



WILLIAM GLEASON, better known as Kid or Pop, was 67 when he died the other day, but lived 100 years when his Chicago White Sox turned black on him in 1919 and 1920. It was one of the greatest ball clubs ever put together and many experts often have expressed the opinion it was entitled to the rating of THE GREATEST.

Gleason ruled with an iron hand and told his players, "If you want to fight, come to me." He had to have an iron hand. Player salaries on him, team were not so hot, which made it easy for the gamblers finally to work on the boys.

The Kid sat in his office at Comiskey park, Chicago, after the first few games of the 1919 world series. "I can't figure out what's the matter, said he despondently. "My club isn't playing ball. The better team is losing this series." He had seen his men playing out of position against the Cincy Reds and suffered agony when he saw Eddie Cicotte run to pick off a throw for the plate that would have cut off a run. Still he couldn't believe these men were crooked.

In 1920, even while it was suspected the White Sox were trying to lose the pennant, they almost won it. The Kid went down in a heap during a 1920 series with the Yankees. Nerves, heart, his whole body finally cracked under the strain of the burden. Two of the men who had helped to wreck him carried him into the clubhouse and helped to place him in a car for the hotel.

Gleason tried to pull himself together again, but it was a battle. He was an old man, sick and tired, when he finally gave up in 1923 and went back to his Philadelphia home. Connie Mack helped him to piece together his shattered soul and in 1925 took him along as coach of the Athletics. Mack's kindly confidence restored the Kid's hope and the old fire returned.

The Kid watched Lefty Grove, then king of the wild men, and one day, as Lefty delivered a fast one in practice, the Kid shouted "Hold that pose!" Then he walked out to the mound, placed a finger on Lefty's forehead and pushed him to the ground. That was how Grove learned to shorten his stride and to acquire the balance and poise that made him great.

In the early days of his playing career Gleason was the second baseman of the Baltimore Orioles, a scrappy crew of diamond gladiators. Veteran writers describe that old Oriole infield as follows: "If Doyle didn't trip you rounding first, Gleason would bump you at second, Jennings would get in your way at short and by that time the ball would be back on the infield and that John McGraw would tag you out at third."

PERRY REPORTED SEEKING TEXAS CLUB

URMORS are circulating to the effect that Norman A. Perry, owner of the Indianapolis ball club, is dickerling for the purchase of the Ft. Worth franchise of the Texas League, Class A, and that Walter Holke, now listed as Tribe coach, will be sent to the Cats as manager if the deal goes through. The Indians had some sad experiences financing the Quincy Three-I League, Class B club, a few years ago, and later made no important headway after establishing working agreements with Knoxville of the Southern Association, Class A, and with Terre Haute of the Three-I loop.

The Texas League is in difficulties over the lineup of clubs, and it is said the directors of the circuit are not sure of going through with ten clubs or staying as an eight-club organization. Oklahoma City and Tulsa, former Western League cities, were added to the Texas association this winter.

Homer H. Hammond, president and treasurer of the San Antonio team, formerly a big money maker, has placed his franchise on the market. Hammond stated he is ready and anxious to sell if the franchise is kept in San Antonio.

Sam L. Lard is present owner of Ft. Worth. Art Phelan managed the Cats in 1932. Players on the Ft. Worth reserve list are Roy Appleton, Paul Gribble, Lefty Johns, Jimmy Parker, Walton Cary, Preacher Thurman, Dick Whitworth and Harry White, pitchers; Dallas Warren catcher; Alex Hooks, Charlie Engle, Karl Kott, Johnny Wingfield and George Knothe, infielders; Russell Scarratt, Sam Jones and George Looper, outfielders.

BET ON 'SURE THING' AND LOST ALL

ACCORDING to Sporting News, a member of the St. Louis Browns who lost his job as a result of the 1919 world series aftermath, is in jail at Seattle. Sporting News says Joe Gedeon is held on a charge of possessing \$400 worth of counterfeit \$10 notes. It is said Gedeon was arrested under the name of Joe Davis.

Gedeon was a star fielder and crack hitter with the Browns in 1919 and 1920 and was in his prime on the diamond. It is said Joe admitted his identity to Seattle authorities and will face trial as a counterfeiter.

Gedeon was ruled out of baseball by the late Ban Johnson, who was president of the American League when the White Sox scandal popped in 1920. Revelations of the 1919 world series brought a lot of things to light and Gedeon was caught in the web of evidence. Although Joe was not a member of either of the participating teams in the series, it was claimed he learned in some manner that the event was not to be played on the level and had placed a \$700 bet on Cincinnati.

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