

BOBBY ROTH AS FIELD CAPTAIN OF ATHLETICS SHOWS WORLD OF PEPPER



Frequently Connie Mack springs the unexpected. It is doubtful that the tall tactician ever pulled a bigger surprise, however, than when he selected Bobby Roth, obtained from Cleveland, as captain of the Athletics this season.

DIAMOND NOTES

Eddie Sicking put up a good game in Bancroft's shoes until injured.

The Brooklyn club has released Gene Sheridan, an infield rookie, to Charley Dootin's Reading team.

"Dugan to Shannon to Burns" is getting to be an often mentioned combination on the Athletics.

Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Cardinals is not giving up because of a poor start.

The reason for Ernie Shore's poor start is explained. He caught the mumps from Ping Bodie.

Red Faber will have his banner season in the American league if he keeps up his work of recent combats.

Wallace, the youngster who was trying for an infield job with the Phillies, has been released to Hartford of the Eastern league.

Josh Devore is surprising the fans by his work for the Indians. Devore has been fielding in fine fashion and is hitting the ball hard.

George H. Lawson, recently discharged from the Canadian army, is planning an "outlaw" league, to be known as the Allied league.

The New York Yankees charged Carl Mays was using an emery ball, but now having beaten him they may conclude they were mistaken.

Manager Lee Fohl of Cleveland is well pleased at what George Uhle has shown him and declares the young semi-pro is going to be a real star.

Joe Witholt, a star in the Coast league three or four years ago and for a moment looking like a star in the big show, seems to have fizzled out with Seattle.

Rugo Bezdek has benched Southworth and played Lee in right field. The former, who hit for .341 in 94 games last season, has been doing under .100 this season.

Shortstop Jimmy Cooney, who did not join the Detroit Tigers and who thus is technically a member of the Boston Red Sox, is finally out of the army and no place to go.

A left-hander can't hit a southpaw. Not at all. Casey Stengel only got four hits, one of them a triple, against the mightiest boy in the National loop, Jim Vaughn, the other day.

An all-star association football team will go to Sweden this summer under direction of Secretary Thomas Cahill of the United States Football association, the governing council of the sport.

Manager Miller Huggins assigned Duffy Lewis to center field to start the season, but soon changed his mind and switched Duffy to left. Ping Bodie went to center. King will keep on going if he doesn't watch out.

George Burge, infielder, who was released by Cleveland's Roundout of the Brewers, has signed to play with the Nash Motors company team of Kansas. Artie Bues, Art Korns and Ed Bagertson, former A. A. players, are also with the team.

Babe Ruth, who socked so formidable at bat this time last year, isn't hitting so well this season.

The Boston Braves have returned Pitcher Lefty George to the Columbus American association club.

Bert Humphries, who was released by Louisville because of a sore arm, has been claimed by Toledo.

Max Martin, former Brewer, is hitting the ball at a great clip for the San Antonio club of the Texas league.

QUIT TELEGRAPHING

Kid Gleason says George Uhle, the semi-pro star who is trying to win a berth with the Cleveland Indians, may make a great pitcher—when he quits telegraphing to the batter what he is going to throw.

"You throw your fast one with a side arm motion, your curve with an overhand throw," Gleason said to Kerr. "You can't get by that way."

"I got by all right in the Southern and American Association," replied Kerr.

"That may be so but you will never get by in this league if you don't stop telegraphing," retorted Gleason and he set out to show Kerr how to turn the trick.

BACK ON FARM FOR OLDRING

Former Captain of Philadelphia Athletics to Play Ball in New Jersey Village.

It's "back to the farm" again for "Rube" H. Oldring, captain of the Philadelphia Athletics in the American league last season, with which club he also starred as an outfielder in



Rube Oldring.

those days when Connie Mack was pulling down pennants.

Having now secured his release from the Athletics, "Rube" intends to take up his residence at Quinton, a rural village in Salem County, N. J., where he helped to organize a nine that two years ago would wallop nearly all rivals in seven townships.

WHITE SOX SHOWING SPEED

Manager Gleason Has His Men Batting Well and Running Bases Better Than Usual.

Manager Gleason of the White Sox not only appears to have his team batting in fine shape, but they are showing more speed on the bases than has usually been the case with Chicago American teams of past years.

Steadily seven bases in one game is something new for the White Sox, especially with Al Smith doing the catching for the outslug team.

Her Dream Saved Bank Roll. Jacob Kohler, saloonkeeper of Oakland, Cal., is thinking his lucky stars that his wife has dreams that mean something and that she is handy with a shotgun.

Two masked bandits armed with pistols, held him up in his saloon shortly after midnight. His wife, who was in a apartment above, dreamed that her husband was surrounded by enemies. Half awake, she leaped out of bed, seized a gun and ran down the back stairs and into the bay. She fired once at random and the bandits fled.

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