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GREAT PLAYERS HAVE FAILED AS MANAGERS

Chance, Evers and Tinker Among Cubs Who Could Not Become Leaders.

The average baseball student of a decade ago had been asked to pick a manager from the great Cubs of that day probably would have picked one of the great infield stars — Evers, Tinker or Chance.

It might have been that he would have picked Johnny Kling, the former manager of the Cubs, or Jimmie Sheppard, one of the brainiest of outfielders.

It is scarcely probable that he would have gone into the pitching box for his manager.

And yet, of all that aggregation of great players who appear to have any success in a managerial berth is a pitcher.

Not long ago Tinker felt that he wasn't getting what he should out of his Columbus club and he called on Mordecai Brown, the former manager of the three fingers, to take a hand as temporary manager.

The big Indiana miler did so well that he was given the job permanently, and it now looks as though Columbus would finish there or thereabouts.

The managerial experience of the Old Cubs is an interesting sidelight.

Chance, who piloted the Cubs to their four pennants in the National League, and two world championships, was handed his championship ball club on a gold platter by Frank Selee, who spent four seasons building it up.

Chance could scarcely have done anything else but win with the club he had. But in other fields Chance was not so fortunate. His failure at New York was notorious.

Evers tried one year as a manager. Strange though it may seem, this fiery, peppery, brainy player failed as a manager of the Cubs in 1913, and has never tried piloting since.

Joe Tinker failed both with the Cubs and Reds and his success as president and manager of the Columbus club was not brilliant.

Scheidt wasn't a wonderful success with the Toledo club the year he managed there.

If Brown makes good with Columbus this year he will have been the first of the old regime to succeed in a managerial role.

Bench Stars' Chances Soon

Those ball players who have been holding down bench jobs for so long that they have ceased to hope they might ever get a chance to prove their worthiness in continuous combat may have their chances, now that so many ball and bat artists are getting ready to help whip the Hun.

Nearly every baseball club has its pinch hitter or pinch fielder or just handy man loafing around the bench wasting space in hotels and trains and being just a good fellow. Lots of these men come to the major leagues, live their careers in partial oblivion and drift back to the minors without having been given a real chance to show what they could do.

New York clubs have been full of them. John McGraw is constantly being pointed out as a man who didn't know what he was doing when he let this or that man go for a song, only to see the released gent begin making himself famous.

Marty Kavanagh is one of this kind of heroes. Jim Thorpe is another. Wally Pipp was one and so was Dick Rudolph.

It looks very much as though Jim Thorpe is going to get a real chance now. The shortage of outfielders among the Giants will give him a chance to become a regular. Any athlete who can do what Jim accomplished in the American Association has the stuff to become a real honest-to-goodness big leaguer, so watch Jim closely.

Jack Barry's New Job

Jack Barry, former manager of the Boston Red Sox, and his former team-mates, "Chick" Shorten and Ernie Shore, have given up their berths at the Boston Navy Yard preparatory to entering the school for ensigns at Cambridge.

The trio are undergoing preliminary training at the navy camp at Wakefield. Barry gave up his rating as Chief Yeoman to take the new course.

Hard to Make Home Runs

Several major league clubs are finding it exceedingly difficult to make home runs this season. Sherwood Magee made the first homer for Cincinnati in Saturday's double header against the Cardinals. Joe Gedeon is the only member of the St. Louis Browns who has hit for the circuit this season. Clark Griffith's Senators have made only two hits for the circuit, one by Judge and the other by Shanks. Brooklyn has only three homers to its credit, one each by Olson, O'Mara and Hi Myers. The Chicago White Sox have made only three.

The fields on which the clubs play their home games have an important part in making a team strong or weak in home run drives. It is much easier to get a home run at the Polo grounds or at the Phillies' park than it is at Ebbets field or Crosley park. Few home runs are made at Washington, where the fences are far away, or at Cleveland, where one fence is the closest in the major leagues but 45 feet high. Babe Ruth, now leading both leagues in long clouting, is about the only player who is not helped to some extent by some particular fence or wall.

Willard in Oil Business

Will Do No More Fighting While War is Raging.

Jess Willard has stepped out of the squared ring for the duration of the war. The champion is now a suburban resident of Lawrence, Kan., and is essaying a new career in the oil fields.

Willard has completed a deal that will associate him with F. C. Hoyt, Wichita banker and oil man. He will become one of the active directors of a \$3,000,000 company, sitting at the board table with Chester I. Long, former United States senator.

"I have been figuring on getting into the oil business for nearly three years," Willard said. "The fact is, I want to learn a business, for looking into the future, the spectacle of an ex-champion opening a saloon or pursuing a dwindling career on the stage has no attraction for me."

Change in Giants' Outfield

For the first time in his career as a Giant outfielder, which stretches over six campaigns, George Burns is patrolling the middle garden. John McGraw's decision to post Burns in centre field in place of the departed Kauff comes as a surprise, as it was believed that Young would be shifted to that territory and Wilholt and Thorpe used alternately in right.

The fact that Burns has played the sun field ever since he has been a regular prompted McGraw to move him over. "You've had your share of the sun field, George," he said, "let one of those other fellows try it for a while."

That this decision was made by the Giant manager some time ago is evident from his practice of frequently sending Thorpe to left field to relieve Burns in games either hopelessly lost or won beyond a doubt since the day when it became apparent that Kauff would not be spared to the club for any length of time.

Watch Cobb Overhaul Leaders

After being counted out, as he is every spring, because he is getting too old and too heavy to beat out the close ones, Ty Cobb is swinging into the batting stride that carries him to the top before he lets up. Ty has been unusually slow in starting this season and for that reason the dopesters have had a longer time to "sell" his shortcomings than usual. Last year Cobb got away badly, but hit his pace on Decoration day and ran through 35 games, getting one or more hits a game.

Cobb was over the 300 mark in the last averages and since those were compiled he has been hitting well over 500. An interval of less than 40 points separates the Georgian from the leading batter, and the ones ahead are coming down almost as rapidly as Cobb is going up. With the season less than half over this margin is not a big one and the Georgian continues his present pace he will be with Sisler and Burns in a short time.

To Extend Racing Season

Racing will not come to an end in New York State with the close of the Belmont Park meeting next fall. Both the Metropolitan Jockey Club at Jamaica and the Queen's County Jockey Club at Aqueduct have applied to the stewards of the Jockey Club for fall dates, and it is practically assured that the season will be extended, as was the case last year, with a joint meeting at Aqueduct.

Belmont Park closes on September 14th and racegoers are hoping that the season will carry on to October 5th.

Omar Is Now Ready

Omar Khayyam, the champion horse of 1917, is now being fitted for some of his stake engagements. He is being trained at Aqueduct court, and is credited with working six furlongs in 1:19 on Thursday afternoon. Omar is showing more of his old-time form and dash than he has done all season. Trainer McNaughton will have him ready to race within a short time.

Paid Only \$50 For Alex

In the season of 1919 Grover Cleveland Alexander, the star pitcher of the Philadelphia Nationals, was drafted from the Syracuse club of the New York State League, the management of the Phillies paying the sum of \$500 for him.

Nobody Is Stepping Him

Oscar Chajes, chess champion of New York, who recently defeated D. Japowski, of Paris, in a set match in New York, may challenge Frank J. Marshall, of New York, for the championship of the United States.

"Hans" Now a Policeman

"Hans" Wagner, former major league baseball star, has enlisted with the Home Defence Police, of Allegheny County, and was sworn in as an officer of law with jurisdiction in his home town, Carnegie.

Dodgers Get a Pair

The sale of Pitcher Dick Robertson to the Brooklyn Nationals and Outfielder Edmondson to the Minneapolis club of the Southern association.

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