

JAWN LOOKS ABOUT FOR SOME MORE SLABMEN

New York, Nov. 5—The Leach deal indicates McGraw's determination to improve the Giants where they need it most. The veteran manager's ideas concerning second base have not been disclosed although he has expressed satisfaction with the work of Andy Cohen. Considering that Cohen played as a regular for first time this year and assumed the difficult task of filling Rogers Hornsby's shoes he did well. Surely the boy received schooling that should help him materially in 1929, if McGraw decides to keep him.

McGraw, meanwhile, will attempt to obtain one or more experienced pitchers. He will have Benton, Fitzsimmons, Genewich and Hubbell with whom to begin another campaign as regulars. Faulkner may be retained and Walker probably will be recalled. There is doubt as to the status of Dutch Henry, the southpaw who was under suspension for a long period last summer.

Aldridge, who was sentenced to the Newark Internationals, still belongs to the Giants but it is believed that McGraw will trade him. The big right hander, obtained from the Pirates for Burleigh Grimes last winter, proved a dismal failure.

McGraw, it is understood has several good prospects in the minors, notably Art Johnson the Jersey City left hander but what he needs most is one or more boxmen who have been "fired and blistered" in the big leagues.

FOOTBALL ALLEGRO

Comes the autumn call to class time
Step the tempo up to fast time
Hail the grand old pigskin pastime!
Hail the rough and tumble crew!
Ah, the gay old gridiron glamour!
Hark the cheery co-ed clamor!
Here's a drummer as is drummer
Alma mater's ballyhoo!

Hush a moment for the kick off
Rah! They're off! And O, how quick off!

See the news reel cameras click off
Thirty yards and then withdraw.
Cheering—jeering—willy-nilly,
Wow. Ain't forward passes thrilly?
Football rough? Ah, don't be silly,
Sack that tackle—Raw, raw, raw.

—G. WILES HALLOCK in Chicago News.

Hubby—One trouble is I don't get enough exercise.
Wife—That's right John. And I need some brown sugar and two loaves of bread.

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Athletic Backstop and American League Most Valuable Player Award Winner, Who Hunted Moose Here This Fall is Favorite of Sport Writers—"Does Everything a Catcher Could be Expected to do and Does Them All Just a Little Bit Better Than Any Other Receiver in the League", One Said.

New York, Nov. 5—The name of Gordon Stanley Cochrane has been added to the list that includes George Sisler, Babe Ruth, Walter Johnson, Roger Peckinpaugh, George Burns and Lou Gehrig of the players most valuable to their American League teams.

Cochrane the "pepper box" catcher of Connie Mack's Athletics had a narrow margin of two points advantage over Heinie Manush slugging outfielder of the St. Louis Browns receiving a total of 53 points to 51 for Manush.

Each player contributed much to his respective ball club for the season just closed. Manush the leading hitter in the American League, played his first season for the Browns and his terrific hitting converted a mediocre ball club into a team capable of finishing in third place. Manush long had been rated one of the leading hitters in the American League but the 1928 season was the best he has ever known.

Big Year for Judge

Joe Judge of the Washington Senators and Tony Lazzeri the hard hitting Yankee second baseman tied for third place with a total of 27 points. Judge at the beginning of the season, was batting for a regular berth with the Senators. George Sisler was listed on the Washington roster and was favored to play first during the season.

Judge, however, dispelled all thoughts Manager Bucky Harris might have had of playing Sisler at first by staging a sensational hitting attack early in the season.

Lazzeri's season was marred by frequent injuries that prevented him taking his place in the lineup in many games. His throwing arm was in poor shape near the end of the season but when called upon he always turned in a good game for the Yankees. In the world's series Lazzeri pluckily fought with the rest of the "crippled Yankees" and was always dependable when the going was toughest.

Fast on Discs

Mickey Cochrane was born in Ridgewater, Miss., April 4, 1903. He was an all around athlete at Princeton University and after a six

year with Portland in the Pacific Coast League, he joined the Athletics.

The peppery hard hitting catcher started from the beginning and in his first year in the major league displaced "Cy" Perkins, one of the leading receivers in the league, behind the bat for the A's. Cochrane's play was so brilliant that he received four votes for the 1926 award and was fourth in 1927 with 18 votes.

The youthful catcher is the exception to the general run of catchers in that he is a good batter and a speedy base runner. Cochrane bats third in the line-up instead of being relegated to end of the batting list where catchers usually hit.

Until the final month of the 1928 campaign when the entire Philadelphia team slumped, Cochrane's managed to hit around the .300 mark. His hitting fell off noticeably toward the end of the season and he finished the year with a mark of .293, the lowest average he has made in his major league career.

The handling of pitchers is another asset of the Philadelphia player. Connie Mack gives Cochrane much credit for the enviable pitching record made by Lefty Grove this year. Cochrane has a good knowledge of the batters and possesses a keen base ball judgement. "Cochrane does everything a catcher could be expected to do and does them all just a little bit better than any other receiver in the league" one of the members of the commission declared in explaining his selection.

WIDOW GRATTAN SOLD

New York, Nov. 6—J. C. Thompson of New York has sold his fast pacing mare, Widow Grattan, 2.02½, to A. G. Lord, Nyack, N. Y. and F. W. Woodman, Haverhill, Mass. The horse is the only one that was able to win a heat from the Canadian sensation, Grattan Bars, 1.59½, this season. She will go into the stable of Will Hodson, Hartford, Conn., reinsman.

HOOF PRINTS

Middletown, N. Y., Nov. 6—Although the harness racing season has not yet died away, the famous Orange County Circuit of New York already has announced its dates for 1929. Instead of the usual four members, there will be five. Owego is the addition. Other cities are Endicott, Elmira, Goshen and Middletown.

The dates: Endicott, July 16-20; Elmira, July 25-27; Owego, Aug. 1-3; Goshen, Aug. 8-10 and Middletown Aug. 14-18.

Indianapolis, Nov. 6—Sep Palin, the Indianapolis reinsman, for years a prominent figure in the Grand Circuit is the leading race winning driver of the nation for the 1928 season. This is as the result of 49 victories. Winnipeg 1.57½, world champion pacing gelding, accounted for ten. Riley and Single G., other side-wheelers, scored eight and seven respectively.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 6—Will Rosemire, trainer for the noted Pastime stable of Cleveland acting for A. Finn of Milan, Italy, has purchased the trotter, John Gallagher 2.04½, from the Calumet Farm of Lexington. The horse is a son of Etawah, 2.03, who raced so well for the lamented Edward F. (Pop) Geers.

F. H. S. AND CITY RUGBY TEAMS AT SAINT JOHN

Yellow and Black Play Off With St. John at Rothesay on Friday—City Team Meets Trojans Here Saturday.

St. John, Nov. 6—Saint John football teams will clash with Fredericton fifteens in two league play-offs in the next week the Trojans meeting the Fredericton City team in the New Brunswick Rugby League and Saint John High School playing Fredericton in the final of their section of the Interscholastic League for the right to meet Vocational School for the provincial schools title.

The High School game will be the first played. It will be staged on the Rothesay Collegiate field on Friday afternoon, according to an announcement by the Interscholastic Athletic Council yesterday. An attempt will be made to break the deadlock existing between the two schools. They were tied at the end of the regular playing schedule each with three wins and a loss. A contest was played at the capital last Friday resulting in a tie game, each team scoring one try.

The senior teams will play home and home games, the Trojans going to Fredericton on Saturday and the capital players coming here for a return tilt on the following Monday, Thanksgiving Day. Total scores will count.

It had at first been planned to have the title depend on a sudden death game at Saint John on Thanksgiving Day, but the Fredericton team decided that they would prefer two games, as called for by the league constitution. As the Orange and Black will be tied up on Saturday the proposed game here with Dalhousie University which was being arranged for Saturday has been cancelled.

SWIM RECORD

Shanghai, China, Nov. 5—Arne Borg, Swedish aquatic star, set what is claimed to be a new worlds record for the thousand yards in a 75-foot fresh water pool, when he swam the distance yesterday in 12 minutes, two and two-fifths seconds. Borg it was said, held the old record of 12.16, set in 1924.

UZEUDUN WON OVER PORAT BY SMALL MARGIN

Madison Square Garden, New York Nov. 5—Otto Von Porat, deadly punching Norwegian heavyweight, who now calls Chicago home, came back to the ring where he made his professional debut tonight and lost a vicious bloody ten round battle to Paulino Uzcudun, squat Spaniard from the Basque country. Twice, in the first and fifth rounds, the Spaniard nailed the lanky Norwegian with left and right hooks to the chin that deposited the lantern jawed Von Porat on the canvas for counts of seven. Both time Uzcudun got up with the cheers of 15,000 spectators ringing for him in his ears.

Each time, as the lanky Norwegian wavered like a sapling in a storm under Uzcudun's swarming wild-swinging attack, it seemed as though the battle was over. But the end of the match, his face a smear of blood, jaw hanging long from exhaustion it was Von Porat who was fighting the hardest, punching the cleanest with Paulino wavering under a storm of right hand punches that threatened to tear his concrete chin apart.

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Bessie—Try my lawyer dearie. He can collect anything but your thoughts.

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