



By Eddie Ash

Washington Overcomes Fans' Apathy

Bill McAfee One of Senator Hopefuls

Windy City Mat Promoter Unwinds

C LARK GRIFFITH has poured enough oil on troubled waters this winter to overcome much of the ill feeling that cropped up in Washington when he released the veteran Walter Johnson as manager. First, the Senators' proxy selected Joe Cronin, most popular of the team's players, to succeed the Big Train and followed this move by strengthening the club.

Bringing back to Washington the colorful Goose Goslin, slugging outfielder, worked wonders among the disgruntled fans and they hailed the return of the "Wild Goose of the Potomac" with widespread acclaim. Moreover, Griffith engineered the acquisition of southpaw pitchers Walter Stewart and Earl Whitehill, both highly regarded in the American League, experienced hurlers of no mean skill.

Big league experts are saying Washington is the most improved first division club in the junior major loop and the Chicago White Sox the most improved of the second division occupants. Of course, it's a risky experiment naming young Cronin as pilot. He is only 26, is of the high strung type, may go to pieces and be ruined as a ball player. That would be a terrible price to pay for an experiment.

However, Cronin thinks he will withstand the double load of player and pilot and bear up under the punishment that comes when a club falls into a slump. Joe is fired with ambition and fought his way back from the minors after Pittsburgh had found him wanting and sent him down the river to Kansas City.

From an unwanted pastime, therefore, Joe climbed the hill again and developed into the leading shortstop of both big leagues in the field and at bat.

BILL McAFFEE MAY HAVE 'ARRIVED'

THERE is every prospect that Cronin's Senators picked up a "sleeper" in Bill McAfee, right handed college flinger formerly with the Chicago Cubs. The Braves included McAfee in a deal with the Boston Braves that brought pitcher Bob Smith and outfielder Lance Richbourg to Chicago. Bob and Lance no longer are with the Cubs, Lance is in the minors and Bob is with the Cincy Reds.

McAfee was a star with the Michigan university nine when picked off by the Windy City Nationals. He is a right hander, 25, stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighs about 185. He is originally out of Georgia, the Cracker state, but his parents now reside in Chicago.

McAfee was sent by the Braves to Montreal last year where he won eight tilts and lost nine and was in twenty-three games. There was some confusion over a deal during the last part of the 1932 campaign between Braves and Baltimore and in some manner, Washington grabbed McAfee at the big league waiver price. Owner Griffith was alert and snared the young pitcher.

McAfee's first performance with Washington was against the Chicago White Sox and he turned in a five-hit victory. Bill twirled his way to six victories against only one defeat with the Senators during August and September. He was in eight games and worked forty-one innings. He started five games, completed two games, was taken out three times and finished as relief man in three games.

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NOTHING WRONG IN THIRTY YEARS!

J OHN V. CLINNIN, chairman of the Illinois athletic commission, has launched a campaign to rub out horse play in wrestling. In other words, he has grown tired of watching the hippodrome boys go through their antics. Clinnin's declaration stirred up a lot of squawks in the mat fraternity, but the loudest was supplied by John Krone, veteran Chicago promoter.

Without battoning an eye, the well-known Windy City matchmaker appended a loud growl and shouted that Clinnin was making an unjust accusation and surely couldn't put the finger on John Krone. Preposterous! Here is Krone's statement, in part: "I never have seen anything wrong in wrestling in thirty years as a promoter. It seems hardly probable that any promoter could induce these high class gentlemen to stoop to monkey business on the mat. Many of the best wrestlers of today are college graduates and are taught the love of fair sport."

You tell 'em, John, old boy, old boy. You win all of the medals for talking through the old hat. Try an airplane spin for breakfast, a double Japanese toe hold for lunch and top off the day with a flying tackle and dive between the ropes for the evening dinner.

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DOUBLE HARNESS, SEVEN-DAY WEEK

L ARRY GILBERT has been demoted and will manager the New Orleans nine this year. He was promoted to business manager a year ago, but the depression knocked him back. Last season's kick in the club bankroll totalled \$30,000 and Jackie Atz was relieved as pilot. Gilbert doubtless will be asked to work in double harness, and baseball is played seven days of nearly every week. Like following the bangtails, backing a minor league club nowadays is just another way of kissing the dollars good by.

A statistical hound has figured that injuries to football players in 1932 cost the student grid warriors 12,632 days of classroom activity. Well, let the technocrats worry about it. The players prefer to forget it, if the professors will let 'em.

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WHEN Reggie Root appointed Bucky O'Connor backfield coach at Yale and retained Adam Walsh as line coach, one more Notre Dame system eleven was added to the eastern list. Another addition will be Fordham taken over by Jimmy Crowley. Walsh and Crowley were members of the same Rockne machine. Crowley was a Horseman and Walsh was a Mule.

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Irvin Jacobs, nationally-known horse trainer and one of the best, learned the business out of a book. He used to be a pugilist fancier.

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Johnny Gilbert, champion jockey of 1932, is the protege of Doc Gilbert, a horse doctor of Pittsburgh, Kan. Gilbert is an Armenian and assumed the name of his teacher. His Armenian name is unknown in the sports profession.

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What? No Swedish massage today!

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Big Ten Cage Race Opens Tonight With Full Card

By United Press

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—The annual declaration of basketball warfare takes place in the Western Conference tonight. All teams will be in action, and every Big Ten quintet has suffered at least one defeat during the preconference program.

The schedule follows: Purdue at Minnesota; Northwestern at Illinois; Indiana at Ohio State; Michigan at Iowa; Chicago at Wisconsin. Early signs that Purdue would be

College Scores Friday

Indiana State, 31; Cincinnati, 27. Green Bay, 26; College, 26. Oberlin, 40; Toledo, 25. Mt. Union, 36; Heidelberg, 21. Ohio State, 25; Ohio Northern, 23 (overtime). Kent, 32; Nebraska, 29. Marietta, 29; Washington and Jefferson, 25. Brooklyn Pharmacy college, 30; Johns Hopkins, 29; Grove City, 28. Duquesne, 22; Creighton, 21. Randolph Macon, 50; Bridgewater, 20. Remond and Henry, 45; Lincoln Memorial, 40. Washington and Jefferson, 25; Washington and Lee, 51; St. John's, 29. South Carolina, 50; Connecticut, 24. Tennessee, 26; Union, 15. Alabama, 25; Tulane, 26. Knowlton, 28; Michigan, 21. Simon, 35; Central, 18. Peoria, 22. Iowa Wesleyan, 48; Peoria, 41. Morehead, 30; Western Union, 20. Louisville, 37; Transylvania, 33. Abbeville, Christiana, 36. Southwest Ohio, 25; Western, 25. Ottawa, 52; William Jewell, 24. Wyoming, 45; Carroll, 36. St. Viator, 23; Illinois Wesleyan, 15. Denison, 20; Franklin, 26. La Crosse Technical, 38; Superior Technical, 27; Grinnell, 31. Oregon State, 25; Washington State, 22. University of California (Los Angeles), 41. Santa Clara, 22. Loyola (Chicago), 30; Detroit City college, 12.

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