

THE FANS CAN MAKE HITS FROM THE STANDS THIS YEAR BY BUYING THRIFT STAMPS

SEASON'S PLAYER-DEAL REVIEW SHOWS NO LESS THAN FOURTEEN AND FORTY-SEVEN MEN SHIFTED

A's and Red Sox Do Biggest Interclub Bartering Business; Yanks Also Star as Wholesalers—Alex and Herzog in Limelight

THE shifting of nearly fifty players among big-league teams during the winter months—the most extraordinary trading season that baseball has known—is bound to make interesting developments in the shaping of the squads of both circuits this season and is a subject of particular interest at the big-league kick-off.

The greatest scramble between two teams in many long moons was that engaged in by Connie Mack on the one side and the Boston Red Sox on the other. The home-town Harum drew no less than a half dozen former Bostonians in the two separate and distinct swaps as well as a large bunch of cash, roughly estimated at \$60,000.

The next biggest wholesale swap was between the Yanks and Browns. Also in two lites at the trading app's eight players were compelled to change uniforms, six of these being Yankees. Gedeon, Matsel, Numaker, Shocker and Culp went to the Browns for Pratt, Blank and coin, while later on Tim Hendryx also was moved over to the Browns and Lee Magee hunted out of the league and into a Cincinnati playing suit.

Connie Mack's third trade, which pushed the Yanks into the lead as chief traders in both circuits in point of number of men engaged, was a triangular affair, which compelled Miller Huggins to buy George Burns and turn him over to the local manager for Ping Bodie.

THREE players were shifted in interleague trades, these being Lee Magee, Shean and Foster. Evers went from his long-time berth in the National to the American, but Johnny was unattached.

Two Spectacular Deals in National

NATURALLY the one big deal in point of player celebrity and money was that which took Alexander, Killifer and Paskert to the Cubs from the Phils in exchange for a swell bunch of coin, said to have been \$60,000, and players Prendergast, Dilhoefer and Williams.

The most complex and complicated deal of the year in either league was that triangular affair which was supposed to have taken Herzog, Wilson and Smith to the Braves, Doyle and Barnes to the Giants and Tyler to the Cubs. Wilson and Doyle were Cubs last season, Barnes and Doyle members of the Braves and Herzog and Smith of the Giants.

The third deal of moment in the National the last season was that engaged in between Owners Ebbets, of Brooklyn, and Dreyfuss, of Pittsburgh. Five players were involved, Brooklyn getting Pitchers Mannaux and Grimes and Infielder Ward and Pittsburgh securing Outfielder Stengel and Infielder Cutshaw.

Cincinnati is the only team to have put over a couple of interleague deals. Lee Magee was secured from the St. Louis Browns and Eddie Foster is Matthews's property as a result of the exchange to the Boston Red Sox of Second Baseman Shean.

LEE MAGEE is the only player to have been swapped twice, and at the same time he jumped from one league to the other. Eddie Plank, Cy Williams and Chet Thomas, the last two supposed to have come to the Phillies and Athletics, respectively, are booked as having permanently retired.

Baseball War Tonic, Declares Tener

IT WAS a good, clear, ringing note sounded by President John K. Tener at the start of the baseball season. It calls for a patriotic response on the part of the national game and at the same time makes a timely appeal for the value of the game to those who must remain at home and do their war bit and at the same time keep clear heads and good spirits.

"Under the selective draft or conscription act professional baseball players are called to the service of their country precisely the same as those in any other profession, vocation or walk in life, and have answered, and are just as ready to answer the call, either by enlistment or draft, as other patriotic citizens, but until that call comes they must, as they should, continue to earn their livelihood in the profession which gives to them the greatest compensating return and in which they are most expert.

"We all realize, especially at this hour, the pressing call that is upon each of us to aid our country in doing all in our power to quickly furnish men and means to combat the enemy and to insure an early and complete victory to our arms, and this effort will be best sustained by getting into the open and into the sunshine occasionally and by either witnessing or participating in outdoor sports to gain that health and vigor and alertness of intellect necessary to do well the work that may come to our hand."

PARTING attention is called to the fact that baseball has been proved already by Canadians to be the ideal war sport—the very spirit and inspiration that fits the players for the "supreme effort of the soldier."

Tennis Sure to Have Big Season Once More

COMMENT has been previously made upon the tremendous boost sure to be given this season as a result of the general restoration of championships. This fact is well proved by the publication of official tournaments sanctioned by the American National Lawn Tennis Association.

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Taking up tennis as a regular army sport also will help give a big boost to racket play this year. Hundreds of courts have been erected at army camps and men who never played the game before have been encouraged to take it up and, under instruction, may be expected to like the game enough to keep on playing it when the weary war is won.

ANOTHER indication of the increasing popularity of tennis this season is to be noticed in the great number of community and private courts that are under way in and about this city and the fact that a like condition is reported elsewhere.

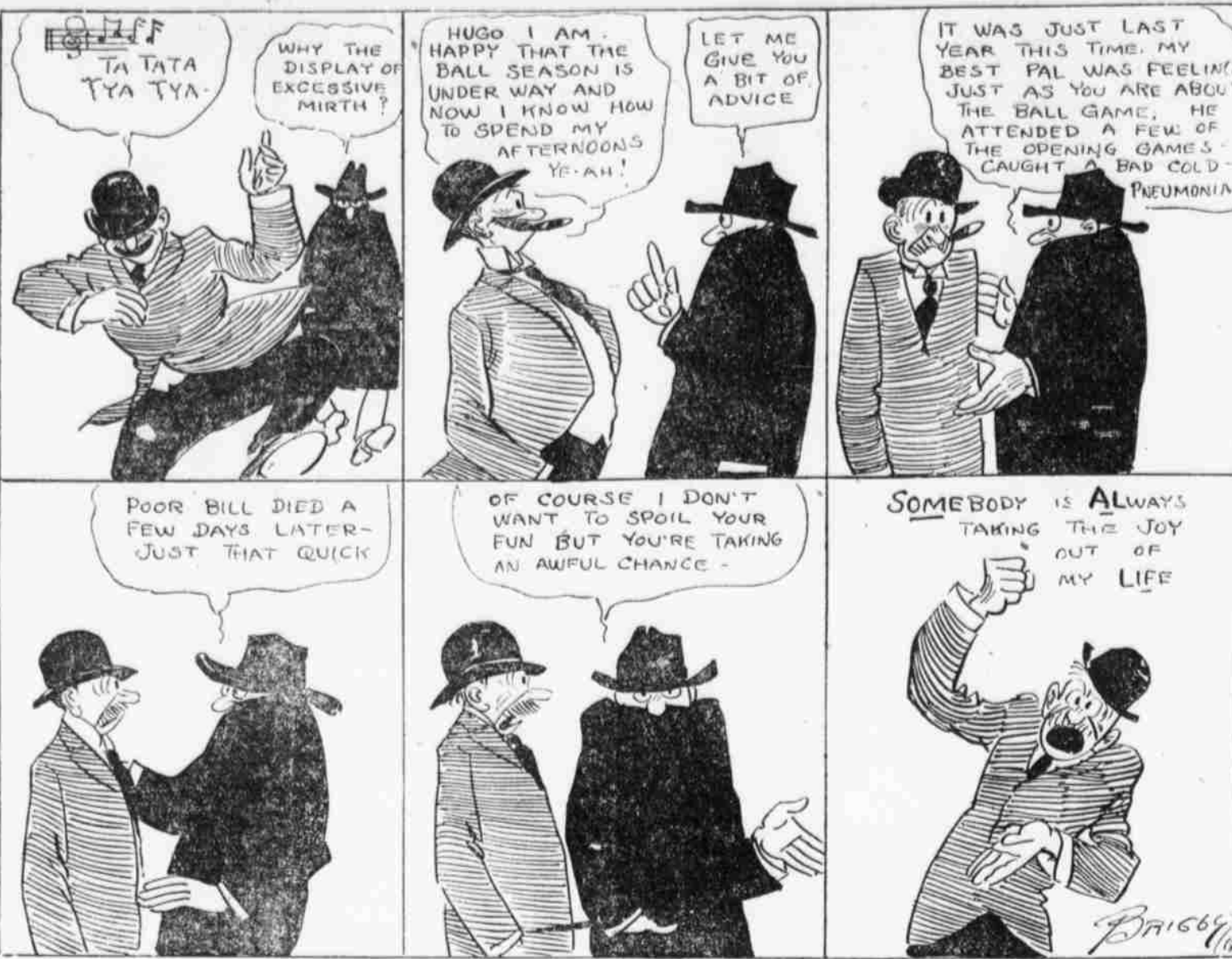
Minor Team Mops Up With Majors

THE spring training season does carry any weight there is one minor-league outfit that should have a cake-walk in its league this year. Said organization is the Houston team of the Texas circuit. This ambitious squad of youngsters and old-timers merrily romped over both the White Sox and Cards in exhibition bouts.

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SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



PENN TEAM OPENS LACROSSE SEASON

Red and Blue Twelve Engages Swarthmore in Postponed Game Today

VAN GINKLE IS DRAFTED

The opening game of the local lacrosse season, postponed from last Thursday, will be staged this afternoon at Franklin Field when the Pennsylvania twelve will engage Swarthmore.

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Notes of the Bowlers

Chief Bowling squad, having won the series in the semi-annual bowling of the school in the winter, will be the winners of the championship of this league on Wednesday evening.

Table with 4 columns: Name, W, L, P, Points. Lists bowling scores for various players.

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GOLFERS PLAY POORLY BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT TAKE TROUBLE OR TIME TO LEARN PROPERLY

This Is the Time of the Year When Many Start Habits That Doom Them to Golf Mediocrity

By CHARLES (CHICK) EVANS, Jr.

THIS is the season when beginning golfers, and some experienced ones, too, start the habits which doom them to golf mediocrity forever. Watch them on any course and you'll see an inevitable percentage who approach the tee with a cocksureness that says "I'm going to knock the cover off this ball. Watch me." This is the player who will be blaming everybody but himself later on because he can't stand under 100.

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GEERS WILL HAVE LIMITED STRING

Great Driver to Come North With Fewer Than Dozen Trotters and Pacers

HAS STAR IN ST. FRISCO

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THOMPSON DEFEATS JEANNETTE IN HARD BOUT AT OLYMPIA A. A. KID NORFOLK STOPS CHRISTIAN

Jack Drops Veteran in First Round With Right to Jaw—New Yorker Was "Punch Drunk"

By BILL BELL

STRUGGLING through the last five rounds "punch-drunk" from the effect of several hard right-hand wallops which he stopped with his jaw in the opening frame, Joe Jeannette, the forty-year-old youngster from Hoboken, last night went down to defeat before Jack Thompson, the heavyweight who claims St. Joe, Mo., as his home, in the second part of the double windup at the Olympia A. A.

Although defeated, Jeannette put up a great fight when one considers his age and the fact that his legs have somewhat weakened under the strain of boxing in the ring and elsewhere for the last fourteen years. Joe's lower limbs were ready to give way several times, and once in the first round and again in the second they did.

Tried for Knockout

A knockout victory over Jeannette, who has fought the majority of the leading heavyweights in the country, meant a great deal for Thompson, and he was out to gain such a verdict in as short a time as possible. In fact, it appeared as though he would have little difficulty in gaining his objective, for in the opening round Thompson landed a solid right hand on Joe's jaw and dropped him to his knees. Some of the ringside experts claimed that this was a so-called lucky punch, but whatever it was, it surely shook Jeannette, and despite the fact that the remainder of the frame and staggered to his corner in anything but good shape.

Started With Rush

Thompson started with a rush and fairly swept Jeannette before him in the opening round. The crowd gasped at the ease with which the veteran fell to his knees. He recovered somewhat during the intermission and in the second round landed some blows which caused Thompson to blow up. Near the end of the fourth round Jeannette was coming in wide open. Joe was quick to see this, and set himself for an opportunity to score a right-hand wallop which if it had landed could have sent Thompson to dreamland. But it failed to land.

Magnificent Trotter

Saint Frisco, 2:01 1/2, the magnificent trotter that Geers drove to the world's race record for trotters last year, will get extra attention from the veteran reinsman this season. While he has driven as many great race horses, only two years ago when he gave Napoleon Direct a race record of 1:59 1/2.

Other Good Ones

The other horses that Geers has selected to bring North to campaign include the trotting mare June Red, 2:09, by Red Medium; Harvest Hope, 2:12, a five-year-old gelding, by The Harvester; the pacer Robert Gatewood, 2:05 1/2, a J. Malcolm Forbes; Zue Bangeman, a three-year-old pacing half-sister to Mrs. Bonham's champion, 2:04 1/2, and Fleon, a three-year-old son of The Harvester. The other four or five that will come with these will be selected from a class of youngsters and green ones in his care during the next few weeks.

VAUGHN EASILY FIRST IN STEEPCHASE

Baltimore, April 16.—The ninth annual point-to-point steepchase in the Green Spring Valley was run yesterday by a society from both Philadelphia and Baltimore on in force.

Harry Will's Knockout

Panama, April 14.—Harry Will, negro heavyweight pugilist, knocked out Sam Langford in the sixth round of their fight here last night. Will was the aggressor. Langford had the better of the third and fourth rounds, but Will recovered in the fifth and in the sixth round he landed a double wind-up last night and Sam McVey, also a negro, in the fifth round of their bout at Panama.

BASEBALL TODAY OPENING THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES vs BOSTON

Cambridge A. C. Burns & Peasey, Mass. FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 19, 1918. Seats now on sale at Gimble's and Spaulding's.

Advertisement for Girard Lubricants. Text: "GIRARD Full of enjoyment. Empty of harm. Never gets on your nerves." Includes an image of a car and a can of lubricant.

Advertisement for Havana cigars. Text: "10¢ up Real Havana". Includes an image of a cigar pack.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night. OLYMPIA A. A.—Jack Thompson defeated Joe Jeannette in the third round. George Christian in the fifth round. Norfolk won from Hugh Hutchins and Max Williamson defeated Bobby Burns, who substituted for Willie Spencer.