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PRE-SEASON DEALS IN BASEBALL THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN VERY FEW

Major League Managers Are Having Hard Time Bolstering Up Clubs for 1920 Campaign, Because Players Are Scarce at Present

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THE winter league baseball season is about to go the way taken by the other winter league seasons in the past.

The big noise thus far was the sale of Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees for the trifling sum of \$125,000.

Ball players are scarce at present. The war knocked off the minor leagues, and as a result no new stars have been developed.

"Good players are not to be found," said a big league manager recently. "If you were willing to pay a big price for a second baseman or a shortstop, you couldn't find a man to take your money."

THIS accounts for the small number of trades this winter. Managers who are trying to bolster their teams are having a hard time of it and some of the clubs will suffer.

Boost for Professional Football

PROFESSIONAL football has some strong boosters, despite the action taken by several of the colleges against that form of sport.

"Dear Sir—I am an enthusiastic reader of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER, and have followed with considerable interest the campaign which seems to have been adopted by many sports editors of the eastern papers against professional football."

"For years football has been looked upon as the particular pet of our colleges, and for 'frank outsiders' to come in and attempt to in any way depose the self-established football king is naturally looked upon with a great deal of disfavor."

"There are many good and sufficient reasons why college football never will become popular with the general public, outside of the college students, unless some very radical changes are made, and my case might be taken as a typical one of the average football enthusiast."

"IT WAS not a game at all, merely a practice for some other hard game to come later in the season. An illustration in Philadelphia might be for the last season—University of Pennsylvania and Delaware."

College Football Played for Students

"NOW the good games come along later in the season and the tickets are all disposed of to the college students. What chance has an outsider to witness a good game? Very small, indeed."

"It is only Yankee genius and business that where there is a sufficient and paying demand for any article or sport some one will supply the necessary, and along came the promoter of professional football."

"A few years ago there were professional teams in Ohio, but only a few. They played a brand of ball seldom seen on a college field. Every player was a star and every game was a game."

"In playing to the general public, where college yells are out of form and where every person is a critic and where sentiment plays no part, it is essential and absolutely necessary that teams be evenly matched and that good, clean games be played."

"THIS is exceptional success, and may not be repeated for many years to come."

Professional Grid Game Here to Stay

"IT IS true that the promoter or manager of professional football is going to endeavor to employ stars from the college teams until such time as the game has become popular enough to develop these stars outside of the colleges, and do not for you believe that stars are made only in college."

"The general public has never had a look-in on the college game, therefore why should they be particularly interested in whether the professional game breaks up the college game or not? As a matter of fact, they are not at all interested."

"To sum up the matter, professional football is here to stay. The big argument is that the American sport-loving public has demanded the game and will continue to demand it."

"THAT is the one big bet that the college football enthusiasts have overlooked. The fault is theirs entirely, and I can only hope for them that they will get out of the old rut, play some 'real' games with opponents worthy of their class and give the general run of people an opportunity to witness the game."

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



CAMDEN GETS GOOD SECOND-HALF START

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NEW CENTER IS A STAR

Camden received a fine start toward the second-half pennant in the Eastern League last evening when the Skeeters, coached by De Neri, trounced by the score of 36-22.

The new topoff man is McMillan, who bats from New Brunswick, and he was the whole show in the scoring line so far as De Neri was concerned.

Once the newcomer was in action a while, he now only kept the elusive pivot of the first-half champions from scoring, but managed to land one more basket than his opponent, and some of his shots were great ones.

It remained for "Soup" Campbell, the league's leading scorer, to boost his total points by fifteen more, which included seven goals from the field. This ties the record held jointly by Grimston, Brown and himself.

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Scraps About Scrapers

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Mr. De Renza, it will be remembered, is one of South Philadelphia's popular younger set, weighing 111 pounds and who has been anxious to engage one Joens Wilde, who is visiting this country from England, on the chin.

Joe Tiplitz, fresh from his victory over Harry Robideau, will box Young Cheney, of Baltimore, in the Olympic ring tonight. Harry (Red) Brown will have his hands full with Billy Adcock, of Camden. Jack Russo vs. Johnny Mahoney, Jack Brady vs. Frank Robinson, and Joe Wright vs. Young Mack are other bouts.

Two other Murrays, both also little men, are holding sway in the local pugilistic market. Freddie Murray, a cousin, is battling, while Frankie Murray, a cousin, tips the beam at 197 pounds. All three are clever fighters.

January 24 is the date set for the Johnny Dundee Denny Leonard bout—but not at New Haven. Dundee is to fight the night before, and was cancelled. Promoter Dave Mackay got after Leonard and Dundee and signed them for his club at Newark.

Billy Gibson has a new light-weight. He is Spider Roush, and comes from the Pacific Coast. Roush is said to be a better boxer than Joe Benjamin.

Arthur Felky isn't boxing any more. He has been elected a member of the school board at Fred City, Ont. Felky was one of the early White Hopes.

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BOB FOLWELL DENIES CHARGE BY WHARTON

Every Man Given Fair Chance to Make Varsity Eleven, Says Penn Football Coach

WHARTON STANDS PAT ON RETIRING FROM COACHING

Dr. Charles (Buck) Wharton, who is mentioned as a possible coach of the 1920 football team at Penn, said yesterday that he stood pat on his retirement from active coaching, which was announced near the close of the 1919 season.

"It is true that I announced then that I had retired from active coaching," said Doctor Wharton, "and that holds good now."

When the awkward squad has been developed games will be played against the varsity, and any player showing the necessary merit will be moved to the varsity squad.

The athletic committee also decided that Harvard is not yet ready for inter-collegiate competition in boxing.

"Boxing," the report reads, "should be encouraged at Harvard and the committee approves of it, but the college is not yet ready to think of having a varsity boxing team."

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HARVARD NOT TO COMPETE ABROAD

Turns Down Yale's Proposal for Track Meet With Oxford and Cambridge

WANTS ENGLISH TO CROSS

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 15. — The Harvard athletic committee yesterday announced the report of the special graduate track committee which, after long consideration of the project, has decided that it will be inadvisable this year for Harvard to combine track teams with Yale to go to England for games with Oxford and Cambridge.

Chairman Garcelon, of the committee, announced that the board believed that the English universities should send a joint team to this country before the Americans cross the water again.

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FIGURES GIVE EDGE IN PITCHING TO NATIONAL

But Parent Circuit Has No Such Hitter as Ty Cobb and No Slugger Like Babe Ruth—Batting Averages Much Higher in A. L.

BY GRANTLAND RICE

IT IS still quite an open point in the way of vital statistics as to whether American League batsmen outclass the National League's output or whether National League pitchers are quite a bit harder to hit.

Another point to consider is the discrepancy in figures—considering only those who have played in 100 games:

THE American League has but eight pitchers who have allowed an average of less than two runs to the game. They were Johnson and Cletch.

The National League had Alexander, Vaughn, Rutherford, Toney and Adams, although Toney worked in but 181 innings.

The National League had fifteen slappers who allowed an average below 2 1/2 runs to the game; the American League had but seven.

So far as any one can make a deduction from the old, unblinded figures lifted out of the official records, National League pitchers had a trifle more upon the ball last year.

Reduced to a closer comparison, Cobb would have latted around 357 in the National League and Roush would have batted around 335 in the American. We can approve of the old, unblinded figures if correct. But for that matter neither can any one else prove that it isn't.

As for pitching staffs, one of the best baseball judges that we know of is convinced that the National League does not outclass the American or rank above it in this respect.

Here are the ten leading pitchers from each league, including only those who have worked in 200 or more innings, drawn by their records:

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Burns, New York 303
Konetchy, Brooklyn 298
Wheat, Brooklyn 297

OUT OF FOCUS
YOU may observe from these open figures that Roush, leading the National League, is on a figure par with Cletch, leading the American. Cobb leads Roush by 93 points, and there are four American Leaguers who lead the Red Star by 30 points or more.

Where the National League has but eight 300 batsmen the American League has seventeen, a trifle more than two for one. Now, however, the American League's predominance is nearly as great as the figures show.

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But it is quite improbable that the American League has eight men who can out-hit the best men in the older circuit.

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