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THREE BALL CLUBS HAVE NEW PILOTS

Cubs, Red Sox and Senators Will Fight for 1923 Honors.

Three major league teams, two in the American and one in the National League, will start the 1923 season with new pilots, all faced with the task of rebuilding and reorganizing clubs which finished in second division depths last year.

The new managers, all of whom gained playing fame as infield stars, are: Frank Chance, erstwhile "peerless leader" of the Chicago Cubs, who has taken over the direction of the Boston Red Sox from Hugh Duffy; Owen (Donie) Bush, veteran shortstop, who replaced Clyde Milan as Washington's pilot; and Art Fletcher, another veteran shortstop, who succeeded Irving Wilhelm in charge of the Philadelphia Nationals.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, regarded by John McGraw as the most dangerous rival of the world's champions, New York Giants, will start their first season under the leadership of Bill McKechnie, who replaced George Gibson in mid-season last year and converted the club into a strong pennant contender.

The Boston Braves will have a new directing influence in Christy Mathewson, club president and part owner, as a result of a change in ownership bringing the former pitching star of the Giants back to the game. Mathewson will keep Fred Mitchell as field pilot, but "Big Six" undoubtedly will use his experienced judgment in aiding his manager to shape the team's line-up and strategy.

There is a shade of romance about the reorganization of the two Boston clubs, with Mathewson and Chance, rivals in their playing days with the Giants and Cubs, as the central figures. Fans will watch the work of both with keen interest.

Chance has been out of major league baseball since he piloted the New York Yankees in 1913 and 1914 so that his return is something of a "comeback" attempt. Prior to his disappointing experience with the Yankees, when disagreements with both players and owners resulted in his retirement before the close of the 1914 season, Chance won four National League pennants and two world's championships with the Cubs.

He has been given a free rein by Harry Frazee, Boston owner, in his new position and already has started rebuilding the Red Sox with young talent.

Bush and Fletcher, both promoted from the ranks, will have their first managerial flings. Bush starred for years in the infield of the Detroit Tigers, before going to the Senators in 1921, while Fletcher was a member of the Giants for a dozen years until he was traded to the Phillies in 1920.

Connie Mack, elongated pilot of the Philadelphia Athletics, and John McGraw, of the Giants, among the managers who will carry on for 1923 have shown the least regard for the rigors of time. Rivals over a span of more than twenty years, their tenures are diametrically opposite. McGraw stands pat on a team which has swept to two world's championships in succession, while Mack, after seven straight seasons in last place and an eighth year only one notch higher, has assembled a team of youngsters with which he expects to make the best showing since he wrecked his famous champions of 1910 to 1914.

Mack, starting his twenty-third campaign as manager of the Athletics holds the record for length of service, while McGraw will christen his twenty-second season in command of the Giants. Each has won three world's championships, but McGraw holds the lead in pennants with eight National League flags to his credit against six American League titles for the "tall tator."

Wilbert Robinson, rotund pilot of the Brooklyn Dodgers, is next to McGraw and Mack in point of service. He will start his tenth season at the helm, confronted with the relics of a 1920 championship and a lot of new talent as a basis for general reorganization.

Miller Huggins will begin his sixth season with the Yankees, leading a two-time pennant winner, into action.

Four other pilots in both leagues will start their fifth season, while still another quartette will begin its third campaign at the steering wheel.

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Obviously Overlooked by All But a Few Critics.

John J. McGraw and other historians, experts and critics of baseball, in discussing the great pitchers of the game, all overlook Denton (Cy) Young.

Never in the name mentioned, although the discussions include Radbourne and Ruess, Mathewson and Johnson, Wadell and Brown, Jess and Alexander Bender and McGinty, Meekin and Chesbro, Clarkson, Baldwin, Keefe and others. But no reference to Young.

Still, Young pitched in the major leagues for 21 years and only Johnson struck out more batsmen. He was a winning pitcher in the big leagues after he passed the 40-year mark. Honus Wagner and Napoleon Lajoie each served the same number of years in the majors; Ty Cobb must play three years more before he will equal that number. How many pitchers in the last 50 years could equal Young for finish, technique, general mastery, and length of service?

Speaking of pitchers that have been overlooked, one rarely ever hears the name of Babe Ruth included in the list of great moundmen. There is some excuse for this because Ruth's subsequent work as a slugger was so much more spectacular than his feats on the pitching hill readily passed from memory.

However, Ruth not alone was a splendid pitcher for the Boston Americans, but he is the leading pitcher of the league according to the lifetime average of pitchers. Ruth served as a pitcher through eight seasons, won 81 games, lost 45, and carried a pitching average of .669. He opposed the Tigers in 22 games that went to a decision, winning 11 and losing the same number. He beat St. Louis 21 times and the Browns were his pot prey; they beat Ruth but three times.

The Babe's pitching record is many points better than that of Walter Johnson, while he is quite a distance ahead of Shocker, Faber, Bagby, Leonard and other stars of re-

cent years. Had Ruth not developed slugging powers, he probably would be the one great pitcher of his league today.

SPORT SNAP SHOTS

That the Davis Cup competition has become the real world's tennis classic is shown by the record entry list for the big event.

During the coming summer New York boxing fans will have an opportunity to see virtually all the champions in contest in Gotham.

The Yankees expect their new stadium, the largest baseball plant in the country, to be completed in time for their coming game with the Red Sox on April 18th.

Yale basketball, hockey, wrestling and swimming teams have all come through, so it will be up to the Eli baseball and football outfits to round out a banner year for sports at New Haven.

In draw poker, the dealer is not permitted to answer any questions about the draw, except those referring to the number of cards which he took.

Lowie, of Boston (1894) and Delibanty, of Philadelphia (1896), hold the major league record for the greatest number of total bases hit in a single game—17.

The reports from the Pacific coast training camp are to the effect that the Chicago Cubs are in excellent shape and at least two weeks ahead of the other big league teams in the way of condition.

Pancho Villa is a Filipino and fights under his own name.

Jack Blackburn figured that the

California climate would help him to make a comeback, but climate ran second to Father Time and the veteran negro boxer had to admit that he was through with the game.

GROH AT CREST OF GREAT CAREER

Heinie Knight Groh, of the New York Giants, in the world's series of 1922 fielded 1,000 at third base and hit .474 in the five games he played.

This wonderful playing in the big classic topped off a wonderful season in 1922. Heinie Groh has reached the crest of his brilliant career. How much longer he will continue to scintillate in big league society is a matter of conjecture.

It is now 13 years since H. Groh came into big league baseball. Years ago he was chasing grounders over sandlot baseball parks with never a dream that he would be a reigning idol of a metropolis. But there is a tide Shakespeare tells about, and the now famous Heinie Groh, the former hero of cross-tie baseball triumphs, is today riding at the crest and tasting the sweets of the popular wave.

OLD RECORDS GO IN DISCARD It is a coincidence that two fielding marks by second basemen, one of which had stood all attacks on it since 1903, the other since 1908, should be broken in the same campaign.

During 1922, Stanley Harris of Washington handled 479 gutouts, two more than made by Jimmy Williams in 1903. In the National League, Frank Parkinson of Philadelphia accepted 562 assists, which broke the old record of 438, made by Napoleon Lajoie of Cleveland in 1908.

That old mark of 155 double plays in a season, held jointly by the Chicago White Sox and the New York Giants, was snatched into the discard by three clubs during 1922.

Washington with 165, Chicago Nationals, 159; St. Louis Browns, 156, were the teams exceeding the former record. The Philadelphia Nationals managed to tie it.

BRINGING UP FATHER

By GEORGE McMANUS



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The financial troubles of Jim Jeffries have taken some space in newspapers of late. Jeffries cheerfully says that he is far from "broke" as long as he has health and a fighting heart, and that in course of time he will scrupulously pay off every cent of indebtedness.

Jeffries always has had a strong hold on public favor because of his rugged honesty.

As a proof of it no sooner were Jim's troubles made public than he began to receive offers from moving picture companies to appear in pictures, and from other promoters to go on the lecture platform, write serial articles, do theatrical turns, etc.

These promoters all realize that anything Jeffries does will interest a great many people. Jeffries plans to go out and work, probably starting with a moving picture and then turning his hand to anything else that can earn money.

Jeffries' difficulties were all caused by turning from the trade he knew. When he was too old to box he went back to farming for he was brought up on a farm and he knew all about farming and cattle raising.

He worked hard for many years, harder than any of the men he hired on his ranch. He made a little money, and property he bought in the early days increased in value until his prosperity attracted the attention of oil, mining and other sharks.

Being square as a die himself, and believing that every man he met was his friend, Jim was induced to go into two or three propositions that he didn't understand, and was easily tricked out of money and property. He also put money into a few square investments, but lost it.

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