

# Phillies Will Continue to Be Joke of the Circuit if Managers Are Fired Every Year

## BAKER SHOULD EMPLOY MANAGER FOR 3 YEARS AND PAY REAL SALARY

### Phils' Boss Wants to End Sneers About Team He Must Also Give Pilot a Fair Budget for Purchase and Development of Players

By STONEY McCLIN

PHILADELPHIANS were not greatly surprised when it was announced that Irving Wilhelm would not manage our National League club next season. It was expected that President Baker would continue what has become the annual winter housecleaning at Broad and Huntingdon streets. It is not our intention to offer any criticism at this time, nor shall we comment upon the ability, or lack of same, which the deposed field leader of the Phillies may have shown. It is the future with which we would deal.

William F. Baker may not desire or welcome our advice, but we intend to offer it in the most friendly spirit. And our suggestion to him is that he employ, at a satisfactory salary, the very best man obtainable to direct the Phillies on the diamond—employ this manager not for one year, but for three or five years. Then set aside for this man a fair budget to provide for the purchase and development of baseball players, and permit him to build the foundation for a winning ball club. It is a well-known fact that a winning ball club cannot be developed in one year. Just so long as managers are hired by the year the Philadelphia ball club will remain the joke of the circuit. And the Phillies are the butt of puns and sneers wherever one may travel. "A farm for the Giants," our Nationals have been called. "I pay my second-string catcher more than the manager of the Phillies receives," said one minor league manager who was mentioned as Wilhelm's successor.

If Philadelphia does not support the club sufficiently to warrant the engagement of a \$10,000 manager for three years, then we suggest a \$7,500 manager or a \$5,000 manager; but whoever he may be and whatever his pay may be, display sufficient confidence in him and his ability to give him not less than three years in which to develop a team. Five years would be better.

All that the fans ask is evidence of good faith—something more than what certainly appears to be the mere desire on the part of the owners to hold a National League franchise, play out the schedule and, as one New York critic put it, "pay dividends by sharing in the spoils of the Sunday games in New York and Brooklyn."

As loyal Philadelphians, some of us have been fighting mad when we visited other cities and heard the slurs heaped upon our Phillies. We may never win another pennant, but that would make so much difference. What we ask Mr. Baker to give us is a big-league manager, sure of his job for three years and a real boss of the playing side of the enterprise—that type of manager will develop a fighting ball club; one that we can holler for, win or lose.

### A Battle of Field Generals

FUELED generalship will have much to do with determining whether Princeton or Harvard will leave the big Cambridge stadium Saturday afternoon staggering under the first defeat punch of the 1922 season. The widely discussed Houghton system, which prepares the Crimson for the traditional battles with the Tigers and Bulldogs, has one all-important objective—the development of a quarterback who uses his brains more than his hands and feet. That apparently is Bill Roper's idea of a plan of battle which will meet with success.

Consequently, in the first game of the Princeton-Harvard-Yale series we find Charley Buell matching strategy with Johnny Gorman. Buell is regarded in gridiron circles as the foremost field tactician of the year. His direction in play against Centre, by way of illustration, was superb. But Gorman is not so far behind the Crimson general in striking where the enemy is weak and varying the offensive punch. To the student of inside football it undoubtedly will be a real treat to watch the two grid generals in action.

Harvard in the course of the Houghton regime developed a system of quarterback play which is sound and which is being carried on by Bob Fisher, present head coach. In plain language, it protects the general. It was Houghton's belief that the man who is responsible for the intuitive (often it seems to be that) selection of a thrust at the line, a forward pass, a crisis-cross or a drop-kick at the right moment cannot function with the rapidity and second sense required if he is conscious of a severe bump and the attendant pain. A thump on the head may arouse the fight in a halfback or a lineman and he may brilliantly perform whatever part in the play long drill has made second nature to him. It is by no means uncommon—or was not when we played—for a young man who had played the game of his life to "come to" in the dressing quarters later on and ask who had won the game.

THAT is possible for any player save the quarterback—or the field general, whatever position in the backfield he may occupy. His task requires a brain that is as clear as crystal every second of the day, and he must know the score, the relation of the ball to the goal posts—in fact, dozens of things which guide him in his work.

### Take No Unnecessary Risks

CHARLEY BUELL does not shrink his duty at any stage of the battle—that is, he tackles, catches, punts, runs with the ball, interferes and does whatever the occasion may demand. But the system of Harvard play is such that the quarterback takes no unnecessary risks which might endanger the smooth running of his precious mental machinery.

Gorman, or whoever is at quarterback for Princeton, may be expected to play much the same type of football. In the early games it appeared that Bill Roper did not have a field general who would come anywhere near equalling Buell. The Tiger coach seems to have a stock of young men, several of whom have developed great possibilities for the future. But it was Gorman who, in the Chicago game, showed that he had mastered the important position.

In the eyes of the true football fan—the student of the game—nothing quite compares with the battle of wits between two keen and courageous field generals. There has been so little of this in the games played so far this season.

Having watched both Harvard and Princeton in the inter-sectional games played by them this year, we are confident that the fight in Cambridge will be closely contested from start to finish. Both teams have developed a good running attack. Harvard, particularly, displayed power and versatility against the Praying Colonels in the first period of that spectacular battle which few teams could withstand. Breaks in any game come unexpectedly, but we do not believe that the Fishermen will pile up such a respectable lead Saturday afternoon as that which gave them worlds of confidence against Centre.

### Tigers Started Late in Chicago

THE Tigers were late in starting on Stage Field on October 28, but when they rose up in their might they uncovered a punch that is far more powerful than anything the Crimson have stood up against this year. One who watched the final period of that game in Chicago is likely to expect too much of the Tigers. It is too much to ask of any team to come from the rear, show unquenchable spirit and fight and win the game in every game played. Then the Crimson has had two full weeks to prepare for that Princeton forward-pass attack. Surprise football doesn't always surprise when the enemy is rather expecting it.

IT CAN be said, however, that the Crimson fears that "tandem threat" which Roper has perfected. With Cleaves and Kinloch back there to scatter the Crimson defense, which must be ever watchful for a heave, a run, a kick or a trick play, anything is likely to happen.

### VILLANOVA HAS FAST BASKETBALL QUINTET

Coach Mike Saxe, of the Villanova basketball team, held the first practice session yesterday afternoon. Promisingly bright for the Main Line school, there is no reason why a clean sweep of the schedule cannot be had. Saxe has the same team as he had last year, when Villanova was only beaten by the Penn team by three points.

Earle Grey, the sterling little forward, has been elected captain of the team. Grey will play at one forward position, while Jackie Ryan will be seen at the other. Kraig will probably be seen at center and Pickett and Loughlin at guard.

## BRIT, 40 TODAY, DOESN'T LOOK IT

### Promoter of Newest Philadelphia Boxing Club Has Been in Game 24 Years HAS BEEN ALL OVER U. S.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

THIS is Willis Britt's birthday. The fistically illustrious Willis is known along the different pugilistic riatlos from coast to coast and from the Lakes to the border, having traveled all over the country for the last twenty-four years in the role of manager and trainer of boxers, as well as match-maker and promoter.

Britt doesn't look it, but he is forty years old today. He has had a varied career in fistiana, even having competed in a contest once himself. It came about this way: Willis booked a boxer to meet in a hall in Baltimore. On the eve of the match said boxer was taken suddenly ill. There was no one Britt had to substitute and in order to save the purse he went into the ring himself, doing very nicely for a round or two, and was then knocked out in the third.

All of which goes to prove that Britt's average as a boxer is 100. Otherwise, however, Willis has been successful in the world of socks and wallors, for, as he says, "You cannot get knocked out with a sponge in your hand."

Starting at the age of sixteen, Britt became identified with such men as Tom Courke, Jim Buckley and Bill Brown in the promotion of bouts in New York and Brooklyn. From there Willis, with the traveling bug buzzing in his bonnet, dabbled in the glove game in Boston, Montreal, Baltimore, New Orleans, Denver, Los Angeles, Frisco and, in fact, every city where boxing is permissible.

Four years ago Willis found himself in Philadelphia. He got into the Quaker City was to his liking and he has been here ever since, with the exception of an occasional trip out of town with a string of boxers.

In 1920 he was invited to Chester, Pa., and the game flourished during the season Willis handled fistie affairs there.

Britt will celebrate his birthday by holding his second show at the new Chestnut street arena, Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, after a successful inauguration of the newest Philadelphia arena last evening.

Britt styles himself as "the little manager with big ideas," and his idea in opening the Chestnut street arena was for the purpose of developing local pugilists. Britt's plans are to decide bouts with as many Philadelphia youngsters competing as possible, occasionally bringing in an out-of-town fighter to cover a weak entry.

Last week, for his opening, half a score of Philadelphia boys participated, and for tonight Britt has ten other local leather pushers scheduled to "do their best."

Paired in Wind-up For his wind-up Britt has two of Philadelphia's leading bantamweights paired. They are Benny Bass and Dick Perry. These youngsters have been paired for several years and winning consistently. Their meeting tonight at the Chestnut Street Arena will be their first meeting and the victor will claim the prize honors of Philadelphia in the 115-pound division.

Bass has been anxious to meet Young Montreal, the champion of the city, but he has not yet been able to get Montreal to box at his arena the latter part of December or on New Year's Day. He says he will give the Perry-Bass winner a chance to meet the champion of Montreal, as soon as possible.

Matty Brooks, an English invader who has become a Philadelphia citizen by adoption, will box in the semi-final. He is a hard hitter in the southeast and is being managed by the southpaw Billy Gannon.

Other pairings are Frankie Kramer vs. Judge Rice, Flinky Kaufman vs. The McCauley and Johnny Scott vs. Sailor Lewis.

### Scraps About Scrappers

Joe Borrell, veteran boxer, of Kensington, who won a light heavyweight title, has been struck at his back by a blow into the ring. He has been in training for several months and has been working out in the gymnasium at the northeast corner of the city.

Solke Corbett, winner of seven tournaments at the amateur championships at the Philadelphia arena, will meet in the quarter-finals on November 21 and 23. Solke has four titles and three cups among his trophies and has been a member of the 1920 Olympic team.

Steve Mingo, local boxing promoter, has received an attack of grip. He has started negotiations to book three fights at the arena for December 1, 2 and 3. Mingo wants a crack at lobby burman, Jerry Mitchell, but he is anxious to close with Sam Blackstone, Vincent Lopez and Al Veresian.

Johnny King, a middleweight from Grand Forks, N. D., has invaded the East and is being booked at the arena. King recently knocked out Marty Summers in three rounds.

Jimmy Baxter, Kensington, has been in the work in a sensational fight with a local fighter, who was defeated by Baxter at the arena. Baxter is expected to meet a local fighter on the night of November 20.

George Silldons, formerly Pipe Rodie, will meet Jimmy Tommasini, of New York, at the arena on November 20. Silldons is being managed by Murray at the Olympia Monday night.

Earl Hartman has returned training, after being out of the game for several weeks, owing to a damaged hand. He is to box on Pedro Camp at Reading November 28.

Tommy Murray has been signed for two matches on Chicago November 11 and 12. Johnny Durkin at Fall River, Mass., November 20. The two will take their trips with Murray.

## OUTSIDE OF THAT COACH DIDN'T SAY MUCH



## PLAYERS QUESTION BIG CAGE ISSUE

### George Haggerty Won't Give Eastern League Preference, According to Reports

## BEARS SCARE SKEETERS

By WILLIAM S. DALLAS

THE best season in basketball for many years has suddenly taken a turn, hoped to be only temporary, and just now it looms up as if William J. Scheffer, president of the Eastern League, is going to have one strenuous campaign.

For many years he has been on the alert for players violating rules by not playing when their team was scheduled and who were away off in the "Circuit League" or some other soft place with another team because they received a quarter more.

Conditions are getting worse rather than better. George ("Horse") Haggerty played with the Reading Bears last night and his injection into the line-up made the Camden Skeeters move fast for fear they would lose their entry.

In fact, it was fifteen minutes before Dave Kerr was able to dent the net with a two-pointer. Then they managed to score two more before the period concluded, and did no better in the final frame, being held to six field tosses. This same Camden bunch journeyed to Reading last Saturday and without the giant George in the game registered eight double-doubles right at Reading's own floor.

### Here for Two Games

From reliable information it has been learned that Haggerty will play two games and then return to the Celtics. This will all have to come out later, as he will play at Reading on Saturday. If he misses the game at Reading on Saturday night, he will play the 15th, then it will be seen that he has given the Metropolitan the preference and is only using the Eastern League for a toy.

The case of Haggerty is cited before he gives preference to the Celtics in order that the Eastern League managers may take some action in case the reports are carried out.

If such a thing can be done the toughest year ever in the history of basketball will be in the offing for moguls and president, as there would be nothing to stop a team in the running for signing Beckman, Holman or any other members of the big crew and playing them for a game.

### Skeeters Win Out

George Morris made his first appearance here as a manager, and his team looked good, especially on the defense. Morris and Swenson played together way back in 1910-12 in McKeesport, Penn. Morris is a regular in the Celtics. Wright managed to sneak in a goal on Morris, and Jimmy Campbell was held to a lone basket by Swenson.

Goals were scarce at any time, the first half ending 12 to 10 in favor of Camden. Dave Kerr managed to drop in a pair of baskets. Swenson and Hillier registered two pointers for the Bears, while Armstrong scored a pair.

Despite the closeness of the score—24-10—the stiff defense of the rival teams, play was not rough, and Referee Smith called thirty-three fouls, of which Key Steele, Camden captain, was on the side lines with a weak foot. In the first half George Morris had his nose out open against the cage, and "Boop" Campbell later had his eye gashed open on the same wire.

### Tonight's Game

The Jasper Jewels meet Atlantic City tonight and have a good chance to break into the win column. Barney Sedran said this morning that he will be here with Joe Brennan and Harry Riconda. Marty Friedman is under the doctor's care suffering with an injured leg sustained on Sunday night.

The team will line up with Sedran and Truwin, forwards; Reagan, center; Brunanz and Riconda, guards. Manager Rogers is looking over several former Eastern League players, among whom is said to be Ray Cross. Cross could do a whole lot worse than sign Cross.

The latter has been in the game for about ten years and when he was with Greylock played four seasons and lost only three starts in 160 contests, playing the whole forty games in two campaigns, missing one in one and two in another.

Name W.M. Wansamaker, Jr. Judge Chicago, Nov. 9.—William H. Wansamaker, Jr., of Philadelphia, and Walter J. Wansamaker, of Chicago, are the judges of the harness classes at the international horse show here December 1 to 9, as announced today.

Media Has Open Date Media A. A. has not a same for this Saturday. The date for the opening of the season is set for Saturday, A. A. Call Harry Weber, Peapack 2082, between 8 and 9 P. M.

## Physical Condition What Is It?

"If training were the beginning and end of the matter, all the leading colleges and schools ought to produce first-class teams every year without fail." This statement is made by

Lauson Robertson

Justly celebrated trainer of University of Pennsylvania athletes, in explaining the system that each individual—athlete or not—should adopt if he hopes to keep his "pop." Robertson's highly interesting and instructive article will appear tomorrow in the

### Evening Public Ledger

## FREEDMAN IS MATCHED WITH LOUGHLIN HERE

Welterweights Will Meet at the Olympia Next Monday

Suitor Freedman, of Chicago, who has been matched to meet K. O. Loughlin in the final of five eight-round bouts at the Olympia A. A. next Monday night, will be in the city for the night.

Freedman's comeback in New York was one of the big upsets on the night that Mickey Walker wrestled the welterweight title from Jack Britton. The Chicago lad gave Fitzsimmons one of the worst beatings of his career.

Two lightweight rivals will square off in the semi-final, which will bring together Joe Reno, of Trenton, and Jimmy Hamilton, of Denver.

Danny Rogers and Whitney Fitzgerald will exchange punches in the third contest.

Will Harmon, of New York, and Mike Schultz, of this city, will clash in the second number.

The opening tilt will bring together Toughey Murray and George Siddons.

### Stranger Lewis Tosses Blinky

Columbus, O., Nov. 5.—(Stranger) Lewis, world's heavy weight wrestling champion, defeated Chickley, of Columbus, two falls in three, in a match which was held at the Columbus arena. Lewis took the second in 17 minutes and 35 seconds and the third in 2 minutes 30 seconds. Lewis employed the headlock securing both of his falls.

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## GIRL SWIM STARS FORM NEW TEAM

### Some of the Finest Women Swimmers in East on Turngemeinde Team

Philadelphia has been the women's swimming capitol of the universe for a number of years. The hub of activity is the Philadelphia Turngemeinde, which has developed more champions than any other organization in the world.

The fair swimmers there have organized two swimming teams for the season—senior and the junior squads. The latter will be unlimited. Any girl from twelve to fifteen who can make the grade will be eligible to compete.

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### The 1922 Crop Was Surprising in Both Numbers and Ability

COUCH THE PITCHING ACE

If you'll listen to the croakers it will be gradually forced upon you that there are no more good young ball players. The professional pessimists insist that the minor leagues are reeding places for old-timers, who are good only for using their kinky old arms in slower company than is provided in the major leagues.

They are ludicrously wrong. Of course, the war curtailed the development of youngsters. That is conceded. The Federal League battle with organized baseball had given many a minor league a left hook ticket to Dreamland, and they were just about reviving when la grande guerre put the finishing touch to them.

But with the aid of Lady Luck and a strong constitution, minor league baseball came back. That is important, for without those teams down in the sticks the big fellows would die of malnutrition.

The year that followed the war found the major leagues full of chumpish old fellows who had long since passed the zenith and were slipping down into the slough of despond. In that season the greatest pitchers of the decade took out their membership papers in the Down-and-Out Club.

Bender, Plink and Coombs, mightiest pitching trio that Philadelphia ever saw, stepped out of the limelight. So did "Big Six" Mathewson, "Hickory Bob" Harmon, Gregg, Wood, Scott and Foster.

That same year saw some excellent youngsters pop out of obscurity, also 1920 and 1921. Our humble village gobbled up its share in Eddie Rommel, stepped out of the limelight. Frank Welch, Dutch Henline, Curt Walker and others.

A Big Year in 1922

Not in many a long and weary year have so many corking young ball players stepped out of the limelight. The list is rather startling.

The best first baseman among the rookies is Joe Hauser, who beat out venerable Doc Johnston for the Athletics' initial sack job. Peculiarly enough, he was the only outstanding kid at his position to appear. There were plenty of other good infielders, though.

Danny Clarke, the home-run hitting second sacker of the Tigers; Emory Rianzy, who might be called the greatest of the young inner gardeners; Hal Traynor, Pinell, Hany, Jimmy Caveney, Andy High and a number of others all seem as good.

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## Chicago White Sox Sign Indian Southpaw

### For the first time in the history of major league baseball a left-hand Indian is scheduled to make his appearance on the baseball diamond.

He is Jack Williams, a full-blooded member of the Huron tribe, signed by the Chicago White Sox.

Williams, who is nineteen years old, is a pitcher. He is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. Last season the redskin was a member of the twirling staff of the Belleville, Ont., club in the Central Ontario League, where he established a record of twenty-seven victories and one defeat.

His only loss was a two-hit affair in which an error cost him the game. Williams' success was due to his wonderful control.

Coach's Comeback

Johnny Couch, of the Reds, was probably the most outstanding of the younger pitchers. He had a record with Detroit once and was shipped to the Coast, where he floundered. This was not due to lack of ability but to a bad break. He had a wealthy father, so playing ball was a waste and not a livelihood.

But Johnny perked up, stopped looking on the other side of the Volstead act and before he knew it was once more wearing big league spandex.

Hack Miller, the Cubs' outside, also came from the Coast. He is the strongest man in baseball and spends his evenings in the quiet pastime of bending railroad spikes. Stutz, Miller's mate in the outfield, was his first trout by John McGraw at the same time Frankie Frisch snatched his wares