# Baseball Fans Today Want to See Action on the Field Rather Than Hear Back Alley Tales

**NEW TYPE OF PLAYER ON DIAMOND HAS BEEN ATTENDANCE BOOSTER** 

It Isn't That Baseball Is Losing Personality With Disappearance of Old-Timers-Consistency Is **Outstanding Feature of Game Today** 

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COANING about conditions is a happy little habit a lot of folks make a specialty of. The baseball entry has it as well as the rest of the field. This spring we heard a lot about the fact that the gran' ole game is losing is personality and that is one of the reasons why fandom is not so wildly enthusiastic as it used to be in the good old days of a decade or so back.

But is the game losing its personality or merely changing to a new type? True, the players who used to furaish the most interesting bits of gossip for the "Stove Leaguers" have almost entirely disappeared and new ones rarely put in an appearance. That can be explained readily enough. Whenever a youngster pops his dome above the horizon and shows inclinations toward taking the bit in his teeth and running away with things he is promptly and properly squelched and shunted back to resume his active membership in the Alfalfa Heavers' Union, where the monthly pay check means a chance to bust loose and scrub the boose-gow afterward.

Probably some of the picturesque side of baseball was listed among the missing when entries like Waddell, "Bugs" Raymond, Schreckengost, Nick "Germany" Schaefer and others of that spectacular group tassed out of the picture, but a new type of personality has entered. Ty Cobb broke the ice for the new crowd and has been followed by a lot of efficiency machines like Speaker, Collins, Hornsby, Sisler and a lot more.

INSTEAD of attendance dropping off and the turnstiles becoming moldy from disuse, as has been claimed, the merry click of the subles has increased at the gate, proving that the fans want baseball more than they do back alley tales.

## The Kind Who Succeed

THE new order is here to stay. Men of the Collins, Cobb, Speaker, **I** Hornsby, Sisler type play just as good a game and probably better than the old eccentrics ever dreamed of. What is more, they play it consistently instead of merely scintillating on rare occasions. They have raised the standard of stardom in baseball. A man like Waddell could go out and pitch a game of ball that was wonderful once in a while when the spirit happened to move him to it or he was in condition. A man like Mathewson, who certainly belonged to the new order, did it four times out of five starts,

The pace that a big leaguer is forced to maintain now in order to class with the stars would leave the oldtimer who used the diamond as a mere pastime gasping for breath and hanging on the ropes until somebody gently pulled the water-bucket over his head.

Efficiency and condition are a big part of the major league star's make-up iday. The merry jazz stuff is gone with other little joys like wearing gold toeth in front. It isn't done.

THERE may be sporadic authursts from a few temperamental prima donnas like the bunch that are adding the gray boys to the thatch of Miller Huggins these days, but they can not last. Big league baseball is a fast-stepping proposition today and the pay check is handed out to the player who is on his toes all the time and pro-ducing hits on the ball field instead of in the corner cabaret.

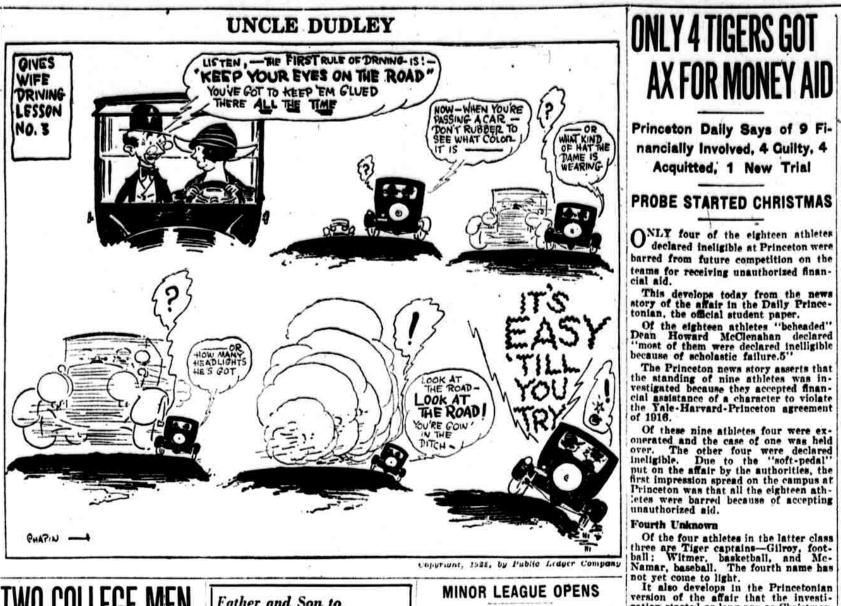
### Big Case Up for Judge Landis

CINCINNATI evidently has discovered that John Scott, right-handed pitcher procured from Boston for Rube Marquard and Larry Kopf, to say nothing of \$500 in cash, is not so good as was first expected. That is to may, the trade was rather lopsided, with all of the advantage going to the Braves. Now the Reds have expressed a desire to cancel the deal, stating that Scott has a bad arm and was spurious when traded.

This is something for Judge Landis to decide, for Garry Herrmann is collecting evidence to place before hizzonner in the hopes of getting back his players.

To us it looks as if the new infielders, Pinelli and Caveney, have not performed up to the major league standard and Larry Kopf is needed in the short field. A big mistake was made when Kopf was thrown in for good measure, for Larry is a classy shortstop and virtually has made the Braves' infield. He is needed in Boston the same as in Cincinnati, and there will be a furious scrap before he is allowed to depart. At that, it is unlikely that the deal will be canceled. Pitchers get sore arms on training trips and Scott probably was affected in the South.

Caveney has been out of the line-up for some time. They say his arm has gone bad, and as his throwing was the best part of his work, the recruit been up against it. Walter Kimmick, who was with the Waynesboro club has last year, is playing the short field and is not as strong as he should be. Therefore the Reds are up against it and the move is being made to bring



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## MINOR LEAGUE OPENS

American Association in Shape for

Big Year Chicago, April 12.—The American Association is looking forward to one Big Year Chicago, April 12.—The American Association is looking forward to one of the best seasons in its history. ministered without the knowledge Thomas J. Hickey, president of the approval of the university administration." Its purpose was to lend finan-cial assistance to such needy students league, said today at the opening of

"Our circuit enjoyed good seasons in | ton. 1920 and 1921, the financial results and the interesting races being the best it ever had. This year I expect we will be even more successful."

At the Bijou Theatre tonight, Manager Howard has arranged three boxing bouts. Willie O'Malley, of West Philadelphia, will meet Lew Fox, of Parkaide. The other bouts will bring together Frankle Kramer. of North Philadelphia, and Charlie Leonard, of the White Lily Social, and Young Dun-dee, of Little Italy, and the "Fighting Irishman," Charley O'Donneil. On Friday night the usual number of bouts will be staged in the amateur boxing tournament. Referring to the history of the league, Mr. Hickey said : "The American Association has grown to be a splendid organization and is the only league in existence that has operated for any number of years and stands as it was organized, with the eight citles

'Some of our clubs which were weak

The umpiring staff is the same as last season except that Joe O'Brien, of the International Lengue, has been added to take the place of Umpire Johnson.





Acquitted, 1 New Trial

gation started as long ago as Christmas, when it became known that certain

whose activities were a credit to Prince

Bouts Tonight at Bijou

Fining Local Semi-Pros.

TN EIGHT CITIES in the East and Middle West major leagues unfold the 1922 baseball season today. Advance reports indicate the confidence the public still places in the game.

THE OBSERVER

Baseball has recovered the black smear that was placed on its fair name during the World's Series of 1919, and its popularity is ever increasing. The game is too big to be buried by the acts of a few unscrupulous individuals.

Recently 32,000 persons saw the game between the Cards and the Browns in St. Louis. They played to the largest crowd that ever attended a ball game in the Missouri city. This was due to the fact that both clubs are expected to ONLY four of the eighteen athletes in the Missouri city. This was due to the fact that both clubs are expected to declared ineligible at Princeton were be pennant contenders, but the same line of reasoning can not be applied to our barred from future competition on the Phils and A's, yet 15,000 were on hand to see the tailenders on exhibition las

Saturday. The club owners can look forward to a successful financial season. The fang are "raring to go." and they will storm the gates of every ball park. But they won't be "raring" during the entire campaign unless they get good baseball is

return for their money. Philadelphia is a good baseball town. Local fans don't demand champion. ship clubs, but they do demand something better than last-place teams. Miner league baseball in major league uniform has been inflicted on our city too long.

If either the Phils or the A's reach sixth or seventh place, Philadelphia will celebrate as it would for a championship club, and this is the same city when league titles and World's Series triumphs were common less than ten years and

## Sectional Qualifying System in Open Golf

THE new conditions decided on to qualify for the medal play proper in the L open golf championship of the United States is one way out. The new method provides that the field be split in three divisions, a third to play Monday at thirty-six holes, the best twenty-four qualifying ; a third to play the next day the same way and another third to play on Wednesday. The seventy-two survivors will then compete over seventy-two holes for the championship.

This method is satisfactory to the U. S. G. A. and the P. G. A. officials. That is-it is satisfactory today. Tomorrow there may be another story. Last year the field was split in half instead of thirds and the play was over only eighteen holes. There was a loud holler.

The main objection to the new system which will be tried out this year seems to be the time involved. The man who is drawn for Monday and qualifies must cool his heels two whole days before he plunges into the championshi play. The man drawn for Wednesday won't be able to practice on the course the two preceding days because it will be chock-full of thirty-siz-hole rounds. The only real solution, many believe, is the sectional qualifying system Qualify at home is their motto.

### Local Semi-Pro Association Shows Its Hand

SEMI-PROFESSIONAL baseball players in this city will soon learn that the newly organized association is not a neighborhood social.

The association is to be complimented on the firm stand shown in the cases of two athletes who had signed with different clubs. In this case each offending player was fined \$25.

It is difficult to invoke spirit in semi-professional ranks, and the only way to discipline the athletes is through their pocketbooks. Harry Seibold and Charles Glock are not likely to repeat the offense.

There is plenty of room here for good twilight baseball. The game will be well supported, but it was apparent last year that the semi-pro teams needed some central body to control the players, arrange for the umpires and attend to the many other details that come under the head of organization.

One of the drawbacks in the past has been the many roles played by the athletes. The fans would find a pitcher, for instance, who hurled for the home club two days ago, twirling for the opposition today. Such a condition does not make for club spirit or neighborhood spirit.



DO WELL IN RING son will run against each other in Brace of Earls, Baird and France, Successful Boxers.

Both Make Good Here

TWO COLLEGE MEN

MANAGER ALSO COLLEGIAN

By LOUIS H. JAFFE CELDOM has a college man branched out successfully in the professional boxing world. Leach Cross, known as the Fighting Dentist, was the most prominent puncher who ever attended a university, and his brother. Sam Wal-lach, who, managed Leach, also was

a collegian. With the retirement of Cross, Sam, '05, Columbia Law School, scoured the country for college fistmen, finally getcountry for conege matnen, many get-ting under his wing a pair of university boxers, who have been showing prom-ising form during the last season. They are Lieutenant Earl Baird and Earl France, featherweight and lightweight.

Wallach had to travel across the country in order to unearth his col-lege clouters, discovering both of his es of pugilism on the Pacific Baird was studying engineering proteges Const.

and France was a law student at the time Sam invelgled these boys to come THREE HUNDRED-ODD athletes. ar-athletes and embryo athlete

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Annual Spring Handicap Entries

Exceed Past Years-Three

Cups at Stake

RECORDS

NEW

the American marathon road race here April 19. This became known when the the names of George Mc-Alpine and Edgar McAlpine, of Exeter, N. H., were added to the the season. list of forty-four entries. The entries of Peter Trivoullides,

Willie Kyronen and Otto Laakso, all of the Millrose A. C., New York, made five of the first eight finishers in last year's race to run again. Chuck Mellor, of Chicago, and Carl Linder, of the Boston Athletic As sociation, entered last week.

Start in Marathon

Boston, April 12 .- Father and

Father and Son to

the same as the day it was born.

in spots last year have been bolstered up and with this strength I believe that the race will be interesting from the first gong.

Cincinnati did some funny stunts last winter. They also parted with Sam Crane, the best fielding shortstop in the business, thus parting with all of their reserve infield strength. Fonseca was the only one left, and he will be needed on first base when Jake Daubert's legs begin to buckle under him.

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The fans in the Falls of Schuylkill are anxiously waiting for the opening game, and added interest is evidenced this year on account of the series at the close of the series of the cham-the close of the series of the championship of the season for the cham-tend to work their hardest in order to have a chance to bid for the local cham-pionship.

August Belmont. chairman of the Jockey Club, has issued a statement declaring that the offering of a new \$50.-900 races' of last year. "Big' Mike 900 race for three-year-olds to be run at the Latonia summer meeting will not serve "the best interests of the turf." The fourth member will be Regan.
Four pitchers are on the payroll for the getaway. They are Harry Insight. Four pitchers are on the payroll for the getaway. They are Harry Haigh, the veteran from last year: Kirkpat-nick, of the Southern League: Powers and Dougherty. In the infield will be Carlin, 1b; Lees. 2b; Ryan, 3b, while the shortstop berth is still to be filled. There are five candidates for outfield berths, and this department shapes up with the rest of the team. These week. Stakes. The Brooklyn Handicap will be run on June 16. The Brooklyn Handicap has been won on numerous occasions by three-year-olds.

East and appear in ring competition. will compete on Franklin Field this At the outbreak of the war Baird was afternoon in the annual spring handi-**Baird** in Aviation

At the outpreak of the war Baird was a senior in the University of Oregon, engineering. He enlisted in the avis-tion corps. Baird soon graduated from the ranks and won for hmself the silver the ranks and won for hmself the silver

the ranks and won for insect the silver bar of a lieutenant. The aviator first took up boxing seriously while in the service, and the art of hit or get hit fascinated him so much that he has afterward gain fame on varsity teams.

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Mrs. Bessie Dobson Altenus will raise trong the first ball. Joek Scout, Clockmender: fifth. Joek Scout, Clockmender: fifth and the seventh. Solid Rock, Join Arbor.
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