

# PHILADELPHIA FANS WILL MISS CRAVATH

**Rumored That Mike Kelly Will Succeed Gavy as Manager of National League Club**

**NOT CONFIRMED**

By SPICK HALL

IT REPORTS from Kansas City are true, the Phillys next season. The new leader, according to the unconfirmed story from the scene of the late bloodless baseball war, is Mike Kelly, 1920 manager of the St. Paul club, winners of the American Association flag.

It has been impossible to verify the report that Gavy Cravath is to be resigned, because he is basking in the sunshine of his beloved California, and President Baker is taking part in the proceedings in Kansas City. Business manager Bill Shetzline has been busy polishing up the fire engine at Glenside that he can't take out time for an interview. Hence the matter will stand until President Baker resigns or makes a statement in the middle west.

When Cravath left here in October he made no mention of severing his connection with the club, which, however, means nothing. The Phillys had a poor season this year, finishing on the same lowly floor as the Athletics in the American League, so it is highly probable that the Philly officials want a new leader.

**Succeeded Coombs**

Gavy began his managerial career with the Phillys on July 8, 1919, when the club was in the midst of a series with the Chicago Cubs. He succeeded John Kennebunk Coombs, one of the greatest hurlers the game has ever seen. John, after being released by Connie Mack, along with Chief Charles Bender and Eddie Plank, after the disastrous world's series of 1914 on which the Athletics were trimmed in four straight games by the Boston Braves, finally landed in Brooklyn. There he did some great twirling but eventually had to quit because of an injury that he received in the world's series with the Giants in 1911. When Pat Moran was released as manager of the Phillys after the season of 1918, Coombs was named pilot.

At the beginning of the 1919 season the Phillys went well but suddenly took a terrible slump, from which they seemed destined never to recover. Coombs decided to resign and his offer to quit was accepted. According to some of the Philly players, he was



GAVY CRAVATH

forced by President Baker to resign. At any rate his resignation caused boisterous to spread in the ranks of the club.

**Threaten Strike**  
On July 8, 1919, the day that Cravath was named manager, a general strike of the players was threatened as a protest against Coombs' resignation. However, all of the members of the club eventually went out on the field except Gene Packard and Harry Pearce. Frank Woodward, after taking part in practice before the Cubs game, left the field and these players, with Coombs, sat in the centerfield bleachers that day.

Cravath was popular with the players and finally harmony was restored. But Gavy couldn't stop the toboogan. The Phillys slid to the bottom and stayed there, finishing fifty-one points below St. Louis in 1919.

In 1920 the club was switched around. Art Fletcher came over from New York and Davy Bancroft went to the metropolis. Fred Luderus was disposed of, and Gavy benched himself and other shifts were made. But they were all to no purpose. At the close of the season, the Phillys were going badly and ended in the cellar again.

While Cravath's managerial career here was not brilliant, it was by no means all his fault. However, if it had been, his great playing since he joined Charley Dooin's club in 1911 far more than offsets anything that he might have

done in a season and a half as manager. Even during the last season Cravath did fine work as pinch hitter. On one occasion with the bags loaded he stepped in and patted the pill into ungettable territory for a home run.

**Real Home Run King**

Until the advent of Babe Ruth, Cravath was the most talked-of home-run hitter in the major leagues. He made his 100th circuit swing June 18, 1918. At that time Sam Thompson, of the old Detroit club; Roger Connor, of the Phillies during his regime has put a lot of gray hairs in Gavy's wise old head, but he is still capable of "ustin' that ol' apple," as he expressed it.

Gavy admits to thirty-nine summers. Like all native sons he says they don't have any winters on the Pacific coast. The subterranean journey of the Phillys during his regime has put a lot of gray hairs in Gavy's wise old head, but he is still capable of "ustin' that ol' apple," as he expressed it.

If Gavy goes, his loss will be felt more than that of any player that ever

donned a Philly uniform, not even excepting Pat Moran. He has been the idol of the fans for years and justly so. He was always a clean sportsman and gave his best efforts whenever he was called upon. His departure will be keenly felt by the biographies and his personal friends in Philadelphia.

**KEMPTON MAY START IN PRINCETON GAME**

Yale Quarterback Features in Eli Practice With Forward Passes  
New Haven, Nov. 12.—"Tad" Jones kept the Yale squad until nearly dark yesterday in its final practice before the Princeton game. While the practice was long, there was no scrimmaging for the greater part of the varsity, except a dummy scrimmage. The second team had a scrimmage with one of Mr. Bull's teams, but there was no scoring. The line-up of the varsity showed that probably Kempton would start the game against Princeton. This has by no means been settled and Murphy was also in a while at quarterback.

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