

Major Ball Teams Prove Attractive to Many Former Sandlotters

Recruits Are Flocking to Big Leagues for Coming Season

More Than 100 New Names Have Been Added Now and Others Will Come.

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 9.—National league clubs will take south an unusually promising array of new talent this year for the spring training and testing program, according to an official list made public today at league headquarters.

More than 100 additions have been made to the rosters of the eight clubs in the senior circuit. Of these about 80 will strive for the first time to land major league berths. The remainder were recalled for further trial or obtained in major league deals.

Christy Mathewson's Boston Braves lead the list with 20 additions to the squad. Pittsburgh and Brooklyn are next with 17 and 16, respectively. With Cincinnati standing pat on its lineup outside the box, has the smallest number of newcomers, five.

Recruits, of whom high hopes are entered, include Pitcher Kremer, obtained by the Pirates from the Pacific coast; Lucas, hurler, obtained by the Braves from San Antonio; Pitcher Garrison and Shortstop Jones, Brooklyn rookies from the Pacific coast; and Jackie Mays, expensive southpaw bought by Cincinnati from Vernon, Cal.

The complete list follows:

Boston.
Pitchers—Batchelder and Kenn, left handers; former with Worcester and latter semi-pro of Roxbury, Mass., last year. Graham, six-foot Alabamian, who pitched for Little Rock last year. Lansing, secured from Marion, Ga. Fred Lucas from San Antonio. Stricker from Worcester. Yeargin from Greenville, S. C.
Catchers—Cousineau and Phillips, former from Albany and the latter from a semi-pro of Worcester.
Infielders—Lane and Laffer from Knoxville, Tenn. Padgett from Memphis. (Bancroft, Tierney and Kelleher, added infield strength, are big leaguers secured by trade or purchase.)

Brooklyn.
Pitchers—Greene, left hander, three years in Virginia league. Long, six years in American association and Southern league, secured from Mobile. McPhee, semi-pro, St. Thomas. (Clinger, St. Petersburg, Fla. league. (Wagner from Portland. (Shriver, recalled from Albany.)
Catchers—Stinson, one year with Springfield in Class B.
Infielders—Johnston, St. Petersburg, Fla. State. Johnny Jones, Portland. Klugman, Des Moines. Sullivan, semi-pro. Zanesville, O. (Strongly recommended by Fournier, McCarron, Mullen and Schmandt recalled.) Loftus from Bridgeport. (Barber recalled.)

Chicago.
Pitchers—Wheeler and Osborn, purchased from Wichita Falls, Tex. Pierce from Topeka, Kan. Collins from Rockford, Ill. Bush from Greenville, Miss. Jacobs and Blake from Seattle. (Stauffer recalled from Hartford.)
Catcher—Churry, drafted from London, Ont.
Infielders—Turgeon, purchased from Beaumont. (Cotter and Barrett recalled from Wichita Falls.)
Outfielders—Murray, semi-pro, Chicago. (Grishy recalled from Wichita Falls.)

Cincinnati.
Garry Herrmann stood pat on his second place team except in the pitcher's box. He purchased Eddie May, the Vernon left hander, and Tom Sheehan from St. Paul, and Joe Pleschmuth, a left hander from Muskogee, Okla. He signed Pedro Tibut, a Cuban free agent. (Carl Mays was purchased from the New York American League club.)

Philadelphia.
Pitchers—Brown, Bishop, Manning, recalled from Williamsport, Pa. Pinto, recalled from Nashville. Winters recalled from Hartford.
Catchers—Luebbe, purchased from Grand Island, Parier, recalled from Hartford.
Infielders—Woehrs, Williamsport, Lord from Rockford. Metz from Grand Island. Rapp recalled from Fort Worth. and Ford secured in trade with Boston.

Pittsburgh.
Pitchers—Burns, semi-pro, Shelby, N. C. Demarest, from Beatrice, Nebraska State League. Kremer, Oklahoma. Lewellen, University of Nebraska. Lumgren, Flint, Mich. Mathews, Kentucky Blue Grass league. Herbert May, Omaha, Western League. Emil Yde, Oklahoma City, Pa., and John Wright from Peoria, Ill.

Catcher—Knox, Des Moines University.
Infielders—Barnes from Peoria, Three Eye league. Moore, Atlanta, Glenn Wright, Kansas City.
Outfielders—Frank Luce, Flint, Mich. Cuyler, recalled from Nashville. Haas and Leavitt, recalled from Williamsport.

New York.
Pitchers—Leete from Amherst College. Bradshaw from Toledo. Ernest Maun from Wichita, Western League. Walter Rosner, semi-pro, New York. Stoner from Knoxville, Webb, recalled from Pittsfield. Dean from Louisville, Baldwin, Newark.
Catchers—Florence from Georgetown. Ainsworth, free agent.
Infielder—Fred Lindstrom, Toledo.
Outfielders—Lewis Wilson, from Portsmouth, Virginia State League.

Breaks Record

Miss Sybil Bauer who, on the third day of the aquatic carnival at Miami, Fla., lowered the record time for the 50-yard back stroke. The former record was held by Miss Bauer and was 34.25 seconds. The record now is 33.35 seconds.



Seven Shortstops to Play Regularly in Majors in 1924

Peckinpough and Scott Are Nearing End in Big Time Show—Lee With Red Sox.

New York, Feb. 9.—Seven shortstops will begin to play regularly in major league ball teams when the championship pennant races open April 15. Another is about to start his second season in fast company, while two veterans in that important position probably will be replaced in 1925. The new regulars at short field are Travis Jackson of the Giants, Jimmy Jones of the Brooklyn, Adams of the Cubs, White of the Pirates, Bill of the Cardinals, Lee of the Red Sox and Barrett of the White Sox. Sand of the Phillies "broke in" last spring, and though somewhat erratic in fielding, he improved with experience until Manager Fletcher now believes he will be a fixture. Roger Peckinpough of the Washingtons and Everett Scott of the Yankees are nearing the end in the big circuits.

McGraw always has been well fortified at shortstop. Bill Dahlen was among the Giant's stars when they won their first pennant under the title Napoleon in 1904. After the retirement of Dahlen, McGraw developed Al Bridwell into a winner and then uncovered Fletcher, a great player, who was surpassed by Dave Barnhart three years ago.

Manager Robinson of the Brooklyn has had experience with 20 or more shortstops in the last 10 years. Although he tried Frenchy Berg and others last year, he readily approved the purchase of Jones from the Seattle club. Jones and a pitcher named Yarrison were purchased by Colonel Elberts and the McKeever for \$50,000 last fall and from all accounts Jones, at least, will fill the bill.

Fletcher's new shortstop of the Red Sox, cost \$50,000. He was a sensation in Tulsa of the Western league last season and the price of his release was considered cheap. Barrett, who will start at short field for the White Sox, is an outfielder, but Frank Chance wants to use him regularly because of his heavy hitting, also for the reason that two years ago he was a pretty clever infielder.

Adams, a midget, is slated to play short for the Cubs in the expected absence of Charley Hollocher, who still refuses to return to baseball. Adams jumped into Hollocher's shoes last September and received much praise in Chicago.

Wright With Pirates.
Wright, bought from Kansas City for \$40,000 by the Pirates, will supplant "Rabbit" Maranville at the outset and if he comes up to expectations the latter will be traded. Bill of the Cardinals is Branch Rickey's choice to cover the position instead of Doc Lavan. But "Spec" Toporer may crowd the youngster to the wall later in the approaching campaign.

Jimmy O'Connell, whose signed contract for the coming season has been received at the offices of the Giants, soon is to begin his second attempt to make good in fast company, his first, which was carried on through last season to warrant his retention. O'Connell, of course, showed enough last season to warrant his retention by the Giants, but he was a disappointment to every one, including Branch Rickey, because of the lingering effects of a poor start as a big leaguer combined to keep him from performing at his best, but the youngster has put the dark days of 1923 behind him.

"This year," he wrote to John McGraw, "I am confident I will make good for you. I want to thank you for the way in which you treated me last year and I hope you will be rewarded for your patience by seeing me come through as a useful member of the team this year."

McAdam Under Harvey.
Charley Harvey, manager of Billy Wells, has added a newcomer to his string of fighters, Mick McAdams, featherweight champion of Scotland, the man and Charley declares that he is good.
McAdams has been hailed as a second Jim Driscoll and a "sure champion" by none other than the great Jim himself, according to Harvey.

Babe Ruth Intends to Break His Record of 59 Home Runs This Season

New York, Feb. 9.—Babe Ruth was in town the other day and was the picture of health. The Babe is a little rotund, perhaps, but then Ruth never would make any money posing as a living skeleton. He'll probably have to shed off some pounds at Hot Springs, but then that is all his own business.

Ruth says he has put in a pleasant winter at the Sudbury farm, but he is anxious to get off to Hot Springs. "It will feel good again to wrap my hands around a bat," said the Babe.

Ruth says he will be 30 next month, and figures if he does not break his home run record of 59 next season it probably will stand. Anyway, he intends to take another crack at it, and expressed the hope that the pitchers next season will

Pa and Ma Coffman Helping Train Their Son Royal for Olympic Tryouts

By RALPH WAGNER
THE Striblings of Atlanta, Ga., haven't anything on the Coffmans of Council Bluffs.



Young Coffman started his amateur fistic career two years ago and still belongs to the amateur class. He has won the Mid-Western A. A. U. championship in the lightweight class and has collected enough medals because of his ability to push the leather to make General Pershing sort of nervous.

At the present, Coffman is training for the Olympic tryouts which will be held at Kansas City, March 17. At the last Kansas City meet he won over the champ of that section of the country, so doesn't expect to

Coffman attends the fight, but she says her place is at home where she sees to it that Royal gets the right kind of food and the proper amount of sleep, all of which goes a long way to make a better fighter out of a promising youngster such as her son.

"Pa" Coffman is a "railroader," to use the parlance of the railroad. He is a clever boxer and can punch with either mitt. Royal also has shown an extra amount of ability to take 'em and come out smiling. Like Stribling, Royal Coffman is being taken care of by his pa and ma. Each time Royal fights, pa is in his son's corner. Sometimes Mrs.

Ryan, instructor in boxing at the O. A. C., gives Royal advanced instruction in fistifications.

have much trouble next time, although Pa Coffman says he isn't taking any chances.
Denny Ryan can't see anything but Coffman in the Olympic games in Paris. This, however, all depends on whether Royal wins at Kansas City and then in Boston where the final tryouts will be held.
According to Pa Coffman, Royal always liked to push the leather gauntlets. Even when Royal and his brother were "kneehing at a grasshopper" they were boxing at public gatherings, such as fairs and the like.



Ed Lygert of hunting fame likes to have a tremendous sized stool of decoys out around the blind when he's hunting. He therefore carries about 50 profile decoys in a pack on his back and then proceeds to sling a sack over his shoulder containing a dozen balsam wood decoys, a half dozen cedar woods and a dozen Illinois river decoys. These, when set out, make quite a showing.

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Valger Meets Defoe.
New York, Feb. 9.—Benny Valger, 130 pound title aspirant, and Billy Defoe, of St. Paul, met tonight in a ten round match for the third time in a year. Neither boxer displayed a marked superiority of skill in their other engagements. Valger, his own manager for a year, has placed himself under the direction of Paddy Mulins, manager of Harry Wills.

Little Chief is a race horse and I am proud of him," Humphries said. "The fans like him and as long as he can run, he is in a way public property. I have no intention of stabilizing him and will enter him in every race that warrants his performance."
Fans have "chirped up" as a result of this statement and are following Little Chief's activities with deepest interest. Every time the sleek bang tail goes to the post his admirers are ready to show their appreciation of his past form

Pat McGill to Appear in Mat Show in N. Y.

Wisner Lad to Meet Champion Lewis in Gotham Ring on Tuesday—Nebraskan Is Choice of Curley.

Pat McGill of Wisner, Neb., who has been making a name for himself in wrestling contests throughout the west, will make his first appearance in New York when he meets the champion, Strangler Lewis, at the opening show of the Hayflower Athletic club at the Seventy-first Regiment armory on the evening of February 12. As soon as this new club received its license from the State Athletic commission, Jack Curley, who is acting as matchmaker of the organization, got in touch with Lewis and the champion agreed to meet any opponent the promoter might select for the opening card.

Curley went over the list of possibilities to meet Lewis and finally narrowed his choice down to McGill. A wire was sent west offering him a match with the champion. Curley did not have to wait long for a reply, for the next day a message arrived from McGill saying he was ready to meet any one, and the match with Lewis would prove attractive to him.

In McGill, Curley believes he has a new face which will become as popular with the fans of Gotham as it is out west at the present time. McGill has been on the trails of the Zyzskos, Caldwell, Stecher and Lewis, but up to the present time Lewis is the only one who has consented to face this heavy son of Ireland. Curley will not profess that McGill will defeat Lewis, for the present champion has been invincible since he won his title three years ago, but the promoter does believe that the Irishman is the toughest of the newcomers in the wrestling game and should furnish Lewis with plenty of opposition.

Golf Tourney Dates Conflict
New York, Feb. 9.—Although but few golf tournaments are slated for 1924 have been listed thus far, already four of the champion events for which dates have been chosen "overlap." The national open championship is slated for the Oakland Hills Country Club at Detroit June 5 and 6, with the crack against west team match the day preceding it. The Western Eastern Golf association championship and the tricity matches for the Grisoom cup are scheduled for the week beginning June 2 and ending June 7. The latter events this year are to be held at the Brae Burn club, near Boston.

The Women's Metropolitan Golf association, in selecting the Chicago Valley links as the scene of its 1924 championship, took into consideration the dates chosen for the eastern and intercity matches, and picked the week beginning May 19 for their event, in order to give the contestants time to practice for the Boston tournament, but the Interstate Golf association championship is scheduled for the Greenwich Country club, May 19, 20 and 21.

When the women gather at Cherry Valley they will find a course considerably stiffened and leathened. The club has 12 new holes in commission and all the greens have been newly bunkered.

Big Munn May Meet Ed Lewis
New York, Feb. 9.—Out of the west will come "Strangler" Lewis' opponent in the wrestling show to be staged by the newly formed Mayfield Athletic corporation at the Seventy-first regiment armory on February 12.

Matchmaker Curley is making every effort to induce Billy Sandow, who has been a champion of the world, to pit the champion against one of the contenders who has heretofore been avoided by Lewis.

Knotty Problems of Basket Ball
Question. Is it necessary for substitutes to report to the referee and referee when they enter the court at the beginning of the second half?
Answer. Yes. Rule 12, section 2 says a player shall not touch the ball after he has been fouled by another player and recovering the ball in the court means a foul.

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Question. Please settle this argument. A player is in the key and the ball is in the air. He reaches for the ball and the ball is in his hands. He claims that the ball is in the key and the referee should have called a foul.
Answer. A foul is called when a player reaches for the ball and the ball is in his hands. The referee should have called a foul.

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The SPORTLIGHT

DOWN at St. Petersburg, Fla., "Pop" Warner is taking on a healthy tan to start his 20th year of football coaching. Late in March the instructor who made great records with Cornell, Carlisle and Pittsburgh starts for Leland Stanford to open up the spring school of football tactics, where next fall he will be thrown into a deadly grapple with Andy Smith's great California team.

Warner as a coach was around 1895, when he handled Georgia university and turned out a star team. Since that date he has carried through an amazing record of brilliant teams. He was usually handicapped at Pittsburgh by a schedule that few teams in the country could have carried. Few of the best would be willing to open a campaign with West Virginia and Lafayette, and then move along without any resting places at the autumn road side. But by late November "Pop" usually had Pittsburgh up with the strongest teams between the two oceans.

"I'll tell you one reason why Harry Wills is the only heavyweight who has a chance against Dempsey," writes L. H. "Wills is the only heavyweight who knows anything of fighting. Gibbons does, but Gibbons isn't strong enough or big enough for any company. He is doesn't know the first principle of fighting, of getting in close and jabbing away effectively. He is only dangerous with room enough to swing that hammering right fist. Wills is a good man at close range, where he has his best work, and Dempsey has a habit of crowding in closely as soon as he can get there. He is a great man to rush in and start his short jab working, and this suits Wills exactly. I don't say that Wills could beat Dempsey, but he would be the most dangerous opponent of the lot.

For unless Firpo has learned a lot, he will be lucky to last out the first round, if they meet again.

The best way out of this argument is to see how Wills and Firpo fare. This is the battle that should precede any Dempsey engagements. Firpo needs at least one tough opponent before he has another crack at Dempsey, and Wills will be tough enough to suit. Dempsey will hardly meet both, and so he might just as well meet the winner.

Fight Fan Drops Dead.
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 9.—William Fitzgerald dropped dead of apoplexy while watching a boxing exhibition at the auditorium last night. The dead man was an employe of a live-it case doesn't get overgilded through

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Little Chief Is Favored by Race Followers for Honors in Handicap
Little Chief, pride of the Colorado stable and a former member of the Rancocas string, has been elected as "best bet" in the coming Croffth handicap at Tijuana as a result of his superb win in the Owners' handicap the other day. The splendid runner not only took the race but he also lowered the track record by 2.5 seconds.