

SAYS COLLINS, WHITEHILL, DAUSS, STONER, JOHNSON, PILETTE, WELLS AND HOLLOWAY BEST IN 20 YEARS

Boss of Tigers Says Heinie Manush, Former Omaha Buffalo, Should Have Great Year.

This is the second in a series of articles by Davis J. Walsh of International News Service, who is making a tour of the spring training camps for the purpose of getting an accurate line on the condition of baseball clubs in both major leagues—Editors note.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.
UGUSTA, Ga., March 5.—Rank heresy though it may be to the old-timers who held the late Bill Donovan, George Mullin, Killian, Willett and Summers in such high esteem, Ty Cobb came out on the flat of his feet today and declared the present Tiger pitching staff to be the best Detroit ever knew. The tidings may prompt Detroit citizens to rush out into the night, proclaiming the re-birth of liberty, justice and the right to run over the nearest traffic cop. Since 1909, a Detroit pitcher has been like the dodo—a species long extinct. It has been the common impression that Mullin, Donovan, et al, took more than a passive part in the winning of three straight pennants between 1907 and 1909, but Cobb dissents. "We won those pennants because we were a team of hitters," he declared. "Donovan was a great pitcher; Mullin was well above the average. But you couldn't call two men a pitching staff. Our hitting carried the other pitchers." "My present staff, Rip Collins,

Earl Whitehill, George Dauss, Ken Holloway, Sylvester Johnson, Herman Pilette, Lil Stoner and Ed Wells may not boast a Bill Donovan, but it certainly is superior to any staff Detroit has had in my 20 years with the club."

The great man then elaborated on his statement of yesterday to the effect that he would play less than a hundred games this season. This decision, he intimated, was influenced as much by the belief that no man can keep going at top speed for a full season as by that fear that he himself is slipping.

"I have a capable substitute for every position and as soon as a regular begins to let down, out he comes," he said. "That goes for me, too. Of course, if I was younger and going the way I was some years ago, I would be in there every day. But I know that I can't stand the pace and when I begin to feel it, someone else will be playing center field for Detroit."

"The whole club is built along those lines. I have two shortstops, Taveor and Rigney. Fred Haney can relieve Jones at third base, or O'Rourke at second. Johnny Neun stands ready to relieve Blue at first base. I have two good catchers, Bassler and Woodall, and a half-dozen outfielders."

Pressed for answer as to the identity of the man he thought capable of supplanting him, Cobb became evasive. "Manush should have a great year," he remarked with the air of one changing the subject. "He went badly in 1924, but he was just finding himself."

It is no Masonic secret that Cobb is somewhat enamored of young Carlyle, who hit .346 his first season in professional baseball. However, the Georgian is not the one to count on for a big year. "He takes two years to make a ball player," was his cryptic reply to the question.

Baseball Dope

Chicago, March 5.—Manager Eddie Collins of the Chicago White Sox has found plenty of shortstop material during the club training camp at Shreveport, La., and the fight is on for the regular berth.

Seven candidates are on the scene and another is expected. Chased from the radio receiving the inaugural proceedings, how Bill Killifer's proteges in the Cubs' camp on Catalina Island, added mountain hiking to their batting and fielding and base running practice.

Pittsburgh, March 5.—Clyde Barabak, Pittsburgh outfielder who was kept at home last week by illness in his family when his teammates left to begin training at Paso Robles, Cal., last night, returned to the club today. He will arrive in the Pirates' camp Sunday.

Washington, March 5.—Walter Johnson, whose right arm was a potent factor in the rise of the Washington Americans to a major league club and who has virtually abandoned aspirations of ownership in a minor league club and intends to take up residence in Florida as a real estate operator, was sent to Tampa, Fla., to train camp yesterday. He signed a two-year contract with the club for the coming season.

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Sammy Mandell Joins Lightweight Tournament—After Leonard's Crown

NEW YORK, March 4.—Sammy Mandell, Rockford (Ill.) lightweight, who has heretofore been a holdout in the New York state athletic commission's lightweight tournament, today joined the ranks of boxers seeking the 135 pound crown left without an owner, when Benny Leonard retired from the ring. Eddie Kane, Mandell's manager, notified the commission today that Mandell would accept the nomination and compete in the tournament. Mandell, who recently scored a

North Carolina Southern Cagers Offer Prayer

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., March 4.—That prayer has been the greatest factor in three Southern Conference basketball championship games won by the University of North Carolina was the statement made here today by Coach (Monk) McDonald.

McDonald before becoming coach this season played on the quintet. The student body, however, did not know until today that it had been a fixed practice for five years for the players to offer prayer before entering every game and pray again between halves.

Coach McDonald said that the members of the Carolina five starting the custom five years ago considered it a personal matter and one never discussed in private or public.

North Carolina won its third conference basketball title in four years by defeating Tulane university in the final game of the annual tournament in Atlanta last night.

Omaha Loan Basket Ball Team Loses Close Game to Athletic Club

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS. Omaha Athletic club, 28; Omaha Loan, 25; Grace Presbyterians, 13; Nebraska Power, 5.

THE Omaha Loan and Building company basketball team nearly upset the Commercial league games at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night when they played the Omaha Athletic club team and lost, 29 to 28.

The upset came when the Loan hoopsters nearly defeated the O. A. C. team, a feat that hasn't been accomplished in the league this season. At the end of the first half the score was 15 to 10 in favor of the Loan quintet. Playing a fast floor game, the Loan players got the jump on the Athletic club and at the end of the first 12 minutes of play held a 13 to 2 lead over their opponents.

In the second half the Loan team played more of an offensive game than it did a defensive contest and lost.

Monahan, Taylor and Brown played well for the losers, while the playing of Lovely, former Creighton star, was the feature of the O. A. C. team's work.

Portland, Ore., March 5.—Mike Yokel, light-heavyweight wrestler of Salt Lake City, scored a one-fall victory over Louis Pergande of Chicago here. With the exception of the one fall, which came after one hour and 25 minutes of lively scrambling, Pergande outwrestled his opponent all the way.

HARVARD PLEASED WITH "BOB" FISHER

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 5.—Harvard football followers were elated today at the announcement that Robert T. (Bob) Fisher, who was to coach the football eleven another year, Fisher has turned out many all-American linemen.

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FORMER GIANT CAPTAIN DIES

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 4.—John M. Ward, one-time captain of the New York Giants, died at a hospital here this afternoon. He celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday. The veteran ball player was spending the winter in Augusta.

New York, March 4.—John Montgomery Ward, who died in a hospital in Augusta, Ga., today, was one of the great infielders and pitchers of the old New York Giants, playing shortstop and second base as captain of the world championship teams of 1888 and 1889, when Jim Mutrie was manager.

In 1888 Ward led the Giants to a world victory over St. Louis in six out of 10 games, and the next year conquered Brooklyn in six out of nine.

After leaving baseball, Ward practiced law in New York and in later years was among the leading amateur golfers of the metropolitan district.

FISHER REMAINS HARVARD COACH

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 4.—Robert (Bob) Fisher, since 1919 head coach of Harvard's football team, was tonight reappointed to serve during the season of 1925. Coach Fisher reconsidered a recently announced determination to retire, the Harvard athletic committee stated, in making the announcement.

KANSAS FARMERS WIN

COLUMBIA, Mo., March 4.—The Kansas State Agricultural college defeated the University of Missouri, 43 to 32, in a Missouri Valley conference basketball game here tonight. Tebow of the Aggies counted 24 points while Wheat, captain of the Tigers, was high scorer for Missouri with 19.

VINCENT RICHARDS WINS

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 4.—Vincent Richards once more won the Jamaica lawn tennis cup by defeating Takeo Harada in the finals of the singles matches this afternoon. The score was 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

PHILADELPHIA REPORTS

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—Reports from the Florida training camps of the Philadelphia major league baseball clubs today told of fine weather and rapid improvement in the condition of the players.

At Fort Myers, Manager Connie Mack has divided his 21 men into two squads and has ordered six-inning games daily in addition to the morning batting and pitching workouts.

Most of the Phillies' regulars are due to arrive in Bradenton today and Manager Fletcher expects the squad to be in condition for exhibition games next week.

Boston, March 5.—With Howard Ehmke, one of the Red Sox's star twirlers and Valentine Pleinich, catcher, back in the fold, the Boston American league outfit at New Orleans, is nearer actual playing shape than ever, according to word from the camp yesterday. Both Ehmke and Pleinich put their names to contracts yesterday.

The Boston Braves may desert St. Petersburg for Miami beach next spring. It was reported at the American league headquarters yesterday. A disagreement with the New York Yankees over use of the St. Petersburg ground is said to be the cause.

Play Semi-Final Matches in Women's Tennis Meet

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 5.—Mrs. Penelope Anderson of Richmond will face Mrs. Molla Mallory across the net here today in the semi-finals of the annual Florida women's championship tournament.



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