New York Will Strengthen; District League Opens

YANK AND GIANT OWNERS SET AN EXAMPLE

By SAM CRANE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—President Stoneham's statement that he will voluntarily increase his players' salaries probably resulted in a startling shock to some club owners of the two big leagues who, notwithstanding the big baseball boom of last year are still pessimistic as to the outcome of 1920 season.

So was these same owners that failed to read the handwriting on the wall last year, and advocated retrenchment. In consequence they profited the least from the sensational boom.

Secured Only Crumbs.

They just trailed along and secured only the crumbs, while those owners who sized up the situation properly and were willing to take a chance copped the coin. Last year was not one during which the owners had the advantage. It was simply a case of those having the most nerve being able to glimpse their ledgers at the close of the season of 1919 with smiling complacency.

Strange to say, there are still certain club owners who have not yet got out of the pessimistic class. They are still in what I will call a "pleyaunish" mood and are on the retrenchment lay. They are the ones who play safe and squawk whenever some more up to date and progressive owners take advantage of opportunities.

Progressiveness Rewarded.

Is there any wonder that the progressive fellows always pluck the persimmons while the others get left? Those, too, who refuse to get into the "live wire" procession are the ones who complain of hard luck because they fail to attend the success gained by their rivals.

When club owners grasp the "big idea" that the game is a sport and has to be run along sporting lines, instead of by conservative business methods followed by that old Boston baseball triumvirate, Cevant, Soden and Billings, there will be a calcium light flashed over the baseball situation instead of a one candle illumination.

Has Helped Game.

The advent into baseball of Col. Ruppert and Col. Huston, liberal, progressive and true sportsmen, who love baseball, was one of the first real big boosts the game received since the organization of the National league. They are just the kind of men whom the game needed to uplight it as well as to enliven it with new red blood. Those gentlemen revolutionized the American league and also baseball for they were the entering wedge that has at least curtailed the autocratic power of Ban Johnson, who although he did very much for baseball, became so impressed with his own importance that he imagined he was far and above the great national game itself.

Johnson had done well, magnificently so, but the game had got beyond him in more ways than one. The capital invested had increased from six figures to seven and more, and its business scope had automatically reached to that point where no one man could retain the authority and power to dictate its financial policy.

No one man was ever bigger than the national game, nor ever will be.

Then Charles A. Stoneham and John J. McGraw purchased the New York National league club, and they in turn transformed by their sportsmanship ideas the parent baseball organization that was very much in need of new and more progressive blood.

Rival magnates would do well to observe and adopt their up to date methods of conducting the sport.

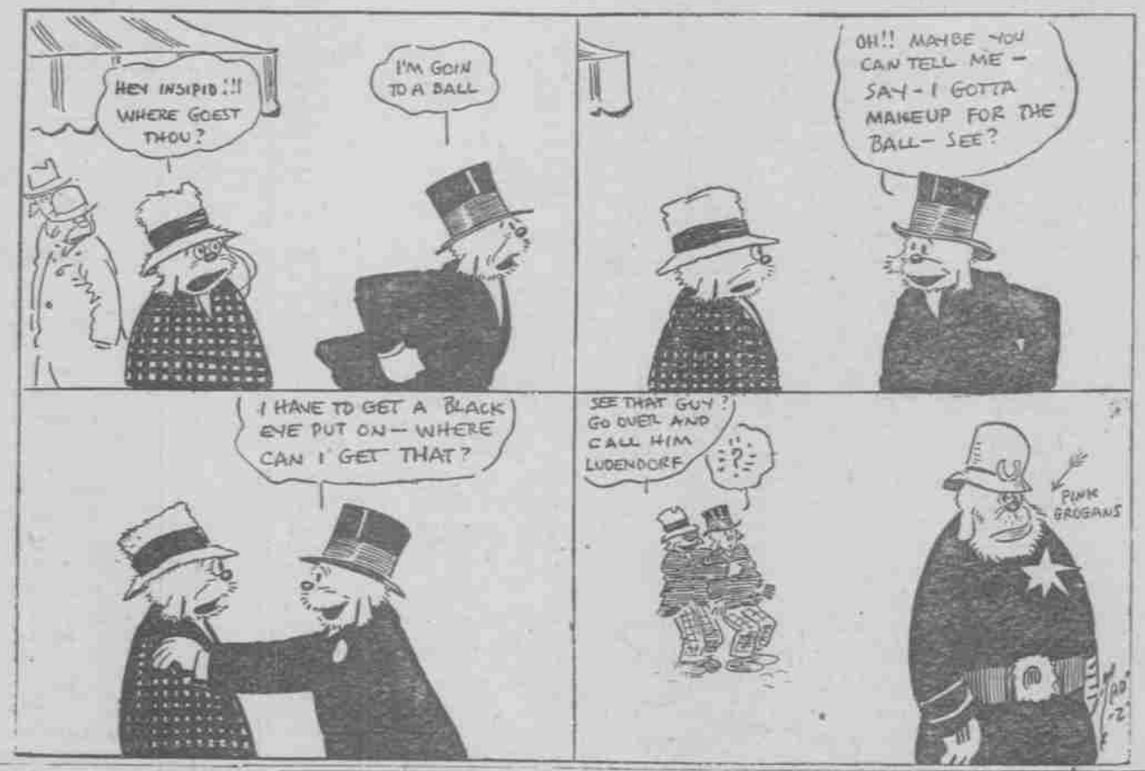
SCHOOL AIRMEN TO HOLD RACES

New York, Feb. 7.—Rules and regulations for annual intercollegiate aviation races were drawn up Friday at a meeting of the executive committee of the inter-collegiate flying association. The first race which is scheduled on May 6 and 7, will consist of a cross country flight with stops at each of the colleges entered.

Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Williams will be represented in the contest by former aviators who have returned to their college studies. These include the American ace, Howard C. Knotts, of Harvard; Rumner Sewell and David Ingalls, of Yale; George A. Vaughan and Lancing C. Holden, of Princeton, and G. De Larner, of Columbia.

Old Judge Rumhauser

An Easy Way to Get It. - - - *By Tad*



RUTH BIG AID TO YANKEE CLUB

The pennant hopes of Yankee fans fanned to flame again with the purchase of Babe Ruth and the practical certainty that Frank Baker will be back in harness despite his avowed intentions of retiring after the close of the 1919 season, are not without foundation.

Will Have Hard Hitters

The potential possibilities of the Yankees in the coming campaign will be something for rival managers to worry about, for, with Ruth, Baker, Lewis, Peckinpaugh, Pipp and Pratt to do the bulk of the hitting, the Yanks may be expected to knock in a good many tallies. Ruth and Baker are the greatest homerun makers the American league has produced, though Cobb, Crawford and Lajoie, during their many seasons in the big show, accounted for many circuit swats. Here are the slugging records of Ruth and Baker, who are carrying the main hopes of Yankee fans on their shoulders.

BABE RUTH

Year	Ga.	A.B.	R.	H.	2B	3B	HR
1915	42	92	16	29	10	1	4
1916	67	136	18	37	5	3	3
1917	52	123	14	40	8	3	2
1918	95	317	50	95	26	11	11
1919	130	432	103	139	34	12	29
(5 yrs)	386	1100	201	340	81	30	49

FRANK BAKER

Year	Ga.	A.B.	R.	H.	2B	3B	HR
1909	148	541	71	165	27	19	4
1910	148	561	88	159	28	16	2
1911	148	592	66	195	40	14	3
1912	149	577	116	200	40	21	14
1913	129	545	116	190	34	9	12
1914	150	570	84	182	22	10	8
*1915	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1916	100	360	44	97	33	3	10
1917	106	352	37	126	24	2	6
1918	126	504	65	154	24	5	6
1919	141	547	70	166	22	1	10
10 yr.	1402	5290	776	1657	282	95	77

*Baker quit Athletics and played with Upland, Md., until he joined Yankees in 1916.

LONG BESTS ROWAN.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 7.—Ray Long, welterweight of Joplin, Mo., knocked out Tommy Rowan of Brooklyn in the first round of a scheduled eight round bout Friday night. The scheduled eight round contest between Harvey Thorne, Kansas City lightweight, and Fred Nelson of this city was stopped in the sixth round when Nelson claimed a foul.

BLISS ATHLETES SHOW FORM IN GAMES

THE Army Basketball league got away to an excellent start Friday night when two fast games were staged. The initial contest was won by the Balloon corps over the Base hospital quintet by the score of 23 to 10. The second affair was won by the Remount five from the Ninth engineers, score 28 to 14. Forward Stall and center Wilson were the principal pointmakers of the Balloon team in the first game while forwards Fields and Lloyd starred in the second game for the Remount.

Lineups and pointmakers were:

First game: Balloon company—Stall, five field goals; one free throw; Wilson, five field goals; Tobiel, one field goal; base hospital: Comford, one field goal; Walce, one field goal; Keryte, three field goals.

Second game: Remount Depot—Lloyd, six field goals; three free throws; Field, seven field goals; Schulte, two field goals; Hunter, three field goals. Ninth Engineers: Durant, one field goal; Keryte, two field goals; Pangans, four field goals.

Referee—Showalter.

ARMY LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Balloon Company	1	0	1.000
Remount Depot	1	0	1.000
Base Hospital	0	1	.000
Ninth Engineers	0	1	.000
Signal Battalion	0	0	.000
Motor Transport	0	0	.000
Eighth Cavalry	0	0	.000
82nd Artillery	0	0	.000
Seventh Cavalry	0	0	.000

GREB BOXES DRAW.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Feb. 7.—Harry Greb of Pittsburg and Mike Lemair of New York boxed 10 slow rounds here Friday night. Greb injured his right arm during the bout.

MOORE DEFEATS MOORE.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 7.—Ray Moore of St. Paul, Minn., was given the referee's decision over Pal Moore of Memphis in 12 rounds Friday night.

ROSTAN LOSES BOUT.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 7.—Bryan Downey, Columbus, Ohio, welterweight, outboxed Navy Rostan, Chicago, in a 10-round no-decision bout Friday night, according to sporting writers.

TRAP GUN AND ROD

BY TOM MARSHALL

SAVE me or I perish! This, the interpreted cry of bird life during the excessive cold and unusual snows of the prevailing winter. Feed the feathered flock who destroy insect life. Now is the accepted time to lend a helping hand. Scatter seeds of kindness and crumbs of comfort with a dash of gravel or grit, putting into direct practice conservation and preservation tactics which mean bird-life propetuation.

Boy Scouts are now making endurance hikes. When starting out add to your equipment a "life-saving bag" containing bird food scattering it judiciously along the route, thus saving the lives of those feathered messengers. Let your one good deed a day during the winter months be devoted to bird-life saving. Visit your neighbors, collect scrap and table remnants, distributing, under the farmers' direction (they being familiar with local bird and animal haunts). You will thus perpetuate and save lives which, in turn, will sing your praises during the ensuing year.

Should Preserve Birds.

You will interest the farmer in the preservation of bird life. He will then provide the little comforts to his adopted winged house guests. Housewives should conserve and judiciously scatter crusts and crumbs which continually fall from their table, in bird frequented localities where they will be easily found, saving lives through the stomach route which otherwise would be snuffed out through a slow, tortuous means of starvation. Save the lives of those innocent, helpless, industrious little winged creatures whose power of cold resistance is materially lessened by the absence of food.

Feathered wild life has high heart pressure with rapid circulation and respiration which supplies internal warmth and unusual vitality if augmented by a little food. Birds have no means of direct communication with your "visiting committee" they cannot appeal personally, neither are they an aggregation of grafters. These miniature feathered aces of the air need your help. Preservation and perpetuation of wild bird life is an economic which completely overshadows sentimental ideas. Insectiverous, song and game birds are visible assets to farmers.

During the open season on insects, birds are most industriously occupied in filling their stomachs on wingatoms or wiggling worms, which permitted to multiply, would soon become a crop menace. Every farm should be made a bird sanctuary. Farmers who raise game birds have an available, marketable asset. Exclusive shooting privileges when placed upon the market command excellent prices. A farmer living near Havana, Illinois, has for a number of years sold his wild goose shooting rights to Peoria sportsmen for the neat sum of $250. When the Canadian honkers arrive from the north they are made welcome and fed on his acres until they have aggregated and the fusillade is had in the late fall, which continues several days until the geese are "burned out," only to return the following year.

You Will Enjoy Them.

Make your farm a bird resort. You will enjoy the prairie chickens "boom-boom" or the quails emphatic "Bob-White," the "honk-honk" of the Canadian geese or "quack-quack" of Mr. Mallard will become music to your ears. Make the birds your adopted children, your outdoor household.

Scatter grain for "Bob-White" and other game birds near your straw stacks, in a locality where the food will not become imbedded or covered with snow. Suspend in a frequented and accessible place a piece of suet or fresh pork as a stomach ticker for woodpeckers, kinglets or nuthatch, then watch the birds feed upon that delicacy. Scatter your reserve supply of crumbs and seeds for those little ground-feeding birds. Organize a "bird-saving club" in your locality. Do it now. Women should be energetic in this life-saving work. work.

You will soon establish an interest and affection for those feathered wanderers, who will patiently await and welcome your coming. Club women in an organization of this character would receive the public universal approval and be working along most intelligent lines. Enlist in this practical humane work by assisting our feathered beauties to brave the rigors of a northern winter. Boy Scouts and school children will affiliate with you in this commendable proposition, making many intelligent suggestions to be acted upon. Systematize this work with honor and medal rolls.

Hold experience and suggestion meetings. Formulate squads, troops and working gangs. By a personal visit or telephone call, interest adjacent farmers in this work. Enlist them under the banner of "perpetual meal tickets" for the birds. Answer the call of the feathered wild. Save their lives by intelligent cooperation and work.

ANSWERS TO NIMRODS.

Question: Who were the top notchers in the shooting game last year? Was there as much trapshooting as usual? What is the outlook for the ensuing year? Have many dates been claimed for this year? G. U. R.

Answer: All former records were broken last year. Rush Rates headed the professionals, establishing a new record of .9801. Mark Arle, of Thomasboro, Illinois, led the amateurs with the wonderful score of .9780, leading Woolfolk Henderson, of Lexington, Ky. (amateur) by 1-100 of one percent. Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., broke all records for the longest continuous run, negotiating with 591 inanimate targets without a miss. Fred rounded back into his old form. More targets were thrown in 1919 than any previous year. More interest is manifested in trapshooting this season than ever before. One large tournament has been staged at Pinehurst, N. C. St. Thomas, Canada, is booking a special tournament backed by the mayor and city council. San Francisco is scheduled for February 20-22 under the auspices of the Olympic club, where a number of world championships will be decided. Sid Dodds, the old tournament promoter (for pleasure) has thrown his hat in the arena and selected May 11-12-13 for a real shoot. Clarksdale, Miss., will be the city wherein the shoot will be held. This will be a hummer. The American Trapshooting association have staged some innovations for the year. Tournament dates for 1920 will be public property when announced by the A. T. A.

Question: Is there an effort being made to save the elk from starving? Charles Murphy.

Answer: The government has taken the matter in hand providing hay, shelter and general protection. A most commendable move.

: BOXING : *Chris Will Wrestle Again*

CARTER WINS AGAIN.

GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 7.—Tommy Carter was awarded the decision over Lee Morrissey at the end of the 10th round of a hard fight at the Miami Roof garden Friday evening. Morrissey outbit Carter, but Carter carried the fight to Morrissey and he was awarded the decision on his aggressiveness. The decision was rendered by two judges and the referee.

MITCHELL IS VICTOR.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 7.—Pinkie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight, outboxed Cal Delaney of Cleveland in a 10-round bout Friday night.

EL PASO wrestling fans are going to see Chris Jordan in action again.

The invincible Greek champion who has defeated every man of his division so far will go up against Matty Matsuda or Charlie Rentrop in the near future. Manager John McIntosh, much encouraged by the loyal support received from El Paso fandom has arranged a series of contests which will put this city in the front rank as a wrestling center and will attract all of the first class men of this athletic game to the city. The next match will probably bring together Matsuda and Jordan and Charlie Rentrop will meet the winner.

One of the innovations which manager McIntosh is preparing is a ring in the center of the floor entirely surrounded by seats of spectators. The ring will be about ten feet from the stage and will afford a perfect view from every seat in the house. Reserved seats can then be arranged on all sides of the ring while on the stage a number of choice seats can be arranged. The ring in the center of the floor has been made necessary by the big crowds which are now turning out for the matches.

Tabloid Sketches of the New Major Leaguers

JOHN DAVIS MEADOR.

BORN—Madison, N. C., December 4, 1894.

Weight—165 pounds. Height—5 feet, 10 inches.

Bats and throws—Right handed.

Club in 1919—Galveston, Texas league.

First engagement—Charleston, S. C., South Atlantic league, in 1914.

Clubs since then — Charleston, S. C., and Nashville, Tenn., 1917; Galveston, Tex., 1919.

Best performance in minor leagues—Pitched no-hit game for Nashville in 1917.

War record—In the navy from December 12, 1917, to December 12, 1918, on the U. S. S. Montana.

1919 record—Victories, 17; defeats, 16; innings pitched, 259; average earned runs to the game, 2.60; strikeouts, 98; bases on balls, 53; wild pitches, 2; hit batsmen, 2; balks, 1.

GOOD MIND NECESSARY.

Manager Gibson of the Pittsburg Pirates says that lung power, or in other words, good wind, is what every pitcher must have to make good. If that's the case, there must be some promising twirling talent among the big league magnates.

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31x4	18.10	21.30	21.90	30.25	33.50	2.95	3.75
32x4	19.45	22.95	22.95	31.35	35.15	3.05	3.80
33x4	19.35	22.60	22.60	32.10	36.05	3.20	4.00
34x4	19.65	23.20	22.95	33.95	37.10	3.35	4.15
36x4	22.95	26.50	26.50	.....	.....	3.40	4.65
32x4½	24.90	28.60	28.80	42.75	37.55	3.65	4.65
33x4½	25.10	29.55	29.55	33.95	38.65	3.75	4.75
34x4½	25.35	30.45	30.45	34.80	39.75	3.90	4.90
35x4½	26.30	31.85	31.85	35.20	40.70	3.95	4.95
36x4½	26.75	32.85	32.85	36.15	41.60	3.90	5.15
37x4½	28.65	35.25	35.25	.....	.....	4.15	5.15
33x5	29.45	35.25	35.25	40.95	47.15	4.45	5.75
35x5	30.05	37.40	37.40	42.30	48.35	4.55	6.00
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