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BENNY KAUFF AND TY COBB IN TRAINING FOR BASEBALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED IN TEXAS

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Famous Detroiter Has Never Started Work Before Spring Season-Great Competition Expected Between Star Outfielders

Two news items of not more than five lines, which appgared on sports pases Throughout the country a few days ago, presage one of the most unusual spring training series ever staged in the South. One stated that Benny Kauff had started training in a gymnasium for the coming season, adopting tactics similar to those used by prize-fighters, to condition himself. Immediately an announcement was made that the wonderful Cobb had also gone into training.

Cobb is always in good condition, and in other years seldom went to the training camp until a few days before the Detroit squad started on its barnstorming trip North; but the threats of Benny Kauff to outshine the famous "Georgia Peach" have stirred the American League star, and he is determined to be in prime shape this season.

There is method in the madness of both Kauff and Cobb in training hard before their teams depart for the South. But little has been said of the series arranged in Texas between the Tigers and Giants; but it is the purpose of both Cobb and Kauff to star in that series. The "Georgia Peach" is anxious to show Kauff up as a counterfeit, while Benny wants to convince the fans he is Cobb's equal. As a result, one of the greatest spring series ever contested should take place when the Giants and Tigers clash.

Tigers' Pitchers Want to Show Kauff Up

As a rule, managers are very much against pitchers cutting loose in the South: but it is safe to predict that Manager Jennings, of the Tigers, will have none or two hurlers in prime shape to show Kauff up, and one of them will be Harry Covaleskie, a southpaw, who, in the past, has been almost unhittable for a left-handed batsman.

In the Federal League Kauff hit southpaws just as well as he did rightand handed pitchers, and he faced some great portside twirlers. George Daugs is another pitcher who is effective against left-handed batsmen, though he is a right hander, and Jennings probably will have him in first-class shape. Neither will be allowed to pitch himself out, but both will be permitted to put, by far more on the ball than is customary at this time of the year.

If Kauff is as popular with his fellow-players in New York as he was with Brooklyn-despite the tales about his concelt and bragging-the Glant hurlers and players will do their best to aid Kauff in this great individual duel

between the two most-talked-of players in the national game at the present time. It should be a wonderful duel, and it is a pity it cannot be staged in the North, unless both teams are pennant winners in their respective leagues and compete in a world's series.

Penn Must Beat Yale Tonight

Penn's basketball five meets Yale tonight and it must win, or all chance of landing the intercollegiate title will be lost. It is possible for Penn to lose tonight and still finish in a tie for first place; but it is generally believed that the Red and Blue team will go to pieces against Cornell if the Elis win tonight.

The defeat at the hands of Princeton was a blow to followers of the Red mand Blue, but it was not entirely unexpected, as the Tigers have been virtually unbeatable on the home floor this season. While Princeton has an excellent term, it is likely to be beaten at least once more this season away from home, and therein lies Penn's great chance. Cornell has more games to play than any other team in the league, and it is fortunate for the Ithacans that the scuedule was arranged in this manner, as the team is just finding its stride now. Had "Cornell played more league games carlier in the season, it is likely they would now be out of the race, as the team played poorly earlier in the year.

Red and Blue Players Should be Rewarded

Penn will face another heavy team tonight, and one which is credited with | pennants on behalf of the Chifeds. The one of the two Intercollegiate League victories over the Red and Blue this winter. The Elis took advantage of its superior weight and a smaller floor than merely a little press agent yarn of the Weightman Hall and completely smothered the light Penn forwards. This broke up the Penn passing and made the light Red and Blue youngsters helpless. Yale is likely to be greatly surprised at the difference in Penn's play on "the large home floor, and while a hard game is expected, the Red and Blue should win with several points to spare. There is still a great chance for Penn, but even if the championship should be lost, Coach Jourdet and the players deserve great credit for the successful season. The regulars deserve their varsity letters "for the splendid showing, although it is a rule not to award the varsity "P" "to the basketball five, unless it wins the championship.

Orton Says Meredith Will Star Outdoors

New York critics claim that "Ted" Meredith is going back, and that the famous Fenn flyer will not be able to repeat his remarkable performance of winning the quarter and half in the Intercollegiates this year. Coach Orton, of the Red and Blue track team, insists that Meredith will have the greatest year of his sensational career when the outdoor season starts, and Meredith himself belleves that he will be better than ever. Lack of training is given as the reason for the frequent defeats of Meredith indoors this winter.

"Meredith is not winning these indoor races because he has made no attempt get in perfect trim," says Orton. "I believe that Meredith must be right to



JOE TINKER WILL STAKE HIS MANAGERIAL **REPUTATION ON RESULT OF 1916 CAMPAIGN**

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Greatest Problem Will Be to Cut Down Squad to Requirements of League

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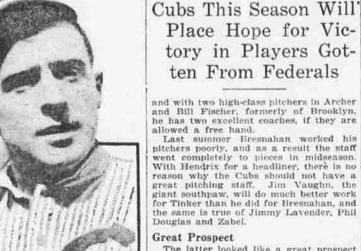
By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

ARTICLE V. AST summer when Joe Tinker was man-LAST mininer chicago Federal League

club he issued a challenge to the winners of the National and American League fans contended that the challenge was independent league, but Tinker insisted that it was his honest belief that his Chicago Fed team was stronger than any

in the country. Immediately after being appointed man r of the Cubs and the consolidation of ager of the Cubs and the consolidation of the 1915 Cubs and Whales had been con-summated Tinker proved to the fans that he at least was sincere by placing on the market more than half the 1915 Cub team, which was good enough to lead the National League up in August. At the time Tinker declared that he had to near for his Enderd League stars and room for his Federal League stars, who he felt certain would prove stronger than the 1915 Cubs.

As manager of the Cubs Tinker will be given a chance to prove to the baseball world that the Federal League was not



MANAGER JOE TINKER

player limit, but still Joe does not seem to be satisfied and is even at this time dickering for two or three players who are on the market. At the present time the Cubs have so many pitchers of recogworld that the Federal League was not a joke league from a playing standpoint. From a financial point of view the league was surely a frost, but it is barely pos-sible that Tinker had a much stronger the followers of organized ball are



Bushers Blossom Forth and Veterans From Fame During This Period of Preliminary Work

By GRANTLAND RICE

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bread and meat, whatever the e is rarely a frolic. The manager's job is the to them all. For the first part of the recruits look better than the these recruits the income

They have youth, the incomp sport, and are able to work at before the vet has quit limping a throbbing shoulder. And for three weeks the .205 hitter 1 down the fences, while the .310 s Angus W. Pop-up, lucky to hit

Angus W. Pop-up, lucky to hit the plate, much less over the fan

There are two important i camp life. One is the arm; the

NEWS OF THE BOWL

or matches of the second r City League tournament last night. Maneto, the

A QUEER freak of nature it is how habit or memory hangs on. You have read in lyrical verse how some John, obtaining a whift of roses or beverage all around. Husting rou nave read in tyrical verse now some John, obtaining a whilf of roses or mignonetic, suddenly recalled with amas-ing tenderness some Jane of other years. Or it may have been that some Jasper heard an old-fashion's melody and straightway before his vision some Bessie or Ethel drifted by. To borrow an illus-bastion from the late Orth Stain. tration from the late Orth Stein-

"Last night as I leaned from my window, High over the darkling street, A song came foating upward, Broken and incomplete-

"What delicate wraith of passion, What ghost of the yester years— 'Twas something as sweet as kisses, Something as sad as tears."

You get the idea. So with us. For some reason or other each breath of waning February brings back again the fragrant edor of baseball. It may have been from the fact that when we were a bit of a lad, but no part of a bonny one, each passing February brought the instinctive desire to get out and throw Majestic, but had, won the oponing a maratin in the defeats was close winning out in the second mamo by above of 947 10 328, while the b also was won by Majestie by 12, rouling 325 to the championa 321, knocked down 225 pins in his har the whore, while Shafer contribus his second game. For Maneto Jin Gues with 615, his best score, 213, being the second game. the baseball.

That desire has never passed, and if we were up around Baffin's Bay in Feb-ruary it would be the same. For the last days of February are the outposts of spring. And when the ball club starts spring. And when the ball club starts South and you are one of the party, you and spring have met half-way. A big league training trip is quite an

institution. To the casual inspector it is mostly routine. But beyond that it is a good deal more.

The three-game series between and White Elephanta was some which Wyndham won the old some the third of the matches and three by 5 pins. The ex-champions was pins, but it fell 5 pins below the Wyndham. Martin was high source, in this series, but for the night so pins in his three games. He beam followed with 231 and concluded with It is a very human section of life. There is nothing else just like it. Here are 40 young and middle-aged men working and living together in peace and hap-piness. Yet 20 of these are out hustling for the other 20's jobs. And only 20 can , Southpaw Halley, of Wyndham, in his first appearance. Moss tota his third game for the Elephania; man averaged a fraction over 290 a Knox contributed 626. stick. Either the Busher goes back to the Bush-for one more year or for his en-tire career-or the Busher sticks and the Veteran fades out. It is not the matter of the honor of making a college team. It is a matter of meat and bread, of the Missus and the Kids, of a profession that is to take up the last hour of one's

In a training trip there is the humor

and the tragedy of many lifetimes. We will take the case of an average Veteran. He has a family, and, never having been a great star, he has earned just about enough to break even on the living game, with a thousand or so left over. He knows that he has but a season or two left. And when he quits, at the age many start in other professions, he will be without a profession or a trade. If you are looking for a light gray chade of nathes you can find it in shade of pathos you can find it in that Veteran's eyes r: he sits on the bench nursing a sore arm, watching some Kid of 22 pegging them on a line from third to first the second day out. His job is threatened, but for the time being

he can't defend it with a sore arm and a charley-horsed thigh. Yet we have seen this type of Veteran on many an occasion go out and by experienced coaching try and show the Kid every trick of the game. It takes just a bit of a MAN to go out and try to help some one who is after your job.

Any one who figures that training camp Any one who ngures that training camp life for the athleto is a playful romp has another guess due. Up before § a. m., at the gymn by 9 and then a two-mile walk to the orchard, as Larry Doyle calls it. And then hustle—and work. By late afternoon the athlete is ready to eat the cover of the dining room table, and by cover off the dining room table, and by 10 o'clock he is poised for a running start toward the grand old hay. The first week in camp life is a week of agony ---of sore muscles, of aching arms, of throbbing legs.

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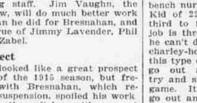
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The latter looked like a great prospect at the starf of the 1915 season, but fre-quent rows with Bresnahan, which re-sulted in his suspension, spoiled his work Douglas is another pitcher with a great future before him if he keeps in condi-tion. Tinker had intended to release Douglas and had made all arrangements for his transfer to a Pacific Coast League for his transfer to a Pacific Coast League team, but has decided he will give him Behind the bat the Cubs will be stronger

than any team in the National League, in-cluding the Phillies, even if Killefer is in shape. Fischer and Archer are both far above the average and Arthur Wil-son, another high-class catcher, has been sold to Pittsburgh, where he will be first catcher, with the veteran Glbson as see. catcher, with the veteran Gibson as second-string man.

and with two high-class pitchers in Archer and Bill Fischer, formerly of Brooklyn, he has two excellent coaches, if they are allowed a free hand. allowed a free hand. Last summer Bresnahan worked his pitchers poorly, and as a result the staff went completely to pieces in midseason. With Hendrix for a headliner, there is no reason why the Cubs should not have a great pitching staff. Jim Vaughn, the giant southpaw, will do much better work

THE CADDY GETS THE MOST FUN OUT OF THE

for Tinker than he did for Bresnahan, and the same is true of Jimmy Lavender, Phil Douglas and Zabel. Great Prospect

repeat in both events in the Intercollegiates and I don't think too much indoor work is good for him. He is running in these meets merely to accommodate the parties conducting them. When the outdoor season starts Meredith will go into active training and will be stronger than ever. He will open the eyes of the athletic world this season.

First Real Big Tennis Tournament Here in Winter

When the school boys began their tournament yesterday on the court of the 1st Regiment Armory, the first real winter meet was begun in Philadelphia. Not only will the boys complete their tournament, but the men will compete in singles and doubles and the women will have similar events

This tournament is being conducted in conjunction with the local sportsman's show. It was begun earlier than the show because the fact that there could be only one court placed in the armory makes it necessary that play continue all through the day and a part of the night, to complete the various events.

The court at the armory is laid out on canvas. The lines are painted green. The background is good and the overhead lighting makes night playing not only possible, but also as good as it is in the day.

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Is it possible that Charles Weeghman, new owner of the Cubs, who operated the Federal League Club in Chicago, is trying to deceive the public in order to scare off wealthy men who might want to start another baseball war? In a statement issued recently by Weeghman, he told of his tremendous losses in the Federal League venture, but the books of the club which were taken into court during the suit instituted by J. L. Sherlock against Weeghman show the losses for 1914 were only \$27,000.

This is a large sum of money to drop in one season, but not anywhere near what has been claimed. In his recent announcement, Weeghman evidently included the cost of his new park in the losses. He still has the park and the Cubs will play on it in the future, so this can hardly be considered a dead loss. The figures given out by Phil Ball, in St. Louis, also were greatly exaggerated. Perhaps this statement was also given out for the same purpose.

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Alfred De Oro again has lost the world's three-cushion billiard title. Charley Ellis, of Cleveland, came from behind in a sensational rally and beat the champion in the final night's play after the Cuban had gotten a large lead. This is about the sixth time De Oro has lost the title, but he always has been able to regain it. If Ellis is successful in defending the title against August Kiekhefer in April, it may be a long time before De Oro regains the title, as the Clevelander is improving rapidly and is but a youngster. The three days' plays at Allinger's was spectacular, despite the fact that neither man averaged one. Safety play kept the averages down, but served to make the games sensational, as many remarkable shots were made after safety plays.

For the third time this winter "Hub" Perdue has been unconditionally released. Whenever baseball news is lacking in St. Louis, the Cardinals sell Perdue to some minor league club. Perdue immediately refuses to join that team and he is unconditionally released, but somehow or other the Cards continue releasing him after having given him the "unconditional" long ago.

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Reports from the training camp of the New York Americans indicate that Manager Donovan has discovered a remarkable ball player in an 18-year-old semi-pro from New York, named McGovern. This lad is not any bigger than "Stuffy" McInnis, but joined the Yanks as a first baseman. In the batting practices to date McGovern has amazed the veterans. Donovan is anxious to see what he will do when the pitchers start using all their stuff and the curve balls are breaking sharply.

If Tinker's Federal League team was as strong as he claims, he should win the pennant in the National League race, as the addition of such players as Zimmer-man and Saier to the infield, Archer to the catching staff, Williams and Schulte to the outfield and Vaughn. Lavender and a few others to the pitching staff are surely a wonderful help.

When the two teams had consolidated Tinker surely had a wonderful aggrega-tion on paper, but as he is gradually cutting down the squad, the Cubs do not look nearly so formidable as they did at the time the deal was made. Tinker was a wonderfully bright ball player, but is yet to prove himself a capable manager, and many of baseball's brightest men are inclined to the belief that Joe will be a hindrance instead of a heip to the team.

Knows the Game

Tinker knows the game from beginning to end, is a splendid man personally and apparently there is no reason why he should not be a success; but he seems to go wrong every time it is necessary to exercise snap judgment. Poor judgment and failure to control himself caused Tinker to fail at Cincinnati in his first trial as a manager. If he has mastered self-control, the Cubs will be a hard team to beat, but if he has not, there is no tell-

to beat, but if he has not, there is no tell-ing where they will finish. There are a number of temperamental stars on Tinker's payroll, and they will not make Joe's path any easier if things break badly in the early part of the sea-son. One thing in Tinker's favor is his fighting spirit. He will not quit under fire, and some of the temperamental stars may not be able to get away with as much on him as they did on Hank O'Day much on him as they did on Hank O'Day and Roger Bresnahan. Baseball men do not believe that Tinker

will have a strong enough combination about second base unless he is in shape to play short with Doolan shifted over to second. They argue that Doolan is going back and cannot hit, while Yerkes is below the major league standard. It is con-tended that Tinker could stand a weak hitter in one of these position, but that the rest of the team cannot carry two weak hitters and slow runners, as will be the case with both Doolan and Yerkes in the line-up,

Last spring it was contended that Pat Moran had too many slow runners on his team, and that it would be a second division club because its offense, harring an sion club because its offense, barring an occasional home run, would be worthless; but Moran developed a powerful attack by constantly crossing his opponents. Tinker has many brainy ball players and may do ikkswise. He is at least willing to stake everything on his Federal Leaguers, and has proven conclusively that he was serious when he claimed the Whales were worthy opponents for suc team in occas worthy opponents for any team in organ-ized ball. Tinker's greatest task will be in cutting

down his squad to comply with the 21-

ting for Packard, the star southpaw of the Kansas City Feds. Unless the sale for Packard is consum-

mated tonight, he will revert back to Cincinnati, which team he jumped, but Man-ager Herzog told the writer when he was in this city last week that he did not want

the southpaw star on his team, although he admitted he is a great pitcher. Tinker is not anxious to pay an enormous price to Harry Sinclair for Pack-ard's release and probably will try to ar-range a trade or purchase with the Reds. There are two other players who are wanted by Tinker, which indicates that Joe is not nearly so optimistic as he was a few weeks ago.

Quartet of Feds

The Cubs are banking upon a quartet of Federal League pitchers to show great form, but in this they may be disappointed. Hendrix, Brown, Prendergast and McCounell are the twirlers Tinker in-tends to carry from the Whales of 1915, but aside from Hendrix none of these men are likely to be much of a help. If Brown's knee is strong, the grand old veteran may prove valuable as a pinch pitcher, but so far as regular duty is con-cerned the day has passed for the famous burder. hurler.

Tinker has much better pitching material from the 1915 Cub team than he will get from his Federal League aggregation,

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entirely upon whether Tinker is in shape play. If Tinker plays short, Mike solan will be moved over to second, with to play. Zimmerman on third and Saler on first This would make a powerful combination, but with either Yerkes or Zelder on sec-ond the infield would be weakened almost 50 per cent. Tinker has decided that Zwilling and

Flack would be regulars in the Cub out field, while it is virtually certain that Cy Williams must play the other position. Zwilling has not been seen in this city Zwilling has not been seen in this city since he was a recruit with the Braves four years ago, while Flack has never played here. Both may be stars, as Tinker claims, but local fans refuse to believe that either classes with Williams. For outfield utility duty, Tinker Intends to carry Mann, of the 1914 Braves, and "Wildfire" Schulte. The latter is the sole survivor as a player, if Tinker remains on the bench and Brown fails, of the fam-ous Cub machine of 1906 Archer not have

ous Cub machine of 1906, Archer not hav ing joined the team until later. If the Cub team does not finish one

two or three. Tinker will be voted a fail ure as manager, as he surely had the material at hand to develop a wonderful team at the time the clubs were merged. Already he has made several moves which were severely criticised, but time alone will tell whether he really pulled a "bons" in allowing several players to go to other clubs.

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