

Cub Cast-Offs Help Cardinals



A great deal of the success of the St. Louis Cardinals in the race for the National league pennant has been due to the consistent work of Grover Cleveland Alexander (left) and Bob O'Farrell, two Chicago Cub cast-offs. The pitcher and catcher have done excellent work for Manager Hornsby.

Tod Sloan Best Jockey, Says Snapper Garrison

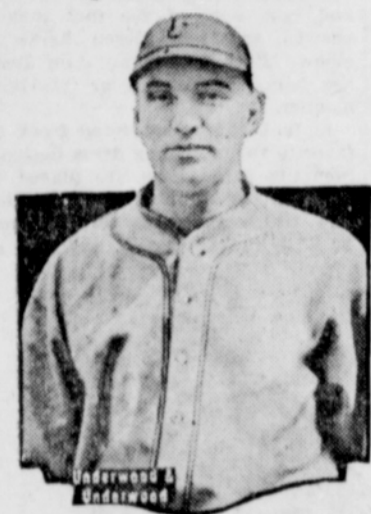
Into a gathering of horse owners and trainers, which had been discussing the prowess of two great former jockeys—Snapper Garrison and Isaac Murphy—walked the gray-haired Garrison himself not long ago.

"How about this question of Murphy and you—did Isaac have anything on you in the saddle?" asked one trainer.

Garrison changed the subject. "There was just one great jockey," said "Snapper"—he of the Garrison finish. "That was Tod Sloan. Sloan had one great faculty—the ability to control animals. Not only horses, but all other animals. He could pick up a vicious cat or dog and have it as tame as you want it in five minutes.

"You can't be a great jockey without making the horse feel he has a firm friend in you. Horses will run their fastest for the jockeys they like. Sloan knew when to whip and when to scold. He was cool, had a fine pair of hands, a perfect seat and the knack of making a horse do his very best."

Captain Pie Traynor



Pie Traynor, who broke into the limelight when he smashed out a home run in the opening game of the world's series last year, has been appointed to succeed Max Carey as captain of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The recent shakeup caused the suspension of Max Carey without pay, and the unconditional release of "Babe" Adams and Carson Bigbee. The photograph is of Pie Traynor.

Wholesome Influence of Athletics Is Big Need

Opponents of interscholastic athletics get little sympathy from Fielding H. Yost, director of athletics at the University of Michigan.

When asked recently of the relation of athletics to high schools, Yost said the country needed the wholesome influence of sports to keep civilization from slipping.

"Athletics in high schools," he said, "teach participants the lessons of endurance, skill, self-sacrifice and the necessity for constant work in order to excel.

"Athletics teach the student body lessons in loyalty to their group and when all are imbued with thorough good sportsmanship, this loyalty is as dear in defeat as in victory.

"In these days, when every stratum of society is pervaded by gross materialism and immorality, we need such wholesome influences as athletics to keep civilization from slipping behind."

Great Hurler Obscured With the Boston Braves

One of the best pitchers in the National league is Larry Benton of the Braves. True, you don't hear a great deal about Larry, but that's because he's with a tail-end aggregation.

Benton won 14 games and lost seven last season. A mighty fine performance considering where the Beantown troupe finished the campaign. Had he been with a team like the Pirates or Giants, Benton's record would probably have ranked with that hung up by Dazzy Vance.

Benton has been hurling splendid ball this season, but his record doesn't reveal exceptional pitching because he's dropped several tough games he really deserved to win through lack of hitting behind him.

Sporting Squibs

Peoria sold outfielder Harry Layne to the St. Louis Cardinals. The price was given out as \$5,000.

Purchase by the White Sox of Everett Purdy, outfielder of the Lincoln club of the Western league, is announced.

Manager Oscar Stanage of Evansville was enriched \$100 by reason of being selected the most valuable player to his club.

Harold Brittan, one of the cleverest center forwards in professional soccer, has signed to play with New Bedford of the American league.

Low Fossaca, in the National league for several seasons, prior to this spring, has been purchased by Cleveland from the Newark club of the International league.

William B. Friedlander, well-known theatrical producer, has lured Benny Leonard, the retired lightweight champion of the world, into the musical comedy ring this season.

President Davidson of the New England league announces that he has signed Eddie Shevlin, former New England welterweight champion, as an umpire in the New England league.

Washington has released Jimmy Smith, Salem (Ohio) semi-pro catcher, unconditionally. With the purchase of Brandon from Portsmouth of the Virginia league, Smith's services were no longer required.

Clarence Griffin, left-hand pitcher, now with the Memphis, Southern association, club, may be a Giant next year. Negotiations now are under way. It is understood, for the sale of Griffin to the New York club.

Harold Olsen, former Badger football and basket ball star, has a new assignment at Ohio State university this year. In addition to coaching the basket ball team, Oil will assist Jack Wilce with the grid squad.

John W. Heisman, veteran of twenty-four years' football coaching, is starting his third season at Rice institute, Houston, Texas, and is expected to produce a contender for the South-western Conference crown.

Cy Young's attempt to set a world's record for consecutive games pitched was shattered in 1892 after he had made a run of 15 by a home run by Mark Baldwin of the Pittsburgh club, who was a regular .397 hitter.

Danville purchased Dutch White, manager of the Cedar Rapids team of the Mississippi Valley league. He is reputed to have been the youngest pilot in organized baseball this year, being but twenty-two years of age. White is an infielder.

Big Year for Kassel



Charles E. Kassel of Meirose Park, Ill., captain of the 1928 University of Illinois football team, is looking forward to a great season. Last year "Chuck" was generally selected as "all-conference" end. He has won two letters in basket ball, playing at back guard.

ONCE WAS ENOUGH FOR BEN LEONARD

Breath Knocked Out of Fighter in Grid Game.

Before Red Grange opened the eyes of the public to the possibilities of football as a profession, the boys who took a beating for an hour on the grid-iron for a few cheers were looked upon as goofs by the boys who made their living with gloves, a hockey stick or a baseball bat.

"What suckers," they would say. "To do all that for nothing. Them cheers don't pay no bills."

It has been related that Benny Leonard, one of the best business men ever associated with professional boxing, once tried his hands and feet at football.

Leonard was attached to the cantonment at Camp Upton, N. Y., as a boxing instructor. He became acquainted with Eddie Mahan, one of Harvard's immortal football stars, who was organizing a camp team.

Mahan induced Leonard to get into a uniform and participate in a little scrimmage one afternoon. The lightweight champion took a shot at it and lasted for one play. He was taken out of the play so hard by one of the op-



Benny Leonard.

posing linemen that he had his breath knocked out.

"No more of that crazy game for me," Leonard said. "I'm no darn fool." Mahan explained that he would not have been taken out so hard if he had known how to handle himself.

"Why should I learn how to handle myself for such a game. There's nothing in it, anyway," Leonard replied.

BASEBALL SQUIBS

Norfolk has sold Dick Attreau, star first baseman, to the Philadelphia Nationals. The price was reported to be \$11,000.

Cosmo Cotello, southpaw pitcher, has been purchased by Danville from the Rock Island club of the Mississippi Valley league.

William Harris, pitcher, has been recalled by the Minneapolis American association club, from which he was obtained by Memphis.

Washington has signed James (Big) Smith, a nineteen-year-old catcher, who has been playing with the Elks' team at Salem, Ohio.

Calvin McVey, member of the undefeated Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869, boasted a record of hitting the ball over the fence in every park he played.

Third Baseman Phillips of the Reading (Pa.) team in the International league is the son of a Methodist minister and his contract permits him to refrain from playing on Sundays.

Ted Lyons, White Sox pitcher, who entered baseball's hall of fame via a no-hit-no-run game, made his big league debut upon the recommendation of Ray Chaik and didn't cost the Chicago club a penny.

Ty Cobb declares there is nothing to the report that he intended to retire as manager of the Tigers. "I guess some of the fans hope it's true, or at any rate they hope I'm through as a player," said the Georgian.

The Chicago Cubs of 1906 finished the season with the best record of any team in the history of the major leagues, 116 victories and 36 defeats for a percentage of .765, but lost in the world's series to the White Sox, known as the "Hitless Wonders."

Reports have it that a movement is on foot to bring the old Central league back in 1927. It is said that Charley Schmidt, veteran catcher, has closed a lease on the park at Fort Wayne, Ind., with a view to getting a franchise there in the proposed circuit, which would include South Bend in Indiana, and probably Gary, also in Indiana.

Walter Roettger, Syracuse fielder, is hailed as the best ground-covering fly chaser in the International league. Roettger is a St. Louis Cardinal farm-hand. He joined the Stars after leaving the University of Illinois last season. The Cardinals have promised Syracuse that he will not be called to the majors until the close of the 1927 season.

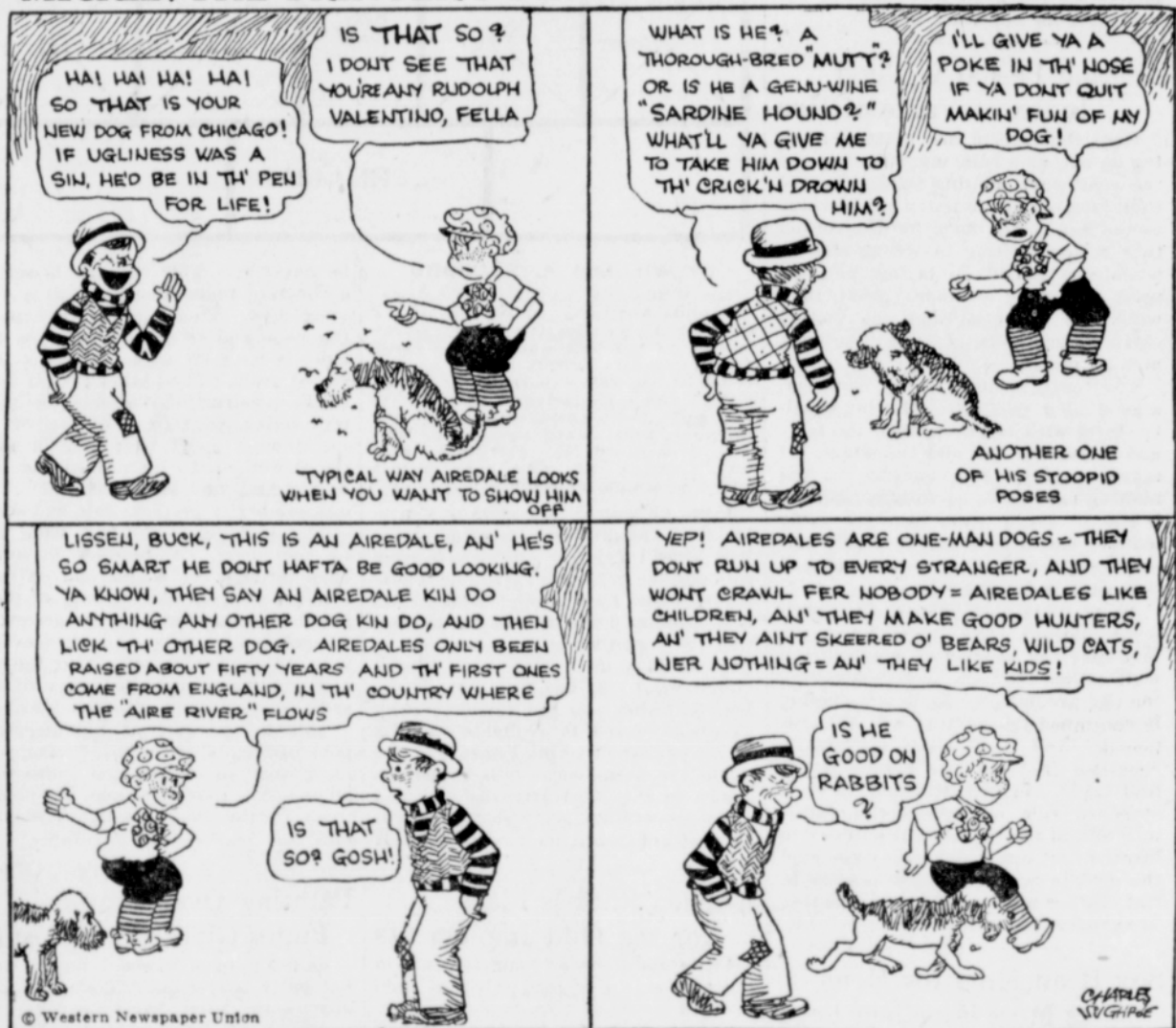
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