

Frank Chance Will Manage Boston American League Club This Coming Season

Signing of Former New York Yank and Chicago Cub Pilot First Step in Reconstruction

Former Major Leaguer Returns to National Pastime as One of Most Popular Players Game Ever Knew—Has Reputation as Great Field General and Strategist—Was With Cubs for 15 Years.

New York, Dec. 11.—Frank Leroy Chance, former manager of the Chicago Nationals and the New York Americans, today signed a contract to manage the Boston American league club for 1923.

Official announcement of the consummation of the deal was made by H. H. Frazee, president of the Red Sox, from his New York office.

The Boston owner also said that the engagement of Chance marked the first step in the reconstruction of the Red Sox. Every effort will be made to strengthen the team by trade and purchase in order to make it a factor in future pennant races. Chance will have full authority and control in rebuilding the club and may appear in playing uniform on the coaching lines. He will not, however, engage in actual play.

Chance expressed his keen pleasure upon re-entering major league baseball and stated that, having disposed of his real estate interests at Glendora, Cal., he expected to make his home in the east for the future.

The signing of Chance by the Red Sox brings back to the national game one of the most popular and dynamic personalities the game has ever known. As first baseman and "peerless leader" a decade or more ago of the famous Chicago Cubs—national league champions four times and world's champions twice—Chance establishes a brilliant reputation not only as a ball player but as a field general and strategist.

Managed Yankees. After 15 years with the Cubs, eight of them as manager, Chance severed his Chicago connections in 1912 with the intention of retiring to his California orange grove, but was persuaded to take over the management of the New York Yankees under a three-year contract reputed to have called for an annual figure of \$40,000.

He piloted the team to seventh place in 1913, but in 1914, when the Yankees finished sixth, he resigned a month before the close of the season because of disagreement with owners over team policies and dissatisfaction with the conduct of several star players.

Negotiations between Frazee and Chance were practically concluded during the last of last season in New York. The Boston magnate, who previously had known the former Cub pilot, but casually declared after a long conference that Chance was one of the "most remarkable personalities he had ever met" and that he believed him particularly qualified to reorganize the Red Sox and make the club a pennant contender again.

Chance was born in Fresno, Cal., in 1877. He was catcher on the team at Washington college, Irvington, Cal., in 1893-4, when he decided, against the wish of his family, to become a professional ball player, signing with a semi-pro club at Sullivan, Ill., at a salary of \$10 monthly, for his first venture. Later he returned to the coast and attracted the attention of major league scouts when playing in an eliminating championship tournament with coast teams.

Chance was with the Boston Red Sox in 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922.

Started as Catcher. Chance played behind the bat and in the field in his first season and batted .288. His play improved steadily and in 1905 he was transferred to first base to give the team the benefit of his batting and base running regularly. He batted .327 and led the league in stolen bases that year with 67.

Chance was forced to retire because of ill health as manager of the Cubs in 1905. Chance was appointed to succeed him and the following year led the team to its first pennant since 1886, but lost the world's series to the Chicago White Sox, the "hitless wonders" of those days.

Chance, popular among his players, but an unflinching taskmaster on the field, achieved his success through the inspiration of his own forceful ability as well as his quick, decisive tactics at critical moments. His team, managed by many observers as the greatest of all time, included a number of brilliant strategists as well as players in addition to the pilot. Notable among them were Johnny Evers, second baseman; Joe Finker, shortstop; and Johnny Kling, catcher.

Three-Broncos. Medcalf, Brown, Jack Pfeister, Orval Overall and Ed Ruelbach were the pitching stars.

Creighton Team to Be Arraigned. "Fireworks," such as never before witnessed at Creighton university football team banquet, is expected at their annual "feet" at the Brandeis restaurant Thursday night.

That there will be plenty doing in the line of arguments is not challenged by any member of the team or the coaches.

Friends of members of the team say that a discussion of the past record of the team and objection to criticism of certain followers of the team will be the high spots on the program.

Entries Curtailed. New York, Dec. 11.—Decision to restrict competition in the women's national golf championship to players having a handicap of not more than 14 strokes, has been announced by the women's committee of the United States Golf association.

Side events held at the women's national championship will be limited to a match against women's par, a best ball foursome and a mixed foursome.

Sox to Retire. Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—"Rip" Connelly, Chicago American league baseball player, who was farmed out to the Toronto club of the International league last season, announced here that he would retire from organized baseball and would not report to the White Sox next season. He will enter business here and play semi-professional baseball, he said.

Will Pilot Phillies

Arthur Fletcher, shortstop and former member of the champion Giants, has been named manager of the Philadelphia National baseball team.



It Happened in Baseball

Honus Wagner brought \$2,000 into the coffers of the Paterson (N. J.) club in 1897, when he was purchased by the Louisville club of the National league. A \$1,000,000 gem for 2,000 bucks!

Pitcher Murray of the Yanks, on May 13 of last season, in a game he hurled against the Cleveland club, did nobly. Relieving the veteran Shewkey in the second inning he held Cleveland to three hits during the remainder of the game and allowed no runs. Murray also made a triple and a home run which put his team in the running and finally won it.

Murray is one of the hurlers who is making good by his ability to swing a nasty ball in conjunction with some clever pitching ability.

In a game played July 5, 1896, St. Paul against Minneapolis, only one of the St. Paul players made three hits. The club that lands this wonderer must pay \$1,500," said Manager Harsten. Boston had the first chance for Frenchy, but thought the price too steep. The Philadelphia club paid the price and with that organization Larry began his historic career. In the 30 games Lajoie played that season he batted .308 and fielded 1,000 hits in a specimen hitting the ball at a 400 clip and showing the world how to field his position.

There is no doubt but the batting practice indulged in before every game in the larger circuits, under regular conditions with a hurler sticking them over with plenty of stuff and speed and a catcher work-

ing with him has been a wonderful help of the batsmen of today. It is one of the principal reasons for the big improvement in batting. It has brought a lot of mediocre hitters up to the 300 class and the benighted 300 batsmen are soaring away above their regular speed. In the olden days, or even less than a decade ago, the batsmen used to go into the game cold and up against high grade pitching. Of course, the lively ball is responsible for so much long-distance hitting.

The work of Max Carey in the 18-inning game played July 7, 1922, was nothing short of marvelous and a record breaker in many respects. Max came to bat nine times and reached first nine times by making six hits and getting three passes which netted six runs. Max also stole three bases and once stole home. In the outfield he accepted seven chances, yet his team lost, 9 to 7.

"Runt" Marr Sold to Springfield Club. Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Manager "Runt" Marr of the Norfolk State league club, who came here from the Sioux City West-end leaguers, has been sold to Springfield, Mo. as player manager. It was announced here today.

Coach John Richards Not Formally Resigned as Wisconsin Tutor. Coach John R. Richards has not formally resigned as football coach at the University of Wisconsin, although he advised the university on Saturday that he was considering such a move. Coach E. E. Jones, director of the athletic department, said today. J. F. A. Pye, chairman of the university athletic council, today received similar advice from the coach.

Menke's All-American Selections

First Team.	Pos.	Second Team.
Bomar (Vanderbilt)	End	Ecklund (Minn.)
Sonnenberg (Detroit)	Tackle	Meredith (W. Va.)
Negree (Notre Dame)	Guard	Fimley (Ohio State)
Bowser (Pittsburgh)	Center	King (Chicago)
Breidster (Army)	Guard	Cross (Yale)
Treat (Princeton)	Tackle	Weller (Nebraska)
Muller (California)	End	Roberts (Centre)
Uteritz (Michigan)	Quarter	Piatt (Cornell)
Locke (Iowa)	Half	Martineau (Minn.)
Bronner (Lafayette)	Half	Barron (Georgia Tech)
Raw (Cornell)	Fullback	Morrison (California)

Indians Scouting for New Players

FOLLOWING along the lines of so many other major league baseball teams, the Cleveland Indians, one of the best appointments of last season, are gathering in a herd of recruits for their spring training trip.

Last season the downfall of the Indians came about mainly through the age of its team. It was made up almost entirely of veterans, and it couldn't stand the pace that the Yanks and the St. Louis Browns were setting. So the scouts of the Cleveland club were notified to gather in anything that they could get their hands on, and the result is a squad of almost record-breaking proportions for the Indians.

According to F. J. Powers of Cleveland, Tris Speaker and the other officials of the club are pinning a good deal of faith to eight of the number that have been gathered in so far. These eight are Dan Boone, Phil Bedford, George Metevier, Walter Lutzke, Joseph Schautz, Homer Summa, Joe Connolly and Logan Drake.

Yesterday at Havana Orchid King and San Pablo won.

Barriskane won his second race of the week at Tijuana yesterday. Pasley and Captain Clover also were winners of Sabbath purses.

Morvich Goes in Stud. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 10.—Morvich, winner of the Kentucky derby of 1919 and undefeated as a 2-year-old, arrived from New York Saturday afternoon and was taken to the Hayland farm, where he will make the season in stud.

Risks Broken Back to Be on Winning Football Team

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 11.—Taking a chance with one's spinal column is risky business just for the sake of playing football. But this is just what Lawrence Jacky, fullback and captain of the Walla Walla High school eleven, did this season, and "he got away with it."

The local high school eleven finished the season Thanksgiving day by defeating the Gonzaga High school team of Spokane, 39 to 0, and thereby earning the right to clash with Waite's High school of Toledo, O., for an inter-sectional contest here on Christmas day. If that eleven decides to come west, Jacky finished the game at his position and thereby completed a record of nine games without ever having been taken out. This in spite of the fact that last year he was forced to retire from the game early in the season with two of his vertebrae out of place and one split lengthwise.

But Jacky was systematic about the care of himself. He devoted himself to the idea of getting well so that he could help his team win a championship the next year.

With the best of medical and home care he was "back" in this fall. Physicians and his friends assured him he was taking a big chance, but Jacky said: "It is my last year in high school and I want to play on that team, for it's going to be a winner." He was right; it was. Scores of 45 to 0 against Boise Idaho High school; 14 to 2 against the celebrated Everett (Wash.) eleven, and of 15 to 0 against North Central High school of Spokane, winners over Lewis and Clark High school of that city, attest to this fact.

Jacky says his spinal column is now as strong as it ever was and that he intends to play football when he goes to college. Several college coaches who have been watching his line-plunging have said they hope so.

Grid Prospects Good. Ance, Ia., Dec. 11.—Prospects for a winning Ames football team in 1923 were never brighter. A football coach who, in his first year, has won the admiration and respect of every player and fan, only three regular men to be lost by graduation and the best freshman squad in years, all point toward an excellent season next year, in the opinion of observers.

Badgers Release Gridiron Coach. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 11.—John R. Richards, for five years head coach of the University of Wisconsin football team, will not direct the gridiron destinies of the Badgers in 1923, it was announced today. The big coach, who, though never fortunate enough to win the conference championship, has kept the Cardinal colors near the top of the Big Ten staff ever since he took charge of the team in 1917. He will go to California and practice law. He will probably establish offices in Los Angeles.

Before coming to Wisconsin, Richards for six years directed the football coaching of the Colorado college eleven at Colorado Springs.

Central High Basketeers Start Second Week of Floor Practice

Coach Hill of the Central high school basketeers began his second week of the winter "grind" last night when he gave the candidates for the Hilltop cargo a stiff afternoon of drilling. Prospects for the season look brighter than they have for several years at the Purple camp and there is a wealth of material coming to light as the training season for the school quintet goes into its second week.

The Central five will have four letter men from last year to start the season and several of the reserves from lower class basket ball teams will make the veterans give all they have, to hold their positions on this year's squad. Gilbert Reynolds will pilot the Central casters this year and will have Marrow, Percival, Lawson, Howell and Gerlick, all last year members, to form the nucleus of the tossers for the coming season.

The candidates were given a workout last night which consisted of basket shooting and floor work. Different combinations were given a chance to show their "stuff."

Coach Hill has a practice game on tonight with the Bellevue Vocational school, although the regular season will not open until the first of January when the Centralists meet the Council Bluffs quintet across the river.

Portis Dynamos Win. Portis, Kan., Dec. 10.—The Portis Dynamos won from Odell here Saturday, 49 to 25. Cowell, former Kansas Aggie captain, will bring a team here from Norton, December 16.

Pitcher Al De Maree Not Free Ball Agent. Chicago, Dec. 11.—Commissioner Landis today affirmed the decision of the board of arbitration of the national association in denying the claim of Pitcher Al De Maree, a former major league star, to be a free agent.

The commissioner ruled that De Maree had deserted the Denver (Colo.) club, of which he was temporary manager, and signed to play with a Chicago semi-professional club which used ineligible players. De Maree claimed his arm was injured in a game he pitched for Denver and that he came to Chicago to get into condition.

SEE JIGGS AND MAGGIE IN FULL PAGE OF COLORS IN THE SUNDAY BEE

Ability to Take Punishment Made Stanley Ketchel Great

By FRANK G. MENKE.

"The greatest thing about Stanley Ketchel was his almost unbelievable ability to take punishment," declared Jack Kearns, "if it hadn't been for that Ketchel's career, instead of being one of the most brilliant of the world has ever known, would have ended almost as soon as it began."

And then the man who manages Jack Dempsey, but who years ago handled fighters who battled Ketchel, recounted some of Stanley's deeds: "Ketchel was as wide open as a Nebraska prairie in his earliest days. It was no trick to hit him. When he was just starting, and for quite a long time afterward, men did hit him with everything but the tops of the Rocky mountains. They'd floor him again—and again—and again. But they couldn't keep him there.

"And sooner or later Ketchel would get up and, with that furious, wild man attack of his, bring down the other fellow and go on to victory.

"I once managed a fighter—Morris Thompson—who fought Ketchel twice in Butte, Mont., and beat Stanley both times. Ketchel didn't impress anyone very much in those days and no one thought he'd go very far along the pugilistic roads.

"Ketchel might have remained unknown if it hadn't been for what might be called a break in luck for him. It all came about through his fight in Marysville, Cal., with Bennie Hart, a negro.

"No one paid much attention to the fight in that hick town. But it happened that Johnny Norton, who was one of the big men in boxing affairs in San Francisco, was in Marysville at the time. He liked Hart—and let a big bunch of money on Hart to beat Ketchel.

"That fight was a thriller if ever there was one in pugilism. The men started to slug with the bang of the first gong and the air was full of flying gloves. One of Hart's pile driver smashes caught Ketchel on the jaw in that first round—and down he went.

"But he was back on his feet and slugging with the bell.

"They tore into each other like wild men in the second, ripping and smashing away at each other with all the fury and the power that was in them. In the third Ketchel caught Hart on the chin and down went the negro. But he beat the count.

"So it went until the seventh. By that time both men were near to collapse because of the fearful punishment each had taken. Ketchel swung his arms as if they were lead and the staggering Hart, mind—and Hart, floundering out of the way, happened to run one to Ketchel's jaw.

"And down went Stan again.

"As the referee was counting over him, Ketchel climbed to his knees. He tried to get to an upright position but the poor old fellow fully seemed to have gone from his arms and legs. But he lifted his head and saw Hart, one eye closed, nose smashed, blood covered, staggering, wobbling above him.

"You dirty, black skunk—you dirty skunk!" muttered Ketchel through lips swollen to twice their size. "I'll get you yet—I'll get you and I'll kill you. You've had it! You're going to kill you!"

"As the referee counted, Ketchel, by some supernatural power, got to his feet and toppled toward the broken, bleeding negro. It was too much for Hart. He turned, staggered to his corner—and refused to fight further.

"That victory in itself wouldn't have 'made' Ketchel—or given him the golden chance. The thing that made him was the fact that Norton had lost on his bets to the Marysville sports. They ruined Norton—and it infuriated the San Francisco. He swore to get revenge.

"He went back to Frisco, got Joe Thomas, then ranking as the middle-weight champion of the world, took him to Marysville, matched him with Ketchel and bet a gong on Thomas to win.

"In the first round Ketchel hit Thomas so hard with a one-fingered floor somersault that the world's champion had taken place. He insisted that only one and one-half minutes of the first round had gone up to the moment that Thomas went down. But when seven or eight had been counted off and Joe was still dead to the world, the bell rang ending the round.

"It may be explained that Johnny Norton, who had bet so heavily on Thomas, and who was supposed to be Joe's manager, also was timekeeper for that fight.

"The showing Ketchel made against Thomas that night made him a national sensation. The rest is history. But in that history the name of Stanley Ketchel never may have appeared if a man hadn't bet against him and lost one night and then sided a world's champion onto him in the dual hope of getting revenge—and making a gambling cleanup."

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21-Day Spring Meet. The gallopers will have 21 days in which to entertain Omaha turfites at the Ak-Sar-Ben spring running race meetings, the dates of which have been announced as from June 2 to 23. Charlie Trimble, racing secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben, predicts the 1923 spring meet will excel all previous ones in the number and class of performers and in attendance.

Six races will be run each day. Pools will total \$60,000.

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Says "Bugs" Baer:

CARPENTIER wants another caffeine esthetic party with Siki. Carp claims his setting up exercises went wrong that evening.

Siki was featured to knock his knob on ring floor three times and chant, "Lafayette, I am here." That's some ritual used by American war vets. They now chirp, "Lafayette, where are you now?"

Siki was told that canvas used in ring was Senegalese prayer rug. By dobbing three times to rising sun he would accumulate enough dividends to buy himself charter in his native land and Carp's manager would check off 10 Parisian seconds.

Instead of that he laid two bagful of knuckles on Carp's patriotic chin and knocked him through an exit marked "In case of fire only."

It seems that Carp started to ad lib on their rehearsed routine, which called for petting and kind words. When he slammed his hay-maker into Siki's silo that made Siki forget his secret treaty and step out strong for open covenants and doors.

Three or four dark complexioned spunks up against Carp's refined profile and Manager Descamps tossed in his 1922 quota of sponges. Carp's only mistake that night was appearing instead of telephoning.

Read what Le Journal Le Resin says about it. Le Journal Le Resin is France's leading athletic paper on sports. It is printed on canvas.

"Mons. Siki's pugilistic diplomacy to make that beautiful Georges Carpentier look like those hired Coney Island bathing suits for 50 cents is deplorable, and all true Frenchmen will do likewise.

To think that Siki prevaricates, that our handsome Georges will make those framewep with Senegal steam beer bum is nothing to be thought of by our best people. Carpentier is still our glorious champion of La Belle France. Vive la Georges. Three times, maybe. At least once, at all times.

"Ever since Georges he knock Dempsey into nickel seats at Boyle's Acres Thirty, everybody in America has been jealous of those hypnotic eyes of Mons. Descamps. Sometimes for sport. Sometimes for money. Vive la France.

"That ruffian Siki is too coarse and brutal for punch fighting. Even when Georges is on floor, he looks like champion. Vive la canvas."

So you see that Carp is still France's curly headed tumbler. He hasn't lost his knack of looking securely anchored in earthquakes.

Miller Park Soccer Champs Given Prizes. Presentation of the John W. Muir trophy and The Omaha Bee gold medals to the Miller Park grade soccer team, winner of the The Omaha Bee tournament, were made at special exercises at the school today.

Talks were given by members of the soccer league and Ira Jones, recreational director.

Eckert to Portland. Portland, Dec. 11.—Charles Eckert, righthanded pitcher, has been purchased from the Philadelphia Americans by the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league.

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