

WALLACE ADMITS THERE'S NOTHING WILD ABOUT WILDE ATTACK

SPRING TRAINING CAMP ACCOUNTS IMPORTANT

Oftimes Stories of Rookies in Dixie Land Contain First Boosts for Future Stars Memories of Lajoie, Chase and Waddell

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE spring training camp news that flutters out of the South may not be important historically at this early stage of development. The war years are taking no sudden chances and a sprightly recruit is too busy nursing a sprig from overdoing it. But, for all that, these spring training camps are important in a human way—arise out of the soil of the reader's mind and his vision being blurred.

For they are the first squawks of spring, the young fledglings, just hopping out of the woods. The grace and swiftness of his play was uncanny. This youngster was Hal Chase.

THERE is still another curious memory. It concerns penning a note that while Willie Keeler could still go for 'em and could still indulge in scientific tapping, the great veteran was near the end of his long and brilliant journey. And almost in the same note was still another announcement that young Tyron Cobb, of Royston, Ga., was taking batting practice in his home town each day preparatory to joining some Class C club lost in the drift of the bush. As Keeler departed Cobb arrived. Keeler's average for a long span of years was above .360. So is Cobb's. No other ball player can claim any such dizzy altitude beyond a twelve-year span. Keeler and Cobb form a team of legends. Who will step in as Cobb departs to add another link?

ONE of the most vivid pictures of all baseball players ever in his prime. No other ball player ever had a sharper eye or a finer sense of timing. On his first day out that spring he was batting .400. He had a kid who could pick up old throws off the ground with his bat—even shifting his grip and hitting balls thrown back to him. And the first spring day he stepped out for infield practice he looked as sure and as certain as if he had been playing all winter. The fact that the strongest and spring training still stands for the arrival of spring. The stands that huge areas up North are still packed with ice and snow has practically nothing to do with the case.

THE recollection still remains of pursuing outfield drives and pegging the ball back into the diamond, while making copies of notes as the practice went on. Since then we have taken any number of these trips only to drift into raw, cutting winds and cold, rainy days. But the first recollection remains clear. The first spring training still stands for the arrival of spring. The stands that huge areas up North are still packed with ice and snow has practically nothing to do with the case.

COME of these spring memories from another decade remain vividly clear. The first spring training still stands for the arrival of spring. The stands that huge areas up North are still packed with ice and snow has practically nothing to do with the case.

LARGE SQUAD FOR LA SALLE '20 NINE More Than 75 Candidates Answer Call for Baseball Candidates—Practice Next Week

By PAUL PREP More than seventy-five candidates have answered the call for baseball material at La Salle Prep. Manager Cuban announced today that practice will start next week, probably indoors but, weather permitting, the assignments for the nine positions will get work out-of-doors.

As yet there is no baseball coach at La Salle. A tutor is to be chosen by Monday morning when the athletic director, Brother Edwards, will name the coach.

Among the big squad who have answered their intentions to vie for positions are a number of veterans, Taylor, Yener, McBride, White, Dougherty and McAniff won their letters last year. Of the new candidates League, a baseball man, and Money, formerly St. Joseph's star, stand out prominently as prospective players.

The West Philadelphia Recreation Center grounds have been obtained for practice and home games, the first of which is to be played with West Philadelphia Catholic High on April 8. This will be a Catholic League contest.

The La Salle basketball team is scheduled to play the McNichols Five on March 10, at Forty-first street and Mantua avenue. All of the McNichols are graduates of La Salle, having entered Penn later. Danny and Eddie, at guards; Harry, center; and Jimmy and Joe, forwards, will be the brothers' line-up.

Right-Cross Ends Seige Boston, Mass., March 5.—Joe Lynch, the New York bantam, knocked out Battling Burdette in the third round of a twelve-round bout here last night. Lynch won by a unanimous decision, and sent the bantam boxer to the hospital with a hand fracture.

Crawford and Ray to Run Easton, Pa., March 5.—Bob Crawford, Lafayette's sensational runner and holder of the national title in the third round of a championship, has accepted the invitation to compete in a special 1000-yard race with the Ray of the Illinois A. C. Shields, of Pennsylvania, and Red, of Yale, next Wednesday evening, in Monaca Legion game at Trenton.

FOUR SMITHS WILL CHASE PUCK HERE

New Rochelle Team Booked to Face Off With Quaker City This Evening

At the Ice Palace, Forty-fifth and Market streets, this evening the Quaker City seven will meet the New Rochelle. The Quakers are getting in shape for the first Olympic tryout series with the Boston All-Stars. It was announced yesterday that the Boston team will be here March 12 and 13 for a series with the Quakers. Pittsburgh A. A. will likely follow the following week.

The Quakers expect a new man in the line-up soon. He is C. J. Malone, Hunter, Wellington and O'Keefe complete the New Rochelle septet. Captain Gilmore, Dexter, Henriques, Sonder, Baker, Clark and Sharpless will make up the Quaker City team tonight. Tomorrow the last big collegiate game will be played between Princeton and Harvard. This game will be an attraction for hockey fans.

SPORTS AMONG AMATEURS

A BASEBALL league has been organized in the county for the promotion of amateur baseball among textile employees. This league, to be known as the Delaware County Textile League, is composed of teams representing the following establishments: Griswold Worsted Co., Darby, Pa.; Caledonia Woolen Mills, Clifton Heights, Pa.; Nelson Kershaw Mills, Clifton Heights, Pa.; Kent Manufacturing Co., Clifton Heights, Pa.; Mark D. Ring Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Wolfenden Shoe Co., Carlsington, Pa.

There was a big, broad-shouldered pitcher who opened the spring with terrific speed. He was no kid even then, but for all that he seemed to disdain the "take-it-easy" methods of the other veterans. He had known one of his greatest years of the season before, where he had worked fifty-five full games and had returned forty-three victories. He looked greater than ever that spring. But before the season was beginning to fade swiftly out of the frame, his arm had suddenly faltered, never to get right again. His name was John Dwight Chesbro.

THERE is still another spring memory that dates back even beyond all this to the day when, wearing a college uniform, we were called upon to step up and face a big, wild left-hander. He had more speed than any of us had ever dreamed the human arm could carry. And half the time he was lucky to get within five feet of the plate. He heaved the lead-off man under the eye with a fast one and that stricken athlete went to the hospital for two weeks to have his frontpiece replaced. Thereafter each one who stepped up maintained one foot in the water-bucket and the other about two strides from the plate. This pitcher's name was Rube Waddell.

It may be snoring with the north wind blowing. B.L.T. When the baseball ring with the old ding, ding, it's spring.

JIM HAFEEY TO SHORTSTOP ON THE JERSEY CITY CLUB

Local Sand-Letter Signs to Play With Wild Bill Donovan's Club During the 1920 Season



SIGNS WITH SKEETERS Jim Hafeey, local lad, to be on Bill Donovan's roster this year

WILD BILLIAM DONOVAN, Philadelphia and manager of the Jersey City International League Club, will have a pair of local lads on his ball club when the season for that circuit gets under way late in April. Recently Bill got the signature of Spike Dales, a Nativity pitcher, and a few days ago James ("Jimmy") Hafeey, 347 South Fifty-sixth street, forwarded his signed contract to the Skeeter boss.

Hafeey is an infielder and his favorite position is shortstop. Jimmy has been doing a lot of good ball playing on the Jersey City team for three years. Wild Bill got his eye on the youth last summer, while Hafeey was shortstopping with the Bennett Club, which nine won the championship of the Manufacturers League, returned on top in the inter-city titular tilt with the Pratt-Whitney Co., of Hartford, Conn., and also against the Pond Works, of Plainfield, N. J.

Previously Hafeey courted in the short field with the Port Washington Club, in the Montgomery County League. Other clubs with whom he always put on a star game are the Southpark Foundry Machine Co., and St. Carriage Club. As a scholastic athlete Hafeey did the shortstopping for Brown Prep in 1918.

Hafeey is nineteen years old, weighs 152 pounds and stands 5 feet 8 inches in height. He throws and bats right-handed.

Eddie McGoorty Beaten London, March 6.—Eddie McGoorty, the American light-heavyweight, was defeated last night in the thirteenth round of a bout held in the Holborn stadium by Frank Goddard, an English heavy-weight boxer. McGoorty had been so badly punished that the referee stopped the fight.

West Branch "Y" Reserves Win In a close game at the West Branch Y. M. C. A., the West Branch Reserves defeated the P. R. Y. M. C. A. five by a score of 19 to 12.

TWO NEW RECORDS IN TITULAR SWIM

Marie Hillegas Sets American Mark, Cunha Lowering Middle Atlantic Time

A new Middle Atlantic and a new American swimming record were last night set up in the battles for titles in the pool of the Philadelphia Turners in this city. George Cunha, the former Pacific coast and Hawaiian swimming marvel, captured the national junior 50-yard championship for men in a battle with seven prominent local matadors, and at the same time broke the Middle Atlantic record for the distance.

Miss Marie Hillegas, however, who set up the new national record, created the sensation of the evening. This little mermaid, who has not reached the age of sixteen years, romped away with the 100-yard breast-stroke race for the Middle Atlantic championship. She shattered the national record by a margin of fully four seconds.

The new national record is 1:28. Miss Ruth Smith, of the Morningtide A. C., of New York, has held the old mark of 1:32 1-5 since last August. Miss Hillegas rather easily defeated Gertrude Artz, of the Meadowbrook Club, who has been one of the most consistent local performers at the breast stroke, by a clear margin of just three seconds. There were only three entries.

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