

HERZOG SAYS IT'S MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND, UNLESS GEORGE STALLINGS COMES ACROSS

COBB EASILY WORTH \$100,000 IF SOLD AT RATE PREVAILING IN HISTORIC BASEBALL TRADES

Disposal by Detroit at Present Time Would Be Equivalent to Closing the Ball Park—Is Whole Team in Himself

RENZIED finance in baseball has reached an acute stage when the name of Tyros Raymond Cobb is mentioned in a business transaction with another club. Not only that, but the fountain of publicity must be running dry if it becomes necessary to ring in a player like Tyros the Great to arouse public interest in a ball club.

However, there is little likelihood of Cobb ever leaving Detroit. When he signed his questionnaire recently it is said that he placed in his list of dependents a wife, three children and the Detroit ball club.

A price like \$100,000 should not tempt the owners of the club to part with the Georgia marvel. It would mean a big depreciation in the stock of the ball club, the team would lose its greatest power on the attack and there would be no one to look up to. The other players with Detroit tried hard to emulate Cobb when at bat, and the result was that the team always ranked high in the slugging class.

THE Yankees cannot be blamed for trying to land the world's famous batsman. Playing in New York and on the Polo Grounds, it is necessary to get some big attraction to compete with the Giants.

American League Team Poor Drawing Card

THE American League team has been woefully weak in the big town and the attendance figures look sick and anemic when compared with those of the National club. Cobb is the highest salaried active player in the land and no one can compare with him as a gate attraction.

Every time Cobb's name is mentioned in a deal, the question comes up as to his true value in dollars. That would be hard to estimate, but judging from the money expended in other trades, Tyros stands in a class by himself. Eddie Collins was sold for \$30,000 and received \$15,000 for signing, which meant an expenditure of \$45,000 for the White Sox.

Other deals have been put through in the past where big money changed hands. Joe Tinker was sold to Brooklyn for \$25,000 in 1913, but Joseph failed to report. Lee Magee brought \$22,000 and Bennie Kauff \$20,000. Pittsburgh was stung for \$22,500 in the Marty O'Toole deal, and Connie Mack once paid \$12,000 for Lefty Russell, the Baltimore flavor.

Taking those figures as examples, it can easily be seen that Cobb's value is far greater than can be estimated in legal tender terms. He is a ball club by himself, has played hard all the time and never lay down. He is in there fighting and sets a good example for the other men.

HE HAS been on the team for thirteen years, and, outside of Walter Johnson, is the only star in the big leagues who has played on only one ball team since breaking in.

Persistent Rumor Suggests Fielder Jones Is Out

RUMORS have been revived within the last few days that Fielder Jones would not be the Brown manager this season. During the big baseball season in New York Joe Tinker was mentioned as a possibility for the job. Previous reports suggested the name of Walt McCredie, the Pacific coast veteran manager, this season's pilot of Salt Lake City.

The unpopularity of the Brown manager with the players and fans of the big city on the banks of the Mississippi has long been a subject of common knowledge and comment. Plank quit last year after a reported run-in and open conflict between the manager and Players Pratt and Lavan was widely advertised. Club discipline was a joke and it is not strange that persistent rumors have been broadcast all winter that somebody would be found in his place in the Brown managerial role this season.

A strong indication of the way the St. Louis wind has been blowing is to be noted in the fact that all player deals and moves discussed in the home papers of late have come directly from and in the name of Business Manager Bobby Quinn. Quinn has done this or that managerial stunt and Jones's name has not been mentioned as being anybody or doing anything.

The situation has been so strained that players openly have expressed themselves as to their dissatisfaction, and Derrill Pratt in an interview said among other things that one of the manager's most prominent faults, and one that places any manager in bad with his men, is that he always alibis himself at the expense of a player when anything goes wrong. Another charge is that the managerial temper has soured and that the boss has acquired the habit of not associating with the men and not having any pleasanties to spare. In any event, there is no popularity anywhere, and least of all among the newspaper people of St. Louis, who no longer treat him as the real head of affairs.

THE latest word coming from the coast, where Jones lives, is to retire. The effect that he declines to affirm or deny stories that he is to retire. And for only real indication that Hall considers him manager this year came some time back, when orders were issued that he was to use the shining sword and iron fist stuff this season instead of cream-puff methods.

Cleveland Never Has Had Thirty-Game Pitcher

PERHAPS the reason no Cleveland club ever has won an American League pennant is that no Cleveland American League pitcher has ever won thirty games in one season.

Thirty pitchers have won that many games in a season in the history of the sport, but only six American Leaguers have performed that feat. Cy Young, pitching for Boston, registered thirty and thirty-two victories in 1901 and 1902. Jack Chesbro came through for the Yankees in 1904 by winning forty-one games, which is the record for modern-day pitchers.

Ed Walsh in 1908 came close to tying the mark, but stopped with forty. Jack Coombs won thirty for the Athletics in 1910, while Smokey Joe Wood took down thirty-four triumphs in 1912. Walter Johnson beat that mark by two in 1913. Johnson also won thirty-two games in 1912.

The nearest any Cleveland American League hurler ever came to hitting the thirty mark was in 1904, when Bill Bernhard captured twenty-nine games, losing thirteen. Addie Joss took second honors, winning twenty-seven and losing eleven in 1907. Joss also won twenty games in 1905, twenty-one in 1906 and twenty-four in 1908.

VEAN GREGG, who comes to the Athletics this year in the Strunk-Bush-Schang deal, broke into the twenty class three times, taking down twenty-three, twenty and twenty in 1911-1913. The others to beat twenty were Dasty Rhoades and Otto Hess in 1906, Moore in 1903 and Jim Bagby in 1917.

McGraw Fired Jack Hendricks From Giants

SEVEN old managers of National League baseball teams will appear on the field when the season opens in April, Jack Hendricks, pilot of the St. Louis Cardinals, being the only new manager of the league. Hendricks has behind him a highly successful career in the minors. It is a queer kind of fate that he was a member of the New York Giants when McGraw became their manager in 1902 and Hendricks was one of the first players given the "pink slip" by the new Giant pilot. In sixteen years he has worked his way back up the ladder to a place beside the man who once declared that he could never become a big league ball player. Christy Mathewson, Fred Mitchell and Hugo Bezdek are almost as new at the game as major league experiences.

This Holdout Surely Has Meritorious Case

IT always is the baseball public with the player in his fight for higher pay that the hold-up business has been seen since the Federal League intruded on the peace of O. B. that the fan has become dissatisfied as seeing reports of squabbles in print.

There is one case that is an exception. It is that of Jack Smith, who is being hold-out on the Cardinal team. Smith has been offered \$100,000 a year for 1918. This is no salary for a young star pitcher who has won 200 games among the big ten base stealers.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



BY 1918

GENDELL REEVES LEADS SCORERS

Northeast Captain Goes "Over the Top" in Inter-scholastic Scoring

MOCKY BUNNIN SECOND

By PAUL PREP

Gendell Reeves, captain of the Northeast High quintet, only scored two field and two goal goals in the Central High School game last Thursday, but the six points were sufficient to carry him "over the top" and he is now leading the inter-scholastic Basketball League in individual scoring by a margin of two points.

Although Mocky Bunnin, Bobby Surgeson and Ziddie Trautwein have not participated in a league tilt for some time, they still occupy the second, third and fourth places, respectively. In fact, these former high school stars should be among the leading ten when the curtain drops on the 1918 season.

Fasson, the South Philadelphia forward, who appears to be filling the shoes left vacant by Mocky Bunnin in great style, made the greatest gain last week, playing against Trades School, he tallied eleven times from the field and netted fourteen free tosses from his foul line, giving him a total of thirty-six points which enabled him to pass Springer of Central; Weckler, Schneider and Herzog of Northeast.

Selecting a mythical team from the field-goal scoring records doesn't necessarily mean that the players chosen are the best in their respective schools, so the following team of Reeves and Springer, forwards; Herzog, center, and Weckler and Vogelin, guards, it can safely be said, is not the best mythical five that can be chosen.

The official records follow:

Table with 4 columns: School, Points, Rebounds, Assists. Lists scores for various schools like Northeast, Central, etc.

Sports Served Short

The Brewholm club has received the highest contract of pitcher Norman Pitt, who was purchased last fall from the Portland, Me., club.

Angie Kischefsky, Chicago, won his ninth straight game in the ambulance fund three-cushion billiard tournament at Chicago by defeating Charles McQuinn, Cleveland, 30 to 26, in forty-nine frames.

The Braves have signed for 1918 John E. Murray of Everett, pitcher for the last two seasons, who has been with Chicago at Washington, D. C. Last summer he won twenty-one consecutive victories for the Everett Independents, a semipro team.

Alfredo de Ciro was defeated by Pierre Maunoury, of Cleveland, 43 to 36, in six one-day innings in the American billiard players' ambulance fund tournament at Chicago. Joseph Quinn, of Chicago, 40 to 37, in seventy-six frames.

Outsider Guy Tutwiler, formerly the property of the Detroit Club, and last year hit .375 in 100 at-bats in 1917, is in the Southern League.

Pitcher Joe Benz, of the champion White Sox, is recovering from an attack of pneumonia at his home in Chicago. He is expected to make the spring training trip.

Step Aside, Heine Zim, Give Fred Mitchell the Crown

Heine Zim's title is lost. The crown goes to Fred Mitchell, who paid Vic Salter last week for a new suit. Heine Zim was wearing a hat with a broken brim last season. Heine Zim was wearing a hat with a broken brim last season. Heine Zim was wearing a hat with a broken brim last season.

LOW SCORES MARK NATIONAL BOWLING

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 18.—No new records had been established today in the national bowling tournament here when Cincinnati teams took the floor for the third time. High scores to date are far behind records.

In the five-man event Sport Feeney's champs of Covington, Ky., led with 2857 in the doubles. Huffed and Gieling, of Cincinnati, with 1774, and in the singles, R. Michelson, of Cincinnati, with 285.

CLINE'S HAND BROKEN? MAYBE; LOOK AT THIS!

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Irish Patsy Cline may appear at the next boxing show staged at Fort Sheridan, Harry Pollock, manager of Fort Sheridan, has agreed to let his battler appear against Charley White, Cal Delaney or Lee McMahon, provided the show is staged before March 19.

WILLS GETS DECISION OVER MVEY IN FIFTH

PANAMA, Feb. 18.—Harry Wills, American negro heavyweight pugilist, was awarded a knockout decision in the fifth round of his bout with Sam McVey here yesterday. McVey took the count in this round, asserting Wills had struck a foul blow but the referee decided to allow the claim.

BUCK HERZOG ISN'T SATISFIED, AND ASKS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Says Stallings Must Pacify Him or Else Cantalouping Will Be Good This Season

KEEPING out of the limelight and evading the publicity stuff just like the modest violet are not characteristics of the artistic temperament, and the come-back of Johnny Levers at the big baseball gathering seems to have been too much for Buck Herzog. The temperamental cantaloupe king never is long in eclipse, however, and whether he figured that the time merely was ripe for the spotlight or that he was just forced to say something, announcement comes from Maryland that some real holdout doings are being staged there.

Herzog's complaint is, according to the dope, that he is not properly protected for a rainy day. His contract for the year is all right, all right, but you never can tell about the future, and the little far-seeing one always is well known for copying, particularly during wartime, and inasmuch as the life of the ball player is so brief and fitful.

The human jack rabbit of the big leagues, who has hopped about the National League circuit in various deals involving the sum of nearly \$100,000, is showing his originality just now as well as his well known nerve. While the average alleged hold-out is worrying the management over prospects for getting as good a salary as formerly, Herzog comes out for a renewal at the fancy figure of his term contract with the Giants, and when it is considered how often he has been able to put across his numerous demands and how much Stallings needs him, it looks like he stands a good chance to repeat this time. As a

GUNNERS TO MEET AT FORT SIDE INN

15-Bird Match to Feature Midweek Test at White-marsh Tomorrow

CLEGG WILL COMPETE

More than ordinary interest centers in the Fort Side Inn Gun Club's white flyer shoot tomorrow at White-marsh. The event will be a preliminary to the big state shoot to be held at Harrisburg the latter part of the week.

Tomorrow's shoot will be at fifteen birds. Local gunners will no doubt make up the major portion of the entries owing to the close proximity of the White-marsh grounds to Philadelphia. Many of the marksmen around the section who have been trying to keep themselves in condition will view the Fort Side shoot as a "try-out," so many of the瞄准 figure if they do well in the competition they will send in their entries to the big State titular shoot.

William Clegg, of this city, holder of the Pennsylvania State Cup emblematic of the live-bird shooting championship, will be one of the contestants in the Fort Side shoot. The local man has been hitting his birds in his usual style and tomorrow's test will afford him good practice.

Harry Hoffman and Earl Melmoth, who competed in the Kansas City (Mo.) tournament last week; Charles Biddle, George Fisher, Frank Shields and other Philly gunners are expected to fit away in the White-marsh competition. Several crack up-State gunners may attend the open shooting events over the Fort Side traps.

New Jersey coast guards report that a pack of more than the usual were seen last week around the shore. According to this coast guard says the wind fuel will be returning from their southern waters this week.

Good Thing for Olympia

With prices ranging from twenty-five to fifty cents, the National could not even dream of competing with the Olympia. High-class boxers who root for the Olympians would not be hooked with the result that the broad street arena would be the only one of its kind where world's champions performed. The National would cease to be an important club with only money to be expected at twenty-five and fifty cents.

There always has been rivalry between the two clubs. If a top-notch boxer were asked to appear at the Olympia, he would demand a certain amount of money for his services. If he were asked to appear at the National, he would demand a certain amount of money for his services. If he were asked to appear at the National, he would demand a certain amount of money for his services.

Boxers Would Lose

This would be eliminated if the National were run on a cheap basis. The Olympia could not afford to lose a top-notch fighter in the 118-pound division. Strickman would suffer. There would be a saving all along the line and the Olympia could save thousands of dollars each year. If you look into the matter closely, you can see where the National can be run at a loss and still be a profitable investment.

The deal looked like a monopoly to us whereby Mr. Edwards would gain control of boxing in Philadelphia. It was a great piece of business and every one would profit except the boxers. No wonder world high prices and the boxing game will lose one of its important assets and the younger element will not be so anxious to take up the sport.

However, we are not belittling Mr. Edwards or his motives. He is a business man and a brains one. He uses his brains in boxing, and that is the

STORMY PETREL IS IN AGAIN

D. Harum in the contract line, the Marylander has few equals. The reported status of Herzog's contract is that it has one more year to run and calls for \$100,000. Stallings assumed it all right, but he may have something to say about assuming it for another season. In the meanwhile, the Pesky One will get a little free publicity and maybe a scrap of paper suggesting something like a conditional bonus. Any compromise would be a moral victory.

McGUIGAN REFUSES EDWARDS'S OFFER AND LATEST PLAN TO SAVE NATIONAL A. C. FALLS THROUGH

Olympia President Offered to Pay All Debts and Give Jack \$50 a Week for 3 Years if Club Were Run on 25 and 50 Cent Basis

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

JACK MCGUIGAN still is matchmaker, referee, manager and sole proprietor of the National Athletic Club, situated at Eleventh and Catharine streets. Whether he will run any more boxing shows or not remains to be seen, but the club belongs to him and no new partners have been taken in. Two weeks ago it was rumored that Jim Buckley and Dick Carley, the New York promoters, would purchase a slice of the club, and later a mysterious deal was launched whereby the control of the club would remain in the hands of Philadelphia and Saturday night boxing would continue. Both of these deals have fallen flat, however, as McGuiGAN seems reluctant to accept outside aid.

The developments of last week are quite interesting, as three persons who have been at odds for years were brought together, shook hands all around, professed undying friendship for each other and buried the hatchet for all time. They were Jack McGuiGAN, Harry Edwards, of the Olympia A. A., and Timman Muggsy Taylor, late owner of the famous Broadway A. C. This trio met to save the old National A. C., and for a time it looked as if it would be rescued from oblivion. But there was a hitch in the proceedings at the last minute and all bets were off. Muggsy Taylor tells the story as an eyewitness and his tale follows:

"Last Monday afternoon," says Taylor, "McGuiGAN sent for me and said he was considering a proposition to go into partnership with Harry Edwards and myself and wanted to know what I thought of it. I listened to the proposition and told Jack it looked good to me. I also saw Mr. Edwards and told him the same thing. There was no chance to take up the matter then, as I had to go to Boston that night with Johnny Tiltman and could not return to Philadelphia until Wednesday morning. A meeting was called for 11 o'clock on that day and I attended.

"Mr. Edwards, McGuiGAN and myself talked over conditions, and when Harry made his proposition I was astounded by his generosity. He said he would pay all of the debts incurred by the club, such as telephone, telegraph, electric light and other bills; all of McGuiGAN's personal debts, and start everything off with a clean slate. In addition to that, Mr. Edwards agreed to pay McGuiGAN \$50 a week for a period of three years and place the money in any bank or trust company Jack might name. Then to make the offer more attractive, McGuiGAN was to get one-third of the profits and all he had to do was to referee the bouts.

"As for myself, I was offered one-third of the profits and \$25 a week for three years to act as matchmaker for the club. Mr. Edwards was to receive the other one-third and act as president. The National and the Olympia in no way would be connected, as Mr. Edwards considered it a private venture. It was a wonderful offer and proved to me that Harry Edwards was one of the biggest-hearted and most generous men in the world.

"Well," continued Muggsy, "McGuiGAN broke down and cried when he realized the chance Edwards was giving him to get on his feet again.

"I don't despair," he solaced, as he reached out his trembling hand to shake hands with Edwards. "I don't deserve it, and I don't know what to do."

"That's all right," Jack responded. "I want to do it and I'll do it. All there is to it. Here's a little present which will tide you over for a time." And he gave McGuiGAN \$50.

Met Last Saturday

"Jack made an appointment for Saturday, when the owner of the building could be reached and the lease signed. We met in Mr. Edwards's home and at the start it looked as if the deal would be closed. The landlord had the lease ready and we were to pay \$3500 the first week, \$3000 the second and the third the next three years. The papers were on the table, all of the details had been discussed and the only things needed were the signatures.

"Edwards and I stood up, I read the lease and in a hoarse voice, which almost was a shriek, said:

"Don't do it, Harry! PLEASE don't do it! Don't let them drag you into this deal. The place is a hoodlum, it's fixed, it's had luck in the past. PLEASE call it off. I won't let you get into it!"

"Mr. Edwards tried to argue with McGuiGAN, but it was no use. Jack said he was giving up and would not listen to anything. Then he got up and left.

Will Stick to Edwards

"The plan was to run shows every Saturday night at popular prices—that is, at twenty-five and fifty cents. Mr. Edwards insisted on those prices and believed the club would make quite a little money. I am sorry the deal is off, and I want to announce that I will not go into partnership with any one else who desires the National Club. I have been mentioned as one of the matchmakers to carry some New York promoters come over here, but there is nothing to it. I promised Mr. Edwards to stick with him and I will keep my word. The only way I will consent to act in any capacity at the National is to be one of the partners of Harry Edwards."

The fate of the old club has been the principal topic of conversation in Philadelphia for the last month. Every one wanted to see the National revived. Several crack up-State gunners may attend the open shooting events over the Fort Side traps.

Scrap About Scrapers

By BILL BELL

Benny Valzer, the French champion, has a chance to lose his national prominence when he meets Joe Lusch in the last round of the Olympia A. A. Both boys have shown a technical attack that has made them a formidable team. Valzer, who is the former "submarine" champion, is a powerful puncher and Joe Lusch is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

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John Tiltman has been matched to meet Johnny Kelly in the last round of the Olympia A. A. Tiltman is a powerful puncher and Kelly is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

Young Joe Belmont, under the management of Slicker, is anxious to meet Young Louisiana Young (Jack) Fleming, known as "The Boy from the South," who is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

Young Robinson and his sparring partner, Young Joe Belmont, are in hard training at Adams Park. Belmont is a powerful puncher and Robinson is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

Joe Mendell, the coming newboy champion, is in training at Ryan's for his bout with Joe Lusch at the Olympia February 25.

Young McKeever will not appear in the Olympia tonight. He has been matched to meet Joe Lusch in the last round of the Olympia A. A. McKeever is a powerful puncher and Lusch is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

Soldier Harfield, of Brooklyn, and Ted Jones, of the Atlantic City, will meet in the final bout at the Olympia February 25.

Rocky Kansas and Willie Jackson met tonight in a ten-round bout at Buffalo. Rocky Kansas will seek a return bout with Ted Tender.

Joe Wellin is hot on the trail of Lew Toulson, Philadelphia's contender for Benny Leonard's title. Wellin is a powerful puncher and Toulson is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

Al Moore, of the famous Moore family, hopes to win the title of champion of the world by defeating Dundee next Thursday night at Baltimore.

Joe Welsh, local welterweight, who defeated Eddie McAndrews, has been matched to meet the champion of the world, Joe Lusch, in the last round of the Olympia A. A. Welsh is a powerful puncher and Lusch is a powerful puncher and a skilled boxer.

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Joe Lynehl vs. Benny Valger

PENN'S FAST FIVE NOW AT GATES OF TITLEVILLE

Basketball Championship Almost Within Grasp of Quaker Team

MARTIN'S RETURN FACTOR

Penn is at the gates of Titleville and the Quaker team is almost within grasp of the championship. The team has been playing exceptionally well and is expected to win the title this year.

The recent victories over Cornell and Dartmouth have placed the Quaker team in a position to challenge for the title. The team has been playing exceptionally well and is expected to win the title this year.

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