

THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGER THESE DAYS IS ONE WHO CAN HOLD OUT AGAINST THE HOLDOUTS

ANTS, CARDINALS AND CUBS PERFORMING AS SHOCK TROOPS IN MEETING HOLDOUT ATTACKS

Herzog, Robertson, Hornsby and Alexander Cases Give New York, St. Louis and Chicago Club Officials Plenty of Real Anxiety

The holdout season is drawing rapidly to a close. The preliminary training season already has started and the regular and official conditioning will begin Friday.

Now that the drama entitled "Holding Out Against the Holdouts" is reaching the climax there would appear to be only three critical situations.

Buck Herzog should have been a Teuton diplomat, for when it comes to causing trouble and getting things bailed up he is a wonder, and he repeats his favorite stunt so often that he always is to be taken seriously.

But what is worrying McGraw perhaps almost as much as the Herzog riddle is the new situation regarding Kauff, which reopens the Robertson case.

Loss of Kauff Makes Robertson Necessary

McGraw has been dallying over the Robertson talk and pretending that he didn't care whether the long Virginia medic went to doctoring or not.

Now, with Kauff summoned for the draft, Robertson looms up as a necessity. New York papers report the Giant chief off on another road journey, and it is not unlikely that Robertson will be visited in earnest this time.

St. Louis papers draw a pathetic picture of Branch Rickey's predicament, which admittedly is real. They state that the Hornsby-Rickey will have to go through to a knockout—that there is no compromise in view.

WEEGHMAN possibly has less to fear from Alex than is supposed. All of his season's plans center around the great hurler, and it is virtually certain that the player will be satisfied.

Sheworth and Namesake Both Reds This Season

THE securing of Lee Magee by Christy Mathewson, if the deal goes through, will find the only two Magrees in big league baseball on the same team and both playing in the outfield.

Every time Lee Magee makes a move it is a signal for some press stuff, for the career of the former outlaw is one of the most curious in baseball.

Now that the great flivver has reached the threatened stage of being waived out of one of the big leagues, after being traded, he surely will have to show a real comeback or one of the few persons that Cincinnati has contributed to big league baseball will be down and out and in his home town.

MAGEE's case is sharply in contrast with that of Ping Bodie. Ping fivvered and came back strong. Now he takes Magee's shoes in the Yankee outfield, after causing the Yanks to put out \$5000 to get George Burns for the Athletics and after the New York team canceled a draft on him the year Connie Mack took him back into high life.

HAVING furnished one of baseball's real miracles with a reverse twist, it would be interesting if Lee Magee should repeat his Fed performance. At least, he will have a complete change of scenery and will have a home following to cheer him back into confidence.

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MAJOR TEAMS BEGIN SPRING WORKOUTS

Giants, Yanks, Browns, Dodgers, Pirates and White Sox at Work

CUBS LEAVE TONIGHT

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BOOSTS and BUMPS By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

PHILADELPHIA fans who have been worrying over the fate of the down-trodden Athletics this year because of the threatened holdout situation, may rest easily, because there isn't a such thing as a free lunch.

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SCHOLASTIC STAR WILL ENTER PENN

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PRINCETON TO GET SWEDE

By PAUL PREP

Allen Swede, the sensational middle distance runner of Aecrovering Academy, and Bob Crawford, the middle distance runner extraordinary of the Flushing High School, New York, who have been the keener of rivals and warriors of friends for several years, will continue their athletic rivalry for four more years at least.

These two great kings who are without a doubt the best half-mile and mile runners in scholastic circles today, will graduate from their respective schools in June and enter college in the fall. Scarcely a month ago, the New York star is coming to Penn, while Swede, whose home is in Norristown, will matriculate at Princeton.

Swede and Crawford have met several times in a "Crawford" returning the winner the majority of times. The first important meeting was in the Columbia University interscholastic cross-country race in 1916. Then Flushing High School runner finished first, with Swede second.

Crawford Defeats Swede for Title

A few weeks later they were starters in the American interscholastic cross-country championship, held under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania in Fairmount Park. Crawford repeated his previous performance, winning in exceptionally fast time.

Crawford tried to enter Penn last fall, but as he had completed only three years of high school, the number of credits was not sufficient, so he returned home to become ill, and when he recovered fully it was too late to re-enter Flushing, which was the annual cross-country championship.

With Crawford miles away Swede had an easy time in winning the national scholastic title for 1917. When the season started Crawford enrolled in Flushing again and looked forward to meeting Swede on the cinder path. Both were entered in the indoor races of the Central School in Newark several weeks ago, but the New York runner was unable to compete, due to a severe cold. In this meet Jimmy Curran's protegee started the country by running a record-breaking mile in 2:22.45 and a half mile in 2:01.15.

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ONLY TWO AMERICANS LEFT AT END OF THIRD ROUND OF LAST BRITISH TOURNAMENT

Harold Weber, Toledo Star, Won Two Strenuous Matches, While Chick Evans Had Little Difficulty in Emerging a Victor

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, Jr.

ON THE same day that Francis O'Connell was defeated by Tobin in his second round of the last British championship and first of his two scheduled matches for the day, while Fred Herreshoff, of New York, was defeated in his third round of the tournament, and second match for the day Harold Weber, of Toledo, came safely through his two matches, playing very good golf in both of them.

His first match was with K. M. Carleton, of Sunningdale, and he played excellently throughout, winning by 7 and 6. He was six up at the turn, having won the first four holes in succession; then he halved the fifth and won the sixth, and such a start in an eighteen-hole match could only be overcome by a miracle.

Three Americans from the eastern part of the United States had gone down to defeat at the end of that day, and all that was left of the biggest group of American players that had ever competed in the British amateur were two players from the Middle West—Harold Weber, of Toledo, and the writer, whose home is in Chicago. We owed this position to consistent work; we had our weak moments; we had made mistakes, of course, but our success that far was the result of keeping our play at a good average.

Another Evans Victory

I had, as usual, but one round on this eventful day, and it was my third of the tournament. My opponent was J. H. Scott, and we began by tying the



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