

HAS CONNIE MACK DECIDED HE IS IN BAD?



TALL LEADER OF PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS.

Connie Mack's experience with his host of youthful college ball players continues unabated, but as yet without producing any appreciable results. Many experts say that there is not a single good player among Mack's many collegians, but such an assertion is too broad and sweeping to be accurate, writes Rodman Random in Philadelphia Press. Undoubtedly in the outfit are some players who, with the kind of care and attention they will get under this famous leader, will develop into great ball players.

However, the operation is certain to be very slow, and baseball fans are impatient for results. The tediousness of the operation is due to the fact that the tall leader is trying to construct a whole team from green players. Had he held to a few of his veterans he

would have been able to give more individual attention to his men, have developed them rapidly, and then have supplanted the veterans. Then at no time would he have had a whole team of rookies. The developing players would have had a few old heads upon whom to depend whereas they now play as though bewildered.

Does Connie Mack count this policy a mistake and believe he has carried the operation to too great lengths? This may be indicated by the fact that Harry Davis, his trusty lieutenant, has been doing considerable scouting of late in the minor league field. It is the first real effort the Athletics have made to land professional players from the minor leagues to bolster the team, all other efforts having been conducted in the college field.

BASEBALL NOTES

There is still some fight left in the White Sox.

"Doc" Lavan is playing better ball than ever before.

The Washington club has sold its right to Pitcher Ehmke to Detroit.

The Pittsburgh club is loading up with all kinds of bush leaguers this fall.

Roger Hornsby, the St. Louis phenom, is climbing rapidly in the batting averages.

Hans Wagner has always been on the level. In fact, no player ever met a ball more squarely.

John Beall, the former White Sox player, is leading the American association with the bat.

"Ed" Fitzpatrick is making a hit with Boston "fans" by his playing in place of "Johnny" Evers.

Rowdy Elliott is a real backstop. His work stamps him as the right kind to stick in the big show.

"You can't always shin up the pennant pole by chinning," says John K. Tener to George Stallings.

Connie Mack should consider it a successful season if he does not run afoul of the child-labor law.

The Toledo American association team is called the Iron Men. The team has proved highly malleable.

Lee Fohl, manager of the Indians, caught a few games for the Pirates in 1902 and for the Reds in 1903.

Pete Standridge and George Zabel should be much better pitchers next year than they were last year.

Just what use John McGraw will make of Indian Thorpe when he gets him back again is hard to say.

The Cleveland and Detroit clubs will make big money this year. They are the best coin getters in the West.

"Babe" Ruth, star left hander of the Red Sox, is getting better and better every time he steps into the box.

Tris Speaker hasn't much on Max Carey of the Pirates, when it comes to getting under long drives in deep center field.

"Davey" Robertson of the Giants is straining every effort to hold the batting leadership of the National league.

A dozen passes would only mar a baseball game, whereas they would put a crap game out of commission.

TRUNK IS FOUND UNDER PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES

The last issue of the Grinnell Herald and the Marshalltown Times-Republican have contained amusing stories concerning a trunk belonging to Misses Hester and Nellie Shaw. It was stolen from the depot at Nora Springs a short time ago, and after a long chase in which the Mason City police and a special detective from Milwaukee figured prominently, was finally found, abandoned, in a cornfield near Clear Lake. It had been almost entirely destroyed by fire and the contents practically ruined.

When first found a deep mystery hung over the whole affair. The night blaze in a lonely cornfield was the first evidence noted. When this was investigated by the sheriff he found the trunk to contain handkerchiefs and other articles of apparel and "some of these garments appeared to be spotted with blood." Further search revealed "the remains of a book in which a Grinnell college co-ed had evidently been pasting the programs of all the college affairs she had attended." Foul play was suspected, but after telegraphing to Miss Shaw the sheriff worked out the theft.

As yet the thief, or probably thieves, since one man could not conveniently handle the trunk by himself, has not been apprehended. The contents were a total loss, which will be made good by the railroad company.—Exchange.

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REGISTRATION WILL BE HEAVIEST EVER

Owing to the heaviest registration of girls in the history of Grinnell, the college has purchased the residence of Dr. P. E. Somers, directly west of the Association building, and is using it as an addition to the Quadrangle, having fitted it out for the accommodation of twenty-two girls. At present every room is occupied, and entrance applications are being refused daily at the college office because of a scarcity of rooms. Until further arrangements are completed, applicants will undoubtedly find it difficult to secure rooms within the city.

There is also an increase in the number of men in the freshmen class, but because of the fact that all the men room are in private houses, they have experienced no such difficulty as the girls.—Exchange.

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MAKES QUEER DOUBLE PLAY

Tommy Leach Got Both Ends in Peculiar Manner—Covered Second After Wild Throw.

Tommy Leach, playing center field for his Rochester team against Providence, got both putouts in as peculiar a double play as has been recorded yet. Shean was on first when Onslow hit a liner to Leach. Tommy gathered it in and threw to Holke at first to get Shean before he could get back to the bag. The throw went wild and Leach came racing in from center, covered the bag and took the throw when Holke recovered the ball. Shean had run beyond second and could not get back.

JOE JACKSON IS IMPROVING

All White Sox Are Pulling for Outfielder to Lead American League as Hardest Hitter.

"Joe Jackson is getting better every day," said Eddie Collins, captain and second baseman for the Chicago White Sox.

"Speaker is a sort of combination of Cobb and Jackson in hitting. Spoke will beat out some infield hits; not as many as Cobb and more than Jackson. He will not walk as often as Cobb, but will walk oftener than Jackson. This means that Jackson is the cleaner hitter. He has to be to stay in that company."

"All the White Sox are pulling for Joe to lead the American league this year. He has been a wonderful hitter for several years, but he never got the credit due him. He has hit hard enough several years to lead every league but the one Cobb was in. It's the greatest race the game has ever known."

CHANCE FOR SAM CRAWFORD

If Through as Player Fellow Citizens of Wayne County Plan Running Him for Sheriff.

If Hugh Jennings really thinks Sam Crawford is done as a ball player, there still is a chance for Wahoo to keep before the public. His fellow citizens in Wayne county, Michigan, in which Detroit is situated, have suggested that he become a candidate for sheriff, running against Ed Stein, also a ball player, once upon a time, as followers of the old Brooklyn Superbas will remember.

Jack Barry Improves. "Jack" Barry started poorly this season, but has shown great improvement in the last month.

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