

Omaha Buffaloes Will Iron Kinks Out of Their Arms at Corsicana, Tex.

Burch Selects Training Camp for 1923 Grind

Boss Konetchy Will Start Rounding Men into Condition Late in March.

THE Omaha Western league Buffaloes will do all of their spring training at Corsicana, Tex., according to word received last night from Barney Burch, owner of the club.

Burch, who is spending the winter at his home in San Antonio, Tex., yesterday completed arrangements with the Corsicana Chamber of Commerce whereby the Buffaloes will be able to iron the kinks out of their arms at the Corsicana ball park starting March 5.

The herd will start the spring training March 5 and finish about April 1 when the Buffaloes will start playing exhibition games in the south in preparation for the opening of the Western league season which will probably swing open April 12.

Burch expects to arrive in Omaha about the middle of next month. The owner of the Omaha club will remain in our village until the spring training season starts.

Ed Konetchy, new manager of the Buffaloes, will be on deck at Corsicana to greet the old and new members of the herd.

Omaha Volleyers to Compete in Meets

Omaha Y. M. C. A. will be represented by three teams in the state, interstate and midwestern championship volleyball tournament next year.

Funds to finance the teams was obtained yesterday.

Homer Hawthorne will captain the first team; James Stine, the second, and Dean Smith, the third.

The interstate tourney will be held at Omaha January 6, with teams from York, Lincoln, Fremont, Sioux City, Council Bluffs and the Omaha Athletic club competing.

The state tournament will be held at Lincoln February 3. Three champions, A, B and C are to be decided.

The midwestern meet will be staged the middle of March at Omaha.

Composing Omaha's first team will be Dadds, Halsey, Beranek, Longs, Wilson and Hawthorne. The second and third teams will be chosen from the following players: Stine, Kittell, Matthews, Weeks, Solheim, H. Smith, Faus, Allen, Maloshok, Forgy, Pearson, D. Smith and Whigan.

Competition with outside teams was opened yesterday when the first team went to Lincoln to compete in a triangular meet with Lincoln and York as the other contestants.

A business men's tourney will commence next week with games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday noons.

Nittany Lions Face Hard Grid Program Next Season

State College, Pa., Dec. 29.—The Pennsylvania State college 1923 football schedule, announced tonight, comprises nine games and is considered one of the hardest ever arranged for the Nittany Lions. It includes contests with the University of West Virginia in New York city, North Carolina and Georgia Tech, all new comers. The other opponents were played this fall.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—In the most combative hockey game seen here this season the Red Sox last night defeated Seattle, 4 goals to 3, in the Pacific Coast association.

Basket-Ball Facts You Should Know

Q. Must the basketball be 4 feet above the basket?
A. No. The rings shall be rigidly attached to the backboards at a point 1 foot from the bottom and 2 feet from either side. The ball shall be thrown into the basket from above the basket, which, if extended, would pass through the center of rings.

Q. Who represents the team in a game, the manager, captain or coach?
A. The captain shall be the representative of the team, and shall direct and control its play.

Q. Can a player be taken out of game by a coach during the first half and re-enter the game during second half?
A. Yes. Except for disqualification he may re-enter game once at any time.

Q. How many officials are there in a basketball game?
A. In amateur game, six—referee, umpire, two timekeepers and two scorers. In professional game, five—referee, two timekeepers, two scorers.

Q. How long is a game?
A. In professional game shall not be delayed for any cause whatever for more than 3 minutes. In amateur rules, referee decides.

How to Play Basketball.
Dodging: A dodge may be simple a sidestep to the right or left of a charging player. It may be done in making a pass, by feinting to one side, swinging the arms and body over, and passing to the other. The first occurs when a player finds the guard dashing upon him. He then makes a long sidestep to the right or the left, keeping the other foot in position and holding the ball and ball away until his opponent passes him. He then shoots or passes.

In using the sidestep dodge, the player dribbling down the floor passes his opponent to the left by planting his left foot down and crossing the right leg over and ahead of it.

The third type of dodge is made in connection with the feet. The ball is in one direction and actually throwing it another.

WITH THE PUGS.

Joe Burman, Chicago bantamweight, will draw with Tommy Murray of Philadelphia at Saturday night at the Dexter park pavilion. The promoter of Cleveland, scheduled for Philadelphia next week. Burman hurt his right hand in the fourth round of the Murray bout.

Harold Smith, stockyard prize, has been offered a 16-round match with Earl Sawyer at Sioux City, Ia., January 18. The promoters have asked Buck Montomery for his best terms.

Mickey Perkins, Ohio welterweight, who makes his home here, is matched to box Johnny Ranch 12 rounds at Louisville, New Year's day. Perkins is training daily at the Arcade.

Former Giant Second Baseman to Manage Denver Western League Club

Landis May Bar Rube Benton From National League

Baseball Commissioner Investigating Pitcher's Record in Connection With 1919 World Series Scandal.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Pitcher "Rube" Benton, recently purchased by the Cincinnati Nationals from St. Paul, will be barred from baseball if investigation reveals he was involved in the crooked world series of 1919, Commissioner Landis announced tonight.

Commissioner Landis is investigating reports that Benton won a large sum of money betting on a tip that Cincinnati would win the series.

Benton called on the commissioner Thursday to inquire into his status and was told there was nothing in the commissioner's records at this time to prevent him from playing in organized baseball.

The commissioner, however, had started investigation of reports that Benton had knowledge of the "fixing" of the 1919 world series and when informed that President Heydler of the National league had taken steps to bar Benton as an undesirable, the commissioner said he would continue his inquiry and probably have a full report ready before the 1923 season opens.

World Bar Benton.
New York, Dec. 29.—Expressing the opinion that Rube Benton, former New York and Cincinnati pitcher, now with St. Paul, is an undesirable player, John A. Heydler, president of the National league, today indicated that Benton would not be permitted to re-enter the league with the Cincinnati club.

"As far as I know the deal with the St. Paul club of the American association has not been closed," President Heydler said, "and I feel confident that it will not be consummated with the Cincinnati club as it does not favor Benton's return to the National league."

President Heydler added that the National league reserved the right to decide what players were considered desirable, but refused to reveal details of the basis for opposition to Benton's return.

General belief prevailed, however, that objections were based on the pitcher's alleged disregard of training rules when in the National league before, connection of his name with the 1919 world series scandal, and charges which he failed to substantiate, that while with the Giants in 1919 he was offered a bribe by Buck Herzog to "throw" a game at the Polo grounds.

Educator Sees Disaster Ahead of Football

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—The modern trend of American college sports has been too much toward the public spectacle, according to Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, who warned college sports to turn amateur sports into vandy university stunts. President Wilbur spoke at a gridiron banquet last night, which was attended by the football players and coaches of the university of Pittsburgh and the University of Stanford.

"The greatest problem facing intercollegiate athletics," said Mr. Wilbur, "and especially American football, is whether it can withstand the advertisements of prosperity. We have seen sport after sport pass from the amateur to the professional stage, with the consequent gambling, sharp practice and general cupidity."

Lewis to Wrestle Tafala.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, will defend his title against Demetrius Tafala, claimant to the Greek title, in the Hollywood American Legion stadium, January 10, it was announced last night by Amberto Rove, promoter.

Chance a "Bust" as Leader of Yanks—Doesn't Deserve Title as "Peerless Leader"—Menke

By FRANK G. MENKE.
NOW if you have any tears to shed, let 'em fall upon the silvering dome of Frank Chance. For there is the man who now is to be tested as to his greatness as a baseball leader—without a seeming chance for success.

Through more than 15 years Chance has been termed the "peerless leader." And though just so long a stretch of time, while his admirers termed him a truly great, there were others who maintained that he is infinitely lacking in real leadership ability and that what transpired while he was at the helm of the Chicago Cubs was not of his making.

"The worst dub in the world could have managed the Cubs of 1906, 1907 and 1908 into championships," declare the critics of Chance. "When he assumed management of the club he fell heir to one of the greatest collections of ball players that ever fought under one standard. This gathering of such wonderful talent was due to Chance's leadership."

But Chance was a "bust." The Yanks could do no better than a terrible seventh in the race of 1913 and in midseason of 1914 were floundering around so badly that Chance quit in disgust. He declared that he did not have decent material to work with and that his efforts to build up a ball club were severely handicapped by criticism of an unkind and unwarranted nature from many sources.

Chance to Get Chance.
So that made things about 50-50 in relation to Frank Chance. He was ranked among the greatest team pilots of all time. He was a fearful flivver at the helm of the Yankees, which failure might have been due to his lack of natural leadership ability—or it might have been due to many other causes beyond his control.

Chance faded from the big league picture after 1914 and has been out of baseball for eight years. Through all that onrush of time there has been within him the ambition to get one more chance as a team leader so that he could demonstrate to the skeptics that, given a fair break, he could lift even a mediocre outfit to lofty heights in the baseball world.

The opportunity has come to Chance—but what a terrible opportunity it is. He is to manage the Boston Red Sox in 1923. No more hopeless task ever confronted a team leader. It's 1,000 to 1 against chance winning a pennant and it's 100 to 1 that his team will do anything beyond the pathetic.

If, by some seeming miracle, the Red Sox should put on a spurt in 1923, upset the dope bucket, and become either a menace or a factor in the pennant race, then Frank Chance surely will have earned a claim not merely as a "peerless leader" but as a Superman of Baseball.

Stiff Job Ahead.
For he is backed up now with a club, owned by a man whose prime purpose in baseball seems to be to dispose of every good player that he gets on the market. This Harry Frazar, through sales covering a period of years, has so completely wrecked and demoralized a once great baseball club, that it is practically an untruth to refer to it as "a big league outfit."

Frank Chance slides into Boston in 1923, possessed of a most terrible outlook. He goes there to head an aggregation of misfits and baseball fluff. And he goes with the full knowledge that if he should develop any player to a point of stardom, there is the likelihood that he will wake up some morning to find that the owner has sold him to the highest bidder.

It is really too bad for Frank Chance, who for years has nursed the hope of redeeming himself for the Yankee failure, and proving his greatness as a leader, that he should be sentenced to serve as manager of a team where the chances of success are so remote that they aren't discernible by the naked eye or even imaginable by all encompassing brains.

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Welcome Scott High Eleven.
Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—A score of automobile loads of Corvallis citizens were here today to welcome to the state the Scott High school football team of Toledo, O., which is to meet the Corvallis High school eleven at Corvallis, New Years day. After breakfast at a hotel, a parade through the city was planned.

Schick Sold to New Orleans.
Salt Lake City, Dec. 29.—Maury Schick, outfielder of the Salt Lake City Pacific Coast league has been sold to New Orleans of the Southern association. Schick came to Salt Lake last season by purchase from the San Francisco club.

Athletic Federation to Test Fitness of American Youths
New York, Dec. 29.—The National Amateur Athletic federation today decided on standard tests to decide the fitness of 28,000 youths in the country. A commission was appointed to draw up rules.

The federation also adopted a point system applicable to boys and men from 12 to 24 years old. All between these ages will be given the test.

N. A. A. F. Plans to Widen Activities During Next Year

Steps Designed to Create Physical Preparedness Among Youth of Nation Outlined at New York.

New York, Dec. 29.—Adoption of a program of nation-wide recreational and athletic activities, designed to create physical preparedness among 38,000,000 boys and girls and young men and women, and creation of machinery to carry out these plans, were outstanding results of the first annual meeting of the National Amateur Athletic Federation of America.

The federation's program will be initiated in 1923 through channels which include nearly a score of national organizations affiliated with it as constituent members, besides state and regional branches, now in process of formation, and nine permanent commissions to be appointed by the federation.

Work designed to raise physical standards and promote mass athletics will be done in play grounds, schools, colleges and industrial centers, through co-operation of local organizations affiliated with the N. A. A. F. movement.

Other purposes, provided by the federation's constitution, include fostering interest in American participation in the Olympic games and promotion, either by the N. A. A. F. as a whole or through constitutional members of sectional and national athletic championships.

While officers of the federation emphasized that plans to further the field of athletic control were not designed to conflict in any way with the jurisdiction of existing organizations, observers attached significance to the fact that the Amateur Athletic union and the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A., two of the major national sport governing bodies, are not now members of the N. A. A. F.

Bat Nelson One Pug Who Saved

"The Life of Bat Nelson," former lightweight champion, who met them all and retained his title until Ad Wolgast won the crown, fails to reveal the money-saving capabilities of the former slugger and punishment absorbing Dane, although it relates his life's ring career authentically.

Nelson recently returned from the east, where he was awarded \$1,000 damages, following his arrest on a charge of shoplifting, which he proved to be untrue. Enroute home he learned that the price of a sleeping car berth would be \$3. Rather than spend that amount, "Bat" says he sat up all night and when he finally dozed off to sleep all the windows in the coach were opened, causing him to take a cold which prevented his talking for several days.

"That \$9 cost me \$900," he said, "and you can believe me, hereafter when I want a sleeper I'll pay the price, because I have got to have my voice in my business."

Schulte Holds Down Two Coaching Jobs

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—Henry F. (Indian) Schulte holds down two coaching jobs at the University of Nebraska, head track coach and assistant football coach. He has brought two Missouri Valley championships to Nebraska and materially aided in producing the champions of the valley conference in football.

Under Coach Yost of Michigan, Coach Schulte obtained much knowledge in line football. While a student at Michigan university he played at the game and was given all-American mention.

Brussels.—The Belgian senate ratified the general far eastern treaty and the Chinese tariff treaty negotiated during the Washington conference.

Billy Sunday Wasn't a Heavy Hitter but a "Bear" on Bases

Year	Club	League	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	T.B.	S.B.	Pct.
1883	Chicago	National	14	36	5	13	18	...	.332
1884	Chicago	National	43	176	35	59	85	...	.321
1885	Chicago	National	42	176	39	59	86	...	.353
1886	Chicago	National	25	152	16	35	30	...	.242
1887	Chicago	National	48	220	41	79	102	...	.350
1888	Pittsburgh	National	119	501	68	117	140	...	.283
1889	Pittsburgh	National	80	321	62	77	107	...	.289
1890	Pitts. & Phila.	National	114	470	87	127	150	...	.285

8 years total . . . 487
In the years 1883, 1884, and 1885 the official records did not carry stolen bases, and Flint was the Chicago battery. Boston that day had such celebrated names as Hornung, Whitney, Wise, Sutton, Morrill, Burdock, Brown and Hines in its lineup.
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Speed was the greatest individual asset of Billy Sunday, Satan's and booze's relentless foe, when William, the convincing evangelist, drew monthly pay envelopes from sundry National league clubs.

The flight of time very often puts lustre to a player's record which it originally does not possess. Perhaps the picturesque Billy has received greater credit as a player than he deserves. Truly his life-time batting average of .257 would not entitle him to a place among the supermen of swat in this series but for the manner in which he has been swatting Satan.

But Billy rehearsed his present slide across the platform in real National league competition. Like Harry Bay and Jack Thoney, some of the great speed boys after him, he never was much of a batsman. But once he got on the bases, he ran as though Satan and all the imps of the underworld were on his trail.

Sunday a Pilferer.
Stolen base records were not kept in Sunday's early years in the National league, but his stolen base average for the last five years of his eight seasons in the National league furnish a pretty good idea on how he could fit around the base-paths. He stole 258 bases in 388 games, an average of .665 per game.

Sunday showed a burst of speed with the Pirates and Phillies in his last season as a professional ball player, stealing 95 bases in 116 games. And he did it on a batting average of .265. Ty Cobb stole 93 bases in 1915, but he did it in 156 games and on a batting average of .370.

Incidentally, 1890, Sunday's last year in the National league, was his best. He did hit .359 in 48 games for the White Stockings in 1887. Billy hit over his head that year, as he was his only batting average better than .265.

I once asked John K. Tener, a teammate of Sunday's in Chicago, what kind of a ballplayer Billy was.

Not a Great Player.
"Sunday was a good ballplayer, but not a great one," replied the former governor. "He never played regularly on the old Chicago White Stockings because he couldn't hit consistently when playing every day, but he was a mighty useful fellow to have sitting on the bench and always dangerous on the bases."

Just the same, Sunday had one of his red letter days against Tener while playing with the Pirates in 1889, slugging the Keystone state's ex-governor for a homer and a single in the same contest.

Billy also made a monkey out of Connie Mack in one game in 1889, while the illustrious Connie was catching for Washington. Mr. Mack had much difficulty in keeping the future evangelist from stealing the Washington ball park right from under his feet that afternoon. As it was, Sunday got away with four stolen bases.

Was Lead Off Man.
Twice during the season of 1890 Sunday scored four runs a game, the first quart on Pitcher Tony Mullane on September 2, and four more on the great John Clarkson, 10 days later.

Sunday engaged in his first major league contest in Chicago on May 22, 1883, the White Stockings playing Boston. Billy led off for Anson's team, but failed to make a hit off Jim Whitney, the Boston pitcher. Chicago won the game by a score of 4 to 3.

Some of the greatest players of that generation or any other took part in that game. The great Mike Kelly and George Gore were Sunday's fellow outfielders; the men who manned the infield were Anson, Burch, Pfeffer and Williamson, while Corcoran was the pitcher.

William Gilbert to Take Charge of Bears Soon

Signing of Former New York National Player Probably Makes Western Club a Farm for Giants.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—William Gilbert, second baseman for the New York Giants when they won the world's championship in 1905, and manager last year of the Waterbury team in the Eastern league, was signed to manage the Denver Western league baseball team for 1923. It was announced here today.

Gilbert will arrive here in January, starting at once to prepare the local club for next season.

After leaving the New York team, Gilbert played in St. Louis and later managed minor league clubs.

In baseball circles it was pointed out that the deal for Gilbert's services probably means that Denver will be a farm for the New York Nationals.

Gilbert is said to have the assurance from Manager McGraw of New York of a sufficient number of players to insure the Denver club a good chance for the Western league pennant in 1923.

Panthers Tackle Stanford Today

Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 29.—Sixty-three football players, 25 representing the University of Pittsburgh and 38 from Stanford university, are awaiting the beginning of the game between the universities in the stadium here tomorrow.

The visiting players in their practice have confined their plays mostly on old-style football, avoiding open field movements. They planned to rest today, leaving the slightly wet playing field to the local players.

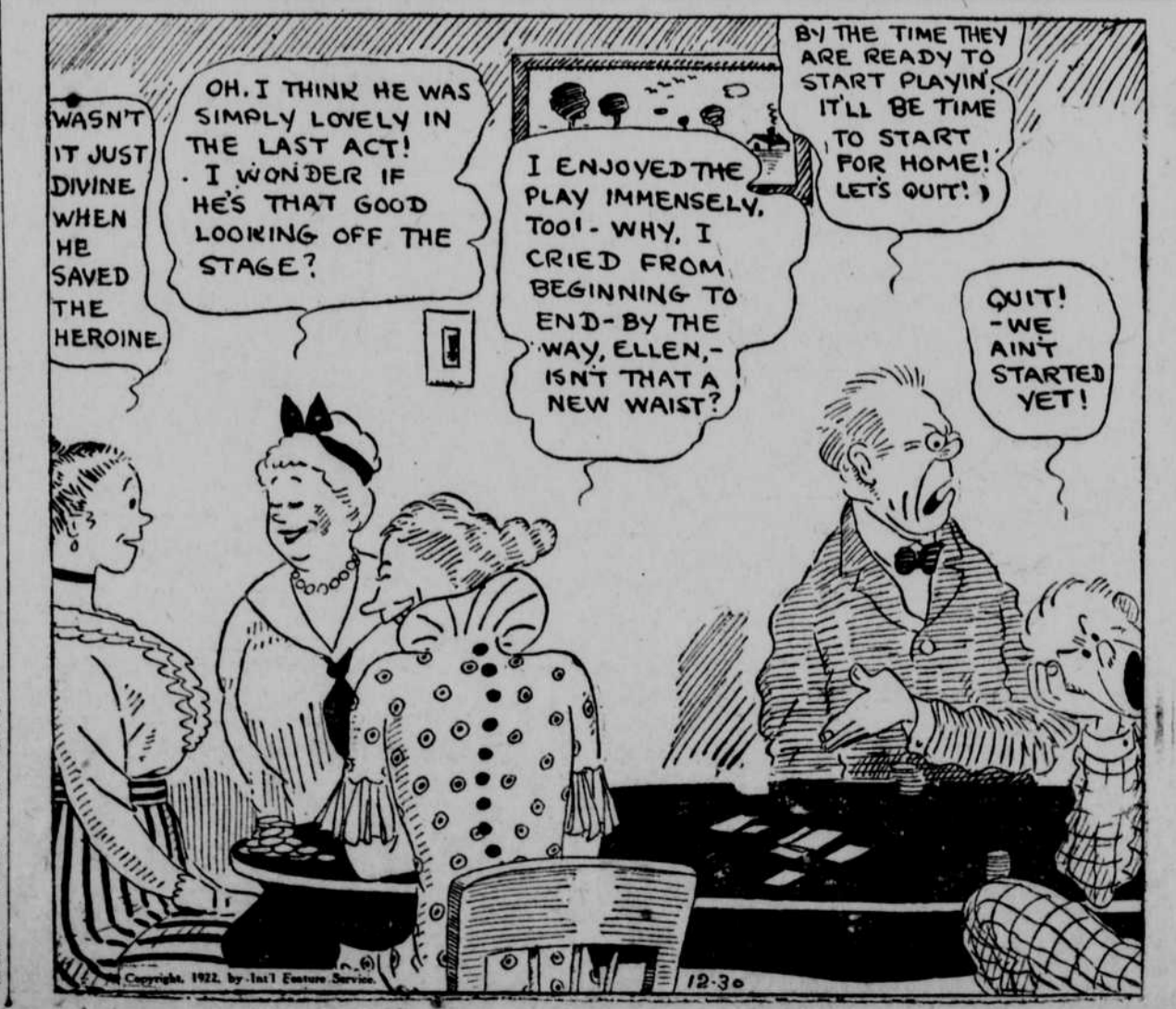
Captain Tommy Polkman of the Pitt squad, it was said, probably will watch the game from the side lines as his broken arm is not considered to be wholly healed.

Art Wilcox, the regular Stanford halfback, probably will not be in the game because of an injury earlier in the season.

Spectators will have more than the ordinary interest in the game this year for Glenn Warren, Pitt coach, is to take charge of Stanford's football in 1924.

Chicago.—Winifred Mason Huck, congresswoman from Illinois, announced she would be a candidate for reelection to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of James R. Marsh, representative from the Eighth Illinois district.

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