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BASEBALL ONE GRAND GAMBLE; VIRTUALLY ALL MODERN STARS COST CLUBS LITTLE OR NOTHING

Eleven Greatest Players, Originally Secured as Gifts or for Pittances, Attain Money Value of Approximately \$600,000

COULETTE, monte, poker and craps are admittedly regular games of chance, though winning adherents of the great American indoor pastime commonly known as "draw" allege that it is an exact science. Baseball also, so diamond partisans centend, is an art or a science, depending upon the point of view. A casual view of the records, however, tends to prove that baseball is the biggest gamble of all games. Certainly its greatest stars, almost without exception, were long shots and obscurities when Diey started upon careers that have brought fame and fortune to clubowners and nice fat recompense to themselves.

The eleven great diamond stars of modern times undoubtedly are or have been Cobb, Speaker, Wagner, Mathewson, Johnson, Lajoie, Collins, Jackson, Alexander, Sisler and Hornsby. Five of these cost absolutely nothing, while the remainder, excluding Wagner, represented a total mey inducement of \$1875. The entire outfit, therefore, originally represented in financial values the sum named, while their total worth at the senith of their playing power rose to the appalling sum of approximately \$600,000. Here is the way the comparative figures line up:

Nap Lajole, Walt Johnson, George Sisler, Eddie Collins and Christy Mathewson didn't cost as much as a shoestring. True, the veteran Amos Rusle was sent to the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for Matty, but the transaction turned out to be a gold-brick trade. The others cost railroad fare only. Speaker and Alexander were the highest-priced stars of the galaxy, each compelling big-league adventurers to lay down the munificent sum of \$500 to see what they held. Rogers Hornsby represented an investnt of \$350, while Connie Mack pulled Joe Jackson out of a South Carolina mill at a price stated to be \$325. Alex cost the Phils \$500 draft money. According to report Lajoie, Johnson and Hornsby came to their respective teams, the Phillies, Senators and Cards, by word-of-mouth tip from friendly fans who had seen them perform in the brush.

HONUS WAGNER brought almost nothing when he lighted into the big ring, being secured along with a whole ballteam, including other notables like Rube Waddell, for \$25,000, when Barney Dreyfuss acquired the Louisville team and transplanted it to Smoke

Cobb Most Valuable Player of All Time

BASEBALL authorities differ as to the relative value of players, but none outside of Cap Anson and a few others of a vintage of the long age who have failed to keep pace with the procession fail to agree that Tyrus Raymond Cobb is the greatest player and attraction the game has ever seen. Cobb, who cost \$300, admittedly is worth at this time in the open market the sum of \$100,000 as baseball values go, which sum is indeed small when it is figured by the Detroit management that he is worth \$150,000 annually. This estimate, no doubt, takes into effect the value of the plant and the franchise, for both certainly hinge upon the great player's performances and personality.

Other player values are about as follows: Speaker was figured in the trade which took him from the Red Sex to the Indians to be worth \$55,000, and that figure would seem to represent just about his real baseball value. Christy Mathewson easily was worth a like amount, and also Honus Wagner. The Great Dutchman made a millionaire out of Barney Dreyfuss, Pirate mogul, and he has been worth in salary and as a drawing card anywhere any sum that any clubowner might have been willing to pay him. Eddie Collins, Grover Alexander, George Sisier, Walter Johnson, Nap Lajole and Rogers Hornsby may be rated as \$50,000 talent, though, of course, the last named has passed from the big star rating. Hornsby is and to represent \$25,000 more than the sum named in the estimation of Magnate Weeghman, the Cub spendthrift. Joe Jackson was valued at \$30,000 in the trade that sent him from the Indians to the White Sox.

And besides those named many other great players of modern times cost virtually nothing, the list including Connic Mack's entire great worldbeating cast. Plank, McInnis, Baker, Barry, Bender, Coombs, Strunk and others cost nothing, while Johnny Evers and Buck Herzog were postagestamp acquisitions.

THAT basebail is a real gamble presents an interesting reverse angle. Fortunes spent for flivvers like Marty O'Toole and Lee Magee equally show how uncertain is the baseball wheel of fortune.

Baseball Chief Item of Interest in Camps

FIRE average run of baseball fans, clubowners and managers may feel they have occasion to worry it is the army camp bug who is chiefly involved. for baseball is the main item of interest in the cantonments. And it is not the local brand, for the camp team is recognized primarily as an item of training and recreation. Camp or branch of service rivalry is not sufficient to make the soldier boys take a vital interest in any branch of camp

It is accounts of big-league games which grip the lads making ready for the finish stroke against the minions of autocracy. They want to see what the regular fellers are doing. Here is the way the situation was fined out by an army man at a Texas camp:

"We have our own teams and our own leagues in the army, but they see maintained for the purpose of providing recusation for us. Our real nterest in baseball centers around the pennant races in the National and American Leagues. Why, you should have seen this bunch down here when the world's series was being played last fall. We clean forgot about the war to watch the progress of the games. I lost a month's pay on the

A captain who was graduated from West Point about ten years ago said: "This is a pretty serious business we are engaged in, and officers and men alike need all the recreation they can get in order to make the burden se light as possible, and baseball in all its phases is the chief recreation. The coming season in the major leagues is looked forward to with the greatest interest by the men, and while we can't see any of the games we can follow the work of the teams through the newspapers. Did you ever watch a soldier who has just received a newspaper from one of the big cities?

"HE DOESN'T even glance at the front page, which contains the war news. He turns right to the sporting page and just eats up the news of his favorite team."

Zim-Collins Play Rehashed at Training Camp

ecording to the official dope as it is handed via Mr. Spalding a volume purporting to record special baseball feats, Heine Zim is releved of the opprobrium of being the goat, the printed word having it that on had to chase Eddle as best he could because Rariden was down the ine and out of the play. The Giants still are arguing the matter in the tel lebbles and on the lawn at Marlin, and the subject seems likely to ain unsettled, judging from the following from the nimble pen of James ot, the Skipper, in the New York Mail:

Bill himself doesn't know whether he handled the ball or not. Some he thinks that he did. Then again he isn't sure.

"Rube Benton, who started the play, will bet his home that Rariden e de't touch the ball, and that he and Zim were the only ones that did. "McGraw agrees with Benton. He is sure that Rariden was not in the ay and can't account for his being down the line so far when Zim began he historic pursuit.

"The only player who is never asked about the play is Zim himself. Jay Fink, the Bronx Bearcat, suggested asking Heinie during an arguthe other evening, but was voted down in the interests of law and

although they do not say so openly, the consensus of opinion among the ra seems to be that Zim was the victim of a bad bit of headwork on

EVERY ONE wants to let Zim forget about the play. It is never mentioned in his presence."

Football Star Turned Down Seven Times

FUR being turned down seven times for physical unfitness. Edson aw, one of the gamest football players that ever upheld Nebraska Uniand one of the most perfect physical specimens in the game, is the vardict of draft officials, his last hope of getting into the army. ing Shaw tried to enlist in the Nebraska Guard, but "football ed his rejection. Then he tried the reserve officers' camp and

the army, with the same result. a theory that had knees should not interfere with his efficiency her, he tried the aviation section, but was rejected on account The defect kept him out of the gas-engine section, the

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



LOCAL GUN CLUBS FOURTH DAY OF THE LAST BRITISH VETERAN HURT AFTER GROUNDS

Independents and Whites Traps Temporarily

OTHER GUNNING GOSSIP

The tie in the Traphhooters' League been prouder of that defeat than of and even in our defeat we seem Wilmington and West Chester for the hamplonglith will be decided in a special hoot in the rear future in Fennsylvania-Cither the Lausdale of the S.S. White strong will likely be the scene of the hoot-off battle.

Burns Up Scenery Around

"Stony" McLinn, to merly aporting writer this city is using the target gun with con-derable skill these days. At Wilmington att Saturday "Stony" scored forty-two out f fifty.

This city's trapshooting brigade, including on woman—Mrs. C. O. Kindig and Mrs. Billier—are looking things over at Lake cood. With twenty or forty Quaker City or includent in Jersey, suffice it to say the one of the prizes should filter to Philly.

which twenty or forty Quaker City other who is staging a comeback this year and like Smoky Joe Wood already has established himself as a winter at the Job, at least in the Training Camp League. Blackburn's latest opportunity to come to is in the ranks of Christy Mathewson's Cincinnati Reds and glow-NORMAN ROSS FAILS

Great Lukes, III. April 4 — The Great akes training station tops the A. A. U. simming record today with ten points. Serry McGillivray of the Jackies, won se fifty-yard event in the Illinois Athitic Club pool in 244-8 seconds last ight. Norman Ross, of San Francisco, failed o qualify for the race McGillivray et a new mark in the 150-yard breast troke at Detroit last Saturday.

COWLER-MISKE FIGHT FOR THURSDAY IS OFF

Minneepolis, April 4.—The Tom Cow-ler-Billy Miske match, scheduled for Thursday, was canceled today. Cowler is ill. Great Help to Lajoie

Will Amount to \$200,000 torsemen who have just returned from on say that the long winter meeting Curloy Brown's Havana race track i net about \$200.000. The attended has been larger than in former rs. in spite of the limited number touriets and the opposition at New eans and Hot Springs. The Cuban is become decidy interested in racing threather. They also have learned infriencies of race track betting cley flown has made a long tight for expition in Havana and finnity is on or street.

Cuban Racing Profits

AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PROVES FATAL TO AMERICANS

Using Phila. Electric's MacFarlane, Later Killed in France, in De- but Pluckily Continues feating Evans Plays Unbeatable Game. Physical Strain Tells on Weber

By Charles (Chick) EVAN, JR.

By CHA

Second at Reds' Train-

ing Camp and Gets Big

Hand

Alexander Sprains Ankle Play With Partner

MAY COST HIM TITLE

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TO DELIVER GOODS THIS YEAR

Fennylvania Ratiroud from in its first beams, coming back atronous in the first same, coming back atronous in the second, when it tossid them for 1022, and in the load setting 870.

Tiega cleaned up with the Camden aqued, d with Morgan, Wells and McLachian sing the maples for double conturies cand d the edge on the Jersestite. Morgan got 3, Wells. 206. and MoLachian, 205.

Pennayivania Railroad team in its second tres with Melrose outroiled it from every gist, running up a sore of 927 in the rat game, 867 in the second and in the at the blan sore of 1661 bins, or a total 2855. Frazier sgain scored two doubles is and 211. Flood also had 224, Jones, 219, and Prins, 226.

MORAN'S TROUBLES INCREASED WHEN MIKE PRENDERGAST HURTS ANKLE IN LEAPING FROM STANDS

Phils Have Few Pitchers and Former Cub's Services Were Needed-Good News From Whitted Brightens Camp

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

when Mike Prendergast, the flinger from class shape, when Mike Prendergast, the flinger from Chicago, sprained his ankie in an effort to jump from the grand stand to the ground. Mike was in good jumping form and had lots of technique, but a suppery step caused by some loose fee cream caused him to make a mess of it. He landed on the side of his foot and limped to the cluthouse, where he was attended to the cluthouse of the season in the first division. Nothing has been heard from Nieher and if he does not communicate with Moran before the end of the week he

to the clubhouse, where he was attended by Mike Lee, the busy trainer.

At this writing an injury to the pitching staff cannot be considered in the light of a loke. In all Pat Moran has only seven huriers on the staff, and each is needed in the daily workouts. Prendergast was depended upon to twirl some of the practice games and sub in the outfield, and his busted ankle has caused the manager to bange his plans. Mike probably will be ready for action on Saturday.

And if he does not communicate with Moran before the end of the week he probably will be placed on the market and sent to another club. Bert has been offered a fair contract and President Baker feels that he has done his part.

No Sympathy

The president of the Phile caused be censured for his attitude this year. Instead of slicing salaries he maintained the same standard as last year and increased the pay of three of the players.

Whitted Signs

IN TENNIS TILT

St Petersburg, Fla., April 4. clouted the ball in midseason form, He also fielded his position well, but favored his throwing arm. Before the club starts north next Monday he should be in first.

creased the pay of three of the players.
For the first time in baseball history
the holdouts deserve no sympathy for

Whitted Signs

There was a report last night, that George Whitted had signed his 1915 contract and soon would join the Philis in St. Pete. No one could verify it, and Pat Moran said he had received no word from the office in Philadelphia. However, a wire from Durham, N. C., stated that Whitted had mailed in his signed contract.

"I here that the report is true," said Pat today, "Whitted is needed in the outfield and he can't report here too quickly to suit me. George is a smart ball player and I think well of his ability. I am only sorry he has not been down here for a couple of weeks to get into shape."

According to developments yesterday and today the Philis have not given up hope of securing Cy Williams this season. Moran is saying nothing, but is keeping a close watch on all of the trains and seems disappointed when the lanky athlete fails to appear, It is believed that Cy is willing to reconsider his decision to quit the game and will take one more fling at it.

Stock in Condition

Milton Stock looks as if he has been training ever since the season closed last Ocober. The little third baseman sleepped into the game yesterday and cultipated in the game yesterday and cultipated in the season closed last Ocober. The little third baseman sleepped into the game yesterday and cultipated in the game yesterday and cultipated in the same was scheduled for tomorrow, but there will be a big parade on that day, and as parades are not as common as haseball the grand old mational game was scheduled for tomorrow, but there will be a big parade on that day, and as parades are not as common as haseball the grand old mational game was scheduled for tomorrow, but there will be a big parade on that day, and as parades are not as common as haseball the grand old mational game was scheduled for tomorrow. But there will be a big parade on that day, and as parades are not as common as haseball the grand old mational game was scheduled for tomorrow.

SEIBOLD'S TEAM WINS ANOTHER GAME

sided batting bee yesterday, Company truly representative of any one

Babe Ruth Starts Season With Two Home-Run Drives

Babe Ruth, the best-hitting pitcher in the business, is starting the season fairly well for a mere pitcher. In the first exhibition same in which he took part at Hot Springs he was able to get little off two Brooklyn pitchers, excepting two home runs.

held the K boys hitless during the rest

Captain Scibold made it clear that the scheduled games will not interfere with his recent challenge of any team

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PITCHER DELL ALDERMAN BELIEVED A WAR VICTIM

Fittsburgh, April 4 -- Officials of the ittsburgh Baseball Club yesterday expressed the belief that the Dell Alderinning, with McMonagle on the receivin end, and Selboid electrified the 4000 spectators by his terrific speed and the way he fooled the K boys in mixing a slow teaser with a terrific curve that

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shoe or something in his tryout with him, but traveling at a .969 clip in 191 games gave him a clear title to best felding regular. At short his figure was

Great Help to Lajoie

Last season the work of the mysterious player brought him more than usual attention, from those who knew what was what in the work of the Toronto team when under the management of Larry Lajoie it won a pennant. "was stated that Blackburn as field captain furnished that pep and punch that the big Frenchman never did have, and he received much of the credit for the team's big year by home and circuit fans.

Besides acting in the capacity stated with such selat. Blackburn led both shoristops and third haremen of that circuit in fielding. One young sentleman playing in one-third as many games at third had a slight margin over