

Baseball Bug in Boston Switches to National Club Because Frazee Wrecks American Roster

RAVES FAVORITE NOW OVER RED SOX AMONG BOSTON FANS

American League Club in the Hub Loses Popularity After Spate of Star Players—Nationals, Incidentally, Get New Top-Notchers for 1922

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THE sports fan is a mighty changeable sort of individual. This highly original and illuminating assertion may need some backing up, and there is plenty of material to prove it.

IN ST. LOUIS the favoritism of the fans varied. So far as Boston was concerned, the American League led the parade until Stallings came along with his gang of misfits.

Braves the Favorites

AND that brings us down to the story. In Boston things have changed. They no longer eat the well-known bribe for dessert—and they don't like Harry Frazee.

On the other hand, a quiet-working combination, such as Fred Mitchell and George Washington Grant, manager and owner of the Braves, who are obviously out to build up a winner, have an excellent chance to win the hearts of the birds who eat the guta percha sandwiches and drink acetic acid or whatever it is they masquerade under the name of lemonade.

Incidentally the recent trade in which the Braves sent Scott to Cincinnati for the veteran Marquard and the other veteran, Kopf, may look like a case of mental playing on the surface, but it has the earmarks of some shrewd thinking. Marquard may be near the end, but he is a fairly steady old side-wheeler, something that the Boston hurling corps needs.

NEVER a top-rank star, still he has always been a mighty dependable player, and Mitchell knew what he was about when he made that trade.

War Stopped Development of Players

FOR several years the managers of sixteen big league ball clubs have been squealing for young players like a bunch of future presidents howling for the bottle.

Many of them have been condemned for letting veterans slip out into the ball and uncut when said veterans had a lot of good baseball concealed in their withering hulks. And it is a fact that many veterans who were still capable of putting up a fairly good brand of the old pastime were ushered to the railroad station with the glistening tinware clinking at every step.

But there were mighty few headless youths hanging around with enough ability to fill their places. The reasons were plain. The war stopped the development of a lot of youngsters who would have gone along in the minors for a couple more seasons to sprout into big league timber.

But now things are changing. Minor league and sand lot baseball is booming today as it probably never boomed before. The twilight leaguers and back-lot teams are full of talent that needs only development to prove itself for fast company.

LAST season we received a few surprises in this direction while looking over a lot of this type of teams in various parts of the country.

Let-down Is Passing

THE material is there once more and we rise with the prediction that a couple more seasons will see one of those periods when a lot of brilliant young stars come through to cop places with the fast set.

For the last few years there has been a sort of general let-down in the caliber of baseball that has been played in the big leagues and it was of a kind that is difficult to explain.

All departments of the game seemed to suffer and it will take some young blood to overcome this and pep things up once more.

The one thing that seems to be the greatest handicap among the youngsters we saw during last season was the ancient trouble of all rookies—the inability to stand up when the pitchers unrolled.

Which recalls a conversation we had several seasons back with Hughie Jennings.

"Give me a player who can hit and has a normal arm, and I can make a fielder out of him," was the way the freckled former leader of the Tigers put it.

HOWEVER, a few more days and some of the dope on the prospects for the youngsters who are now learning to eat fried ham and candied yams in the Southern camps will begin to give the world a line on the outlook for the coming season.

O'Connell Price Publicity Stunt

NOW that all the hectic convulsions over the sale of Jimmy O'Connell to the Giants by the San Francisco club for that mere pittance of \$75,000 are settling down and the fans are gradually regaining their collective equilibrium, one begins to wonder how much they really did pay for the Coast League rookie.

A little sum like \$75,000 was a lot of money ten centuries ago, it was a lot of money when shipyard workers were buying seven-carat diamonds, and it will be a lot of money when all the present-day Maharajahs of Swat are picking soft spots in the diamond graveyard.

That any ball club in the New York club, could be induced to part with that much in any kind of currency except Austrian kronen for a recruit with one year of experience in the minors listens like the annual sea serpent yarns.

And casually he mentioned the fact that there is a law which provides for a tax on excess profits.

HOWEVER, it will probably take three or four years, according to the Government figure chasers, before anybody knows anything about how anybody else stands on these income and excess profits taxes. And by that time they will probably have to seal up both ends of all the subways in the country and drop the birds who have evaded the tax laws through other means. Not that the joints fractured the law O'Connell, but that \$75,000 dope should be taken with at least one grain of salutaris.

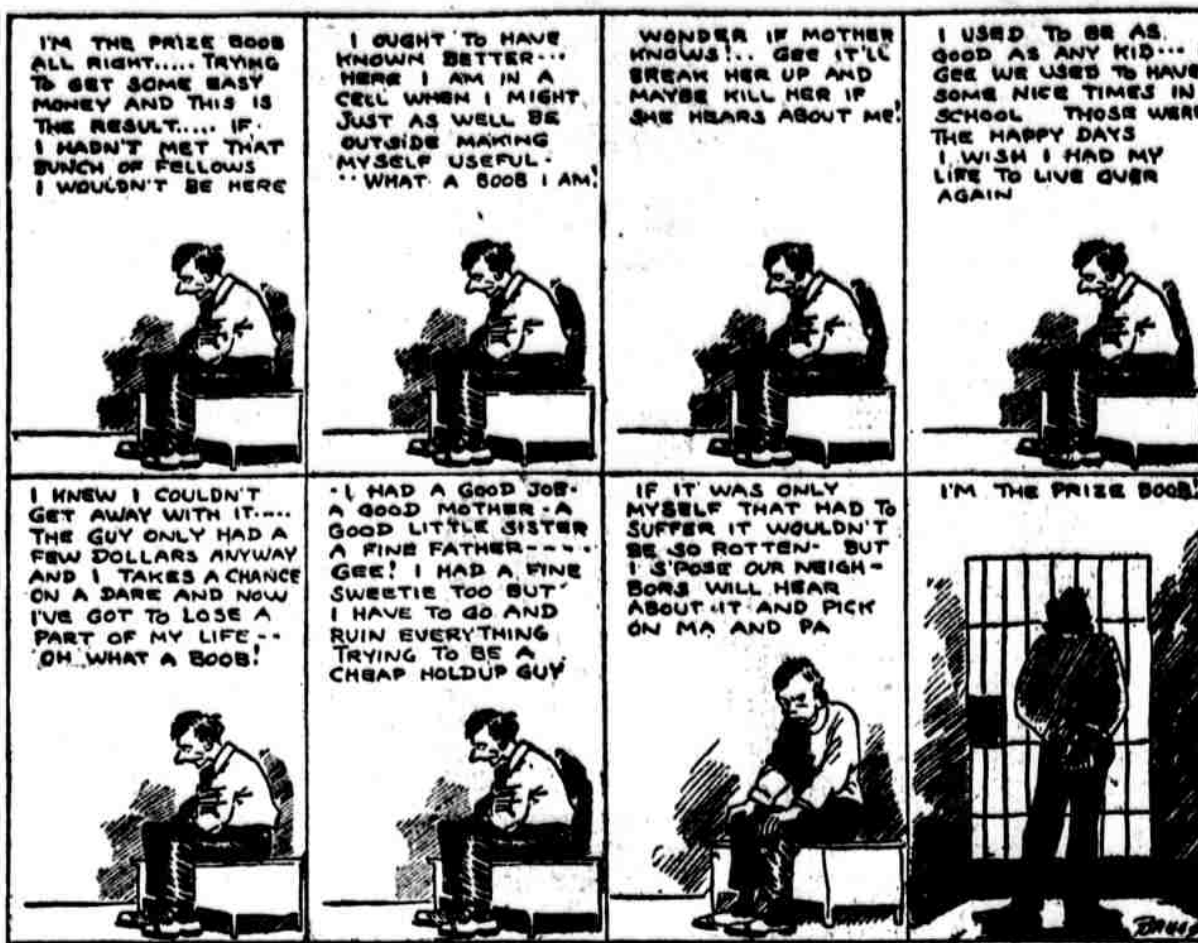
Boots and Saddle

Model's ten-day meeting opens today with a race and a heavy track. The race at a mile and 70 yards is the main event. Exhorter appears best, with a second, Stevenson, Pretend, and Murray as contenders.

Select Basketball Officials

PHIL G. Lewis, president of the Philadelphia Association of Basketball Officials, has named the officials for the New Jersey basketball tournament.

WONDER WHAT A BANDIT THINKS ABOUT?



AMATEUR MEDAL IN LOCAL OPEN GOLF ALL-AMERICA PICKERS HAVE GREAT EYESIGHT

Grantland Rice Quit Gazing 3,000,000 Square Miles for Players Twelve Years Ago—Mail Proves Many Good Ones Are Overlooked

THE Harvard Crimson suggests that All-America football teams be abolished. When a shot is fired, it's a great to know you don't have to duck. We collected our last all-star assemblage, relating to eleven picked football players, twelve years ago.

AS FOR giving due credit to dashing talent, judging from most of the letters we received last fall, we were constantly overlooking the good ones. Every mail brought in querulous complaints from Berkeley to Barnegat asking why Halback Whonis was overlooked.

ABOLISHING intersectional contests, with due respect to the Crimson, will not help at all. There will be far less fervor and frenzy for a game between Princeton and Chicago last fall than there will be for a game between Harvard and Yale.

BASEBALL FILMED IN CAMPS AND ELSEWHERE

George Staler and Johnny Tobin reached the camp of the Browns at Mobile, Ala., last night without incident. The manager has narrowed down to Pitcher Dave Dan- Chicago, which will give that metropolis the largest number of public golf courses of any town in the world.

The camp of the White Sox at Seguin, Tex., received some happy news when a night project of the local management, according to advice from the Indians' camp at Dallas, Tex., Morton, who did not get started before July 1 last year, will be given plenty of early work.

With Jess Haines, McCreary's pitching coach, wanted to see the public and waiting for a chance to pitch at the stadium, he will reach San Antonio by next Monday.

Eddie Roush, Red outfielder, has left Cincinnati for his home in Indiana following a conference with President August Herzman at the conclusion of which both admitted it looks as though they could settle terms regarding Roush's contract.

Branch Rickey is in St. Louis today to confer with the Cardinals' management regarding Rogers Hornsby, second baseman, and Jacques Fournier, who has been traded to the Yankees for the season on contract. Hornsby wants \$20,000, while the management is said to have offered him \$11,000.

Manager Killefer of the Cubs is finding it a hard job to prune his list of fourteen pitching applicants to the nine he intends to pitch this year.

The knee which Trip Spenser injured last season and which kept him out of the game for several weeks is bothering him again. He is expected to return to the field in a few days.

According to reports from Boyce Springs, Fla., where the San Francisco club is training, Jimmy O'Connell, who was reported to be the favorite for \$75,000, will probably play center field this year.

His boots have been looked by Billy Blinn for the Auditorium A. A. here to night. Ray Mitchell is to meet Jimmy Jordan in the headliner. Frankie Williams, Duser, Kelly, other boys: John Wright vs. Tommy Williams; Halber vs. Jim Mitchell and Young Barrett vs. Danny Zor.

PIKE AGAIN HEADS SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Chosen President of Baseball League for Seventh Consecutive Time

TWO CHANGES IN CIRCUIT

ANOTHER of the "little" baseball leagues—the Philadelphia-Suburban—is all set for the 1922 race; that is, so far as the personnel of the circuit is concerned. Likewise the officers to conduct its business. McKinley and Ashbourne have been admitted in place of Southampton and Willow Grove, and Glenside, Habers, Wyndmoor and Fort Washington are retained from last year.

Penn's Relay Team

Will sail for England March 22 to compete in a four-mile race against the best Oxford and Cambridge can produce.

at the regular meeting of the Philadelphia Baseball Association at the Hotel Winton tonight will be the players' contract, which has been finally drafted by the association's counsel, Arno P. Mowitt, and a committee composed of Billy Whitman, Eddie Gottlieb, Tom Walker and President Donovan.

N. E. PREPARING FOR TANK CHAMPS

Reichle Has His Mermen in Shape and Hopes to Win Title Friday

By PAUL PREP NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL is preparing its swimming team for the championship meet which will take place in the Germantown Y. M. C. A. Friday night. Coach Reichle is out to win the title and has been drilling his mermen carefully for the last week.

Chesterfield Cigarettes advertisement featuring an illustration of a man smoking and the text 'Taste is a matter of tobacco quality' and 'I like 'em!'

Auburn Beauty-Six advertisement featuring an illustration of the car and text 'It is six months, and more, since the 1922 Auburn came out. Already, in the hands of many owners, it has totaled more than Three Million Miles'.

Steigerwalt Boot Shop advertisement featuring an illustration of a shoe and text 'We are more particular than you, probably, when it comes to seeing that our requirements as to fit, quality of materials, etc., are lived up to.'