Investment of $137,500 in Babe Ruth Is Paying Big Dividends to the Battling Colonels

SWARTHMORE READY FOR PRINCETON, BUT RUSH LINE IS WEAK

Dr. Mercer Must Develop Pair of Guards and One Tackle. Backfield Unusually Good, With Seven Letter Men Trying for Positions—Fifty-five Candidates in Squad

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WITH more than one-fifth of the male population of Swarthmore College wearing football togs and devoting two hours every afternoon to football practice, the Garnet is getting in shape for the opening gridiron battle of the year at Princeton next Saturday. There are 250 young gentlemen enrolled at Swarthmore, and nine-tenths of these are candidates for the football team. All of which means there is a lot of interest in the block-and-tackle game or the candidates have no other place to go.

Yesterday afternoon the football field looked like a peanut-rovers' picnic where everybody wore red shirts. There were large, small, thick and thin athletes ready to do or die for their college, and obeying every order faithfully and implicitly. Gridiron warriors were scattered all over the place, and it looked like a tough job for Dr. W. Mercer to select eleven of them to perform on the varsity.

Swarthmore will have a fairly good team this year, but not so good as last season. Two-score men are back and the squad is unusually large, but no first-class linemen have been developed. Dr. Mercer and Bill Ward, of Penn, his assistant, are working hard to develop a pair of guards and a tackle, but have not yet picked the men for the jobs.

"The backfield is all right," said Dr. Mercer, "and we are well taken care of at center and on the ends. My only worry is the line, and right now I don't know who will start the Princeton game. We have Shoemacher, Kramer and Wilcox, of last year's varsity, and Voss, a freshman, trying out for the guard positions, and there is little to choose between them. Dudley, tackle on last year's team, will be in the left-guard place, and Willis will be the other tackle. Curley Ogden, Butterworth and Jackson, of last year's varsity, will play end, so we are not short of stars that position. We need some guards, and as soon as we have developed the team will be in good shape."

Captain Gerber, quarterback, will start the game on Saturday. Erp, White, Yarnall and Appel-mill will have first call for the other backfield positions. There is a wealth of material behind the line, with Nick Carter, Thoenen and Knapp as substitutes.

The Garnet started practice ten days ago and the offense already is working smoothly. The backfield executes know what to do and run off the plays in machine-like fashion. Mercer has a running attack interspersed with several good forward passes, and Erp and Appel-mill can be relied upon to boost the ball out of danger when necessary. Everybody gets touches in the good line.

As was said before, the Garnet will be strong on the line and if the new men can hold off the opposition there will be little to do some damage. Cottrell, the center, is the best of the lot, he said is as good as any pivot man in the East. He will have to protect the guards on Saturday, which means he is in for a busy afternoon.

THE teams will line up: Cottrell, center; Shoemacher, Kramer, Voss and Wilcox, guards; Dudley and Willis, tackles; Ogden, Jackson and Butterworth, ends; Gerber, quarterback; White, Erp and Yarnall, halfbacks; Appel-mill, fullback.

$137,500 Investment Is Paying Big Dividends

ONCE upon a time a syndicate of Chicago, Boston and Houston saw a ball player who seemed to be just the thing in order for their ball club. They decided to invest him in their club, and made overtures for his purchase. H. H. Frazee, the owner of the Boston Red Sox, refused to part with the much-talented player, offered to do business, and the deal was closed.

In this manner Babe Ruth became a member of the Yankees after Frazee's palm had been greased with $137,500 worth of legal tender.

No ball player ever was worth a large amount, and no ball player ever proved to be such a good investment. Up to the time the Yankees made Ruth the property of Frazee's club, baseball was in the rank and file until the end. This year Babe demonstrated that he was the greatest attraction in baseball, was a magnet to draw thousands of dollars to the gate and not only made money for his owners, but helped every other club in the league.

Tomorrow the Babe leaves Boston for the last time. The Yanks go to open a two days' visit with the Athletics. He still has a chance to break his home-run record, for every time he connects one of his old mates will get a new mark is made. He will draw big crowds and that is what he does. When the mob is all set to see him do something, nothing escapes him more than to get hold of one and give it a long ride.

The Colonels still referring to Ruppert and Huston are common sense business men. They saw the possibilities of Ruth, dug down deeply into their jeans and, although $137,500 was more than they got that money back before the season was over, and then some.

"You" [illegible] Ruth, "and Colonel Huston. [illegible] they want, and you will always get the best of it at the [illegible] the season is over."

Perhaps [illegible] adopted. Pennsylvania. It has worked in other parts.

Cleveland Made Game Fight for Pennant

NO MATTER how [illegible] or second—[illegible] has not lost prestige. Tris Speaker had a tough time of it [illegible] start. Injuries hurt [illegible] pitchers failed to [illegible] necessary to make a [illegible] club at [illegible]

In New York [illegible] records for four [illegible] present and the [illegible] Looks as if there [illegible]

Cortelyou Unravels Boxing Tangle

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Fitzsimmons [illegible] telyou overlooking [illegible] deal, listens to [illegible] a square deal [illegible]

Jake Weimert [illegible] bout, is [illegible]

"I [illegible] Friedman [illegible] I let the [illegible] and have [illegible]

"I [illegible] was with [illegible] show as [illegible] in the [illegible] I deal."

Weimert [illegible] in the near [illegible]

Much Depends on This Football Game

HAVING [illegible] this week [illegible] and Mar[illegible] the argument [illegible]

Scraps About Scrappers

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Rocky [illegible] $4000 [illegible] for a match [illegible] record [illegible] was for [illegible] explains [illegible] the match [illegible]

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Freddy [illegible] weighed [illegible] of Boston [illegible] after the [illegible] weeks, [illegible]

A pair of [illegible] the heading [illegible] night, when [illegible] meets Jabo [illegible] these Bill [illegible] Johnny Buff [illegible] crown.

Al Wagner [illegible] a week. He is [illegible] of Adam Ryan's [illegible] mind having Johnny [illegible] spit form against him [illegible]

Willie Houck has Jimmy Jones [illegible] Cleveland, hooking his matches. Houck has been conditioning himself for more than a month. McNeallis.

There is a letter in the sports department of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for Mickey

Bowdoin's Ends Twins; Puzzle Opposing Teams

[illegible] Bowdoin College [illegible] announced by [illegible] Charles Hildreth, [illegible] Hildreth of Gardiner, [illegible] Lewiston, [illegible] Bowdoin line to mold [illegible] for [illegible] will be [illegible] Coach Ted Cougill has been [illegible] Bowdoin [illegible] starting for