

IN THE REALM OF SPORT

DAVID FULTZ RETIRES FROM SPORTS WORLD

Famous Football Umpire Now Devotes Whole Time to Law

NOTE: As a partial answer to the question—what are the conspicuous figures in sports of other days doing now—The Associated Press presents herewith an interview with David L. Fultz, famous 25 years ago as a baseball and football star and until last year a ranking football official.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 28, (AP)—For more than a score years, stories of some big football game each Saturday included a line in the summary, "Umpire, David L. Fultz, (Brown)." Last year some other official's name was in his place and he appeared no more in white knickers running here and there on football fields, sticking close to the players and leaving the ball to the referee, as all umpires do who know their business.

Answer—Law
Dave Fultz turned his back on football just as he left baseball flat 25 years ago when he was near the top of his game. The answer then and 25 years later was the same—the law. He is a lawyer and the demands of his practice outweighed his love for the games.

"Fred Murphy (his law partner) and I decided last year that we would give up officiating," said Mr. Fultz, "and so we quit." Murphy was as well known a referee as was Fultz as an umpire.

Umpiring Real Job
"Some people think that a football official has an easy time, two or three hours each Saturday out in the open, seeing a football game. Not at all. Hours and hours are spent on study of the rules and the actual work during the game is the smallest part of it.

"At that, it is strange to see a game from the stands after years of watching the players at close quarters. I only saw one game last season and it was so cold that day I hardly knew what either Army or Notre Dame was trying to do, but I felt like a duck out of water, or a tropical bird in the Arctic regions."

Was Big Leaguer
Leaving Brown, where he was a fleet halfback, Fultz went to the Philadelphia Nationals where such figures as Ed Delahanty, Monte Cross and Elmer Flick were making baseball history. He was there only a short time, however, and moved over to the Philadelphia Athletics where he played in 1901 and 1902. He then came to New York to play an outfield position for the Highlanders, now the Yankees, in 1903, 1904 and 1905.

"I was admitted to the bar in 1905 and quit playing major league baseball to practice law. I had studied law for the several years that I was playing baseball."

Remembers Last Game
"My last game? I shall not forget it. It was about a week or so before the close of the 1905 season. We were playing Cleveland. Kid Elberfeld and I ran together while we were chasing a fly ball between the outfield and infield. My face was in a cast for months as a result of that collision and I had to drink my food instead of eating it."

Griffith Great Worrier
"I often think of Clark Griffith, who was our manager. We did not have a very good ball club and how he worried. I guess he worries now as president of Washington but his troubles cannot be nearly so weighty as they were then. By the end of the season he looked like a dead man walking around."

Misses Contracts
"In a way I miss the contracts but after all the law is my profession. I couldn't do both so I had to quit football."

Fultz was one of the few players—they can be counted on the fingers of one hand—who left major league baseball when he was good enough to play.

"I would not say I was quite as good when I retired as I had been a year or two before," he said, "but I was fairly fast and had not slipped at that time. "No, they didn't have to cut my uniform off."

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Marquard Looked Like Flag to Babe



By AL DEMARREE
(Former Pitcher N. Y. Giants)
Babe Ruth pulled a good line on "Rube" Marquard, the old Giant southpaw, last spring in Florida.

Ruth was playing behind Marquard and pitched his approach shot on the green but yards away from the pin.

"Hey," he yelled at the tall, range Rube. "If you're going to stand on the green figuring out your score, at least tuck your necktie in your shirt. When it's flying in the breeze you look like a pole with a flag on it and I'm always pitching to you instead of the pin!"

"Whenever I look at you I think they've put in a new bunker on the course," said Rube, returning the compliment.

LIONS HUMBLE CLOSE RIVALS

Turn Defeat Into Victory When Bucks Fall for Series of Penalties. Pratt Fined \$20 For Fouling.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 28, (AP)—The Vancouver Lions still held their closest rivals in the Pacific Coast Hockey League race, the Portland Buckaroos, by three points. The two teams battled through seventy minutes of fast and rugged hockey to a one goal draw at the Arena here last night. Five thousand fans witnessed the game.

Portland Scores First
After two periods of brilliantly fast but scoreless hockey, the Portland team jumped into a one goal lead five minutes after the start of the third session. Lewis Coupez did the scoring when he banged Huffman's rebound past Jackson.

Pratt Trips Brennan
Jack Pratt of Portland provided one of the game's many highlights when he drew Referee Ion's wrath upon him during the third period and received a major penalty and a fine of \$20 dollars. It all happened when Pratt received a minor penalty for tripping Brennan. On his way to the cooler he bumped into Ion and upset the official. The latter immediately signalled a major penalty and skated over to the timers and announced the \$20 fine.

Shires Takes Rest At Home in Texas

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 28, (AP)—Bent upon a month's rest among old friends before reporting for spring training, Art Shires, erstwhile pugilist, left here today for Italy, Tex., his old home town.

Art expects to be among the first arrivals of the Chicago White Sox training camp at San Antonio. He is through with the boxing racket, and is going in for baseball in a serious way, he said.

The Big Gun has been found. 25-31

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GOPHERS SCAN COACH TALENT

Tad Wieman, Former Head Coach at Michigan Invited to Confer With Pres. Coffman.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 28, (AP)—The search for a new head football coach at the University of Minnesota has narrowed down to fewer than a dozen candidates.

Prominent among those being considered today to succeed Dr. Clarence W. Sears, who has resigned to coach at the University of Oregon, is Elton E. (Tad) Wieman, former head football coach at the University of Michigan, who is coming to Minneapolis Wednesday to confer with Gopher officials.

News about Wieman's trip to Minneapolis came in an Ann Arbor dispatch, which said he had been invited by Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, president of the University of Minnesota.

Coffman Nominated
"I haven't a word to say," was the only comment by Dr. Coffman when asked about the report.

Many students and Alumni are giving strong support to the candidacy of Arthur "Dutch" Bergman, who has been Sears' first assistant at Minnesota. Several other former Gopher stars are included in the list of candidates. They are Clare Shaughnessy, head coach at Loyola, New Orleans Earl Martineau, assistant coach at Purdue; Bernie Bierman, head coach at Tulane, and Ossie Solem, director of athletics at Drake.

Others who have received attention are Andy Kerr, head coach at Colgate; Charles Dorais, head coach at Detroit; Tom Lieb, assistant coach at Notre Dame, and Fritz Crisler, assistant coach at Chicago.

Orangemen, With Gili on Sideline, Turn Back Huskies

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 28, (AP)—In one of the most spectacular basketball finishes ever seen on the local court, Oregon state stopped the Northern Division Conference Leading University of Washington team's winning streak, 34 to 32, here last night.

Coach Slat Gili, just recovering from an attack of pneumonia, directed the Orangemen personally. Washington's defeat placed the Huskies in a tie for first place with Washington State. The game was torrid throughout, being tied seven times in first half which ended 8 to 16 in favor of the Staters. Grayson ran wild in the last half and got six baskets to give Staters an eight-point lead. This was wiped out as McClary and Carness tallied four times for the Huskies. With a minute and a half to go Grayson again put Orangemen in the lead, which they held to the end. A second game will be played here tonight.

RACE DRIVER KILLED

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 28, (AP)—Lucian (Jack) Jackson, 24, Miami race driver, died early today in a hospital here of injuries received Sunday at the opening of the winter dirt track racing season at Belvedere park.

"The Greatest Pitching Debut I Ever Witnessed" Billy Evans Writes of Johnson's First Game. Big Train's Tremendous Speed Baffled Tigers.



EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of 10 articles on Famous Feats in Baseball, by Billy Evans.

Without any question, to Walter Johnson goes the credit of making the most remarkable big league debut I have ever seen any twirler make during the 25 years I have spent in the American League. 22 of them in the role of umpire.

The game was played on August 2, 1907, at Washington with Detroit as the opposing team. The Detroit Tigers of those days compared very favorably to the New York Yankees of the present time. It was a great aggregation of sluggers, made up of such noted hitters as Sam Crawford, Ty Cobb, Claude Rossman, Davy Jones, Charley Schmidt, Bill Coughlin and others.

Three days prior to his debut, Johnson had arrived in Washington from the wilds of Idaho. He had done most of his pitching for the little town of Weiser. He had never seen a big league ball game, had no idea how to throw a curve ball, while a change of pace probably would have struck him as something having to do with a horse race. But he did have one thing, a fast ball, the

greatest pitchers' battles I have ever umpired. Johnson retired from the game in the eighth inning to allow a pinch-hitter to bat for him. Detroit, through three hits, two of them infield bunts, had managed to forge ahead 2-1 in the eighth. Detroit added another in the ninth at the expense of Tom Hughes, while Washington also scored once, the final result being 3-2, the defeat being charged to Johnson.

Detroit had won the pennant in 1904 and also repeated in 1907, so Johnson, in making his debut, was facing the outstanding team in the American League using nothing but a fast ball. For, as I have said, he knew no other delivery, he held the slugging Tigers to six hits and two runs. He gave only one base on balls and struck out three men.

It was easily the greatest bit of pitching I have ever seen by a "rookie" in his debut as a big leaguer.

TOMORROW: "The most skillfully pitched game I ever saw." The Big Gun has been found. 25-31

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