

SPORTING NEWS

STAR PLAYER THE BIG MONEY-MAKING ATTRACTION

Former Magnate Gives His Views on the Making of a Team--Mathewson, Cobb, Johnson, Speaker And Kauff all Bring in the Cash--Steady But Starless Teams do Not Draw.

(Boston Record.)
Every fan who pans an umpire, criticizes a manager, boos at a star when he falls down in a pinch and shouts himself hoarse when the same great player comes through in the right manner, imagines he could run a ball club successfully.

Give most of the rabid fans a fortune large enough to buy a ball club, and they would cast about for chances to break into the game in the role of magnates and then their troubles would begin.

In view of the interest everyone has in baseball today, it is of peculiar interest to hear from the lips of a former magnate, who made good and retired from baseball, just what he would do today if he were to venture back into the realms of baseball.

Here's what he says:
"I would first select a leader of men and pay him a big salary to act as my manager and my first instruction to him would be an order to buy a star outfielder or pitcher. Then I would help him build a team around my star performer and go out and get the money."

"My experience has taught me," he continued, "that the scout system is an expensive luxury. Not one scout in ten has ever dug up a real headliner."

"A well-balanced team of good ball players will win games, but it won't pay in the long run. This is a day of specialization. Individual stars are worth any price because they draw the money at the gate."

"For ten years the Giants gave Mathewson ordinary backing and it was Mathewson who made them famous. He is still a drawing card."

"Any time it is known that Walter Johnson is going to pitch, the Washington team is a strong attraction."

"There isn't another man on Griffith's club who has a following that can be cashed."

"Cobb has been a dividend producer for ten years. People go to see Cobb first and the Detroit team incidentally."

"Alexander is worth ten times the salary the Philadelphia club pays

him. This Speaker has made the Cleveland team pay."

"Benny Kauff is worth his weight in gold to the Giants, not for what he can accomplish, but because people go to see him play. There are others in the process of development. Sisler of the Browns, is one."

"If I were a club owner again I would not care to form an all-star team. They are expensive and seldom hold together long. When the Athletics had their wonderful infield and pitching staff they won pennants and lost money."

NEGLIGENCE OF OFFICIALS LOSE RUNNER WORLD'S REC.

New York, June 7—Negligence on the part of the officials who managed the American Liberty Day sports carnival, held at the Sheepshead Bay Speedway last Sunday, will deprive Jack J. Eller of the Irish-American A.C. of the new world's record he created in winning the 120-yard low hurdle race.

Although it was extensively advertised weeks in advance that Eller would endeavor to shatter the old record which he himself held, the officials did not bring a steel measure with them to see that the distance was correct. The A.A.U. does not accept records unless the distance is surveyed with a steel measure.

SHRUBB STILL AT HARVARD

Alfred Shrubbs will again coach the Harvard cross country team next year, according to the announcement of Capt. Robert R. Bancroft, '17. All hill and dale candidates are to report September 18, a week before the first day of college, next fall.

Lots of men marry young because they are.

NEGRO ATHLETE EQUALLED WORLD'S MARK FOR QUARTER-MILE

The Covered Distance at Chicago in 49 2-5 Seconds the Same Time as Ted Meredith's Stunt.

Chicago, June 7—Wisconsin's athlete for the second time in succession won the Conference track meet on Northwestern Field. Bob Simpson, the Missouri hurdler, was the star. He won the 120-yard high hurdles in his own world's record of 14 3-5 seconds; broke the Conference record by doing the low hurdles in 23 4-5.

Binga Diamond of Brooklyn, Ont., cago's great negro runner, not only broke the Conference quarter mile record, but equalled Ted Meredith's world's mark of 47 2-5 seconds! Don Scott, sole entrant from Mississippi A. and M., smashed the Conference record in the half, doing 1:53 1-5.

MYERS, MACK'S SLAB MARVEL IS A GRADUATE SMITH-Y

(By Harold Johnson.)
Muscles developed as a kid, puffing bellows and massaging the anvil in his dad's blacksmith shop in York Springs, Adams county, Pennsylvania, are making Elmer Myers famous these days.

From the smith's stand beneath the spreading chestnut tree to the front rank of the 1916 curving marvels was a short jump for the rookie who now boasts a record of seven games won and four lost. The youthful hurler has won nearly half the games the Mackmen have to their credit. Pitching as well as he has with a tail-end club shows the calibre of the boy.

"Myers is the best pitcher I have ever developed. Better than Plank, Bender or Coombs? Yes, sir! Myers does not know as much about pitching as these old stars, but right today he is a better pitcher than any of them were in their prime."

This is Mack's tribute to the graduate blacksmith.

The youngster is a right-hander, stands six feet, three inches tall and has a pair of long arms, which aids him in getting closer to the batsman before he lets the ball go out of his hand. That section of Penn-

sylvania whence he came saw the rise of Chief Bender at Carlisle school, and Plank at Gettysburg.

As a boy wonder Myers was called an "Iron Man" because of his ability to hurl and win three games a week. Mack signed him in 1912. The lad was then eighteen years of age, so Connie shipped him to his son, Earle at Raleigh, N.C., for seasoning.

"After two years in Dixie, Myers took the 1915 training-aunt with the Mackian host, only to be returned to Raleigh. Last fall he again reported to the Athletics, but failed to impress until the last week of the season, when he blanketed Washton, granting two flows and fan-ang ten. The youngster has splendid control a corking curve ball and a "tracful, easy delivery which puts the ball over the plate almost before the batter realizes it."

In three games against Washington Detroit and St. Louis in the same week, only twelve hits were made off him. Only one Tiger rapped him hard, Burns getting three safe's.

Mack predicts that before the season is over Myers will rank with Walter Johnson and Grover Alexander.

PELKEY WADE POOR SHOWING WITH GUNBOAT

Memphis, Tenn., June 7—Gunboat Smith had little trouble in gaining an eight-round decision over Arthur Pelkey here tonight. Smith made it a fight, such as it was, landing all the clean blows and chasing Pelkey around. The second and third rounds were about even and all the others were Smith's. Pelkey fell into clinches and held throughout, while Smith tried apparently to make it a fight.

TRAINING IN THRIFT.

Children Should be Taught the Power in Saving.

(Woman's Home Companion.)

Parents can put into the hands of children simple tables showing the growing power of savings which are kept invested. It isn't hard to demonstrate, for instance, that by saving one dollar a year and keeping it and its accumulated interest at the rate of 5 per cent. invested the saver will have

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