

## BASEBALL—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BOXING

### NO SHOW FOR YOUNG PITCHERS WITH SOX—LIEBOLD IN RIGHT

By Mark Shields

There will be no changes in the make-up of the regular White Sox pitching staff. The men who bore the burden last season will again have the places of honor. No rookies have a chance to break through the strong front, stronger since Jim Scott began to take his duty seriously and train diligently.

This is the only inference drawn from the action of Manager Rowland in yesterday turning back Pitcher Earl Ainsworth to Terre Haute of the Central league. Ainsworth was the best-looking rookie in the Hose camp and pitched several commendable innings in the practice sessions. It is believed a string has been attached to him and he may be recalled during the latter part of the impending season.

Walker, a catcher, and Lamars, a pitcher, were at the same time sent to Quincy of the Three-Eye league. They failed to measure up to specifications. Several other young pitchers will be disposed of before the team reaches home. Comparatively few exhibition games are carded and regulars will be used in the box the greater part of the time to give them plenty of practice and exercise.

Nemo Liebold, after two years of fruitless trying in a Sox uniform, at last seems destined for a regular job in right field and the honor of first facing the alien pitcher each afternoon. Eldred, the young outfielder from the Northwestern league, has not hit vigorously and his throwing arm is not overly strong. The fact that Liebold is given next crack at the job—Eddie Murphy is sick—is a strong indication that John Collins will be returned to his old berth only as a last resort.

Liebold is no better than he has been for the past two seasons. He is a hard man to pitch to, uses his head at the plate, runs bases with intelligence, can catch any ball in his territory and knows when, where and how to throw. Each time Nemo has received a chance with the South Siders he displayed all of these qualifications, but they didn't keep him on the job.

With Liebold or Eddie Murphy in right field there will be a noticeable and notable increase in the attack of the Hose. With Liebold out there the fielding will be as effective as in the last few seasons. Murphy is not so good on defense, but he is such a remarkable attacking force that a slight deficiency in defense can be forgiven.

At any rate, there seems to be a disposition to strengthen the right fielding of the club, a department that, with first base, was no asset in 1916.

If the Cubs prove a disappointment this season fans are going to point to the athletes and place all of the blame there. Which will not be entirely just. The club is being given too much work for this season of the year, and already harmful results are being developed.

In the middle of March the club was forced to go through a double-header. Exhibition games are carded each day and there will be no breaks between now and the opening of the National league season. The players know they are being given a stiff assignment, and it is doubtful if Manager Mitchell, could he have his own way, would follow the training schedule mapped.

In past seasons the White Sox tried the same program arranged for the Cubs this spring, and results were always harmful. This season, under sane direction, the players are much farther advanced than ever before at the same time.