yet I hadn't lost my job as a result of his talk to Mr. Brush.

"Raymond was a persistent guy," continued McGraw. "One spring we were just arriving at Marin. Raymond wanted \$200 and I told him no. The advance money was to be had that spring. He cut the request to \$250. I refused again. He asked for \$100 and I refused. Then he wanted \$50, \$25, \$10 and a two-dollar bill. Finally when he saw that it was useless he said, 'Gimme two-bits for a shave, will you?'

"I never knew when Raymond was going to get drunk. Once we were playing a tight game with the Pirates. Along about the sixth inning we had a two-run lead and I wanted that game, so I gave Raymond a brand new ball and sent him to the warming pit to use it if necessary. In the ninth Pittsburgh got two men on and Wagner was in the box. Raymond always could handle Wagner, so I wig-wagged for Raymond to come in. He came in quickly enough and he got Wagner out. I was a three-bagger that tied the score. Immediately I knew something was wrong. I went out to the Polo grounds, sold the new ball for a half-dollar, bought a new ball for a half-dollar, and came back to lose that game.

"There never was a trouble-maker who could compare with Raymond. As to Chase, he and I understand each other perfectly. Chase will play the best ball for me that he knows how.

WHERE THE MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS ARE IN TRAINING.

- NATIONAL:
 - Giants, Gainesville, Fla.
 - Beaton, Columbus, Ga.
 - Brooklyn, Jacksonville, Fla.
 - Philadelphia, Charlotte, N. C.
 - St. Louis, Home.
 - Pittsburgh, Birmingham, Ala.
 - Chicago, Los Angeles, Cal.
 - Cincinnati, Waco, Tex.
- AMERICAN:
 - Philadelphia, Home.
 - Boston, Tampa, Fla.
 - Washington, Augusta, Ga.
 - Yankees, Jacksonville, Fla.
 - Detroit, Macon, Ga.
 - Cleveland, New Orleans, La.
 - St. Louis, San Antonio, Tex.
 - Chicago, Mineral Wells, Tex.

Good Pitching to Be At Premium This Year

Every Club in Dixie's Major Is Lining Up Most Formidable Staff of Hurlers Possible, and Thereby Hangs a Tale.

BY BOB PIGUE.

GOOD PITCHING, always indispensable and absolutely essential to the success of any ball club, will be the most ardently sought ingredient in the makeup of baseball aggregations in the Southern league this season. Every club in the association is working along practically the same lines, that is, to provide absolutely the best possible pitching staff and depend upon that staff to carry the team to the top of the league.

Every team in the Dixie major this year will have seven players below Class A. Every manager in the league is doing his best to make his regular Class A pitcher as good as possible and do his club the most good. By having a pitching staff composed of four or five hurlers, each of whom had major league experience and who know about all there is to know about working on a batter, it is figured by the various managers that the recruit ball players will be breaking their backs all season trying to handle the offerings of the opposing pitchers.

Amateurs and semipro ball players will be in the various lineups. With a pitcher like Harry Coveleskie, for instance, in the box, the semipro and amateur will have a fat chance getting to him, and he'll buzz the ball by them so fast that they'll not strike at it until the catcher has returned it to the pitcher's box. In this way the game will be unusually fast and far between.

WIFE OF WILLIE RITCHIE KEEPS BOXER "STEPPING" IN TRAINING FOR HIS BOUTS

She says she will keep him dancing all his life.



Willie Ritchie and his wife.

Many wives often long for a valid reason to put up to hubby to convince him that he should go to dances when said husband gets to the stage where the easy chair and the pipe looks good.

Mrs. Willie Ritchie, bride of the former champion pugilist, has one. She has convinced Ritchie that dancing put him in condition for his recent comeback as a fighter and is essential to him in his training. And she says firmly, "I'll keep him dancing all his life."

The two are visiting New York. It's the first trip to Gotham for Mrs. Ritchie, a Pacific coast girl. Ritchie gives his bride due credit for helping him get in condition for his return to the ring. He boxed Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, on the heavy middleweight class, and the champion, much to the surprise of boxing critics.

"The best match I ever made," says Ritchie, smilingly, of his marriage.

MRS. HENRY WETTER CAPTURES TROPHY

Net Score of 84 Wins at Memphis Country Club.

Mrs. Henry Wetter turned in a net score of 84 at the weekly tourney of the women golfers of the Memphis Country club, which was good enough to win the Arthur Halls trophy. Mrs. C. W. Ransom, with 85, was second. Mrs. Dave Gaut was low gross with 92 and Mrs. K. G. Duffield was second with 98.

The scores:

Mrs. Wetter	84
Mrs. Ransom	85
Mrs. Taylor	87
Mrs. Duffield	98
Mrs. Gaut	92
Mrs. Ballard	105
Mrs. King	115
Mrs. Phillips	125
Mrs. McKelvey	141
Miss Boyd	135
Miss Hunter	121
Miss Livingston	127
Miss Beasley	116
Mrs. Humphreys	117
Mrs. McFarland	98

NEW SKATING RECORD.

STOCKHOLM, March 28.—V. Bergstrom set a new world's record Tuesday by skating 10 miles in 31 minutes, 7 1/2 seconds, which is 27 seconds lower than the record held by John S. Johnson, of Montreal, Canada.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL.

At San Antonio..... R. M. E. St. Louis Americans..... 5 1 1 Remount Station..... 1 6 7

DICKERSON CAN BE WESTERN PREXY

Al Tearney Will Step Aside for War Correspondent.

NEW YORK, March 28.—E. W. Dickerson, who was president of the Western league last year, but who went to France with the 2d division as a war correspondent, gave out a statement here last night in which he declared he still was president of the baseball organization and challenged the "legality" of the league's maintenance of Al Tearney, of Chicago, as its chief executive.

CHICAGO, March 28.—A. R. Tearney, recently elected president of the Western league, when told last night that E. W. Dickerson, last year's head of the organization, had returned from overseas duty and declared he still was president of the league, said if Mr. Dickerson wanted the job he (Tearney) would gladly step aside for him.

"It would be unparliamentary in me to oppose Mr. Dickerson, as if he wants the job, he'll get it," said Mr. Tearney. "I understand his contract was a verbal affair, but I do know that he is a good baseball man and formerly was head of the Central association.

The Western league club owners offered the presidency to Mr. Tearney after other arrangements had failed, but he accepted it recently as elected president of the reorganized Three-I league.

TWO SCHEDULES OF SPRING HILL

Baseball and Football Calendars Issued.

MOBILE, Ala., March 28.—Spring Hill college has announced the baseball and football schedule for the summer and fall. The Hillians will meet some of the larger colleges in the Southeast, including Mississippi and Mississippi A. and M. at A. and M. campus.

Oct. 15—Louisiana State Industrial Institute, at Mobile.

Nov. 1—Marion Institute, at Marion.

Nov. 8—Alabama Polytechnic, at Mobile.

Nov. 15—Birmingham Southern College, Mobile.

Thanksgiving—Howard College, Mobile.

The baseball schedule follows:

April 26-26—Marion Institute, at Marion.

June 2-2—Alabama Polytechnic, at Mobile (three games).

Birmingham Southern will play Spring Hill three games in Birmingham and three games in Mobile. The dates have not been settled. Negotiations are under way for a series with L. S. U. at Mobile. A series of three games will also be played at University of Louisiana, Alabama, the dates to be announced later.

13 VOLS IN CAMP.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 28.—Thirteen players reported here yesterday to start spring training at Shiloh field park with the Vols.

A number of star players was expected to report for spring training at Shiloh field park with the Vols. The players who are expected to report within a few days. Present plans call for daily workouts from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

PENNSY DECLINES.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 28.—Announcement was made here yesterday that the University of Pennsylvania has declined Harvard's invitation for a dual rowing regatta on the Charles river on May 1.

Difficulty in securing leave from classes for the members of the crew was given as the reason by John A. Brown, chairman of the rowing committee.

BOWLING SHAKEUPS.

TOLEDO, O., March 28.—Shakeups were frequent in the minor events of the American Bowling congress' tournament here yesterday.

On one of the afternoon shifts Mort Lindsey, of New Haven, Conn., bowled into first place in the all-around, scoring 1327 for his line tournament game, and going ahead of Frank Carana, of Buffalo, in that division by five pins.

YACHTMEN CALLED.

LONDON, March 28.—The Yacht Racing association of Great Britain yesterday called the New York Yacht club, inviting it and other American yacht clubs to take part in an international conference with a view to changing the measurement rule.

The American yachtsmen were asked what date would suit them for a meeting in London.

Many Strikeouts Certain.

Where the runs will be scarce, there will be an abundance of strikeouts and the real good pitchers in the Southern this year will undoubtedly have a mark of "sops" which will remain supreme for several seasons to come.

In each of the Southern leagues, a catcher, who is absolutely necessary, no matter if a team had Walter Johnson, and there is a good reason behind the plate. Memphis has had Smith, Nashville has Galby Street, New Orleans has Frank Kitchener, Mobile has Tom Casey, and Chattanooga has Bob Higgins, Little Rock has Tom Brotem, Atlanta has Tom Casey, and Birmingham has Homer

Memphis as Example.

Take the case of the Memphis Chicks, for example. It is Cy Barger's plan to have four good pitchers and one recruit to compose his pitching staff. This, after the catchers is counted in, will leave him but two more class A men. It is only natural to assume that he is going to choose men who can hit the ball, have offensive strength as is necessary and more so than defensive play. Defensive play runs that win the ball games.

The managerial ability of all Dixie managers is going to be taxed to the utmost this season, for they will find themselves facing the proposition of lining up the strongest possible combination of major league pitchers to fill out their teams. It is understood that there are one or two clubs which will put down on their star pitchers and will choose outfielders instead, men who can hit the ball. But the majority of managers will stick to the ball wisdom to know that a good pitcher will be the most valuable asset behind the plate. Memphis has had Smith, Nashville has Galby Street, New Orleans has Frank Kitchener, Mobile has Tom Casey, and Chattanooga has Bob Higgins, Little Rock has Tom Brotem, Atlanta has Tom Casey, and Birmingham has Homer

The Sports Spotlight

By Bob Pigue

GRUNT BALL PITCHER WILL NOT BE IN THE SOUTHERN THIS YEAR.

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Karlo Black, who brought the grunt ball into existence, will not be in the Southern league moundmen this season. Black, who has been one of the mainstays of the Birmingham Barons for the past several seasons, has been disposed of to the Shreveport club of the Texas league, and thus leaves one of the most unusual characters that the Dixie major ever had.

Black, who is a left-hander, is typical of the portside fraternity in that he was eccentric. When he brought the grunt ball into existence he was in Nashville pitching for Birmingham against the Vols. The game was taking along and Black was pitching fine ball. Suddenly he started bunting on the ground. Baroni left-handed, in a round or so he had tied the score. The bunting was supposed to stop them, but the Vols made more runs the Volunteers made.

The next game Black started pitching and he hit the Vols with every pitch he emitted a grunt. He almost pitched his left arm off trying to subdue the Vols, but his pitching and grunts were all in vain. He was then and there dubbed the "grunt ball pitcher," and has always been so known ever since.

Black is a kraut-eating Dutchman, his real name being Karl Lautenschlager. But he showed that he was different from the rest of the bunch by being a lover of sport and by setting rid of his obnoxious and tall-tale handle.

TRIBESMEN ARE DUE.

Chief Cy Barger, of the Tribe, is anxiously watching the clock at Chickadee, expecting it to be darkened at any time now with the frames of several of his athletes, many of whom have already received their transportation and who should be here within the ensuing day or two.

Cy is getting anxious to begin spring training, for practically all other clubs have started with training already in progress. He is expected to be thickly packed with athletes, many of whom will be playing by the first of next week.

Ed Dickerson, former president of the Western league, came back from France and found Al Tearney in his warm place. He promptly served notice on the club owners that he was still the president and that he'd have his name on the roster. Tearney decided to avoid any unpleasantness and stepped down as president, giving Dickerson the presidential chair. The attitude of Dickerson in the matter is far from being a surprise, as he has already been elected to the position. He has been elected to the position of president of the league, and he has been elected to the position of president of the league, and he has been elected to the position of president of the league.

JACK TO LOSE FRIENDS.

Jack Dempsey, who is slated to meet Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, says there'll be no color line for him.

Fiatians was given the blackest eye it ever had when Jess Willard, who was forever eliminated from boxing by a stiff punch from Jess Willard's mitt in Havana, Cuba. The title was brought back to where it belonged. Though Willard is an unpopular champion, he is said to his credit that he has always drawn the color line and never entered the arena with a negro following his mill with Johnson.

New comes Jack Johnson's statement that he will start meeting negroes in case he wins the title. While Johnson was champ there was more racial hatred in evidence than ever before. It is a bad thing for a negro to hold the title, for it causes ill feeling between the two races which is directly much stronger than it should be.

The best way to settle all arguments is to have a white heavyweight champion and a negro heavyweight champion, and thereby keep them from mixing.

Dempey is going to discover that his decision is an unpopular one in the ring as well as in the South, for throughout the country Jack Johnson's slimy path is still in evidence, and fight fans do not care for a repetition of the greatest disgrace and blot that the boxing game ever knew.

TALK OF FORMING BIG SOCCER LEAGUE

Cream of Stars in Middle West May Get Together.

A major league of soccer football for the middle west is being planned. At least eight teams, representing as many cities, is being planned. St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Kansas City, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

Chicago, the president of the United States football association, is strongly impressed with the merits of the proposition, and has been talked of in Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis for many days. En route to Chicago after a stay of several days in St. Louis, President Peel stopped off in New York several days last week and discussed the middle west project with Thomas W. Cahill, honorary secretary of the governing body of soccer.

According to present plans, franchises will be awarded by the directors of the league, a season's schedule will be adopted each fall and two Sunday afternoon games each month played in each city of the league. Allowing for postponements, but taking into consideration the seven-month season and the many holidays with which the soccer season is favored, a 24-game schedule would not be at all difficult of accomplishment.

Strangler Lewis Almost Breaks The Neck Of Opponent

RICHMOND, Va., March 28.—"Strangler" Lewis, in 55 minutes last night, defeated John Olin in a wrestling match with a headlock hold.

Lewis threw Olin over his shoulder with such terrific force that Olin was unable to continue because of a badly sprained neck.

Olin was unconscious for 25 minutes following his wrestling match with Lewis. Physicians were called in to attend him.

YOKEL THROWS TURNER.

BOSTON, March 28.—"Mike" Yokel, middleweight champion wrestling claimant of the United States, defeated "Joe" Turner of Washington, D. C. last night.

Turner won the second in 1 hour, 15 minutes and 20 seconds, and Yokel won the third in 17 minutes.

BOILER TEAM MEETS.

The Southern Boiler's baseball team will hold their regular meeting on the eighth floor of the Porter building tonight at 8 o'clock.

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