

Bill Bayne Owes His Second Chance in Majors to Success of Rookies



EVER SINCE WILKEY TURNED THE TRICK...

WILKEY MOORE



BILL BAYNE

AT TWENTY NINE, HE'S UP AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH THE INDIANS...

By Billy Evans

Manager Roger Peckinpaugh of the Cleveland Indians is hopeful that a precedent established in 1927 will continue to hold good for 1928.

Baseball managers are just as superstitious as ball players. As a matter of fact, most pilots became inoculated with the germ of superstition in their days as ball players.

The superstition of Peckinpaugh deals with the South Atlantic League and the acquisition of Southpaw Bill Bayne by the Cleveland Indians. It also dates back to Pitcher Wilkey Moore of the Yankees and Outfielder Lloyd Waner of the Pirates, the former in particular.

It seems that in 1926 a pitcher by the name of Wilkey Moore won 30 games and lost only four in the South Atlantic. Not one of the scores of scouts who saw him in action believed he had a chance to make the major grade. All turned in a negative report.

New York, however, purchased Wilkey Moore because Business Manager Ed Barrow of the Yankees was convinced that any pitcher who could win 30 games in any old league, while only losing four, must have something. Moore, labeled "bloomer" by the scouts, won 18, lost seven and saved perhaps a dozen more games for the Yankees. He was good for about 30 victories for the world champions in the 1927 race.

It is needless to comment on the part that Lloyd Waner played in the success of the Pittsburgh Pirates in winning the pennant. How he stepped in and filled the bill when Manager Bush and his star outfielder, "Kiki" Cuyler, disagreed and came to the parting of ways, is a matter of baseball history.

Now for the Cleveland angle and the superstition of Manager Peckinpaugh, as it relates to Pitcher Wilkey Moore and Outfielder Lloyd Waner.

Last season a pitcher, by name Bill Bayne, stepped into the picture at Greenville, S. C., and filled the shoes of the town idol, Wilkey Moore.

While Bayne's record wasn't quite as impressive as that of Moore, he turned in 26 victories as against 19 defeats, which one must admit is some pitching.

None of the big league scouts touring that section gave Bayne so much as a tumble. He received no more consideration from the diamond sleuths than did Wilkey Moore.

President Barnard of the Cleveland club, now head of the American League, was impressed by the figures back of Bayne's name, showing 26 wins, and landed him in the draft.

Why was Bayne overlooked by the scouts? Why was Wilkey Moore passed up? You ask. The fact that Moore was 30 years of age caused the scouts to get off him. That's considered far too old to be making a major league debut.

Bayne was passed up partly for the same reason, too old, also because the St. Louis Browns

held title to him for about five years before passing him on to the minors. He was considered as having had the big chance and failed.

Billy Bayne is 29 years of age, almost as old as Wilkey Moore. During his connection with the St. Louis Browns he always was showing flashes of stuff that caused that club to believe he would eventually make the grade.

Bayne is a southpaw. He's of average build, about five feet nine inches tall and weighs in the neighborhood of 160 pounds. In his career as an American League he always showed a most deceptive curve.

Perhaps Bayne at 29, like Moore at 30, after roaming the minors for a number of years, has finally acquired the poise and confidence that he previously lacked as a big leaguer.

At least that is the thought or superstition to which Manager Roger Peckinpaugh of the Cleveland Indians is clinging.

HUDKINS WINS ON FOUL BLOW OF AL MELLO

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 28. (UP)—Ace Hudkins, the Nebraska "wildcat" was given the verdict over Al Mello, New England welterweight champion, on a foul in the fourth round of their scheduled 10-round bout in the Boston arena last night.

More than 18,000 fans saw the bout develop from a dull sparring match in the first round to "wildcat" fight in the third and a battle in the second and a fourth rounds. The referee ruled Hudkins winner, when Mello hit low in the fourth. The decision saved Mello a beating.

The first round was even. Mello took the second by a shade. Hudkins came back in the third and gave Mello a terrific lacing which continued in the fourth (H) the foul was declared.

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F. HUNTER WINS FLORIDA MATCH

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 28. (UP)—Francis Hunter, ranking No. 2 player in the United States, and Johnny Hennessey, ranking No. 5, survived their first matches in the South Florida tennis tournament here today. Hunter defeated James W. Farmer, of Miami, 6-9, 6-0, and Hennessey won from H. D. Walker, 6-1, 6-0.

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SPANIARD AND BLACK IN GOOD FIGHTING TRIM

Raulino Uzcudun Clashes With George Godfrey in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28. (A.P.)—Two of the most colorful fighters of the present era, Raulino Uzcudun and George Godfrey, met in a ring at Wrigley field tonight. Key statistics to the event follow:

Uzcudun is a native of the Pyrenees in Spain, admits to 27 years and until he took to pugilism was engaged as a woodchopper.

He had been training for several weeks at the Bayanchury ranch and will weigh in the neighborhood of 195 pounds at two o'clock today.

His confidence was expressed in the following pre-battle statement:

"I expect to score a knockout in three rounds. Godfrey thinks I hit only with a left hook to the body but I also have the right. Godfrey thinks I will rush in close and fight there but he may be fooled. No black fighter has survived long with me."

Godfrey was born in Mobile, Alabama. He is 27 years old and once served as a sparring mate to Jack Dempsey, the Manassa mauler.

He has been training at Soper's ranch where he has reduced his weight from 250 to 235 and expects to weigh in at that figure.

He has scored knockout victories over all opponents during the past year, including Jimmy Maloney.

Godfrey's eve of battle statement included the following:

"If the Boss fights as they say he does I'll finish him in three

Hooks and Slides

TRAJANS FLUNK ATHLETES

Those critics who have charged the University of Southern California faculty with being too sympathetic for the dumbness of some of its athletic young men may be surprised to hear of some of the latest occurrences at the Trojan school.

So changed are things at Southern California from what these critics would have you believe that two young men, whose athletic skill far eclipsed their scholastic inclinations, have been taken off the athletic list.

You may never have heard of Frank Labes, but just two years ago he was at a prep school in New York city and was being hailed as one of the best young throwers of weights in the track business.

Even last year, after he had matriculated at the Los Angeles school, he was lauded highly for his ability to heave weights far and wide. Dean Cromwell, in watching him do his stuff, must have visioned many points for his Trojan team in the next three years from his weight tossing.

Only a few days ago, however, the young weight-thrower was ushered out of the Trojan school because he had somehow allowed his athletic ability to dwarf his regard for scholastic work. He had flunked, in other words.

SECOND DRURY FAILS

Another young man named Don Moses, who became a Trojan hero during the past football season, also learned a few days ago that he had not been as good a scholar as he might have been.

In fact, young Moses barely rounds. This is the first time I ever seriously trained for a fight and I'm in shape. That stomach of mine is covered with muscle and not fat."

escaped the fate of young Mr. Labes—he was declared only ineligible for next year's football team.

Now, that was sort of a shock to Howard Jones, who remembers only too well how young Moses flashed as a fullback against the Washington Huskies this past fall.

Young Moses even impressed his usually reticent coach into announcing through the public prints that he expected Moses to become a great football player as Morley Drury.

That, you know, would have been some football player, as Morley Drury happened to be one of the four best backs in the country this past year and graded practically every All-American selection of importance.

But times have changed, if we believe that times were ever different than what critics of the Trojan school say they were, and the young Trojan athletes are finding out that classroom work can interfere with their athletic careers.

STOPPING THE CRITICS

All of this is due, so one hears, to the efforts of Howard Jones, since his arrival there three years ago to impress other Pacific coast teams that the Trojans were not the "bad boys" most people thought.

Just a very few years ago, Stanford and California had both threatened to prevent its young men from engaging in athletic conflict with the young men from Los Angeles if the scholarship requirements of the Trojans were not tightened.

Of course, both teams now play the Trojans and if anything is to be assumed from that it is that the Trojan faculty now flunk those who should flunk, and pass only those who should pass.

The Trojans have had some very worthy athletic teams in all sports during the past three years, and one must credit Howard Jones, Dean Cromwell and other coaches there with this success.

Viv Aldridge Holds Out for Bigger Salary

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 28. (UP)

With no word from Viv Aldridge, veteran pitcher who is holding out, the New York Giant batterymen completed their training here and will leave for the training camp at Augusta, Ga., today.

The Giants have offered Aldridge a \$1,000 increase over his salary with the Pirates, and John McGraw had said that the giants will make no further attempts to sign him.

CLEARWATER, Fla., Feb. 28. (UP)—The opening workout of the Brooklyn Robins here revealed that Jigger Statz and Harvey Hendrick have joined Dazzy Vance as holdouts.

Statz, last year's regular centerfielder, wants a clause in his contract awarding him an extra \$1,000 if he bats .300 or better.

Hendrick, who was the only 300 hitter on the Robins last year, has turned down an offer of \$7,500. He wants a \$1,000 more.

FT. MYERS, Fla., Feb. 28. (UP)—Connie Mack expects an answer from Ty Cobb within the next 24 hours as to whether he will play with the Athletics this season. Cobb was expected to call Mack by long distance telephone from Augusta, Ga., and give him his answer.

BRADENTOWN, Fla., Feb. 28. (UP)

Ken Williams, former St. Louis Browns outfielder, and Bryan (Slim) Harris, pitcher, reported for their first workout of the year with the Boston Red Sox today. George Loepp, outfielder from the Cotton States league, also reported.

The day is coming when the world will be toothless, says a scientist. Maybe he has been studying law.

LOCKARD WILL BUILD ANOTHER SPEED MACHINE

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 28. (UP)—Frank Lockhart, American speedway ace, left here for Indianapolis, Ind., where he will supervise reconstruction of his Blackhawk Special for another attempt to capture the world's speed record for the United States.

The racer, narrowly escaped death when his diminutive special car plunged into the ocean while travelling more than 200 miles an hour here last week.

VOTE WILL BE LARGE TODAY

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ed to Halsiger's garage because present tenants of the R. R. H. garage are moving.

Ward 4—Lake hotel, corner of Main street and Esplanade, 1229 Main street.

Ward No. 5, Fairview school, 75.

Ward No. 6, Donald street.

If voters by any chance are confused at which of five polling places they must cast their vote, they need only to consult this article which tells them the ward in which their precinct is located.

Judges and clerks at each polling place have a poll list of voters within that ward and will inform voters whether or not they are to vote in that ward.

Polling places opened at 8 a. m. and will close at 5 p. m.

ROPE MAY GET GUILTY WOMAN

TUCSON, ARIZ., Feb. 28. (UP)

The doubtful distinction of being the first woman to be hanged in the state of Arizona may go to Mrs. Eva Dugan, 50, convicted of the first degree murder of A. J. Mathis, 65, a rancher with whom she lived. Mrs. Dugan will appear for sentence March 6.

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