

SHIBE PARK NOW LOOKS LIKE A MID-SUMMER SERIES BETWEEN THE A'S AND ST. LOSE BROWNS

A'S HOLD BIG LEAGUE RECORD FOR TRAINING IN DIFFERENT CAMPS

With Lake Charles, La., as the Spot This Year, Mackmen Will Have Conditioned at Eleven Different Places. Mack Likes Jacksonville Best

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co. ALL was quiet at Shibe Park. A sharp, cutting, biting wind blew across the barren diamond, little ponds of ice formed in front of the grand stand and the entire scene was one of bleak desolation.

Connie Mack gazed sadly at the deserted stands. This is not hard for Connie to do, because he is sad every time he looks up there, whether it is in January or July. He knows the name and number of every seat because of constant observation. At this time he probably recalled the last series the A's played with St. Louis or something like that.

"No, we will not train here this year," he said. "We are going far. FAR away, to see if we can get the boys in shape in southern climes so they can make a good showing in the pennant race. We are going to Lake Charles, La., which is as far South as we can get without shipping into the Gulf of Mexico. And this is our first appearance in Lake Charles," he added reminiscently.

This last wise remark caused us to think. We recalled that the Athletics were great travelers, although it couldn't be proved by looking at the standings of the clubs for the last five years. As soon as the regular season starts Mack's athletes select a nice, comfortable spot in the vicinity of eighth place, camp there for almost six months and refuse to move. They can't travel up and it is impossible to journey any further downward, so they are unanimously stationary. Just the same, they are great travelers.

The answer is simple. They do their globe-trotting BEFORE the season starts. Since the season of 1903 they have been in more training camps than any other big league club, and they are not done yet. They have been all over the South. In 1903 they trained at Jacksonville and the next year visited Spartansburg, S. C. Then they tried Shreveport, La., and from there went to New Orleans. Marlin, Tex., was selected in 1907; Montgomery, Ala., was given the once over in 1908, and a return engagement was played in New Orleans in 1909.

In 1910 our A's were attracting spring visitors to Atlanta, and the following year Connie decided to take a chance on Savannah. The club had hard luck at San Antonio in 1912 and '13, and that caused a change to Jacksonville. They remained there five years and had good success. Last year Philadelphia was selected after considerable effort, and now it is Lake Charles.

THIS is eighteen seasons the Athletics trained in eleven different places, which is going some. It is doubtful if any other club has equaled this record. And of all the places, Connie liked Jacksonville the best.

To Leave for South on February 20

"WE HOPE to turn out a good ball club this year," said Connie after he had returned to his warm office in the tower. "There will be a large number of players to select from and there should be a few who will stand out. About February 20 we will leave for Lake Charles, and from then on it will be hard work. The battery men will go first and the others will follow a few days later.

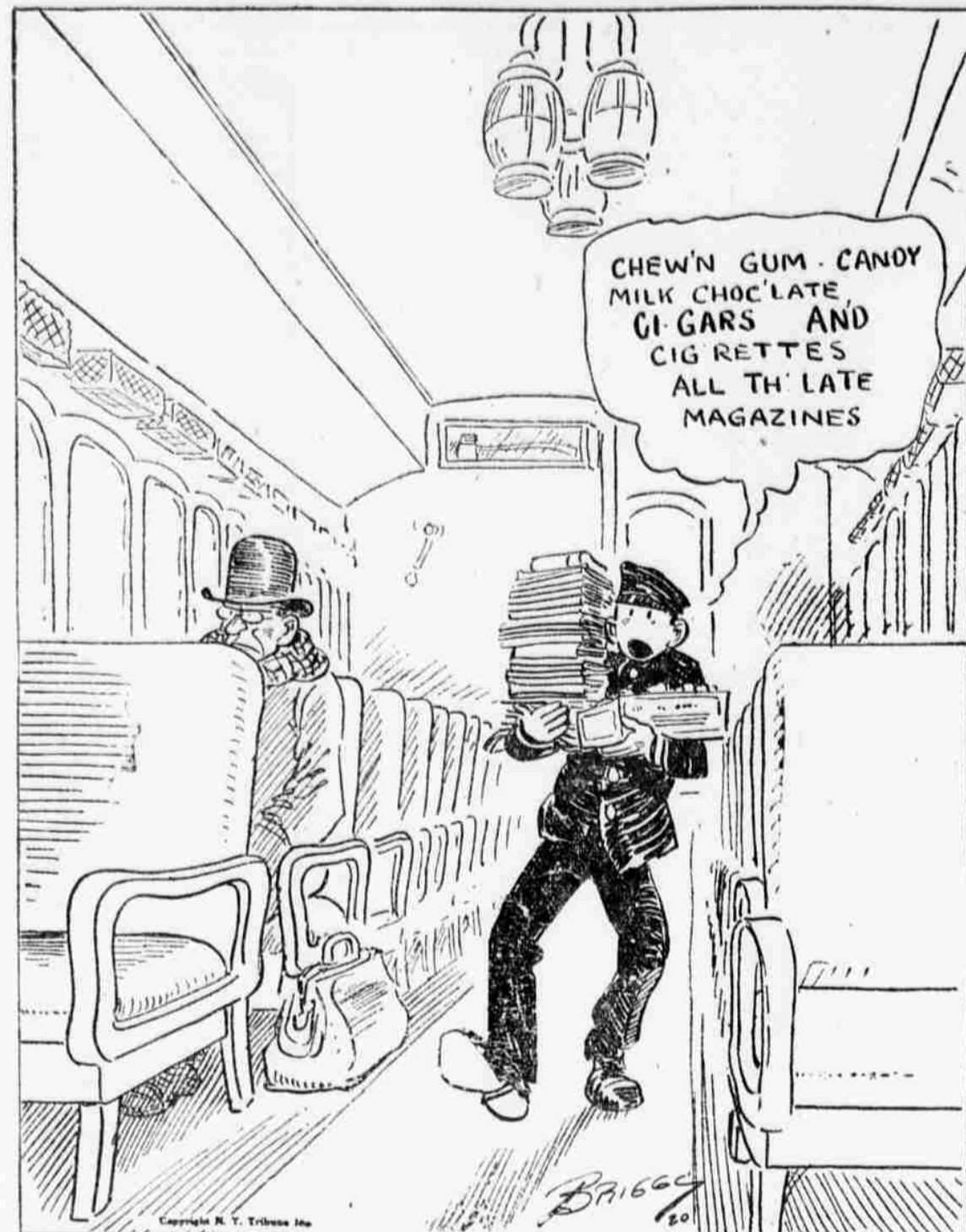
"I expect to have three dozen athletes in the training camp. Of these, sixteen will be pitchers. If four or five can be developed out of that crowd we will be fairly well fixed."

"How about Perry?" we asked.

"Why, Perry has signed for the season," replied Connie. "He decided to play ball with the Athletics this year when he learned I would not sell or trade him to another club. Scott will be a great help to us, for I believe he has realized the importance of keeping in condition.

"Perry had hard luck last year. He lost the first three games in extra innings, two going thirteen and the other twelve. Had he won those contests, the chances are he would have had a good season. Things broke badly for Scott last year, and I suppose he got discouraged.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



CLEVELAND KEPT FROM FLAG BY BILL DINEEN. Back in 1908. When Ump Was a Pitcher, He Ruined Forest City Pennant Hopes. Cleveland never has known what it means to hold a baseball championship.

The American League scoring records for the first five games, issued by Secretary Hague, show that the honors for making points are just about as evenly contested as the great race now being staged by that organization, which appears as if it will end in a triple tie.

Table with columns for Player, Team, G, AB, R, H, O, A, E, and Totals. Includes players like Joe Judge, Paul Hines, and others.

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H. F. WHITNEY, U. S. G. A., IS GOLF DELEGATE ON OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Committee Awaits Report of Annual Golf Meeting, but Wires Evidently Crossed—Whitney Awaits Further Olympic Committee Instructions

By SANDY MENBLICK. It will be a good lead off, for all three American teams that could be sent to the Olympics will be sent across, with some Philadelphia players. The Philadelphia team, comes the thought, that Marston, captain of Merion's team, may be picked. He is chiefly famed as a golfer, being one of America's first ten and therefore has a double chance at the Olympics.

As pointed out before, Philadelphia will qualify at least seven other team players to compete on the American golf teams, and the Olympic question is therefore, particularly vital here. The failure to bring it up at the U. S. G. A. meeting was most disappointing. But it was in line with the rest of the business transacted. The delegates were more or less present to hold down the chairs. The business to be done was in printed form on said chairs when the delegates filed in, and this was the only business done.

Most of the delegates had their first intimation of the clubs which had tried for the national tourneys when they looked over these pamphlets. Of the fifty nine who came out from New York on the Long Island Railroad, which runs one train something like 9 a. m. and another around 11 a. m., according to our informants who claimed to have some experience with the trains during the professional championship.

It is hoped the Long Island Railroad will give a brace, and the troubles of Oakland will not be repeated.

Eastern League First-Half Statistics. Table with columns for Team, G, AB, R, H, O, A, E, and Totals. Includes teams like Camden, Trenton, and Philadelphia.

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BRIDGEPORT JOINS EASTERN LEAGUE. North Phillie Franchise Purchased by John Leavy—Play Sunday Games at Home. BRUGGY BACK IN CIRCUIT. North Philadelphia passed over the Eastern Basketball League yesterday in favor of Bridgeport, Conn., which club took over the franchise of the local club by paying \$500 for the privilege of "sitting in" for the second half of the race which opens here tomorrow night.

Bruggy With Germantown. Dave Dennis, of Germantown, is after second-half honors and is leaving no stone unturned to place a winning team in the cage, and when the suburbanites take the floor tomorrow evening they will have a newcomer in the lineup in the person of Frank Bruggy, the leading scorer of the Penn State League.

Beckman Best Scorer. While the records for the first half show "Soup" Campbell to have made the most points, the scoring honors fall to Johnny Beckman, who has averaged over 9 points to a game. Eddie Dolin, of the Skeeters, has the largest number of field goals to his credit, with 44. The individual performances are appended:

Point Scores. Table with columns for Player, Team, G, Pts., FG, FT, and Totals. Includes players like Campbell, Beckman, and Dolin.

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