

The Right and Left Browsers in Baseball Have Ever Been the Cobbs and the Kauffs

Giants Pay a Fancy Price for Benny Kauff

Also Buy Rariden, Catcher, and Anderson, Pitcher, from Harry Sinclair.

NEW PLAYERS SURE TO STRENGTHEN TEAM

Hempstead and McGraw Said to Have Paid \$45,000, and Others Are Under Consideration.

By FRANK O'NEILL.

The work of reconstructing the New York Giants has begun in earnest. On the recommendation of John J. McGraw, Harry N. Hempstead, president of the New York club, purchased Benny Kauff, the crack outfielder of the Brooklyn Tip Tops, who has been called the "Ty Cobb of the Federal League"; Bill Rariden, of the Newark Peppers; and Fred Anderson, the right-handed pitcher of the Buffalo Bisons, yesterday afternoon.

These players were placed at the disposal of Harry I. Sinclair when the Federal League drew up the peace treaty with organized baseball at Cincinnati last month.

What price was paid for the players can be only guessed. Mr. Sinclair would name no figure, and Mr. Hempstead said that while he had no objection to making the price public, he believed that it would serve no purpose. After all, he added, the fans are more interested in the number of hits a player will make than in the amount of money paid for him.

It is fair to assume, however, that the price paid approximated \$45,000. Mr. Sinclair said recently that he believed Kauff to be the best outfielder in the game, not excluding Ty Cobb. It is pretty well established that the Yankees paid something like \$25,000 for Lee Magee, so \$30,000 would not be an exorbitant figure to place on Kauff. Bill Rariden was rated as the best pitcher in the Federal League, while Anderson, despite an indifferent season in 1915, was highly regarded. Their combined value in these terms might easily be placed at \$12,000.

This deal was consummated after lengthy negotiations between the owners of the Giants and Harry Sinclair. When peace between the leagues was assured, McGraw and Mr. Hempstead secured at any reasonable price the men who became members of the club yesterday.

Kauff, of course, was the man needed to make the outfield of the Giants complete with the best in either league. He has established himself. So has George Burns, while Davey Robertson will undoubtedly develop as one of the best outfielders in the game.

Rariden will be a pillar of strength to the Giants in a department where strength is badly needed. Chief Meyers, a great catcher in his day, has passed the zenith of his career. Bobby Schang is a youngster who could stand a little more seasoning, and Lew Wendell, one of the cleverest men in many a day, has still much to learn. Kooches is another who, like Schang, has yet to prove his worth, but who gives high promise.

Rariden is now at his best. He is not the slogger that Meyer was, but last year he hit the ball for an average of .78. He is young and fast and has very necessary qualifications to make a great catcher.

Now with the Giants.



BENNY KAUFF.

found his weakness, unless, like Wagner, it be a base on balls. Last year was Kauff's worst season since 1912, and he hit for the little mark of .344. Benny says if he ever has any luck in his batting he will make all records look sick.

This is the first move toward making the Giants a pennant-winning club, and others will follow. McGraw said yesterday that he had several other players under consideration, and that he would go to any reasonable expense to get them. He would not deny that he might negotiate for the purchase of Tom Seaton and one or two pitchers who had shown to good advantage in the late Federals.

Mr. Hempstead also said that he had a player or two under consideration. A With the Giants and several other teams in the National League bidding for players, it is possible that the player limit will be increased when the league holds its meeting here next month.

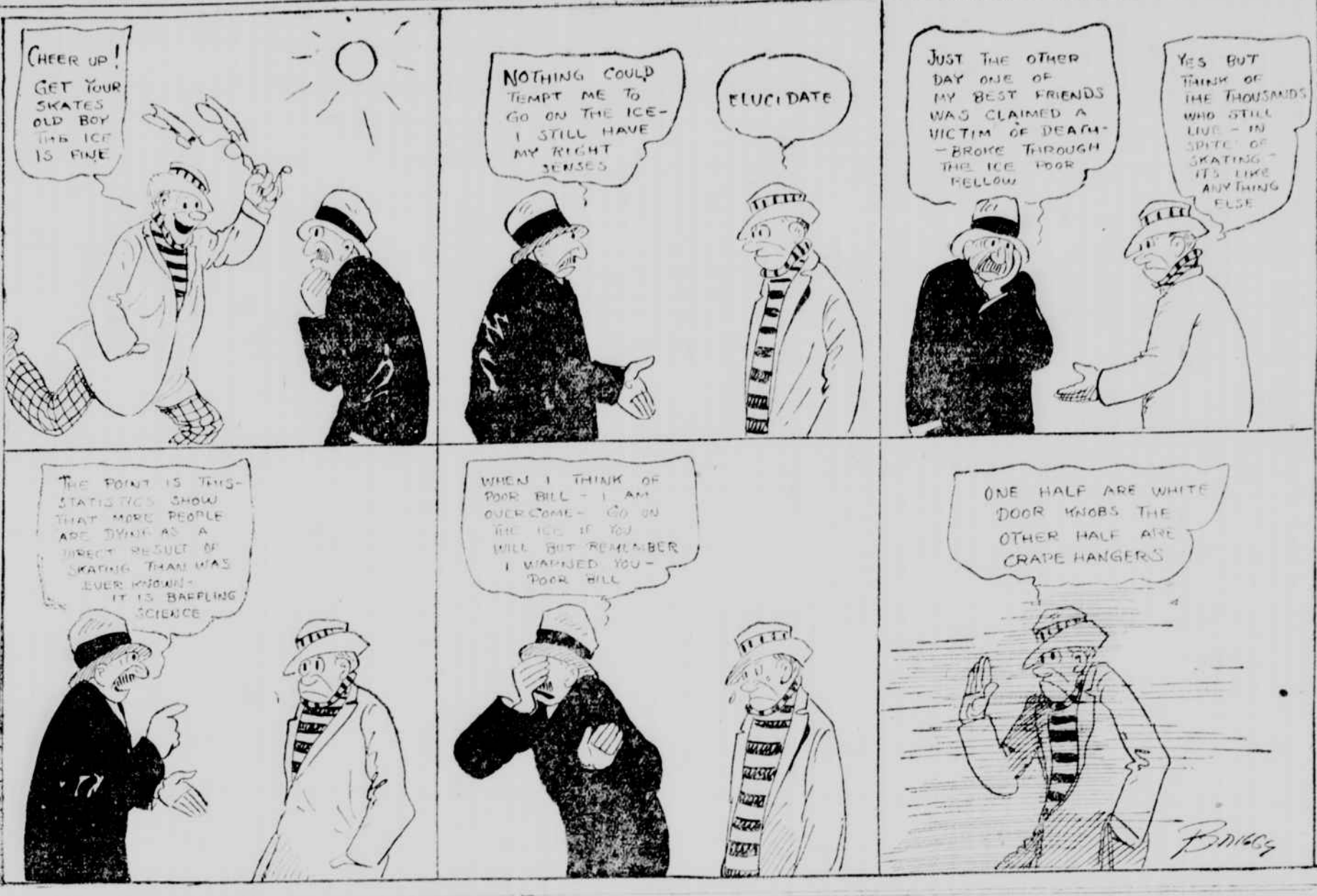
Most of the veterans are now under ironclad contracts, which have a year more to run. With the influx of new men, some means of caring for the veterans will have to be devised, and raising the player limit seems to be the easiest way. Harry N. Hempstead is in favor of it, and there are several other owners who hold similar views.

A majority vote is necessary to promulgate the rule. Under the terms of the purchase yesterday, the Giants assumed the contracts which these players had with the Federal League. Rariden was bound to the Newark team for the season of 1916, while Anderson's held through 1916 and 1917, inclusive.

Kauff's contract with the Brooklyn Tip Tops has not expired, but Kauff, Schang is a youngster who could stand a little more seasoning, and Lew Wendell, one of the cleverest men in many a day, has still much to learn. Kooches is another who, like Schang, has yet to prove his worth, but who gives high promise.

Somebody Is Always Taking the Joy Out of Life

By BRIGGS



Personal Touches Here and There in Boxing

By KOE

Lee Barnstorming Flynn on the wire: "Say, Tribune, you correct a little thing for me." One of the morning papers published an account of a fight at the Pioneer Sporting Club on Saturday night in which Bill Shanks, MY heavyweight, was said to have been knocked out. Bill didn't box at that club on Saturday night, and, what is more, he has never been knocked off his feet in his life, much less knocked out. He has won twenty-four bouts, and his first two in New York resulted in knockouts. The reason I want this thing corrected is because Bill has a lot of opportunities to get matches, and this thing has hurt us. It was a Charley Sander's who was knocked out and not my boy.

The Clermont A. C. offered Tom Cowler 55 per cent of the gate if he would meet Shanks, and he turned it down. The Pioneer Sporting Club offered Cowler 40 per cent of the gate to meet him, and Cowler turned that down, too. That's why it would never do to have it appear in print that Shanks was knocked out. It's a GOOD error for poor Leo, will you?" Done, Leo. Another 3-in dash and on to the next squib.

Yes another wall this one from Daniel Boone Morgan: "Enclosed find story that gives eight rounds to Levinsky, TWO to Cowler and two even in that Boston fight. In the name of Heaven what does Jim Cornett want, what with Levinsky's 174 pounds and Cowler's 213? Hasn't the Battler thrashed that fellow twice? The Battler also gave him every natural advantage except heart, and besides the big duffer is five inches taller than Levinsky. Will you kindly publish the above true statement with the paragraph about the fight?"

The story that Dan mentions is from the Boston "American." The "American" man was the ONLY Boston writer who thought that Levinsky won. Naturally Daniel sends THAT clipping. Here it is: "The third round went to Levinsky. So did the fourth. Also the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth. No. The Battler didn't have any particular big shade in these frames, but he out-shadowed Tom in every one of them. The eighth and tenth were even. The eleventh went to Levinsky's. So, a twelfth. It was a case of class, plus cunning, triumphing over mere will-power, with the brown on its side not cutting any appreciable figure.

"New York 'Harley' White declared Levinsky the winner. First his call was applauded. Then, came quite a lot of hooting. All in all, the verdict failed to digest any too well with some 40 per cent of the armory men here and ring talent present, but in the opinion of the 'American's' boxing reporter White made the proper award."

What hot ANOTHER letter! This one from Brother Sam Wallace, Semmy doth pen: "Leach has a pretty busy schedule mapped out for the near future. On Wednesday he'll be in the armory, on Saturday, on Jan. 26 Frankie Whitney at the opening of the Empire A. C., on Jan. 29 or Feb. 5 Walter Mohr at the Clermont, Feb. 10 in Scranton, an opponent yet to be selected. "They can't come too fast or too tough for Leach from now on. Welsh is his goal. Up to now I have been taking Brother Marty along slowly and he's more than made good. On Wednesday he will be out to the acid test when he meets Harry Gattie in the semi-windup to Brother Leach's bout with Harvey. If he comes out winner, as he should, I am going to send him against all the best fellows, including Battfield, Ritchie, Glover, O'Dowd, Graves and Lewis. He'll be the terror of that crowd before many moons have passed. The Manhattan card for Wednesday night, Leach versus Harvey, Marty versus Gattie, promises more action and fireworks than six average shows."

Boxing Bouts for the Week

- TONIGHT.**
Palace Athletic Club—Yeaman—Bennie McCoy and Billy Fitzsimmons.
- WEDNESDAY.**
Manhattan Athletic Club—Lack Oates and Johnny Harris, Harry Gattie and Mandy Cross.
- THURSDAY.**
Broadway Sporting Club—Chia and Al McCoy, Zola Kid and K. O. Swenney, Paul Doyle and Charlie Pappas.
- FRIDAY.**
Harlem Sporting Club—Johnny Erie and Jack Saylor, Mickey Dunn and Battling Henry, Willie Astley and Young Rose.
- SATURDAY.**
Fairmount Athletic Club—Charles Leonard and Mike McCabe, Willie Moran and Whaley Allen.
Broadway Sporting Club—Joe Chia and Frankie Moran.
New York Athletic Club—Harry Denahan and Eddie Mey.

WILLARD SIGNS TO FACE MORAN

So Says Jack Curley, Who Adds Champion's Share Will Be \$32,500.

Kansas City, Jan. 17. Jess Willard, heavyweight champion of the world, has signed a contract with Jack Curley for a bout of ten rounds with Frank Moran, of Pittsburgh, in New York. Curley, who gave out the information regarding the signing of the articles, said Willard would get \$32,500 or the privilege of 45 per cent of the total gate receipts after the state tax had been deducted.

The light papers, Curley said, bore the signatures of both Willard and Tom Jones, his manager. Although the bout will be held in New York, Curley was not prepared to announce in what arena. Following the closing of Willard's end of the match Curley left immediately, in an attempt, he declared, to secure Moran's signature to a contract. Curley stated he would post a guarantee of \$2,500 with Vernon who he reached New York and also that \$20,000 would be deposited in a bank to be paid over to Jones twenty-four hours before the fight takes place.

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Batting Record of Benny Kauff.

Year	Team	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	S.B.	Avg.
1911	Brooklyn	116	431	113	107	224	.249
1912	Hartford	81	318	63	111	221	.321
1913	Brooklyn	29	115	24	31	208	.269
1914	Hartford	135	510	126	145	345	.285
1915	Brooklyn	154	574	120	175	360	.305
1916	Brooklyn	118	481	166	164	344	.341

Benny Kauff has been playing professional baseball for five years, and in that time has ever been ranked near the top in batting. He led the Federal League for two years, with marks of .366 and .311. His batting record follows:

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THREE SWIMMING PLUMS AWARDED

N. Y. A. C. to Hold 220-Yard Swim and Fancy Dive February 21.

Three swimming championships were awarded to the New York Athletic Club by the committee of the Metropolitan Association at a meeting held in the local office of the Amateur Athletic Union yesterday. The features are the 220-yard swim and the fancy dive, which will be decided on the evening of February 21. Preliminary trials will be held on February 18. A third title swim at 500 yards was granted to the People's Palace, of Jersey City, the date to be announced later.

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AHEARN TO GET LONG AWAITED CHANCE TO-NIGHT

Boxes Mike Gibbons, but Not to a Decision, at St. Paul.

By IGEE.

Jake Ahearn gets the chance of life at St. Paul to-night, when he ambles to the scratch to meet Mike Gibbons, a very, very handy boxer with his dufer.

Ahearn has been on the Gibbons trail for many many days, and it keeps half the promises he has made to his friends here it means the old domain of the Phantom this night. Ahearn has a tremendous headcap starting him in the lead. He is to meet a man who was knocked out, and the old ringer superstition is that no man can score a knockout victory.

Ahearn did, but when Ketchum was the sensation of the age. One could expect almost anything from a man who has been knocked out by Mike Gibbons when he was in good condition. He wasn't at his best the day that he knocked him out in Los Angeles, but he WAS the afternoon he was boxing and knocked the Illinois Thunderbolt looking as well as he did in the previous fight. There was one thing that bothered Ahearn, but he wanted it to be one or two rounds more than Papke's victory had been. Steve Dixon has made it a round less. Ahearn is a far different man than the one that Mike knocked out a few years ago. Then Jake was a slender lightweight, with no more stamina than a grasshopper. He has rounded out between times until he is a good substantial middleweight. To prove that he has plenty of strength, he has gone into the business of topping the heavyweights. "Jake, the Giant Killer," has been a sweet name to the Gibbons men as well as the fans. He is a giant in ring ability. Mike has always confined his attention to men of his own class, but those who have admired his work always believed that he could have done as well against the heavyweights as Battling Lewinsky has done.

Jack McGaughan, of Philadelphia, to referee the bout. A special permit has been granted him by the Missouri Boxing Commission. He was selected after a long struggle, in which all the best known names among the referee were mentioned. To settle the argument all the names were placed in a hat, and Ahearn won the toss to an end to the long struggle. The referee was Jack McGaughan's name. Ahearn was sent to the Philadelphia and he accepted the job.

Gibbons, to make sure that they would be no question about the winner of the Minnesota Boxing Commission to pass a special rule covering contests which would allow the referee to give a decision. Yesterday the managers of the club were notified that a permit would not be granted. Mike and Jake will have to depend on the assembled scribes for the decision. Their little argument, should it go the full distance.

P. S. 62 VICTOR AT BASKETBALL

Junior and Senior Fives Win Borough Titles from P. S. 64. After a lapse of several years P. S. School No. 62 came back to its glory in the scholastic basketball world when the junior and senior teams defeated P. S. School No. 64 in the final game of the elementary schools championship at Manhattan Island, played on the walls of the 6th Regiment armory yesterday. The well-drilled junior team from P. S. 62 won easily for the 64 boys, who were trailed, and were defeated by a score of 21 to 7. In the senior contest the several thousand schoolboy spectators were treated to a soccer-like game for No. 62 rallied in the face of apparent defeat in the last minute of play to overtake its opponents and to win a score of 17 to 16.

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Bits of Baseball Chatter Heard on Winter Diamond

By FRANK O'NEILL.

Charley Ebbets, the man who put the tone in Dayton, called at the offices of the National League yesterday afternoon. He admitted that he had written a letter to Charley Weighman requesting him to put a price on Cy Williams, George Pierce, Jack Murray and one or two others who were named by Tinker as being for sale or trade. But Charley would not buy many of the boys, NOT many. Weighman went back a price list. When Charley recovered consciousness he suspected: "They must be made of rubber or something."

Germany Schaefer was at the offices of the Yankees looking for a job. Germany would faint at a scout, or he would be a vaudeville star for the Yanks, as he was for the Senators. He rejoices in the acquisition of Lee Magee. "He reminds me of Ty Cobb," said Germany, "and he will certainly put us up in the race. He might have been expensive, but what were WE for a few thousand?"

One day last summer little Bonito Acosta was raging about the Washington dressing room, looking for a glove which disappeared last year. "I think the glove was in the trunk," said Bonito. "I don't know, but I'll check the trunk." He did any one see my guide?

CARL JENKINS NOT WITH THE YANKEES

Star Pitcher of Union College Has Not Signed a Contract.

Harry Sparrow, business manager of the New York Yankees, is authority for the statement that Carl Jenkins, captain of the 1915 football team of Union College, and star pitcher, has not signed a contract to play with the Yankees next season.

The statement has been printed several times that Jenkins forfeited his amateur standing by signing a contract with the local American League team, and was ineligible to represent his college in any branch of athletics. Inquiry, however, developed the fact yesterday that there was no foundation to the story.

"Jenkins signed no contract to play with the Yankees," quoth the genial Sparrow. "He agreed, however, that if he decided to play professional baseball, he would give the Yankees first call on his services. Jenkins has never received any advance money from our club. He never asked for any, and when we offered him some he refused it."

"At the time that the story was first printed of Jenkins, I was prepared to go to the front for him if the necessity arose. He has done nothing to jeopardize his standing so far as the Yankees are concerned."

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