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SPORT NEWS

VETERANS SHOW IN GREAT SHAPE

Cobb, Collins and Wheat Look Good—Joe Boley Is Real Shortstop

By Billy Evans
FT. MYERS, Fla.—In what shape are Cobb, Collins and Wheat?
Just how good a shortstop in this fall Joe Boley?

As I hit the various American League training camps, other than the Athletics, the above questions are among the first that are fired at me by managers and players.
It is apparent that the seven other clubs in the league have a wholesome respect for the Philadelphia Athletics. It is also evident that they believe the above-named four players are more or less the reason.

Here is the way I found the much-discussed athletes as I watched them do their stuff at Ft. Myers and in several exhibition games.
Collins in Great Shape
I was agreeably surprised at the condition of Eddie Collins. He is carrying around second base like a youngster, despite his 33 years. He shows no ill effects of the leg injury that has troubled him for several years.

"I played handball and squash during the winter in order to put my legs to every severe test," says Collins in explaining his condition.
"These two games are hard on the legs, will quickly bring out any flaw. I managed to go through the winter training without the slightest handicap."
"Collins intends to start me at second base. The way I feel now, I see no reason why I shouldn't still be there when the finish of the season rolls around."

"That is a long way off and baseball is a precarious business. However, there is Max Bishop and Jimmy Dykes, both capable of playing the base as well as I can."
Cobb Takes It Easy
Much depends upon the ability of Collins to go the route. His presence at second base is invaluable to a ball club.
"True, Eddie has lost some of his speed, but he is still able to cover a lot of territory; knows the batters and how to play for them, and is a wonder at the bat."
Cobb was taking it easy when I saw the Athletics. That has always been his custom in the spring. He realizes his legs must be "nursed" along.

It is his intention to play regularly just as long as his legs hold up. When not in the game, he figures he will be of help, ready to take his place at the bat in the pinch.
Zach Wheat surprised me as much as Collins. I had been led to believe that he had slowed up terribly. That's a lot of hokum. Wheat is still fast and can hit as well as ever.

Boley is Big Leaguer!
About Shortstop Joe Boley, I would say that he should have been in the majors about five years ago. Probably would have been, if Jack Dunn would have parted with him.

Boley may never be a great hitter, and then again he has a chance. As a fielder he is most impressive, a finished performer. He is going to make a great running mate for Eddie Collins.
Boley is not only brilliant but steady, which means much for a shortstop. He is going to step right into the lineup, and it strikes me no one is going to get him out of it for some time.
Boley is a sure enough big leaguer.

Versatile



Introducing Irving Nelson, Omaha, Neb., high school youth, who has earned 23 letters in nine different sports in three years. He has made several all-state teams in different sports.

Clete Kaufman And Uncle Billy Stage Rough Go

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 29. (AP)—It was a wild night at the public auditorium last night when Clete Kaufman, Columbus, Ohio, and Billy Edwards, Kansas City, light heavyweights, wound up their wrestling match with a test of skulls, Kaufman taking the match by the toughness of his skull in withstanding a most terrific head on smash with Edwards, the force of which laid both men helpless on their backs. Kaufman finally rose to his feet, staggered about dizzily a few moments and fell on Edwards for the third and deciding fall. Edwards took the first fall with a headlock in 18 minutes, 31 seconds. Kaufman came back strong with a crab hold in 12 minutes, 34 seconds. Then followed the test of skulls.

Bob Kruse, Portland, took a fall and decision from Farnie Vance, Boise, Idaho, in the 30 minute preliminary.

NATIONAL HOOP TOURNAMENT BEGINS

Forty-Three Teams Begin Play in University of Chicago Gymnasium

CHICAGO, Mar. 29. (AP)—Saford from the remote stretches of Arizona opened the national high school basketball championship tournament today by defeating Franklin, from the hills of New Hampshire, 20 to 20.

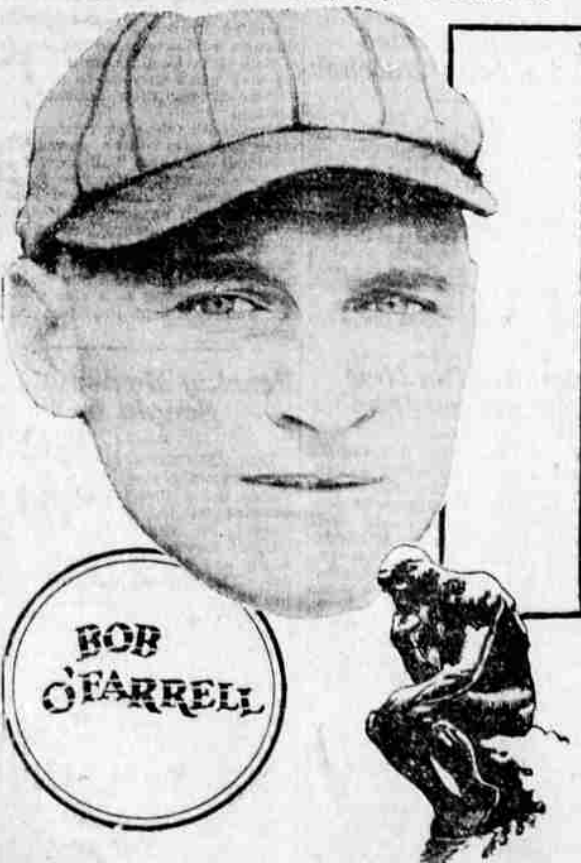
Almost 200 in size, the New Hampshire and Arizona lads launched the competition of 43 teams from 28 states. Thirteen games today and nine tomorrow complete the first round of the five necessary to bring the finalists together Saturday night.

CHICAGO, Mar. 29. (AP)—The climax of the basketball season has arrived for the high school boys of 43 teams representing 28 states. Play began this morning, among these 400 lads for the national interscholastic title at the University of Chicago gymnasium.

The squad of seven from Alpine, Tenn., famous overnight as the boys from a hamlet of 75 inhabitants, represent the smallest community aspiring to the national title, but Minersville, Utah, is not far behind. There are 14 boys in the high school at Minersville and nine of them came here to play. They brought along one coach, one principal, one superintendent and seven citizens.

All but seven of the 43 teams entered were state champions and the others were runners-up. A long list of other schools had to be refused invitations and some

Players Make Team, Says O'Farrell



If the Cardinals repeat in the National league this season, you won't hear Manager Bob O'Farrell, their new pilot, trying to shoulder all the credit. He's not that type. O'Farrell, looking over his team at Avon Park, Fla., says that players and not managers make pennant-winners. "If the men play as well this season as they did last season, we ought to be in the running," he summed up. At any rate, he is working hard to try and make the best of a hard job—that of taking over the reins of a world championship team!

MISSIONS LOOK GOOD TO WRITER

Much of This Year's Success Rests on Leard's Ability to Lead

By William C. Etherege
NEA Service Writer
SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 29.—Can Bill Leard repeat?

Upon the ability of this fighting player-manager to inspire the Missions baseball club of the Coast League, as he did when he took over the slipping team late last season, seems to depend the chance of the Bell.

Of course, there's the hole in right field left by the Hoene, which doesn't seem to have been satisfactorily filled, and Ike's heavy willow will be sadly missed from the batting list.
The Missions have shown up well in training camp, promising to land in the first division on registered material, and possibly to do as well or better than they did when they finished second last year, fighting with Bill Leard up from the cellar.

But their pre-season games have not been so promising. The field work has been excellent, but the hitting was not anything to get excited about.
"Chiff" McDaniel, imported from Oklahoma City to fill the first sack, seems to be one of the Missions' good bets. He's fast on coverage and is hitting well. Chances are he will head the batting order against righthanders, although Wes Griffin will be his rival for the spot position against lefties.

Dick Wade, ex-St. Paul fly chaser, is another promising new player. Dan Sullivan, outfielder from Delaware, is fast on bases and chasing flies, and hits the ball hard.
The Missions have been slow in rounding into any definite shape. There'll be some heavy pruning done by Leard as the season starts, but it is quite apparent that the Bell has great potential power. They may be looked upon as serious pennant contenders.

CURVE BALLS JUST RIGHT FOR HARRIS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—A group of baseball players were discussing batmen who would rather hit curve balls than fast balls, known in baseball parlance as "hard" ones. It was the consensus that curve ball pitchers of the American league lost an enemy when Joe Harris was transferred from Washington in the American to Pittsburgh in the National. "Harris can hit curve balls anytime, any place," said a pitcher in the crowd, and he will be right at home in the National league for there are more curve ball pitchers there than in the American.

Harvard vs. Princeton—Golf!

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—Harvard and Princeton are at peace in one respect. Their teams are to meet in a game which has a high standard of etiquette and which involves no physical contact or hurling a ball toward somebody else—golf.

state winners were turned down to keep tournament strictly within public high school ranks.
Ridgefield Gets Bye
The draw gave Ridgefield, N. J., a first round bye, because of the odd number of entries, and the winning team will have to score five straight victories to carry off the championship.

First round matches will be played hourly all day Tuesday starting at 10 a. m., and up to 8 p. m., Wednesday when the second round begins. Semi-finals will be reached Saturday afternoon and the final Saturday night.

MANAGER LEARD AND SOME OF HIS MISSIONS



Here is Manager Bill Leard, of the Pacific Coast baseball team Missions who is expecting to again pep up his players into the charmed 1, 2, 3, circle. Slade, Barfoot and Swanson are also pictured. They swing into action today in the first game of the season.

BEFORE THE MIKE

WEDNESDAY'S PROGRAMS

- KOAC, Corvallis (280.2m-1070kc), 7, sports review; 7:19, International religion; 7:49, art address by Prof. J. L. Fairbanks; 8, sports talk by Ralph Coleman; 8:07, track talk by "Dad" Butler; 8:13, business lectures.
- KGO, Oakland (351m-340kc), 6, Ben's Little Symphony orchestra; 6:55, weather, news, market; 8, farm program, W. O. W. male trio in intermission.
- KFI, Los Angeles (447m-540kc), 6:30, women's quartet; 7, Ray Fisher's Original Victorians; 7:30, crime talk; 7:45, Helen Guest, ballad singer; 8, James Burroughs, tenor; 9, Gleaner quartet; 10, program of classic music by Sunset instrumental trio.
- KFO San Francisco (428m-700kc), 6:30, orchestra; 7, Rudy Selzer's Palmont hotel concert orchestra; 8 to 9, program of classical numbers; 9 to 10, musical program by San Francisco Mandolin orchestra; 10 to 11, orchestra; 11 to 12, Billy Long's Colubians.
- KYA, San Francisco (329.8m-700kc), 8 to 9, tenor services from St. Mary's church; 9 to 10, studio program; 10 to 11, Herb Meyer-heck's Cliff hotel orchestra.
- KJW, Portland (491m-610kc), 6 to 7, dinner concert; 8 to 9, Nevada U. S. Infantry band; 9 to 10, concert orchestra.
- KPSD, San Diego (245.8m-

GOSLIN CONFESSES

TO BLUFF IN MINORS
TAMPA, Fla.—"Goslin" Goslin, slugging outfielder of the Washington Senators, admits that he bluffed his manager when he was playing in the minors.
Goslin broke in as a pitcher with the Columbia (S. C.) club of the South Atlantic Association. He imported the manager, Zinn Beck, for a chance to act as pinch hitter, insisting that he could stam the ball.
"Finally a tight place arose when all the regular pinch hitters had been used. But a lefthander was pitching and Goslin bats lefthanded, not a good spot, on the face of it, for him to break in. "Can you hit lefthanders?" Beck asked. "Certainly, I can hit lefthanders," Goslin replied, and proved it by getting a double.
Goslin tells the sequel now. "It was the first time in my life I had ever batted against a lefthander, and I didn't know whether I could hit them or not," he says.

KNOWS INS AND OUTS OF CRIMINAL COURTS

NEW YORK—Psychiatrists have suggested that women are temperamentally better qualified than men to work with delinquents, Mrs. Mary Paddon, now serving her second term as a member of the State Probation Commission, has capably and sympathetically dealt with the problems of hundreds of persons on parole from penal institutions. She is the only woman member of that body.
Mrs. Paddon has been closely connected with welfare organization since 1914 and has an intimate knowledge of the workings of the criminal courts.

ALEXANDER NOW NATIONAL VET

AVON PARK, Fla.—Grover Alexander has seen them all come and go in the National league. "When Zack Wheat left the National league for the Athletics, I was left all alone," he says. "He was the only player in the league who was there when I came up in 1911. I have seen them drop out, one by one, while I was lucky enough to hold on and now I am left alone."

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junior national A. A. U. championships at the semi-centennial games in Philadelphia. He won the senior crown in 31 minutes 31 seconds.
INDIAN'S CAPTAIN BATTLES JINX
LAKELAND, Fla.—George Burns, captain of the Cleveland Indians is working harder than ever to get in his best condition for a hard campaign. He has a greater responsibility than he has ever had before as he was awarded the prize as the most valuable player in the American league last year and in times past this award has been a jinx.
Several stars after being dubbed "busts" the next year. Burns is taking no chances and is already practically in shape.

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