

WITH HAIG & HAIG SO POPULAR OVER THERE, WALTER HAGEN WILL CHANCE SEASICKNESS

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

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THE winter league baseball season is about to go the voyage 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

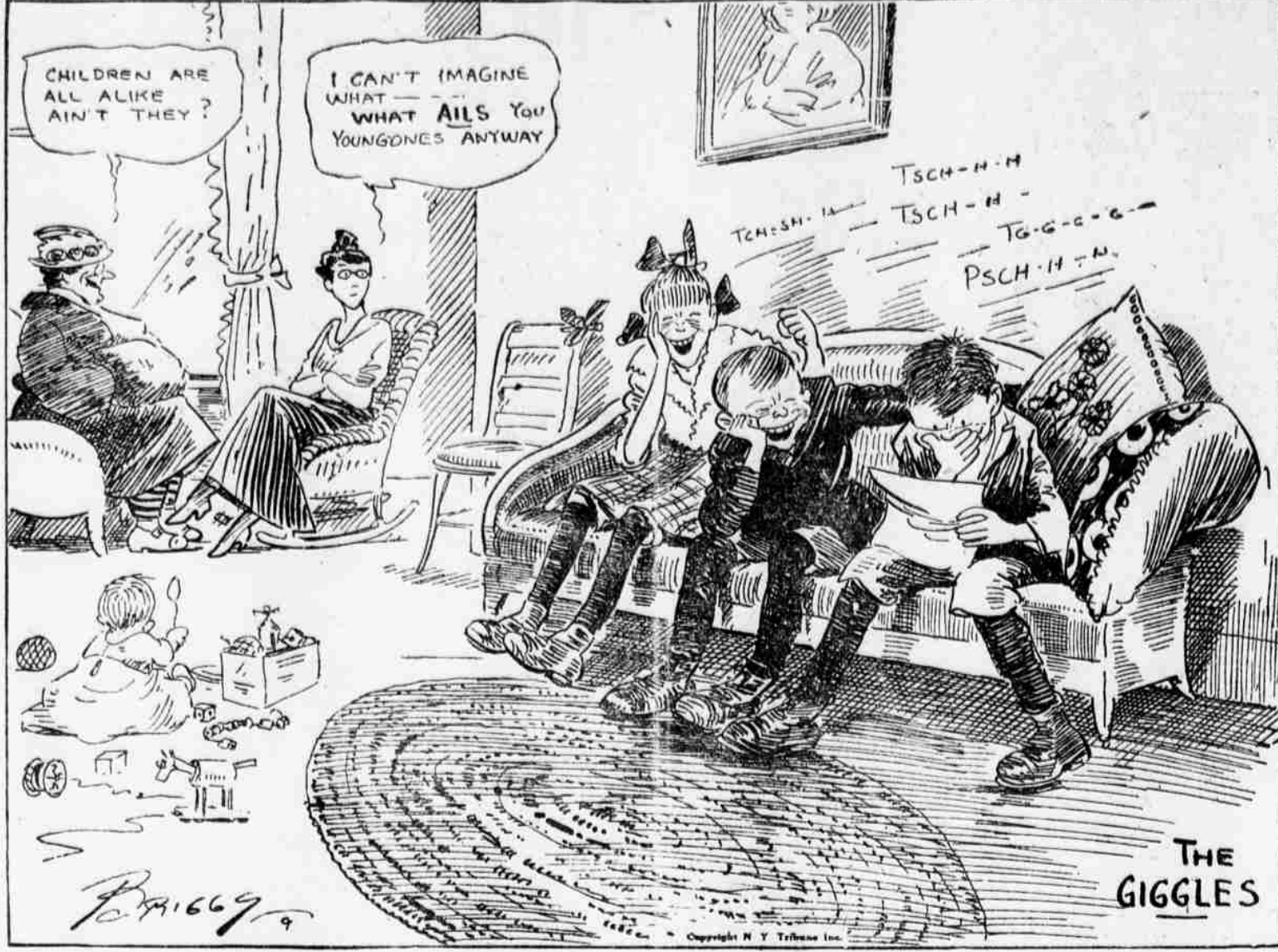
"IT IS true that the promoter or manager of professional football is going to endeavor to employ stars from the college teams until such time as the game has become popular enough to develop these stars outside of the colleges, and do not for you believe that stars are made only in college."

"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

Skeeters Wallop De Neri, 36-22, Aided by Campbell's Seven Field Goals

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 Grimstead, Brown and himself.

Besides charging lack of co-operation in Penn sports, Wharton advocated an open policy in all athletic meetings. He would eliminate all secret sessions.

Scraps About Scrapppers

SOCIETY NOTE: Mr. and Mrs. S. Michael Carranza announce the engagement of their daughter, Mimie, to Alexander De Renza on Sunday, January 18, at their home, 1021 Wolf street.

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.

Fred Fulton proved in his bout with Frank Moran that his toughness should not be doubted. Although Fulton has been boxing for a number of years he but with Tom Moore of England at the Olympia post Wednesday night will be at its first Philadelphia appearance.

Joe Tiplitz, fresh from his victory over Harry Robideau, will box Young Cheney of Baltimore in the Olympia post. Jack Russo vs. Johnny Mahoney, Jack Tandy vs. Billy Adkins, and Joe Wright vs. Young Mack are other bouts.

Two other Murrays, both also little men, are holding sway in the local pugilistic market. Battling, while Frankie Murray, a cousin, tips the beam at 107 pounds. All three are clever fighters.

January 24 is the date set for the Johnny Dundee Denny Leonard bout—but not at New Haven. Consider the fact that the bout 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.

Jack Britton apparently doesn't permit a little thing like difference in weight to get in the way of his matches. He has agreed to take on Jeff Smith in Jersey City next month.

Jeff Clarke, who used to box around here as the Fighting Ghost, is to be the opponent of Sam Langford at Kalamazoo, Mich., tomorrow night.

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."

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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.

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"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."

The committee has placed squish rackets on the regular minor sports list and a schedule of outside matches probably will be arranged.

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HARVARD NOT TO COMPETE ABROAD

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

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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.

Down to Pitching

THIS brings us down to comparative pitching, inasmuch as the pitching arm has quite an intimate connection with the opposing batting eye.

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

American League  
Cobb, Detroit ..... 384  
Veach, Detroit ..... 352  
Sider, St. Louis ..... 352  
Jackson, Chicago ..... 351  
Flagstad, Detroit ..... 351  
Tobin, St. Louis ..... 347  
Jacobson, St. Louis ..... 327  
Ruth, Boston ..... 322  
Rice, Washington ..... 321  
Heilmann, Detroit ..... 320

National League  
Roush, Cincinnati ..... 318  
Hornsbly, St. Louis ..... 318  
Young, New York ..... 311  
Groh, Cincinnati ..... 310  
Stock, St. Louis ..... 307  
Myers, Brooklyn ..... 307  
Newcomb, Philadelphia ..... 305  
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 Cobb, who ranks ninth in the American.

Cobb leads Roush by 63 points, and there are four American Leaguers who lead the Red Star by 30 points or more.

Another point to consider is that where the National League has but eight 300 batsmen the American League has seventeen, a trifle more than two for one.

The National League's predominance is nearly as great as the figures show. The National League has no such hitter as Cobb and no such slugger as Ruth.

George Low Leaves Baltusrol  
George Low, golf professional of the Baltusrol Golf Club, will leave there in May, when he will take charge of the club at Bluff Point-on-Lake Champlain, N. Y.

Amateur Sports

Kensington All Star Five wishes to book games for dates in January with first-class home teams in or around Philadelphia. Walter Hanford, 2617 Frankford avenue.

Richardson Memorial A. C., having withdrawn from the Drexel Biddle Basketball League, is booking games with first-class traveling team. George Matthews, 9223 Havertown avenue.

The DeArrow C. C. is desirous of booking games for dates in January with first-class home teams, offering reasonable guarantees. John King, 1929 West Erie avenue.

The Silent Five would like to book games with first-class teams, either at home or away. George Porter, 3028 North Twenty-third street.

MARSHALL & BUSH SHOPS FOR GENTLEMEN LARGEST DISTRIBUTORS OF MANHATTAN SHIRTS IN PHILADELPHIA 1018 CHESTNUT 113 S. THIRTEENTH

Advertisement for ADLON cigars. Includes an illustration of a hand holding a cigar and the text: 'Here's where a cigar proves its quality'. The advertisement describes the ADLON cigar as a Havana-filler and shade-grown wrapper, and mentions Benjamin Sepschutz, President of the ADLON Cigar Company.

Advertisement for the Olympia Club. Lists various boxing matches and events, including Joe Wright vs. Young Mack, Bobby Robideau vs. Jack Brady, and Harry Kid Brown vs. Billy Affleck. The event is scheduled for Monday evening, January 19, 1920.