# ATLAS HAS NOTHING ON JACK BARRY, FRED MITCHELL OR JOE WOOD IN THIS YEAR OF 19

### THREE CASES WHERE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF BALL CLUB RESTS ON SHOULDER'S OF SINGLE INDIVIDUAL

### Jack Barry Will Either Make or Break Boston Red Sox-Fate of Chicago Cubs in Hands of Mitchell-What Wood Means to Cleveland

TUST how big a factor in baseball is the individual? For obvious reasons club owners are not willing to concede that the fate of a club can rest on the shoulders of one man, and the managers are ever emphasizing the power of concerted effort, co-operation and teamwork. Their wisdom in doing so cannot be questioned, but at the same time if you suddenly put the above question to Pat Moran he would involuntarily glance at Grover Cleveland Alexander. If you shot the query at Hughle Jennings, the name of Ty Cobb would naturally come to his lips. It must be granted that no ball player in the world can carry a team through if the essentials of co-operation and teamwork are missing, but nevertheless an individual can either make or break a ball team, and the personal equation is not to be frowned down. For instance, this season the fate of at least three ball clubs rests on the shoulders of an individual member of each club. Whether the Boston Red Box can repeat depends, it is generally admitted, upon whether Jack Barry can drive his men at the same speed attained by Bill Carrigan. Out in Chicago Fred Mitchell will either make or break the Cubs, and Joe Wood can either make the Cleveland Indians dangerous to any team or an also ran.

Consider, first, the situation in Boston. The class of the Red Sox cannot be denied-they are champions, have been champions for two years, and, were Carrigan again handling the reins, it is reasonable to suppose they would remain cham pions. The stuff is there and it is simply a question whether Jack Barry can bring it out. Let it not be said that Jack faces an easy task. There are a number of circumstances which make his path a thorny one. He is handling a number of veterans, older in years and baseball experience than he is, men who were blazing stars on the Hub baseball horizon long before Barry left the Athletics. This is only one of his difficulties. There are many others.

HAS Barry the executive ability to take the hazards safely and keep the Sox on the trail of triumph? It isn't a question of baseball in Roston -Barry knows the game from every angle. It is a matter of leadership, of personality, of executive force mixed with tact. It is distinctly up to Barry, the individual

#### Mitchell Also Has the Baseball Goods-Can He Deliver?

THE situation in Chicago is similar. Few will deny that the Cubs are a great ball team, and their failure year after year has been a sore disappointment to the Windy City fans. Students of the game agree that the Bruins have suffered from poor management since the days of Frank Chance, and their failure is attributed to poor leadership and to this alone. Evers, Bresnahan, O'Day, Tinker all failed one after another and went their various ways. Two of them-Evers and Breanahan-can blame their failure on the fact that they tried to apply the methods of Frank Chance, a school of management that could only be successful when executed by a Frank Chance. But it was all they knew, and they went through with it-to failure. Tinker never did have the necessary qualifications to succeed as a manager and Hank O'Day let the club run away with him.

So it has been that a great aggregation of ball players disappointed their folowers year after year. The Cubs still have the latent strength. Will Fred Mitchell be able to develop maximum efficiency and get results or will his name be added to the list of "those who failed with the Cubs"? He is in charge of a good club, he has an owner who will spend unlimited money to strengthen the weaker points, and he has been promized absolute authority in the playing end of the game.

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Will Mitchell make the mistake of Evers and Bresnahan and try to apply the methods of Stallings, with whom he has worked for years, or will he study the men he is handling and direct them as they should be directed? It is distinctly up to Mitchell, the individual.

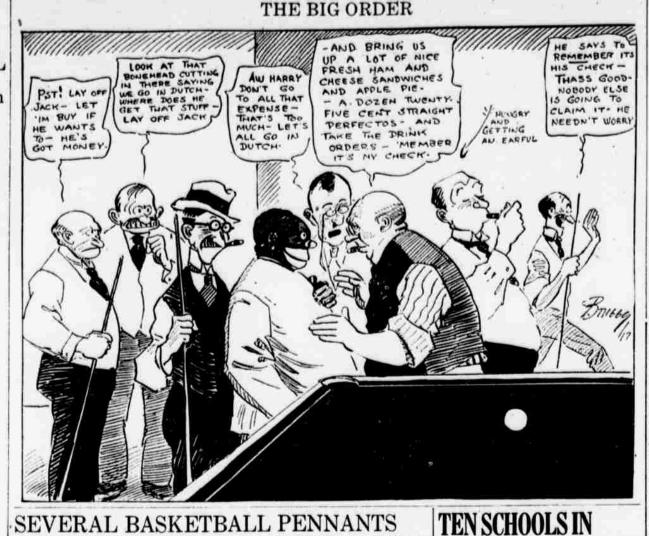
#### The Case of Joe Wood and the Cleveland Indians

THE situation in Cleveland is somewhat different. Wood is a player, not a manager-and SUCH a player WHEN HE IS RIGHT! If Wood is the "Smoky Joe" of yore, what wonderful things he can accomplish for Lee Fohl's tribe! The great pitcher says he is right, that he has nursed the old salary wing along and is ready to repeat the performances that made him the constion of 1912. Working with Guy Morton, whose arm is said to be fit for yeoman service once more, the pair can make the Indians one of the most feared teams in the American League and tighten up the race in a way which will bring many extra dollars rolling into the coffers of the magnates. Last season the power of the Cleveland team amazed the baseball world, and with the addition of Joe Woodthe Wood of 1912-what heights may it not achieve?

WILL Wood "come back"? With him in form the Indians must be reckoned with; without him they can hope to accomplish little as they now shape up. It is distinctly up to Wood-the individual.

#### **Champion Herman Sticks to Own Profession**

DETER GULATTO, otherwise and better known as Pete Herman, the new bantam champion, is the only present ring champion who has not been lured by the footlights. Furthermore, it is not that the New Orleans lad hasn't had the opportunity to do the "two-a-day" stunt. The day after Peter dethroned Kid Williars he was offered a theatrical contract, but he gave the vaudeville folks to understand that he was a boxer-a good boxer-and not an actor. Just now Herman is not getting the boosting a champion should be given. It is apparent that the new titleholder would rather stay in the background than get out and let the world know what time he takes his morning bath or when he indulges in strenuous pinochle games. Herman is credited with saying that he is a boxer and will do nothing else. This is the right spirit, but foreign to the present money-grabbing methods of most boxers.



EASTERN LEAGUE

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE

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Saturday - Princeton at Pennsylvania; Yale at Dartmouth.

The traveling Jasper Jewels returned

home from New England last evening and

pleased a large crowd of Kensington rooters with a fine display of scientific basketball,

which was punctuated with streaks of

passing reminiscent of the games of the

The old line-up of Hough and Sedran,

and he played the game, but

Tonight-De Nerl at Greystock: Trenton at

### SEVERAL BASKETBALL PENNANTS MAY BE DECIDED AS RESULT OF THE MANY GAMES SCHEDULED TONIGHT

Greystock.

Trenton Jasper

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BASKETBALLICALLY speaking tonight is one of the busitest ever recorded in our recollection in these parts. All kinds of important games are down on the hedule for decision.

In the Eastern League two battles are on the cards. At Cooper Battalion Hall the champion Greys tee off with De Neri and over at Camden the Skeeters meet Trenton The Camden City Industrial League pen-nant may also be determined when Peerless Kid faces McAndrews & Forbes. Here in town another championship may be decided when Dobsen clashes with Hancock in the city play-off ceries.

#### Dobson vs. Hancock

Hancock, of the American League, will hancock of the American Loads be be crowded city champion if it succeeds in putting over another victory at the expense of Dobson, winner in the Indusin Lengue. The first meeting of the combatants was fought with plenty of ex-licement on Tuesday night, when the boys from the Falls were nosed out by a pointa sufficient margin to gain the verjust:

dict. The Workingmen's League landed the honors last year in straight games and the Americans are out to turn the trick be reading and a straight games and the straight this season, and surely no one can hate them this season, and surely no one can hate them for that. According to reports Dobson is fully aware of the mistakes male in the ranged a series with Scranton. ing clash and is anxious to reedem its mistakes

The Peer'ess Kid-McAndrews and Forbes setto will be a hummer. They were deadlocked prior to Wednesday eve-ning when the latter won and assumed first hing which According to the "dope" Peerless Kid would win in a canter, but it received a rule setback. And hats off to the ball displayed by the winners. The way they aspinayed by the winners the way bey passed the leather in the final minutes was a treat to witness and the headwork dis-played would have done credit to Joe Fo-garty himself. All of which infers one to believe that the so-called stars of Peer-less Kid will have to show something more tonight of they intend to tie up their rival. The Peerless Kid team may be all right, solution of the so-called stars of Peer-tonight of they intend to tie up their rival.

what's in a name anyway.

#### Big Meadowbrook Event May Have to Be Run Statistics of Intercollegiate Off in Heats and Eastern Cage Games

JOEY RAY NOT TO RACE

W.L.P.C. 11 5 .088 Camden 8 9 .471 9 8 .529 Readingt 8 9 .471 9 8 .529 De Nerl 5 11 .313 The one-mile high and preparatory school relay race in the Meadowbrook games to-morrow night in Commercial Museum will have to be run in heats. It isn't often morrow night in Commercial Museum will have to be run in heats. It isn't often that a relay race at one mile has to be run in heats—it has never been done in America before—but in this race there are ten entries and it is doubtful if ten teams Saturday-Jasper at De Neri; Greystock at Reading. 
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can take the mark at one time and run the race in a satisfactory manner.

The teams entered are: Episcopal Acad-my, Mercersburg Academy, Bethlehem rep School, Tome Institute, Baltimore my, Prep Poly Prep. St. Benedict's School, Newark, N. J.; Perkiomen Seminary; Chester High School, Northeast High School and Central High School,

lost. At the conclusion he received word that even if his team had won the game The trophy for this race is held by St. Albans School, of Washington, D. C., which is not represented this time. George Green, the former St. Albans coach, is now coach-ing the Tome Institute, and is after the Even with trophy again. Previous to the St. Albans victory Mercersburg won the race three years in succession. It is more than likely that there will be two heats of five teams Now Lewis has fined Pittston for its It is a grand. each, with the first two teams qualifying for the final heat,

There are thirty-seven events on the program. The Meadowbrook Club put on a one-mile race at the suggestion of Joey Ray, of the Illinois A, C., and gathered together the fastest milers in the country, but during the last two weeks the Meadowbrook Club has been unable to get an answer to any of their communications from Ray, and it is said that he doesn't intend to run here, but that he will run in St. Louis.

Ivan Meyer is coming from the Illinois A. C., however, and will run in the event. The medley relay for Philadelphia schools attracted the entries of Episconal

### ALL OUR SPOOFING ABOUT CRICKET IS MISPLACED, SAYS PLAYER; FINE POINTS OF GAME NOT UNDERSTOOD

By GRANTLAND RICE You Know How It Is

There are days when you play around par—or below— There are days when you can't play a lick; And the 'elofitis you may foozle when well, And make your best scores when you're sick.

For there ain't any answer in sight. You never know where you belong; You'll blow when you think you are right, And you'll blow when you know you are wrong.

I's THE old-fashioned art of training camp | wonder I could not see anything in the same. SLEEPY STEVE (Goshen). writing fading out? Not a scribe yet has discovered a pitcher with a new-fangled game. Mack's Hard Luck curve that breaks three ways at the same ent-known as the triple prong or the whirling dip.

#### **Concerning** Cricket

According to F. C. T., a well-known cricket player, most of the spoofing, josh-ing or kidding which cricket receives in this country is due to a lack of knowledge of the finer points of the game; just as golf was once a leading denizen of The Spoofery for the same reason. "I have played." he writes, "with great pleasure and benefit baseball, football, hockey, tennis, golf and soccer, and at no time have I found among the players of these games

the same keen and lasting love of the game as I have observed among cricketers both American and English. It is also my belief that cricket is the more varied and scientific, and presents greater possi-bilities of diverse talents than other games Cricket is played extensively in this coun try, contrary to popular bellef, and, like golf and baseball, contains a bottomless well of reminiscence. I write this in behalf of a great game that has been misunderstood."

No sport-loving nation, such as England is, could ever take up a game to such an extent that cricket has been taken up

#### Another Angle

Another Angle Dear Sir: Several years and as many months ago I came out of the South Ken-sington Museum at noon. The day being exceedingly fine, I decided to see what Lon-don had to offer in the way of sport. So after getting lunch at the A. B. C. I jour-neyed out to Lord's to witness my first and perhaps last game of cricket. I was amused for a time and then bored. The game to me was listless and dull. Since reading "Canuck's" paragraph on "Bomb-throwing. Baseball and Cricket is a form of prepared-ness—and, being an American, it is no

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Mack's Hard Luck Connie Mack has found it impossible is please. He first developed a ball club that nobody could beat and the entire learn broke into a roar, claiming that he was broke into a roar, claiming that he was killing interest in each year's race. It then offered a ball club that everybes could beat five days a week, and this to failed to please. Yet there are folks who wonder just why it is that Connie carris that Dantean look of one who is "mood, silent, taciturn and prone to melauchal the discovered in his varied career that apparently you can't please any of the per-ple any of the time. Connie has undoubtedly improved his city nore than a mere trifle for the 1917 chappaign. But whether sufficient improvement has some to lift the club out of last place is something on the side.

something on the side. Last fall Mack's club finished exactly forty ball games back of Washington is seventh place. It won forty less and los forty more. When a ball club finishes forty games back of a club in seventh place is upilfting process will have to be an ab-normal affair. Mack might win twenty-five more games this season than he do last and still finish a very bad last. With Thrasher and Bodie he has added a punch to his outfield with Strunk sill around, while Bush and Myers form the nucleus of good pitching possibilities. The weak spot at present is where the field. Stuffy McInnis remains, but the re-mainder of the infield cast has yet to show any first division possibilities.

**Overt Acts in Golf** 

unless the game itself was of high rank

**ONE-MILE RELAY** 

1. When your opponent holes a 30-foot putt. 2. When your opponent's topped shot umps a trap or bunker. 3. Any hole that costs over ten shota 4. Any player who says, "That's the

5. Failing to replace a divot. L. L. G.

WHETHER Herman will be able to live a life of fame without develop-ing a swollen cranium only time will tell.

#### **Basketball Players Slowly Developed**

THE promoters of the proposed new basketball league are to be commended if they adhere to their determination to have the various clubs composed of three professionals and two amateurs. One can easily count on their two hands the novs developed in these parts in the last ten years. Jack McGraw, the old Jasper tar, who was the hero of many a cage battle, was discussing this phase of the situation while a spectator at the Greystock-De Neri clash on Saturday night. He was commenting on the grand work of Tommy Barlow and launched into a discussion of just how many good boys had broken into fast company in ten rears. It took all this time to develop Cross, McWilliams, Lawrence, Cashman, Deighan, Kerr and Barlow-a pretty poor showing.

Say a league was allowed but three professionals and put a trio like Sedrow. Friedman and Fox togetheri they would develop two younger boys into big leaguers the same as they did at Carbondale. A three-and-two rule means the making of basketball players in this 'vicinity-something absolutely necessary if the indoor sport is to be perpetuated. Most of the topnotchers have been at the game for from ten to fifteen years, and as they must "cash in" some day the developing of their successors is an important issue. Those fostering the new organization, and their identity is a mystery worthy the great Sherlock Holmes to unravel, have not been guilty of "blowing" seir heads off in regard to the new enterprise and are learning to creep before they walk. Out-of-town correspondents appear eager to learn of the new venture, according to reports.

#### **Boxers Do Not Jump Into Limelight Right Off Reel**

FEW boxers ever place themselves before the public as star performers until after several years of active service in the squared circle. A majority of the present-day headliners had to do preliminary work for at least five years before being recognized as stellar scrappers. Bobby Reynolds is in his seventh year as a glove wielder, and now it appears that he is about to place himself before the apotlight. Reynolds's bout last night against Jack Dunleavy proved that the illadelphian was as clever as he ever was, but for the first time in his career Bobby showed that he could hit. He uses his right in a short right-cross movement, and Reynolds may prove himself another Benny Leonard. Leonard was diamond in the rough for about seven years before he knocked out Joe Mandot and then developed into the greatest lightweight knockerout in America.

PhilaDELPHIA has one or two legitimate lightweights who can fight and give the best in their weight trouble, but there are non at the top now who can box and punch well enough to be ranked with Benny Leonard. Johnny Dundee, et al.

#### Four Trapshooters Make Perfect Scores

ONLY a quartet of gunners out of the many hundreds who line up at the posts of the Trapshooters' League have thus far experienced the "grand and glorious feeling" that follows the satisfactory performance of making a perfect score in a sing that follows the satisfactory performance of making a perfect score in a maximum match. Two of these break-alls are local men, Vincent-Oliver, Clearview tub, and Harry Sloan, of Meadow Springs, while E. R. Jenks, who represents the i Pents, of Wilmington, and Percy Pflegar, the Lansdale star, complete the list, trees of these 50-out-of 50 scores were made when the gunners were visitors over ion impa. "Vince" Oliver is the only man in the league who has turned the list on his home grounds.

#### St. Rita's Five Seeks Basketball Title

testbell team is out for the champlohahip of Philadelphia, and we the winner of the Dobson-Hancock contests no rest until a price of contests. Manager Ryan believes that his charges have result these far this manns. Out of forty-five appearances in result these far this manns. Out of forty-five appearances in result these far this manns. Out of forty-five appearances in result these far this manns. Out of forty-five appearances in result these far this manns. Out of forty-five appearances in result the manner of the manner of the second time are appearances.

#### Grays Meet De Neri

There are few basketball fans who have not conceded the second haif Eastern League pennant to Greyntock, but it must he admitted that methematically speaking it are not the winner as yet. It col-lides with De Neri this evening, and if re-turned on the long end of the score cannot he beaten out no matter what happens.

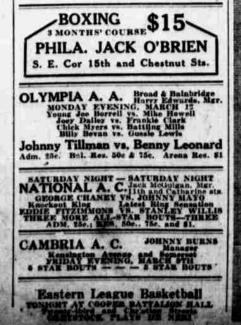
But it is not sure of winning, accord-ing to advices emanating from the De Neri and the observed and the second secon riors, has been playing poorly for several weeks and the work of De Neri has shown it. But the slender one promises a different tale tonight, and official scorers are hereby taile tonight, and oncial scores are hereby notified to carry a couple of extra pencils to record the baskets he shoots. If all this proves true Greyslock is beaten before the game really starts. The dope may go wrong. Camden is out for revenge over Trenton, as the Skeeters have not forgotten the way they were laced by their brother Jerseymen the last time they invaded Skeeterville. But it must just be remem-bered that Trenton is going some.

#### **Big Fight in State**

There is a big fight on in the Pennsylvania State League. Carbondale at present is not a member of the organization. It is going a long distance from home to get news, but we will predict that the present Carbondale team will not be a member of the league next season. This may prove a surprise, but wonders never cease.

From a neutral standpoint it really d ok as if Carbondale is getting a raw deal Here are the facts in the case:

On Monday, February 26, Andy Sulls ordered his team to leave the floor at Pitts-ton after a mix-up with Referee Jack Evers. and from all accounts the official was at fault. Carbondale had a contest booked at Hazleton the following Wednesday evening. Suils expected to be fined, but no word was



who is laid up with the grip, and White and O'Donnell were the forwards of the visiting team, Beggs and Morris, guards, and Haggery, center. The score at the end of the first half was 10-6, and at the finish 21-11. The visitors were held to two field goals, one in each half, and they both went to Charley O'Donnell, Jas-per made six field goals and they went to:

The Bears were minus Johnny

failure to play Carbondale. It mix-up, but may soon be settled.

Jasper a Winner

early season.

Sedran, 3; Hough, 2, and Friedman, 1 The Intercollegiate pennant may be settled tomorrow night when Penn meets Princeton at Weightman Hall.

Academy, Germantown, West Philadelphia, Northeast, Central and South Philadelphia High Schools. In this race the first boy runs 220 yards, the second, 440; the third, 880, and the fourth, one mile. Mayor Smith will fire the pistol for the

first race at 7:30.

## Disston to Play Putnam March 31

Disstons and Putnams will play their post-poned American League match on Saturday, March 31. It also was announced that the Disstons New York National Cup match will be played tomorrow.



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