

FRED MITCHELL ADMITS THE CUBS HAVE A BEAR OF A PITCHING STAFF FOR COMING CAMPAIGN

MITCHELL DEPENDING ON HURLERS TO CARRY CUBS TO N. L. PENNANT

Infield, With Merkle, Hollocher and Herzog in Poor Shape, Makes Chicago Prospects Uncertain—Pard Pearce Will Be Retained

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AFTER all, this spring training depends on how lucky you are. Some clubs pick towns reputed to be waterproof and spend the time improving their pokers and ruining their bankrolls while the rain patters merrily on. Others take a chance on a town that hasn't such a good reputation and are able to get in some real work and come back to the North in shape for the opening game.

Take the Cubs, for instance. Bill Veeck and Fred Mitchell decided on Pasadena, Calif., and everybody was happy. Pasadena is supposed to be the heart of Sunny California, where the roses bloom in January. The Cubs are working their way East now after thirty-two days around the Golden state and they say that the main thing learned on the trip is that it's foolish to try to fill an inside straight.

From the dope that is gathered on this side of the Mississipp, rain and cold weather crabbled the training at Pasadena like prohibition crabbled eggnog. One member of the hurling host—Abraham Lincoln Bailey—mounted the scales after the third week of practicing and tipped the beam at 216 pounds, or just one pound more than he registered the day the drilling was supposed to have started. Sitting around green-clothed and white-clothed tables never does reduce the waist measurements. Besides rain, other things like charley horses, bone bruises and sore arms helped retard the real work. The business of whipping the regular crew into action was not begun until the Cubs arrived in San Francisco about a week ago.

However and notwithstanding the sore whips and everything, Fred Mitchell is determined to start the same ball club against the Reds on April 14 as ended the 1919 campaign. Fred is satisfied that none of his rookies is any better than his veterans and the line-up will be the same. Some of the recruits have made a good impression on Fredward and they will stick.

AS IS always the case, other recruits showed nothing much and the finance is being adjusted for their benefit. Before long they will be starting on another trip.

Pard Pearce Making Good

TWO collegiate youngsters are making good with the Cubs, and although it is not likely that either will land a regular berth they are sure to stick with the club as utility men, according to the dope handed out by Harold Johnson. One of them is Pard Pearce, the Penn football player, who left the University after it was discovered he was a professional ballplayer. The other is Clarence Twombly, the Lehigh luminary. Pearce is an infielder of more than average ability on the defense. Twombly is an outfielder.

There are many who like Chicago's chances for the flag in Mr. Heydler's circuit, but Fred Mitchell looks mainly to his pitchers to carry him through. Alexander and Vaughn are among them—but pitchers can't win a championship alone. The Reds have a good group of twirlers, and I believe Moran has it on the Cubs in the other departments, aside from the catching. One can state that Bill Killefer is the best maskman in the league and get away with it without an argument in most any place, although try Wingo is no slouch.

The Cub outfield, consisting of Davy Robertson, Max Flack and Turner Barber, is not the best in the league and the infield will start the season off as crumpled. Buck Herzog, Charley Hollocher and Fred Merkle, constituting three-fourths of the regular inner wall, seemed to be out of luck from the start of the training season. Merkle has had a sore whip, Herzog ruptured himself going after a hard drive, and Hollocher had to submit to an operation on his left hand for the removal of a cyst.

Herzog was told by one physician that he should go under an operation which, if it had been performed, would have kept him out of the picture for ten weeks or more. Another medico advised a truss, and the veteran key-stone-sacker has been getting by with the aid of the special harness. Hollocher has returned to the game, but his hand still bothers him. Merkle is improving, but is not up to form yet. Charley Deal is the only healthy one of the quartet.

THIS patched-up infield will start the season. Perhaps it will go the full route and again it may crack. You never can tell in baseball.

Hollocher's Misfortune—Pearce's Fortune

IT WAS the operation performed on Hollocher that gave Pearce his chance and the former Penn gridiron speedster has been the sensation of the training trip, again referring to the information handed out by Johnson. Pearce always has been a flashy fielder and electrified those who had nothing else to do but watch the Penn freshman play a few years ago. However, Pard never has set the world aze with his hitting and if Fred Mitchell can teach him how to slug, he's a wonder. Mitchell has turned Pearce into a left-handed hitter and Herzog has been teaching him the finer points of shortstopping and second basing. If anything happens to Buck, Pearce will get the assignment.

Robertson and Flack have shifted positions in the outfield. Max has been moved from the right to center because of his speed and Davy will be seen in the right garden. Barber will be in left. Dode Paskert, Twombly and Barney Friberg, the New England interscholastic wizard, will be retained as utility flycatchers. This Cub outfield should be easy for a left-handed pitcher. All of them beat from the port side of the plate.

Bill Killefer, Tom Daly and Bob O'Farrell, the receiving trio of 1919, again will man the guns back of the log. Only one rookie maskman clamored for a place on the trip and after the first day of workout he was voted out of the league. As has been mentioned before, the infield will consist of Fred Merkle, first base; Buck Herzog, second; Charley Hollocher, shortstop, and Charley Deal, third.

PEARCE, McCabe and Lear will attend to the infield utility labors.

Alex and Vaughn in Shape

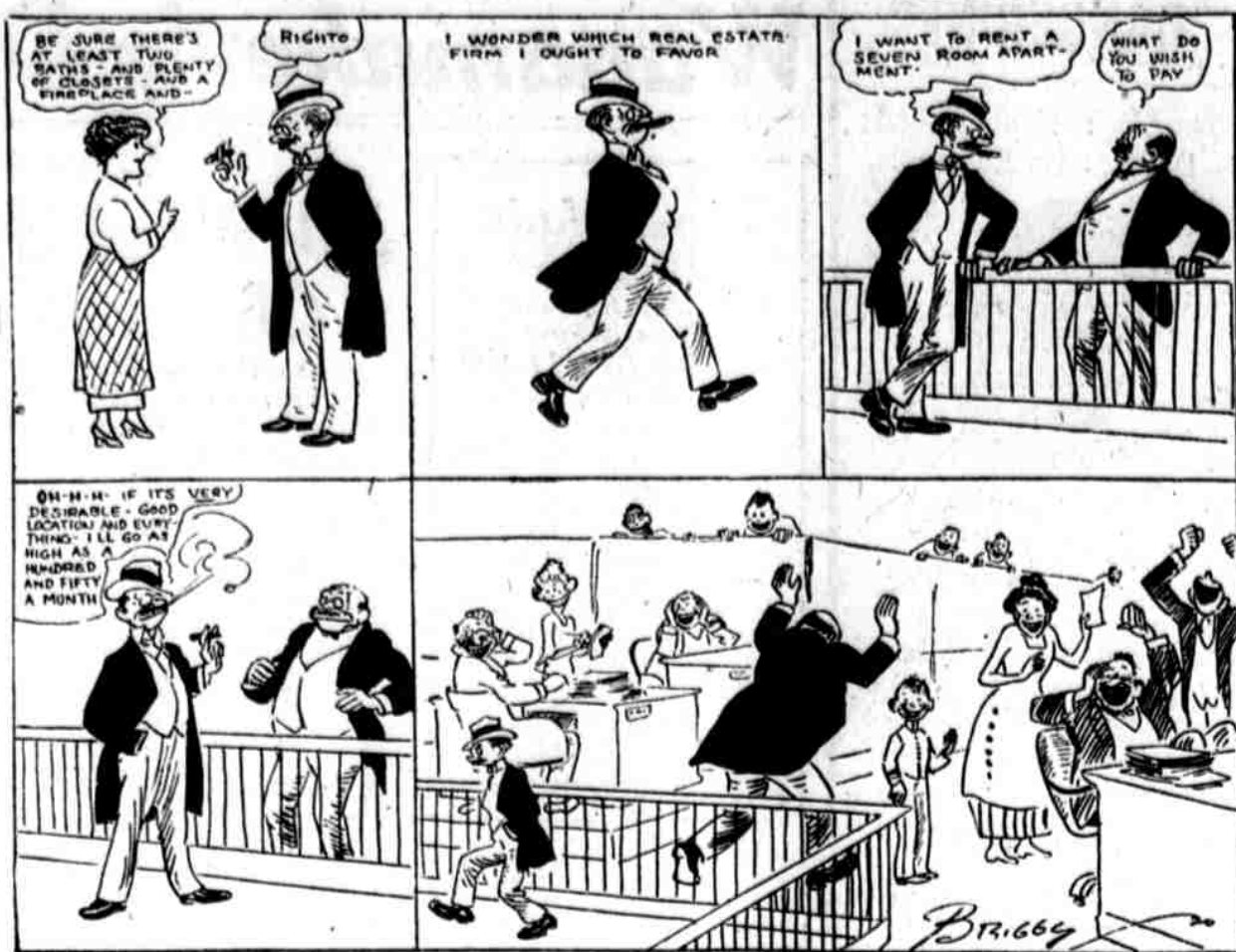
ALEXANDER and Vaughn are in better shape than any of the other players. These two veterans stole off to Hot Springs, Ark., two weeks before the Cubs went to Pasadena and the early start did them a lot of good. They have been simply loafing along in their training.

It is said that Hendrix has been struggling along to gain control of a curve ball and has had unusual success. The Kansas slicker was rated as a hooking expert back in 1911 and 1912, when he was with the Pirates, but he discarded the curve when he suffered an injury on the 1913 spring trip. Since that time he has been specializing almost entirely on a splitter. This year he didn't bring any slippery elm along and has not pitched anything that resembles a freak delivery.

Under orders from Mitchell, Lefty Tyler has been taking things easy. He has shown flashes of his opening greatness, but will not be asked to take his regular turn on the slab for some time. Last winter Lefty had all but three teeth extracted in the hopes that this would aid him in regaining his stride.

MITCHELL is not worrying about his pitching staff. In fact, it is said he is depending on them to wheel the Cubs to the pennant. "Speed" Martin and Nick Carter are in shape and these, with Alexander, Vaughn, Tyler and Hendrix, should cause considerable trouble for opposing batsmen. Yes, considerable is right.

IF IT ISN'T ONE THING IT'S ANOTHER



AMES, PENN'S BOW, TONSILLITIS VICTIM

Weakened in Varsity Race Against Yale—Wright Goes to Toronto

Penn's 1919-1920 athletic program is rapidly drawing to a close. The last few weeks have witnessed the wind-up of several sports, minor and major. Crew races, the track meets and baseball will be the big cards for the remainder of the academic year.

The national championship basketball series ended the winter sports program and Saturday's races with Yale over the Henley course opened the spring sports. Although defeat marked the opening event, it was featured by good sportsmanship and a grand effort for victory.

Just before boarding a train for Toronto, Coach Wright said: "It's all over and it's no use making excuses now. We put up a good fight and a pretty race, but I still think that with a lighter boat we could have won that last race. Yale won that race in the last twenty strokes."

Coach Wright returns from his home in Toronto tomorrow. It is believed there will be several shifts made in the Penn crews. Although it has been asserted that varsity oarsmen broke training, Coach Wright declares that his men were "supposedly" in good physical condition. Walter Ames, bowman in the varsity shell, although experienced, is probably the weakest man in the boat. His strength waned when the last quarter of the race was being rowed. When he collapsed Frank and Swan toppled over with him. The pace set up by Stroke Thomas, necessary to win the race, found the Penn oarsmen incapable. Ames yesterday was confined to his bed in the training house with tonsillitis.

Harvard and Princeton will row with Penn on the Charles river at Cambridge on May 1. On May 30 the American Henley will take place on the Schuylkill river. Of particular interest to Penn will be the Childs Cup regatta, which Penn has won the last two years. In addition to the three original contenders for the cup, Penn, Columbia and Princeton, the Navy, Syracuse, Yale and possibly Harvard will participate.

North-South Tennis Tilt Attracts National Stars

New York, April 5.—The lawn tennis struggle between William T. Tilden, 2d, the new national indoor champion; Vincent Richards, the former holder of that title, and St. Forward Voshell, another indoor champion, so keenly waged last week in the Seventh Regiment Armory, will be renewed this week at Pinehurst, N. C., where the annual North and South championship tournaments for men and women will begin on Thursday. Frederick B. Alexander, Beals C. Wright, Harold A. Throckmorton and Ichihya Kumagae will begin play on the clay courts.

BENNY BASS WINS 2 AMATEUR BOUTS

Philadelphia Flyweight Reaches Semifinals in National Championships

Boston, April 6.—The boxers from whom the United States sparring representatives at the Olympic games will be chosen were in action at the big National amateur boxing championship tournament at Mechanics' Hall. The bouts, in eight classes, were advanced to the semifinals, where they will be resumed this evening. Boxers of the colleges met those of the athletic clubs, each group including present national titleholders and champions of almost every section of the country. The college men, headed by Edward Egan, of Yale, were more often victorious. The Yale captain, who won the heavyweight title last year, defeated Frank Grabber, of Pittsburgh, the Allegheny titleholder, in three rounds.

Benny Bass, Philadelphia, flyweight, won two bouts, reaching the semifinals.

Snow Halts Ball Game
Huntington, W. Va., April 6.—The exhibition game scheduled here yesterday between the Boston Nationals and the Detroit Americans was postponed because of a snowstorm.

"SPHA" PREPARING FOR 1920 SEASON

South Philadelphia Hebrew Association Again Will Appear on Baseball Field

South Philadelphia Hebrew Association will be represented on the diamond again this season. Virtually the same lineup which established a brilliant record last year on the local diamond again will wear the colors of the downtown club. Pineyrod Iron Works, a team that beat S. P. H. A. in a thrilling 2-2 contest in 1919, probably will be the opening contest for the South Philly club on May 1.

Ed Goshik, 400 South Eighth street, is now negotiating with the same team, which appeared on the S. P. H. A. schedule last year, including Stetson, E. G. Rudi, Christ Church, Logan A. A., Strawbridge & Clothier and Parkersburg. Games are to be played in Philadelphia as well as out of town.

Practice has been on for a week. One of the new players probably will be "Label" Goldblatt. He received a medal from South Philadelphia High School on his graduation as being the recognized all-around star athlete of the downtown institution.

S. P. H. A. also will be represented in track and field sports. Manager Dechter has surrounded himself with a bevy of downtown talent which bodes fair to make quite a stir in local track circles and emulate the example set by the association's baseball and basketball teams.

The club will be represented in both the junior and senior baseball classes, and to take care of the youngsters a junior branch of the organization will be formed, with headquarters at the Starr Garden Recreation, Seventh and Lombard streets. Boys more than eleven years of age possessing athletic ability should communicate with Joe Dechter, 1517 South Fifth street.

Kob High Gun
Beverlytown, Pa., April 6.—Despite the intermittent showers, the annual Easter Monday shoot of the Beverlytown Sportsmen's Association yesterday proved a success and was well attended. The live bird event for the Beverlytown club was won by Scott Kob with Charles Wren winning a triple shoot-off with John H. Levenogood and William D. Scheler for the turn-up trophy.

QUIMET PICKED, 2-1, TO DEFEAT GRAHAM

Nevertheless, Figures Prove That Under Dog in Play for Amateur Title Is Good

By SANDY McENRICK
Pinehurst, N. C., April 6.—Sam Graham, who plays Francis Quimet of the North and South, is good. The figures prove this. Graham has fought his way through the upper bracket, where there was a troublesome congestion of stars, the only one of whom he did not meet was Perry Adair. But the greens were trounced by D. Newton, Jimmy Standish and finally R. E. Boeckenkamp yesterday. The latter was picked as the dark horse.

All the fans who knew his game were buzzing that Boeckenkamp needed watching, that he was the class of the upper bracket and pointed to the fact that this year's national champion, as well as taking Nelson Whitney forty holes in the finals for the trans-Mississippi title last season.

Against this data, Graham knows every grain of sand and every pine tree down here, which is a considerable aid in the play of the type usually at Pinehurst.

Quimet's match yesterday with Harold Weber was his only tough one of the tournament, and unless the ex-amateur and open national champion unloosens one of his now 70 runs today in the thirty-six holes required to win the title, Sam Graham is figured to fall advantage, and his opponent has it on them all. Winds may blow, but that ball sails right in its teeth and runs far up the slopes or down the grades on the pine trees. The No. 2 course, where the championship is being played, is dotted with traps, and here again Quimet's nationally known name is a help. He is, therefore, a 2 to 1 favorite to win the title today.

Jack Wins Palace Races
The ice was in perfect condition for speed skating last night at the Philadelphia Ice Palace and as a result fast time was recorded in both events on the program of amateur indoor speed skating.

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LOOKS AS IF INDIANS ARE DUE THIS SEASON

Cleveland, Stronger and Better Than Ever, Appears to Be About to Break Long Drought—Speaker Believes in Players

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IF THERE is one club that is favored in the dope about all others to step forth and lay violent hands upon the pennant, the answer is Cleveland.

Twice now in the last two years this club, by a sprinting finish in short sessions, has barely failed to win.

With a full 154-game schedule to work on it would almost surely have beaten Boston in 1918 and Chicago in 1919.

And this season Cleveland looks stronger and better than ever under the peppery leadership of Tristram Speaker, the Texas viking.

Speaker's Belief
LAST October in Cincinnati we asked Speaker how he felt about the 1920 race.

"It is a dangerous prediction to make this far ahead," he said, "but I know we have the stuff to win with. If accidents don't tear away our strength I believe we can land over the 154-game route."

The strength is undoubtedly there. Cleveland has a great catcher in O'Neil—a fast-fielding, hard-hitting infield with Harris, Johnston, Wamby, Chapman and Gardner. Four of these batted 300 or better last year.

Graney, Speaker and Smith form an outfield something below the power held by Detroit with Cobb, Veach and Flagstead, but the Cleveland trio is exceptionally good. Speaker alone is an outfielder of no light merit.

Graney is no great hitter, but last season he drew 105 passes and scored seventy-nine runs, which is the main object of the game.

As for the pitching—
THE possible pitch that may wreck the team is the pitching, to employ a very-necked metaphor.

Coveleskie, Bagby, Morton, Caldwell, Uhl—the main reliance—complete a fair staff, but nothing exceptional.

With a first-class southpaw in tow Cleveland would make a joke out of the circuit.

Coveleskie, Cleveland's most effective worker, was her only pitcher to finish among the first fifteen in the way of effectiveness. Morton's arm has always been a trifle wobbly, and Ray Caldwell is always a guess—a great pitcher when he feels the mood upon him, but otherwise an erratic person.

Posed for Flight
SCENTING the fragrance of new shown kale to be harvested around the idea of October, the Cleveland club has hustled at top speed all spring.

It will mean from \$3500 to \$5000 apiece for the pennant-winning players this year, and with the rare chance they have ahead the athletes are dead in earnest. They apparently haven't as much financial temperament as the Yanks and are much more likely to bustle and work better together.

Like Old Times
FEATURING Cleveland in a pennant role is very much like old times. We recall making similar predictions in 1904 and 1905, baseball ages that are now dry with the dust that lies thick upon the records of those years.

We felt like a regular prophet for three months around 1904, when Cleveland, in late June, was 113 points behind the field. After which the only ball players she lost through sickness or injury were Lajoie, Bradley, Joss, Moore, Bay, Stovall and Flick. The other three remained in fair condition.

This season we are putting a lot of reliance in the managerial power of Tris Speaker.

Speaker has the friendship of his men and they are sure to arise upon their hind legs and hustle for him every yard of the way. And this means more than you may know of in this age of temperament and ennui.

Cleveland hasn't the pitching which the Yanks carry, but she has a better catcher and a better infield and is likely to have more of the pennant spirit.

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