

ASPECT OF NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE IN 1916 WILL BE CHANGED BY FED PLAYERS

RETURN OF PLAYERS FROM FEDERAL LEAGUE MAY UPSET DOPE ON RACE IN NATIONAL

More Star Youngsters Were Developed in Independent Organization Than Fans Believe, and There Will Be No Heavy Flag Favorite

THE outlook for the National and American League races for 1916 has been completely changed by the peace agreement which marks the passing of the Federal League from baseball and the reinstatement of the stars who jumped from organized ball to the independent organization since the warfare started.

It has been said that there are less than a dozen of the Federal League players who will be able to gain regular positions on National and American League teams, but this is far from the truth. One hears less of the Federal Leaguers, particularly in a city where there was no independent club, but good players were plentiful in the outlaw circuit, and at least 25 will be very much in demand by teams of the National and American Leagues.

There is hardly a team in the major leagues which will not be strengthened by the addition of Federal League players, and the presence of these stars on teams which had not been seriously considered in the 1916 pennant races, will increase the interest in the 1916 campaign in every way. Fortunately, few of the stronger teams of 1915 will be strengthened by the addition of Federal Leaguers who will return to the fold, which should make the races even closer than would be the case if all teams were strengthened alike.

National League Greatest Beneficiary

In the National League race the effect will be felt most. The tail-end Giants will get Benny Kauff, Earl Cooper and Larue Kirby, outfielders, two of whom are almost certain to gain regular positions, as the veteran New York outfield went completely to pieces last fall. Kauff's ability is well known to the fans. He has been heralded as the Ty Cobb of the Feds, and excellent judges say that he has not been overrated.

Kirby's brilliant all-round work with St. Louis surely stamps him as a better man than Jim Thorpe, who was slated for a regular berth next season. Thorpe will chase a curve ball which breaks a foot outside the plate and is far from being a finished fielder. Kirby has none of Thorpe's defects, and is one of the most proficient batmen in the game on the run-and-hit play, a most important feature of the Giants' style of offense.

Catcher Arthur Wilson will also return to McGraw, as will Anderson, Buffalo's great young pitcher. Wilson spent three years on the bench for the Giants and jumped to the Feds so that he could get regular work. With Myers going well, McGraw decided to school Arthur for the future. Wilson's work with the Chifeds convinced McGraw that he had made a mistake in letting Wilson go. The Giants' leader also admits that Myers is going back.

Reds and Cubs Will Become Dangerous Pennant Contenders

The Cubs and Reds will also fare well. The addition of Dave Davenport and Gene Packard to Herzog's pitching staff will improve his pennant chances. Last season the only southpaw Herzog had, after trading Rube Benton, was the veteran "Lefty" George. There is little comparison between the Federal League's youngster, who is improving steadily, and George, who has seen his best day.

Marsans, the Cuban, proved last season that he is just as good an infielder as an outfielder, and will fill the weak spot at second base for the Reds, while either Wickland or Chadbourne may fill the outfield position, neglected so badly last season after Tommy Leach's legs went back on him.

Chicago will, according to arrangements now pending, get Joe Tinker to manage the Cubs. Perhaps Tinker won't be any greater success as a manager than he was when he fizzed with the Reds, but he will surely be a wonderful help at short, a position Bresnahan could not strengthen.

Two Star Outfielders, Two Pitchers and an Infielder Will Help Tinker

In addition, the Cubs will be entitled to Flack, one of the Feds' greatest youngsters, who was drafted by the Cubs, but jumped to the Chifeds; Rousch, another excellent young outfielder; Smith, a youthful shortstop, and Prendergast and Rogge, splendid twirling prospects.

Brooklyn has lost six men to the Feds since the war started. President Charley Ebbetts declares that he will not allow any of them to return to his team, but will probably change his mind before the start of the season. Included in this list is Jack Dalton, a .300 hitter, who was badly missed last season; Allen, an ideal left-handed pitcher to replace the fading Rucker; Anderson, a highly touted young outfielder, and Joe Tinker, who will be switched to Chicago in a trade which will strengthen the Dodgers.

St. Louis does not profit much, but it could use George Stovall on first by switching Jack Miller over to second to replace Manager Huggins, who is slowing down considerably. The Cardinals will also get "Rebel" Oakes, a much better outfielder than Dolan, and has first claim to the services of Kaiserling, a great young twirler. Steve Evans, one of the Feds' leading hitters, is also really the property of the Cards, but Steve is not as fast on his feet as he used to be and will probably be allowed to drift to the minors.

Cardinals Can Secure Star in a Trade Involving Lee Magee

Lee Magee is the property of the Cardinals, but he is to be used in a trade, according to Schuyler Britton, president of the club. This trade should enable St. Louis to secure a star player from either the Giants, Cubs or Phillies, who are all in the field for the services of the temperamental star.

President Barney Dreyfuss, of the Pirates, like Ebbetts, declares that he does not want any of his jumpers, but he will hardly pass up Claude Hendrix, a wonderful pitcher, and Ed Konetchy. If Dreyfuss does not want Hendrix and Konetchy, he will have no trouble securing two high-class men who will be of value to the Pirates in a trade.

Phillies and Braves May Find Use for Some of the "Come-backs"

Both the Phillies and Braves, the strongest National League teams last season, will be strengthened by the return of jumpers, if either team decides to take back the stars who deserted. Manager Moran, of the Phils, says he does not care to discuss what disposition he will make of the men who will be returned, but it is certain that either Doolan or Knabe will be welcome, while Duke Duncan and Tom Seaton may also be of great service.

It is claimed that Seaton pitched himself out working out of turn for the Brooklyn Feds, but Otto Knabe says that Tom is just as good as ever when he cares to keep in condition. Under Moran, Seaton would stay in condition and, if as good as ever, will make a wonderful running mate for Alexander the Great.

Braves' Weakness in the Outfield Will Vanish

The Braves should be particularly benefited by the return of the prodigals. The weakness of the outfield, barring Sherwood Magee, was a great handicap to Stallings last season, but he will be well supplied when the jumpers return. Magee played wonderful ball, but Snodgrass, Gilbert, Cather and Moran failed to show the form expected and have all been released.

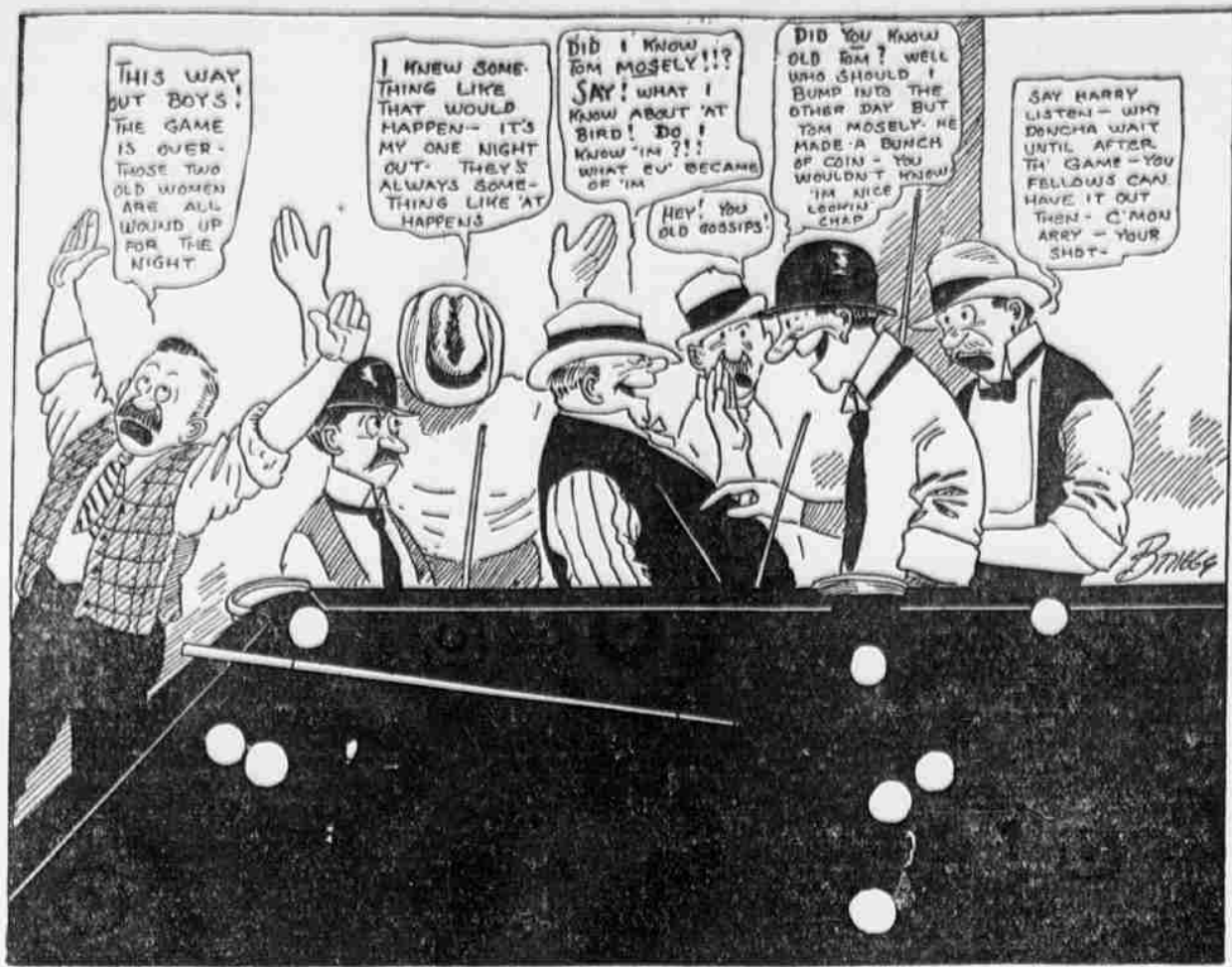
The addition of Joe Wilhoit, from the Vernon Club, of the Pacific Coast League, and the return of Vincent Campbell and Zwilling, the leading home-run hitter of the Feds, will give the Braves a powerful quartet of outfielders. In addition, Chick Rariden, a clever catcher, will return. The rest of the men lost by Stallings have gone back and will probably not be in demand.

In figuring that there are but a dozen Federal League players of major league calibre, fans and scribes alike are overlooking the fact that there are at least ten young ballplayers of high class developed in each major league every season, and that the Federal League has been developing the youngsters taken from the majors, and also minor leaguers, picked up for two years.

No doubt there are not more than a dozen of the Feds who have gained national fame and are still in their prime, but the fans will discover that the article of ball played in the Federal League was faster than is generally believed in this city when they see some of the youngsters in action.

The return of the veteran stars and the infusion of young blood into the National and American League ranks assures the fans a better brand of ball than has been witnessed in years. The American League was not hit as hard by the Feds as the National, but the race in Johnson's League will also be affected by the addition of Federal League players. This subject will be taken up tomorrow.

KELLY—JUST DISCOVERED THEY'RE BOTH FROM THE SAME TOWN



INDOOR BASEBALL BOOMING

Germantown Boys' Club to Organize Big League

Indoor baseball, which has been attracting some attention at the Germantown Boys' Club in recent years, is on the boom. Recently eight members of the Workingmen's Association met in the Superintendent's office and decided to organize a league that would play indoor

baseball in the Boys' Club gymnasium for the next three months.

Among the teams represented were: Link Belt, Walter Thompson, manager; Wakefield, Harry Whitaker, manager; Midvale, Albert Jenkins, manager; Supple-Biddle Hardware Co., Ben H. Hammell, manager; Edward VII, John Wright, manager; St. George's, Henry Ward, manager; Germantown Assembly Artisans' O. M. P., No. 38, Harry C. Pierson, manager; Freihof, Fred Hagy, manager.

As planned, games in the league will

be played in the Boys' Club gymnasium on Tuesday and Thursday evenings after the gym class, and on Saturday afternoon two games will be played.

William D. Sutton was appointed as the official umpire for the league, Tuesday, January 4, is the date for the first game.

Giants Get First "Fed"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Benny Kauff, star outfielder of the Brooklyn Feds, has signed a three-year contract with the New York Nationals. It was announced that he will be paid \$2,500 for the three years, with a bonus of \$5,000.

TECHNICALITIES ARISE IN PENN COACH CONTROVERSY

Did Election of Hollenback and Minds Carry Pledge, Is the Much-mooted Question Among Red and Blue Students

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

A PRINCIPLE of representative government has been injected into the debate among University of Pennsylvania students over the action of the board of directors of the Athletic Association in naming as graduate members of the football committee Wharton Sinker and Ralph Morgan, neither of whom is a member of the board. The disputed question is this: Did the overwhelming vote by which W. M. Hollenback and John H. Minds were elected to the board carry with it instructions to the board to put these men on the Football Committee or men pledged to the selection of Hollenback as head coach?

Apparently the Pennsylvanian, the undergraduate daily newspaper, thinks it did, for this paper editorially demands that the board explain its action, while some of the students unofficially threaten to withdraw their support from the association as a rebuke.

It would seem that the Pennsylvanian is rather belated in asking for explanations. Before the election the student paper made no effort to find out what the various candidates stood and closed its columns to any discussion of the issues. It would have been a simple matter to have asked each candidate for what he stood. This would have prevented the students from voting blindly, as many of them had to do.

The assumption that an overwhelming vote for Hollenback was an order for the board to put him on the Football Committee or make him head coach is very far-fetched. If the students voted directly for coaches and managers there would be "confusion worse confounded" in athletic matters.

The insinuations, direct and indirect, that in the selection of the new Football Committee the board of directors played politics or did not represent the wishes of the undergraduate body, is an unwarranted reflection on the men who compose this board. Indeed, it would be hard to find a more representative or conscientious group to administer the affairs of the Athletic Association. Consider first the undergraduate members. They include three members of the foot-

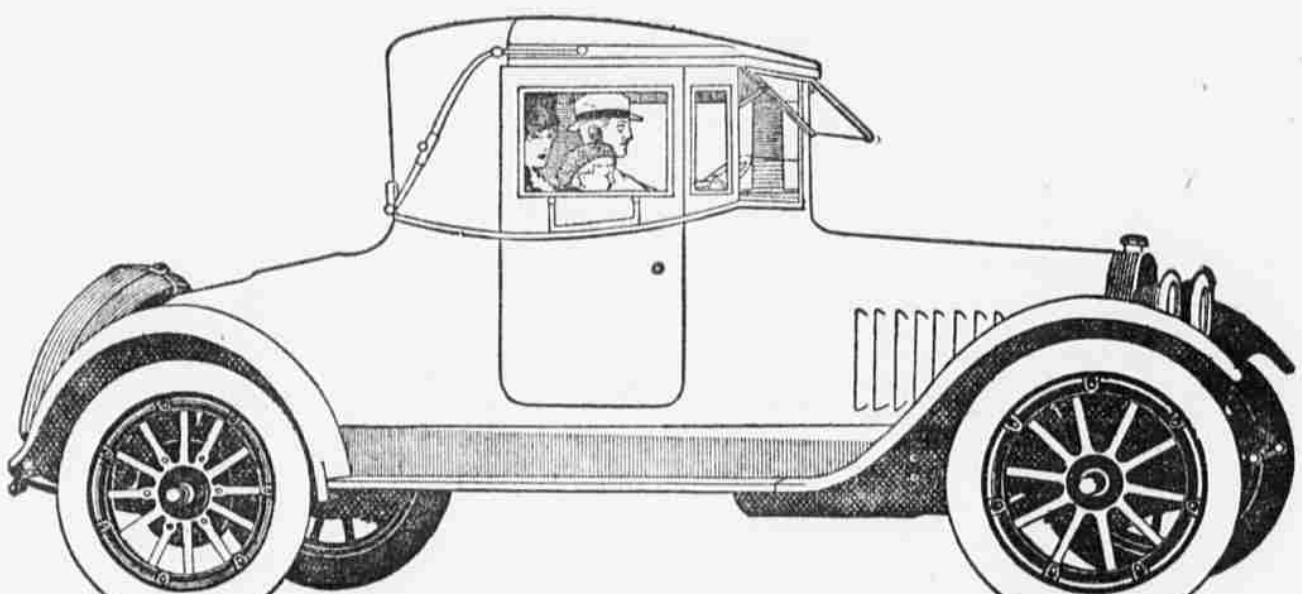
ball team, Captain-elect Nell Mathews, ex-Captain Edward D. Harris and Walter Hopkins; two men from the track team, Captain James E. Meredith and the crew, Manager John B. Thayer, and also a member of the soccer team. The other undergraduate member is George Hardwick, president of the senior class.

But any careful observer of what was going on during the campaign might have known that neither Hollenback nor Minds had any thought of running for the Football Committee. Hollenback had it known even before the annual meeting that if elected to the board he would not be a candidate for the Football Committee, because he was a candidate for coach. His decision, therefore, was a distinct credit to him. Minds was never a candidate and was surprised to find that he had been placed on the ticket which went through with such a rush. Even those who were booming Hollenback for the board and then for the position of head coach knew that Minds was not to be proposed for the Football Committee. The two men thus elected were Wilson Potter and Ralph Morgan.

The assumption that Hollenback and Minds withdrew from the contest when they saw they were beaten is untrue, for at no time was either man a candidate.

On the first ballot, after a free and full discussion, Wharton Sinker was re-elected to the committee, while Ralph Morgan was elected on the third ballot. Wilson Potter and George H. Thayer were beaten. As a matter of fact, the board was moved largely by the wishes of Captain Mathews, who is having more to do in settlement of the present coaching problem than any other man on the board or the Football Committee.

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