

HARRY DAVIS, HERO OF MANY BASEBALL BATTLES, RETIRES FROM THE GAME TO ENTER BUSINESS

COCK ENTITLED TO KIND WORDS INSTEAD OF KNOCKS IN EFFORT TO BUILD UP NEW BALL CLUB

Lean General Will Maintain Silence Until Ready to Make Real Announcement—Phils Will Strengthen and Prospects Look Good

The eyes of the baseball world are focused on Philadelphia as the 1918 season draws nigh. The financial transactions perpetrated by Connie Mack and William F. Baker have given the city huge gobs of publicity...

Not only that, but the experts who fling a nasty typewriter as referring to Philadelphia as a joke town, and in a short time followers of baseball are likely to believe that such is the case...

"One of the many evils of major league baseball for many years has been the fact that the wealthy clubs have been able to purchase stars from the weaker outfits. This has brought about joke baseball in the depleted cities, Philadelphia, for instance."

This writer is partly right, if the dope is taken seriously. True, the Athletics are a beautiful picture of desolation and a first-class wreck...

CONDITIONS are different with the Phillies. The loss of Alexander and Killefer will be keenly felt, but that does not mean the club will trail the league. Riskey's enlistment and the trading of Dode Baskert will be felt, but there are other players who can perform their duties in big league style...

Make-Up of Athletics a Mystery Until Connie Talks

LET'S take a look at the prospects of the two big league clubs and how they line up for the 1918 derby. First we have the Athletics, guarded by the sphinx-like silence of Connie Mack...

But no one can blame Connie for his clammy attitude. He is running the ball club; it is his money that is invested, and with so many volunteer advisors to point out his mistakes, he has a perfect right to keep mum...

When you can rest assured that Connie will pull something big when the time comes for the official announcement. He is not after talent, and does not care how young or how old the players may be...

Phils Do Not Look So Weak in Comparison With Other Clubs

NOW the Phillies have lost only four of last year's regulars and gained none in exchange. Alexander and Killefer will weaken the team a trifle, but perhaps not so much as is expected...

Jack Adams is said to be another Killefer, and if regularly is expected to be one of the stars of the league. He showed up well last year, and Pat Moran thinks well of him...

The pitching department must be strengthened, and Pat Moran is angling for a bunch of high-class twirlers. He is said to be flirting with Elippo Vaughan, the southpaw with the Cubs, and hopes to land him...

NEW YORK and Chicago look good in the National League, but the other clubs cannot be considered stronger than the Phillies. The ace in the hole, to our mind, is Pat Moran. The Fitzburg genius has a faculty of developing good ball clubs...

Managers Said to Be After McGraw's Scalp

INFORMAL sport has been quite popular the last season, which fact may be responsible for a story coming from western papers to the effect that a little informal and casual understanding has been reached among the managers of three National League teams...

"Alexander and Vaughn, of the Cubs; Ames and Meadows, of the Cards; Cooper and Miller, of the Pirates, are to be sent into action against McGraw's men as often as they can be used, rubbed down, freshened and sent in again."

Second-string pitchers can be held back and used against other teams, but whenever the Giants appear on these three arenas they are to be handed the hottest opposition that can be put forward."

The story further is to the effect that the managers involved have (also informally) suggested to Christy Mathewson the fine possibilities of getting in on a deal of the kind in the interest of his team's prospects for the coming year.

Stallings Has Big Fielding Star in Wickland

AL WICKLAND, secured by the Braves from Indianapolis, will go to the center of American "kultur" with no reputation as a welder of the club, but he enjoys a wonderful fielding record...

"The loss of Wickland's misplays came in June—one on the 4th, in his second game, and one on the 18th, in his seventh game. At accepted eighty-five percent before an error was marked up against him, and then cared for him before committing his second and last misplay of the season..."

The variety and freshness candidates for the Cornell crew has been called out. Twenty-five members of the variety and freshmen squads in the Cornell crew have been called out...

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

A cartoon series showing a coalman's daily routine from Monday to Friday, with various humorous observations about his job and the coal industry.

SWARTHMORE HAS STAR IN JUDGES

Prep School Basketball Team Will Meet Penn Fresh Tomorrow

CHAT OF SCHOOLBOYS

In view of the recent victories over the Wilmington Friends' and Westwood School, and the Swarthmore Prep basketball team and its rosters are inclined to look forward with expectations of victory to the "big" contest with the Penn. Freshmen tomorrow afternoon in the Swarthmore gym.

Vaughn Pitches No-Hit Game Every Four Seasons

A good bet to make is that if Jim Vaughn is pitching four years hence he will hurl a no-hit game. The Chicago Cubs coach has been boasting that Vaughn pitched a no-hitter in his first four years as manager...

MORAN REFUSES TO BOX IN WEST

Fredward Fulton does not seem to be highly enthused over his coming bout with Frank Moran in New Orleans, February 22. The ferocious one is thinking seriously of forsaking the sunny south for Denver and asked that the scene of battle be shifted to the West...

'OMARA LATEST DODGER TO ENLIST IN SERVICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Oliver E. O'Mara stepped over to the Brooklyn Navy Yard yesterday and enlisted. He makes the seventh of Squire Ebbetts' well known Dodgers to be accepted for national service, and the monarch of Flatbush is beaming with pride...

BENNY KAUFF PLACED IN CLASS 1 OF DRAFT

POMEROY, O., Jan. 29.—When called before the local draft board here yesterday to answer his questionnaire, Benjamin Michael Kauff, center fielder of the Giants, waived an exemption claims and was placed in class 1 of the draft...

BAN GETTING AMERICAN BALL SCHEDULE READY

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, expects to put the finishing touches to the 1918 schedule of the league here today. Johnson is returning from Pittsburg with a rough draft of the schedule, but still has a few wrinkles to iron out of the program before giving it his approval.

HOBBLITZELL TO MANAGE RED SOX CLUB DURING WAR

First Baseman Is Selected for the Job, as Barry Must Stick to the Navy—McInnis to Play Second

BECAUSE baseball players who have enlisted in the navy will not receive furloughs during the coming season, the permanent plans of the Boston Red Sox have been smashed to smithereens in the last few days. Harry Franke, Connie Mack's principal customer, has been notified that he would have to struggle along without the services of Jack Chick, shortstop; Del Gainer and Herb Pennock, and now is doing up a scheme to patch up the vacant spots...

Sports Served Short

Walker Cochran defeated George Sutton, the famous eight-year Dartmouth football star, in a New York City match at New York by a score of 250 to 148.

James F. Austin, the "mark nine" of the Braves and one of the three players of the club given salary contracts for another year at a lower rate.

J. B. Murphy, of Malden, Mass., was called into the navy last week and joined the team and has a string of hits.

Branch Rieker has signed Tombauer, a right-hander.

The Johns Hopkins University football team will begin its season on October 12 with the Virginia Military Institute. Brown, Dickinson and Carlisle have been dropped from the schedule.

Tommy Kerrigan, former golf professional of the Cornell crew has been called out.

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HARRY DAVIS MAKES EXIT FROM GAME

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By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
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But let's get back to the last story. When Connie gathered his stars to Boston for so much per star and canned some of the goofs to the minor leagues, it was hinted that Davis would follow the lead of some of the other players and devote his time to common counciling and taking care of his customers who need iron and steel.

Played Many Parts
Harry was one of the unique characters in baseball. He never became excited and went serenely on his way working his head off, but always keeping both feet on the ground. He would be on the coaching lines one day and don the false whiskers and gum shoes to spy on some unsuspecting pitcher in the grand ball park.

Williams at Olympia
Kid Williams will meet Joe Lynch, the most recent bantam flash, in the wind-up at the Olympia tonight. Lynch has been doing good work of late and tonight's bout will determine whether or not he has the class to dispute the title with Pete Herman.

Scraps About Scrappers
Joe Horrell and Jack McCarron are training hard for their little at the Cambria ring with Mike O'Dowd or Mike Gibbons.

Davis to the Rescue
Connie looked over the array of hired men strewn over the bench and shook his head. No one was present on the bench to assist the ball and Johnson was about to meander to the plate when Mack turned to Davis.

Hits Into Double Play
Harry let two bad ones slide by and then took a mighty swing. He hit the ball on the nose and sent it to the left of the second baseman. It looks like a sure safety, but Fritz Schlegel made a sensational stop, not Schlegel, made a second and the ball was relayed to first in time to nip Davis by a step.

Notes of the Batters
Jim Guest, of the Wyndham team, Quaker City club, was the star of the greatest scattering exhibition ever witnessed on a local bowling alley. He bowled the pin for nine consecutive times, making a total of 110 pins.

San Salvador again stepped into the ring, nabbing out Columbus, St. Leo dropping back to third place.

McPherson, of Mansfield, topped Art Elliott's three-games score by thirty-six pins. His total was 693 for three games.

Main Office of the American Ice League, last two out of three in Division 'A' and still holds tight to first place in its category of Division No. 3, set a new record for the league when he rolled 331 in his last game.

Victors of the Keystone States "B" won the championship of the season when they beat Activon a close second and Florist finishing third.

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We find no change in the Ardian League for last week. Underwood holds first place in Section "A", Harney still holds first in Section "B", and Northwater holds first in Section "C".

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RICE'S SELECTION OF MASTER MOUNDSMAN BRINGS ON GREAT DEBATE WITH THE FAN FOLK

Straw Plebiscite in Form of Mail Vote Shows Many Favoring Cy Young and Walter Johnson Over Matty as All-Time Star

IF YOU are ever looking for an argument or for a burning debate we have the recipe. Merely get in a bunch and mention some one pitcher as being the greatest of the lot for all time. Then sit back and observe the language pour out in a solid stream.

We found this out some time ago when we unfurled our dope on the greatest ball club of all time. This line-up produced the expected amount of correspondence. Very few disputed Buck Ewing's reign as catcher. Most of them were willing to admit that Eddie Collins, Hans Wagner and Jimmy Collins were some around the middle.

The Master of Mound
In naming this selection there was a wide discrepancy. Some of the old-timers, stood by Radbourne. A few named Avoe Ralston. But in the main the votes were cast for Cy Young and Walter Johnson, with Ed Walsh and Alexander also named.

For Young—Won more ball games by a wide margin than any pitcher that ever worked. Pitched more ball games by a wide margin than any other man. Was therefor the most successful. Made his great record with two clubs, Cleveland and Boston—West and East—to show he could meet any change. Worked with pennant winners and with losing teams, but was always a star.

For Johnson—Has been handicapped most of the time by a weak club, but in spite of this, did wonderful work. Had more speed and was harder to hit than any other. Would have made an even more remarkable record if he had pitched in the prime of his career. Was with a strong club back of him to get a few runs would have been unbeatible.

Young, Johnson and Matty
There is so much to be said in favor of all three men that no definite proof can ever be collected to settle the debate. It is still a matter of opinion, and not a matter of record.

1916 World's Series Games to Be Replayed This Spring
The world's series of 1916 will be re-played for the benefit of the Red Cross in April. The Boston Red Sox and the Brooklyn Dodgers are going to hook up in New York City in a series of training trips games.

ELWELL, WITH 78, WINS QUALIFYING MEDAL
Veteran Walter Fairbanks Second in Big Golf Tourny at Palm Beach
PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 29.—The annual Lake Worth golf tournament for the benefit of the Red Cross started yesterday over the links of the Palm Beach Golf Club with seventy-four entries.

RISBERG AND KOPF HOLD BUM FIELDING RECORDS
Two shortstops, Risberg, of the White Sox, and Kopf, of the Cincinnati Reds, showed more blunders than any other major league players last year.

ADMITTING KIDS WOULD COST \$500 THIS YEAR
According to Branch Rickey, of the Cardinals, 37,000 boys were admitted to championship games played on the home grounds by the Cardinals last season. It had been planned to still further increase the membership this season.

Basketball Games Tonight
Two of the major local basketball leagues will be in action tonight. The Northwest Church Association's games at First Dutch and the City Union's games at Second Dutch.

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DICK HOBLITZELL

League a shortstop, and can play a tidy game at any infield position. He was announced as yet, but it is safe to state that he will be the new pilot in a couple of days.

Hoblitzell recently was permitted to leave a hospital in Cincinnati, where he had undergone a difficult operation. He is now convalescing at his home there and probably will meet Harry Franke on the Boston team when it comes to Philadelphia on February 14.

A strange part about Hobby's operation was that he decided to go through with it to enable him to enter the dental service in the army. The proffer of the temporary management of the Boston team may cause him to change his mind.

Hoblitzell will continue at first base for Boston, and Harry Franke will be shifted to second. While McKinis has won most of his fame as a first baseman he originally came into the American