

## DAVIS SAYS EASTERLY WILL BE A STAR



PHOTO BY PAUL THOMPSON  
Catcher Easterly of Cleveland.

Manager Harry Davis of Cleveland insists he will make one of the star catchers of baseball out of Ted Easterly.

"Easterly doesn't belong in the outfield, his place is behind the bat, and that is where I intend to play him," says Davis.

"Easterly is one of the best hitters in the American league. In this department he is a natural ball player.

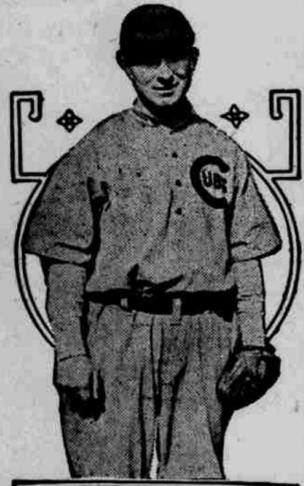
He can be developed into a heady catcher. He is a fine thrower, and I have a great deal of confidence in him.

"I want Easterly to have confidence in himself. That is what I am going to try to instill in the player, and I am sure I will be successful. That much and my object of making him a leader in his department will be attained."

## SUSPENSION FOR DAVE SHEAN

President Chivington of American Association Takes Action in Case of Former Cub.

For refusing to join the Louisville club, to which he was sold, David Shean, formerly with the Chicago club of the National league, has been indefinitely suspended, according to



Dave Shean.

the American association bulletin issued by President Chivington.

Shean was utility infielder with Chicago, and was dropped at Louisville while the club was on its southern training trip. He previously played with the Boston Nationals, and his home is in Arlington, Mass.

## "Wave Spitter" is Latest.

Elmer Stricklett, inventor of the "spitball," has a "wave spitter" to fool the big league batters. The "wave spitter" is a ball which breaks in at least two different directions on its way to the batter. It has more speed than the ordinary "spitter."

Stricklett "lost" his arm several years ago when he was in the majors, and was sent to the minors. When he perfected the spitball he went back to Brooklyn and was a leading National league pitcher several seasons.

The "wave spitter" is said by experts to be more effective against scientific batters than bushers, and is expected to make Stricklett famous again.

## Bates as a "Waiter."

Johnny Bates is getting surprising few "times at bat" in the records. Never has he shown such skill as a waiter, and he is collecting a barrel of bases on balls. Numerous sacrifices are also to his credit, and his "A. B.'s" have been averaging less than three to the game.

## Finally Gets a Southpaw.

After winning three pennants in the old Eastern league without a southpaw on his twirling staff, John Gansel, former Cincinnati, decided to acquire a portlander this year, and has obtained George Clark from the New York Americans.

## AROUND THE BASES

It is said that Hank O'Day can smile these days without hurting his face.

"There is no great loss without some small gain," says Harry Davis of the Naps.

Manager Kling says that on the showing up to date Boston will finish ahead of Brooklyn and St. Louis.

"Germany" Schaefer makes a lot of fun for the fans, but he never over-looks a point. He is a real inside player.

Oscar Vitt declares he has fallen in love with Detroit and that he is quite willing to make the city his home for life.

That McInnes mite of a first baseman was about as good as they make them last year, and seems to have improved this season.

Connie Mack keeps Derrick on the team in hopes that he can lift the Athletics out of any possible hole into which the team may fall.

Roger Bresnahan is one of the wealthiest men playing ball at the present time. It is alleged that the leader of the Cardinals can draw his check for \$100,000.

Terry Turner, the Cleveland infielder, expects a good season. Terry's arm, which has bothered him for years, troubles him less this spring than in former years.

Long George McConnell of the New York Highlanders, has developed a very fine "spitter." He has nice control of this freak ball and can make it break in, out or down.

John M. Ward, president of the Boston Braves, announces that he has retired as a competitive amateur golfer "Golf" is trying on the nerves. John M. has enough of that with the Braves.

Frank Bowerman has been signed as manager of the London (Ont.) club of the Canadian league. His first baseman is Loyce Bierbauer, son of Louis Bierbauer, the old Pittsburgh second baseman.

Janvrin, the third baseman of the Jersey City team, has been doing such good work in practice that it is possible he will be recalled by the Boston Americans. He moves about like another Eddie Collins.

Jimmy McAleer says the Boston Red Sox are the best team in the world. Many figure the Red Sox will remain up in the race if McAleer will keep his hands off and allow Manager Jake Stahl to run the team.

Seven of the eight International league managers will direct their teams from the coaching lines this season. George Stallings, the Buffalo pilot, will be the only manager to handle the lines from the bench.

Willie Keeler, who is the Brooklyn's coach and scout, is receiving \$600 a month for his valuable services. Keeler and Dahlen, old pals, keep their heads close together. They are trying to make the Brooklyn play some inside ball.

Lou Ritter, former Brooklyn catcher, recently released by Indianapolis, on the appearance of Nig Clarke, has gone to Utica in the New York State league. He was given a present of \$500 by the Indianapolis club to reward him for his good work last year.

## IDEAL TRAINING CAMP

Managers of Big League Teams Differ on Question.

Some Like Quiet Places Where There is Little to Divert Attention of Players From Their Work—Others Favor Big Cities.

What constitutes an ideal training camp for big league baseball teams? Big league managers and players differ in their opinions. Some like the quiet places, where there is nothing to take the thoughts of the players off their work. Others like the big towns, where there are diversions to break the monotony of training. Some also prefer the big towns because more money is taken in at the gate. Some managers like to change every year, so their players will get a change of scene. Many prefer a spot where the athletes may imbibe freely of mineral waters.

In the latter class are the managers of at least five—Fred Clarke of Pittsburgh, Bill Dahlen of Brooklyn, "Red" Doolin of Philadelphia and Jimmy McAleer of Boston. Of the five, all but New York have picked Hot Springs, while the Giants have trained at Marlin, Texas, for several seasons. The fact that the Giants and Pirates have been contenders for the pennant all the time they have trained at health resorts speaks well for their system.

The Boston and Chicago Americans are the two clubs that have made circus trips of their training tours. Comiskey several times took his squad to the coast and once to Mexico, while the Red Sox twice went to California. Neither team obtained good results.

In the opinion of Nap Lajoie, a training camp combining the good qualities of Alexandria, La., and Macon, Ga., would be the ideal place. Alexandria has the climate, the water and the hotel, but it lacks population and a good baseball diamond. The latter fault could be rectified, however, by the sending of a groundkeeper ahead of the team to get things in shape. But the town is small and lacks amusements. Consequently the players got mighty tired of it in a week or so, and their work seemed unusually onerous, especially as Manager McGuire was a stickler for that old old-style plan of having the players walk some eight miles a day in addition to their double workout. Again, it was a case of "all going out and nothing coming in," as the gate receipts at Alexandria were practically nothing.

Now, Macon has an even better climate—that is, from a training standpoint—in that it does not get so extremely warm. Macon also is a much larger city, but unfortunately it lacks as good a hotel as is wanted by the big league clubs, who insist on the best.

## MURPHY SIZES UP TY COBB

Field Captain of Athletics Says There Never Was Player Like Him—Can Do Anything.

Danny Murphy has a boost for T. Raymond Cobb. Dan is apt to censure the glittering Georgian for loafing a mite when he looks like lying down on a fellow-player, but when it comes to the personal stuff it's aces and eights for Tyrus as far as Danny is concerned. Hear the manner in which the Athletics' new field Napoleon sizes up that Cobb personage:

"I don't believe there was ever one like him before, and I don't think we'll ever see one like him again.

"He can do anything. He hits, he throws, he fields, and he can run. A



Ty Cobb.

lot of the players in our league used to tell about his boneheaded running the bases. Well, let me tell you something. He's so fast he can take chances all the time. There isn't a club in the league that don't hate to see Cobb on first with one run needed by Detroit. He keeps the pitcher worried, he has the team bothered, he has the catcher worried, and it's almost a cinch that he'll get around. He's the greatest I ever saw."

"Brick" Owen is lauded. "It is seldom that an umpire can give emphatic satisfaction to both the winning and losing teams, but that is what 'Brick' Owen is doing in the National league. 'He umpired in five of our games,' said Manager Fred Clarke of Pittsburgh. 'We lost four of them, but there wasn't a kick coming on him. It is hard to find fault when he is working.

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The national anti-third term league's petition to amend the constitution to prevent a third presidential term, consecutive or otherwise, has been presented to the house by Representative McCall.

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