

# JINX HITS THE TIGERS EARLY, TAKING ONLY LOVE FROM JENNINGS'S PITCHING STAFF

## JINX AGAIN NIBBLES AT TIGERS' STAFF, STRIKING SLIM LOVE

### Poor Luck Gets in Early Wallow at Hughie Jennings and Detroit, Putting Big Porsider on Sick List With Broken Pitching Arm

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AFTER a stormy nocturnal voyage on one of the typical southern trains, which wearily pulled into Macon only two hours behind time, the first person I saw was an elongated, slender specimen known in baseball circles as Slim Love. The big left-handed pitcher, who was shipped from New York to Detroit by way of Boston last winter, did not resemble a high-spirited ball player, but had every appearance of a guy who had lost the decision to an automobile. He limped slightly and his left arm was surrounded by a glistening white bandage.

"What's the matter, Slim?" I asked. "Arm," was the short reply. "Sprain," I inquired, "or is it a charley horse?" "Broke," sighed the tall one. "Busted at the elbow. Knocked a chip off the bone or something and gotta rest up."

In this manner was the first serious injury of the year discovered in this arid city, which cares nothing for the near approach of July 1 and the subsequent happenings. Slim Love carelessly allowed a piece of the ulna bone to become detached from his person and put the best southpaw hurler in Jennings' payroll on the drydock for a month or six weeks. The injury will not affect Love very much, but it caused intense pain and suffering in the Detroit baseball club. The big pitching ace has been tossed into the discard and will not be available early in the season when he is most needed.

**HUGHIE JENNINGS**, the peppery, hard-working manager, always had hard luck with his flingers. They seldom were injured unless knocked down by a batted ball, but usually are a mediocre lot, helping the batting averages of the opposing players and making it possible for Detroit to lose some more ball games. There is a healthy jinx in the pitching department, and it is on the job early this year.

### Weak Pitching Always Handicaps Jennings

EVERY season Jennings faces the same handicap—weak pitching. Time and again he has been erased from the pennant race because of sad slinging. For offensively his club is one of the strongest in either league. sluggers like Cobb, Veach, Heilman and Crawford kept the team in the running until the time of a crucial series, and then the pitchers exploded or so flooie or something like that.

This year Hughie believes he has a few excellent hurlers who will give good accounts of themselves on and after April 23. Erickson, the big, light-haired, red-faced Swede, is showing up unusually well, and according to the gossip here will attract considerable attention. His control is good, his curves are breaking as they should and there are whiskers on his fast ball. Everybody is elated over his early season form.

Ehmkie also is regarded as a capable flinger for the same reasons assigned to Erickson. It seems strange that these March phenoms always look good for one month before the season opens, but occasionally they live up to their spring notices. Jennings will bet the bankroll on those two birds this year.

But there are no new faces among the pitchers, with the exception of the absent Love and a couple of rookies labeled Golding and Samuelson. Daus, Boland, Cunningham, Kallio, Willie Mitchell and Big Bill Jamer are the old standbys who still are lingering on the job, and it is fervently hoped that they can deliver. Mitchell has been effective against the Yankees and White Sox, while the others are in and outers—mostly out. Judging from past performances, little can be expected from this flock, but you never can tell. They might come through.

This does not mean that Detroit is to be counted out of the race before it starts. Outside of the pitching staff the Tigers are a much-improved ball club.

**THE acquisition of Chick Shorten strengthens the outfield, for the former Bostonian will play right field, which has been one of the weak spots for the last two years. With Veach in left and Cobb in center, the pasture guardians are topheavy with class.**

### Ellison Rivals Pep Young for Infield Job

THEN, take the infield. Harry Heilman will play first base and remain there. He likes the job, is working hard to perfect himself and will play a good game. His hitting will be quite an asset. On second, Pep Young is competing against Ellison, who is considered a very good prospect.

Ellison was captured in Bloomington, Ill., three years ago and looked so good at that time that the Yankees offered \$10,000 for him. Jennings refused to talk turkey and sent the youngster up to St. Paul for further seasoning. Last year he was in the army and has returned to the club with a desire to make good and stick around as a regular. He bats right handed and is a good hitter. At present he is pressing Young closely for the keystone job.

Donie Bush will be at shortstop, despite his threat to quit the game for an easy life in a factory or driving a truck. Donie was a real holdout while holdouting was good, but came to terms when he thought of the hot, dry summer. Dyer, who was snared in Denver three years ago, will sit in as substitute and also play third base when necessary.

Snooks Dowd, the fleet quarterback on the Lehigh football team last fall, is a candidate for shortstop, but lacks experience. He is very fast, gets around balls on either side, but must improve his style of throwing. Jennings says he will try to keep Dowd all season.

Bobby Jones is the regular third baseman. Two years ago he was on the verge of being fired every day, but somehow managed to hang on. Last year, when Vilt was injured, he stepped in, played a wonderful game and made such a hit that Jennings traded Oscar to the Red Sox.

### JONES developed into a good player in two years and is expected to have a good season.

### All We Need Is Hitting, Says Tiger Pilot

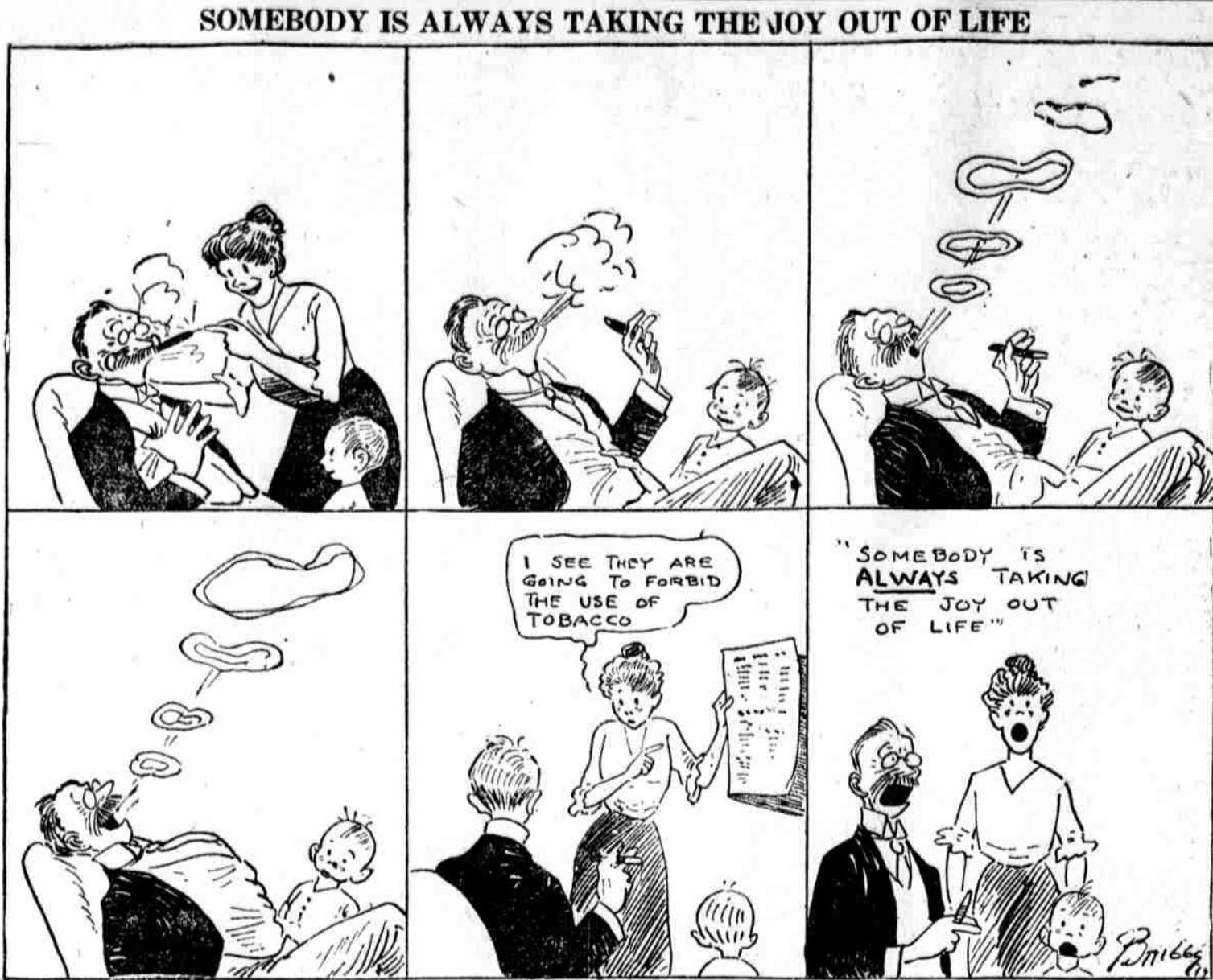
THE American League has been strengthened all around," said Jennings, "and it will be a hard race from the start. Boston, Cleveland, New York, and the White Sox will be strong and it will be a difficult task to break into the first division. However, I believe we will be up there fighting for the lead, because my pitchers look good. Erickson and Ehmkie will be topnotchers, and out of the other seven I should be able to find three more for regular duty.

"I need not worry about the catchers, because Almsmith is just as good as they make 'em and will divide the work with Oscar Stange. Last year Oscar was the only good catcher on the club, and when he was injured we were in a bad way. Yelle is a promising backstop and will be a good substitute.

"Heilman will make good on first, and just watch Bobby Jones at third! You will forget all about Vilt after the first month of the season. Bobby is fast, has a good pair of hands and can hit. Shorten helps the outfield, but Flagstad, who was with Chattanooga and led that league in hitting last year, will fill in as a utility man and pinch hitter. "Just give me some hitting and watch us go!"

**HUGHIE JENNINGS** was all smiles when seen late last night. When asked for his happiness or something like that the Detroit manager quietly informed us that he had received word from his star—Tyrus Raymond Cobb—that he would be on hand in a few days. Ty, it seems, has come to terms with the Detroit management and everything now is O. K. Cobb will come here and will have no difficulty in getting his old berth in center field.

FOR a while it seemed as though the great centerfielder was going to be a regular holdout. His absence would have been a terrible blow to the Detroit team, both from a playing and box-cleaning standpoint.



## LITTLE LEAGUES GETTING BUSY

### Flood of Applicants Seek Franchises in Industrial Organizations

### MEETING ON MONDAY

The fellows who work all week in the industrial establishments and are free on Saturday afternoons are planning a big year on the baseball diamond. Several meetings have been held and never in the history of the sport has such enthusiasm been displayed. While the circuits as yet have not been completed in several of the organizations, the Philadelphia Manufacturers' League has decided upon a ten-club circuit, while the Manufacturers' and Non-Manufacturers' Leagues are making rapid progress. A number of clubs already are practicing and the managers report an unusually large number of candidates. With many of the boys away last year it was necessary to develop younger talent and now that the veterans have returned there promises to be unusual competition.

### Plenty of Applicants

The Manufacturers' League has made a successful season by re-electing as president Paul G. Brumfield, of the Becker, Smith & Page Company. This firm has found it impossible to put a club on the field this season, but the managers prevailed upon Brumfield again to lead the organization. Even during the war period he made a big success of the league. This year should be a record-breaker.

The circuit will be completed at a meeting called for next Monday night at the Bingham House. It will be limited to eight teams. There are five holdovers from last year in U. G. L. C. H. Wheeler, J. T. Lewis & Bro., Stokes & Smith and Edward Sellers. New applicants have been received from Columbia Grafonola, affiliated with Lincoln Furniture Company and formerly the Bridgeport nine; Edgewise Service Supply, Franklin Printing Company and Louis Walther & Sons, of Torresdale avenue and N street.

Any additional applicants should get in touch with Paul G. Brumfield, at the firm of Becker, Smith & Page.

### Two Clubs Needed

The Northeast Manufacturers' League, which last season established an amateur record in Philadelphia, when Frankford Arsenal and Fitter played a twenty-three-inning game, is back in the field. At a meeting last night temporary officers were chosen as follows: James Mellon, president; George van Dyke, secretary; and John Anderson, treasurer. Efforts are being made to induce Edward Lyvers to again accept the presidency.

Six clubs have expressed their desire to enter in E. H. Fitter Company, Abrasive Company, Frankford Arsenal, Schwarz Wheel, Fayette R. Plumb and E. H. Gillinder. All were members of the league last season except Gillinder, and they are coming back after dropping out for a season on account of the war.

Another meeting will be held on Monday evening at the Fayette R. Plumb clubhouse, 4838 Tacony street, and reports are expected from such teams as Miller Dock, Tacony Ordnance, Stokes & Smith and White Dental. The Quaker City Rubber will not be a member this year, as a strong independent team has been organized to play the best clubs in the city.

### RUTGERS SIGNS ANDERSON

Famous Newark High Coach to Handle College Trackmen. New Brunswick, N. J., April 4.—Carl W. Anderson, of the Central High School of Newark, has been obtained to coach the Rutgers track team.

He has been turning out champion-level runners at the Newark school for years, and it is believed that he can handle men of college caliber equally as well.

**\*NATIONAL A. A. \* NAT. NIGHT YOUNG (Back) Fleming vs. Billy Devine**  
Dyke vs. Jimmy Mendon  
Johnny Wolcott vs. Sallor Ed. Tremble  
Dave Meder vs. Gus Lewis

**Johnny Kilbane vs. Artie O'Leary**

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## CAL DELANEY, INTERALLIED BOXING HERO, SEEKS GAME

### Lightweight Who Reached Finals in London Welter Class, Has Brilliant Record

### UNMARKED IN 170 BOUTS

By JAMES S. CAROLAN  
I tell the readers a few things," explained Johnny Kilbane as he gazed at Cal Delaney's vacant chair yesterday. "Boys, wouldn't I give them the inside story in the boxing game, especially about a few gangs of false promoters that just now are doing much to hurt the game."

"If I were a champion," interrupted Jimmy Grant, "I'd do some fighting that would stand the fans on their head."

"If I were a sporting editor or a champion maybe I wouldn't spring a few surprises," expostulated Jack Hagen, the all-around trainer. "And maybe I wouldn't have something to write about."

Champion Kilbane, accompanied by Cal Delaney, the Cleveland lightweight, stroled into the office between training sessions. Kilbane brought down Delaney to have the staff look him over. "Cal has been a fighter for many years, never was a champion but has been close to a championship holder for four seasons. He is a chum of Kilbane's."

Delaney the Hero  
Just before Kilbane presented Delaney he was asked what he thought of the present methods used by underland promoters, acting as agents who send boys out of town bearing the names of class fighters. This unsportsmanlike work seems to be growing in popularity with those who have the interest of the game at heart. The mere suggestion of it brought a clear denunciation of such methods from the champion.

But this is not meant for a story on Kilbane. Cal Delaney has been selected as the hero, despite a protest from Eddie Pollock. Cal has been battling for the title in the welterweight section. He says he is ready for all and bars none.

Delaney, well barbered, made a natty appearance. He had none of the "earmarks" of a ring artist and looked more like a matinee idol. But Cal, overlooking these qualities, appears to be a regular fighter and has a record that is worthy of note.

Inter-Allied Warrior  
Dapper Delaney showed that he loved the game during his stay in the service. He was quartered at the Great Lakes naval training station. When the inter-Allied tourney was suggested an elimination tournament was held at the Chicago naval station. Delaney was forced to battle his way through a first-class field before he finally was selected to be one of the lightweight representatives.

A few days after his arrival in England Cal was informed that Ritchie Mitchell, due to his increased speed and fast ten years and aged to meet Jack Beaman, the British welterweight champion.

Determined to engage in some kind of a fight before his return, Cal announced that he would enter as a welterweight. Another elimination tourney was held at American headquarters and the Cleveland boy was forced to defeat fifteen entries before he earned the right to be the welter representative.

Looses to Basham  
In the big tourney, Cal first defeated Swinnerton, of the Royal Air Force, next vanquished another good Englishman in the semifinals and quitted to meet Jack Beaman, the British welterweight champion.

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## "MEL" SHEPPARD ATHLETIC HEAD

### Famous Runner Director of Sports for Chester Community Service

### STARTED CAREER HERE

"Mel" Sheppard, Philadelphia's international cinder path champion, has commenced work as director of the new department of athletics and physical education in "Community Service for Chester and Vicinity." His headquarters will be in the Crozer Building, Chester, as a member of the executive staff representing the community service organization, of which Governor William C. Sproul is chairman.

In coming to Chester, "Peerless Mel" is simply coming back home, for he was born just across the Delaware river from Chester and he spent his school days at Brown Preparatory School, in Philadelphia.

At the St. Louis Fair, in 1904, Sheppard competed as a schoolboy, representing the Brown Preparatory School, and to the honor of Philadelphia, he won two scholastic championships of the world—running the 880 and the one-mile races in record-breaking time. The world's records—in the inter-school mile and two-mile races at New York and in Philadelphia—were subsequently broken by this young Philadelphia schoolboy. After his successful schoolboy career, "Mel" Sheppard moved to New York city, where he joined the Irish-American Association, in 1906. For them he won American championships, Canadian championships, world championships and at least one thousand prizes.

Bowling Marathon Next Week  
A nine-hour marathon bowling contest will be held on Costa's Alley on Thursday, April 10, from 2 p. m. until 11 p. m. Eighteen teams will be entered, rolling on six alleys. The entrance fee is \$12 per team. Each player entered will be required to roll at least three hours of the nine.

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## ONLY FIVE STARRED ON DIAMOND AFTER PASSING "40" MARK

### Wagner, Anson, Lajoie, Young and Plank Quintet of Outstanding Figures in Last Twenty Years—Hal Chase Now the Main Vet, Says Rice

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### Golf and Life

Golf and life, you'll find  
Are much alike.  
In both it's better to keep straight down the course  
Than gain more distance, minus straightness.  
In both each entry soon plays into trouble  
Where the main act comes  
In getting out again.  
To find once more the open fairway  
To success.  
Both have their hazards and their traps  
That must be carried.  
Both have their pits  
That lurk just off the course,  
Yest, yarning pits  
Where one bad shot may wreck  
A Winning Score,  
Provided he who makes it  
Loses heart.

### Beyond Forty

A CONSTITUENT, client, reader or what-not writes in to obtain the names of all ball players who have maintained their places in a major league beyond forty years of age.

We haven't any complete list at hand, but it would take no 500-page directory to record the entire line-up.

Hans Wagner lasted until he was forty-three before the Old Doc with the pruning hook cut him down.

Cy Young was around the same age when he desisted and called it a completed career.

Nap Lajoie was forty-two when he ceased firing along the Main Front. Eddie Plank was forty-one when he decided to give his left arm a total rest.

Rhody Wallace was around forty when he quit, and Fred Clarke wasn't far away.

Pop Anson was well beyond forty when he finally turned over his uniform. The five outstanding figures, we should say, are Anson, Wagner, Young, Lajoie and Plank.

In the last twenty years we can think of no others who were still wearing major league harness when they had slipped by the forty-year mark.

AND it might be just as well to note that four of this quintet are all physical giants, ranging between 185 and 210, and that Plank was above the average in physical make-up.

### Those Still In

IT MAY be that one or two of those now playing will still be wearing the spikes of major league service when they have reached forty. Ty Cobb today is thirty-three years old and there is a strong probability that he still has seven or eight seasons left, provided he cares to hang around that long and stick after he has passed over the hill, which is doubtful. Walter Johnson and Grover Alexander both have eight years to go before they reach the forty-year milestone.

Both may make it. The odds are that neither one will, for when a pitcher starts he can slip at dizzy speed. Mathewson won a world series in 1913. In 1916 he was through. With every physical and mental advantage, his pitching career ended at thirty-six.

Tris Speaker has nine years to travel before he passes the forty mark, and nine years is an average career in itself.

ONE or two of these may get by. But no one of them is worth an even money bet.

### The Oldest Player

WITH the passing of Wagner, Bender, Plank, Mathewson, etc., as far as we can separate an answer from the vital statistics, Hal Chase is now the Main Vet of the game among the regulars.

Chase, born in 1853, is thirty-six years old, a year older than Eddie Cicotte, his closest rival.

This does not take George McBride into account, as George is not listed as a regular.

McBRIDE is thirty-eight years old, but even as far back as 1917 he worked in only fifty games.

### The Arrival

The grass is green, the sky is blue,  
And so within each town  
The Duffer bids his wife adieu  
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