

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

Editor's Note—Joe Williams' physicans have ordered him back to bed for a complete rest, and pending his return to work—which may be next week—his column will be handled by members of the World-Telegram staff.

BY DANIEL

ASHVILLE, N. C., April 9.—Those who doubt the ultimate success of John J. McGraw's effort to convert Freddy Lindstrom into an outfielder seem to forget that Mel Ott is a revamped fly chaser. And if Mel, with those heavy legs of his, was able to make the grade there is no reason why Lindstrom should not achieve similar success.

It will be recalled that Ott came to the Park as a catcher. McGraw at once saw Mel's tremendous potentialities as a fielder, realized that it would be several years before he could make a top flight backstop out of him and at once sent him into right field. For a time this experiment was regarded as highly doubtful of success. But we all know how great an outfielder Ott became.

On the other hand, McGraw's short lived effort to turn Lindstrom into a fly chaser was a bombing failure. Bill got rather good at making around while George Kelly was a better man to go for a chance on the pitcher's mound. He got it. And Bill Lindstrom begged off.

MAC's conversion of Lindstrom reminds us of another try to turn a third baseman into a right fielder. The subject was Fritz Maisel, now manager of the Baltimore club. When Bill Donovan took hold of the Yankees he was in a bad way for outfielders and decided to sign Fritz. The effort was misguided one from the start, and soon Maisel skinned on his chin fielding a liner, and broke his collar bone. However, he had almost uniform success in such undertakings. He turned the trial with George Kelly, Fred Sodgrass, Jack Murray and Josh Devore, all of whom came to him as catchers. Burns at one time expected Maisel to be a fielder, one of the most brilliant in the history of the game.

Bob Meusel, third baseman when Miller Huggins sent him to left field. Hack Wilson, right fielder, and Babe Ruth was a pitcher. Other hurlers who achieved passing success on the picket line were with the Red Sox, Fred Sodgrass, Jimmie Foxx, and Eddie Bresser. Why not third baseman Lindstrom?

THE refusal of Billy Evans to be a candidate for the presidency of the American League comes as no surprise to those who know his financial opportunity with the Cleveland club, and his desire to remain affiliated with the vigor and the certainty of flight for a pennant.

With both the Browns and the Indians, thanks largely to the fine spirit shown by the late Ernest S. Barnard, who sought uniformity of rules and objectives, running a league now is rather a peaceful and somewhat routine job. It takes acumen and tact aplenty, but in so far as the outside is concerned, it is a task conducive to rules and principles.

Evans is not one to sit back and rest. Besides, he has a lucrative place with the Indians, which calls for \$10,000 a year and a contract for three years.

The American League has had only two presidents—Ban Johnson and Barnard. Both were from the middle west. It is an open secret that the eastern half of the circuit would not be averse to the election of an easterner.

However, with Ed Barrow out of the running the field is decidedly narrow, be the candidate from the east or west.

HEAVIES IN MATCHES

Heavyweights will supply the chief action on Friday night's wrestling card at Cadie's tabernacle, where the rattle balls will be offered. It will be "ladies' night," with women admitted free. Featuring will be the appearance of Joe Banaski, Polish performer, who will oppose Ray Carpenter.

Ad Herman of Iowa will clash with Roy Lumpkin, Georgia heavyweight, in the semi-windup. A premium will open the show at 8:30.

Mark Fator, Once Foremost Jockey, Now Sells Papers

Editor's Note—This is the last of a series of articles discussing the major league baseball teams.

Even though the Red Wings are back in the field this season, the team is urged to reorganize by Friday, Donahue, Gies, Fox, Roombie, Kendall, Wellman, Sison, Carson, Hulme, and all others. Sison, Gies, and information call 1213 or white Benine Watson, 1325 East Wade street.

FIFTY CANDIDATES REPORT

Fifty candidates, including the entire varsity nine from last season, reported to Coach Joe Dierhart for baseball practice at Cathedral Wednesday.

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He found employment as a jockey at outlaw tracks where he rode until last year when he was thrown by Sir Lancey on the Mexican track. Fator told the United Press that he had an application for reinstatement with the Metropolitan Jockey Association.

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BY LEFTY LEE

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