

SHANKS IS AFTER THE DAVIS CUP—WELL, THEY CAN PUT SOMETHING IN IT OVER THERE

ALL RECORDS FALL AS NEW YORK OFFERS BRANCH RICKY \$300,000 FOR ROGERS HORNSBY'S SERVICES

The limit has been reached in the price of ball players. That is to say, the January limit has been reached. What will happen next month or in March or April is difficult to determine. The limit was set at \$100,000 in pulling the frenzied finance stuff that led to be blown so high that it will never come back to earth.

Yesterday, down in Houston, Tex., Branch Ricky, while conversing with a couple of natives, admitted that he had received an offer of \$300,000 and four players from a "certain" National League ball club, Rogers Hornsby. Ricky evidently is handing out the straight dope, because he is not a drinking man nor does he do any day dreaming. Therefore, there is nothing left but to believe the wild yarn and the penny-price.

Last year Hornsby was sought by the Giants and an offer of \$100,000 was made until it reached \$200,000. Then the matter was dropped. This year the Giants tried again, and while Ricky did not name the club making the \$300,000 offer, it has all of the earmarks of a New York overture.

Ricky thinks enough of him to turn down an offer of \$300,000. It would be a contract which will make Babe Ruth look like a piker. Two much publicity about high prices and careless juggling of amounts like \$300,000 will do the game of baseball lots of harm. The fans don't care to look at a price list—all they want is a good strong line-up with real players in it. However, the club will have all of the financial news, realize the club bosses are making money and modestly demand a boost in remuneration. This will cause a flock of holdouts and a lot of trouble. In a little while baseball news will be printed on the financial pages.

If this deal goes through somebody will be accused of buying a pennant. Well, if a club has the nerve to put a price tag on a pennant, it deserves some reward. But it is hard to realize that a bundle of kale like that will change hands. In the past the baseball magnate has not qualified as a philanthropist. He never kicked in with the dough until the game was placed at his head or he was backed into a corner. Perhaps he has changed.

IN REGARD to St. Louis, a ball club which has been operating on the other side of the ledger for years, wondering every year if the ball park could be opened and then have a chance to get a fortune for a player, all we can say is that somebody should have his head examined.

Baseball Times Have Changed vastly. All of which is in striking contrast to the methods of fifteen years ago in baseball. Some of the greatest baseball machines ever assembled, and ones which could stack up with any of these financially acquired clubs, were put together for amazingly small slices of dough.

Back in 1907, 1908 and 1910, when Frank Chance had one of the best clubs of all time, his team cost so little in the assembling that it was a negligible figure compared to the salaries of the players in baseball's history.

What Connie Mack did after his famous 1905 club had collapsed is almost too well known to repeat. What he did, in brief, was to go out and get such players as Eddie Collins, Jack Barry, Stuffy McInnis, Chief Bender, Eddie Plank, John Coombs and Frank Baker for mere songs and develop the team.

It is not the method used today. Now it appears that managers are unable to develop players, except in rare instances. They purchase the finished product rather than struggle with the raw material. This is in keeping with the times.



PENN TEAM OPENS AGAINST ST. NICKS

Coach Orton's Hockeyists Face Strong Sextet in Debut at Ice Palace Tonight

Penn Keays... left wing... St. Nicholas... right wing... The sureness of the pass of a good player in a soccer game is always a source of wonderment to the average spectator.

GOOD SOCCER KICKER MAINTAINS BALANCE

Instep, Not Toe, Should Be Used if Results Are to Be Obtained—Forwards Use Side of Foot to Great Extent—Art of Snapping

By DOUGLAS STEWART, Coach of the University of Pennsylvania Soccer Eleven, Intercollegiate Champions.

ICICLES

Forty men now have found the Wagonway, Philadelphia's amateur speed skating capital. The most important game of the Philadelphia Hockey Association was played last night at the ice palace.

HARNESS HAPPENINGS

Carolyn Cox, by the Associated Press, is touted as a great three-year-old for this year. The new Union Trotting Association will not have three-year-olds this year.

GOULD DEFENDS MOSS IN EXHIBITION

Bar Gould's defense of a member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Association, played in an exhibition at the Philadelphia Rink Club yesterday with Joe Mitchell.

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NEED LAW AGAINST "THROWING" GAMES

Act of White Sox More a Crime Than Theft or Arson and If There's No Law One Should Be Passed

By GRANTLAND RICE. Ghost Winds of Winter. Come, wind from out the far gray north, and sing.

IF CONNIE MACK finishes last again this season the impression will soon get out that he is slipping a trick from the old days.

TEMPLE VS. VILLANOVA

Local Five Will Meet Main Liners Here Tonight. Temple University and Villanova College are down on tonight's basketball schedule to meet at the Second Regiment Armory.

DOWNY OUTPOINTS GEORGE CHIP

Baltimore, Jan. 8.—(By) Wood, star footballer of Villanova, announced that he will make changes in the line-up of the Main Liners and will use either Mitchell or Connolly at center in place of Pickett, and Vise at guard instead of Herold.

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JACKSON-MITCHELL MATCH PROVES TAME ENCOUNTER

"Pinky's" Continual Holding in Later Rounds and Willie's Early Lethargy Result in Most Unsatisfactory Contest

By LOUIS H. JAFFE. New York, Jan. 8. There was nothing startling, sensational or hair-raising about the Willie Jackson-Mitchell fight which took place here at the Garden last night.

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SENDS TO EUROPE FOR HOCKEY SHOES

All-Philadelphia Girls Will Have Big Supply of Shin Guards, Too

By SPICK HALL. Three thousand miles is a long distance and a year is a long time, but neither time nor distance are any terms for the interested members of the all-Philadelphia field hockey team.

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SPORTS SERVED SHORT

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