

By Eddie Ash

Other Clubs Object to Babe's High Pay

Tiger Boss Retains Faith in Bridges

Tribe Trails Sixth in Team Batting

BABE RUTH is in line for a slash in pay which the baseball writers are guessing at all the way from \$5,000 to \$25,000. It just can't be otherwise. The Babe has gone back a whole lot, of course, even though he appeared to be every bit of his old self in the 1932 world series. The profits of the Yankees are not what they used to be, but that is not the real reason why the Babe is going to have to take it on the hip pocket.

The real reason lies with the fifteen other club owners in the major leagues. How are these owners going to slice their athletes' pay envelopes while the Babe still is drawing a princely sum?

If you have any doubts that the fifteen other magnates in the big leagues have informed Colonel Ruppert thoroughly on this angle of baseball's woeful situation, prepare to shed them now. They have brought all kinds of pressure on the Yanks' paymaster.

The Babe may as well reconcile himself to a fat cut in the light of the serious situation facing baseball in general. It is not a hopeful outlook at best, only two teams in the majors have made any money last year.

Billy Evans, general manager of the Cleveland Americans, offers some pertinent figures applying to the average major league ball club.

The largest single item is the pay roll. This ranges between \$175,000 and \$400,000 per season, the average being somewhere around \$250,000. The balance of the overhead is around \$150,000, most of which consists of spring training, transportation and hotel expenses.

The home team suffers the extraction of 35 cents out of every dollar's worth of admission money, the league taking 5 cents and the visitors 30 cents. At that rate the home team must play to 600,000 people during the season to make a profit—that profit being represented by the road earnings.

Cleveland is a good baseball town, with a first division ball club. Last year, on the day when the Forest City team moved into its new stadium, it played to a record crowd of 80,000 paid admissions.

In five years, however, Cleveland never had an aggregate gate of 600,000 people. Last year, 80,000 crowd and all, the Cleveland attendance was under 500,000.

Each of the big league ball clubs unofficially set \$100,000 as the amount that would have to be cut from expenses this year. A shorter spring training trip will save more than \$2,000 of that sum. Traveling and hotel expenses will be cheaper this year by perhaps \$10,000.

That leaves \$88,000 that must be whacked from the salaries and that means that the players on each major team must suffer an amputation amounting to around \$40,000. The boys getting between \$10,000 and \$15,000 are going to be the players heaviest hit by the slashes.

TOM CASHED IN ON PUBLICITY, ANYWAY.

BUCKY HARRIS, manager of the Detroit Tigers, is going to count heavily on Tom Bridges, formerly of Evansville, for some sterling performances during 1933. It was two years ago that Harris predicted Bridges would be a great pitcher when and if he ever acquired control.

The 1931 averages showed that Bridges did not own enough control. He won eight and lost sixteen, with an earned average of five. He handed out 108 passes and struck out 105. Last year he had even more trouble, walking 119 and fanning 108.

There's another side, however, to Bridge's 1932 performance on the slab. He had an earned run average of 3.36, which put him fifth in the hurling list for effectiveness. He achieved four shutouts, tying Lefty Grove of the Athletics in that department. He is a right-hander, age 26, stands 5 feet 10 1/2 inches and weighs 165. He could use about twenty pounds more of tonnage.

It was on Aug. 5 that Bridges broke into the headlines and almost crashed the Hall of Fame. He was throwing 'em past the Washington Senators with such aplomb that for eight innings not a Senator landed at first base. The first two Washington batters in the ninth inning went out.

Detroit was leading, 13 to 0, and only one man separated Tom from a perfect game. At that point Walter Johnson, Washington manager, sent Dave Harris in as pinch hitter. Dave picked on the first pitch, sent the ball into left for a single, and Bridges' rose dream of fame went right along with that hit.

The damage was done and the ensuing arguments served no purpose excepting to bring Bridges' name more prominently before the baseball public. He showed on various occasions last year signs of gaining that control which Bucky Harris said he needed to become a great slapper.

MILLERS AND BIRDS CORNER SWAT HONORS

ALTHOUGH the Columbus Birds won the American Association championship for 1932, with a percentage of .308, the Minneapolis Millers, winner of the title under Owrie Bush, had the most effective clubbing in the circuit. The Millers were second in team hitting with .307. Art Rube, Minneapolis outfielder, topped the circuit with a mark of .376, one percentage point ahead of Evar Swanson, Columbus fielder. Joe Mowry, playing his first year of Association baseball, proved to be a sensation. He scored the most runs, 175; collected the most hits, 257, and hit for the most total bases, 384. He hit .348.

Joe Hauser, slugging first sacker of the Minneapolis club, was the home run king of the circuit, rapping out forty-nine four-base drives. Odell Hale, Toledo third sacker, collected twenty-two triples, and Knickerbocker, Toledo short stop, hit sixty-nine doubles to lead those departments.

Ganzel, third baseman for Minneapolis, was a big factor in the Millers' championship drive by batting in 143 runs and hitting .311. Minneapolis scored the most runs, 1,162, and made the most hits, 1,856. The Millers also topped the league in home runs with 188. Swanson of Columbus stole forty-five bases.

Indianapolis was sixth in club batting with .293, and next to last in stolen bases with 64. The Indians, however, held opponents to the least number of runs, 793. Joe Heving, pitcher-pinch hitter, topped the Hoosiers at bat with a mark of .370. Among Tribe regulars Ernie Windward was hit .343, Lou Gehrig, .334, and Jimmie Foxx, .324.

Other Tribesters batted as follows: McCann, .330; Rosenberg, .318; Sigafos, .313; Chapman, .313; Angley, .311; Burwell, .308; Sam Hale, .304; Taitt, .300; Cooney, .291; Riddle, .283; Purdy, .273; Goldman, .270; Norris, .264; Logan, .263; Bolen, .255; Bedore, .240; Huff, .233; White, .228; Thomas, .193; Campbell, .104, and Barnhart, .094.

The American Association averages are not complete in detail owing to the fact Columbus failed to send in the official statistics on games played in the Ohio capital.

Belve Benn, recalled by the Cleveland Americans from the Toledo Hoosiers of the American Association, finished 1932 with 20 victories and 14 defeats after losing his first eight games. That's what you call courage and gizzard.

Babe Herman, slugging outfielder now with the Chicago Cubs, has played under nineteen different managers during his baseball career, not counting of course, the No. 1 manager, Mrs. Herman.

Joe Chamberlain, infielder the Chicago White Sox purchased from Waterloo, is 6 feet 3 inches tall and plays short. He weighs 185 pounds. If that counts, he's made. Wonder why he didn't choose first base?

Down the Alleys With Local Pin-Spillers

BY LEFTY LEE

Johnny Murphy, the St. Philip A. C. star who has always shown at his best in tournament play, was returned the winner of the annual Pin Spiller contest. Murphy, a member of the six-man team, with a total of 1,289 over the six-game round, topped the list. He was followed by Phil Smith, who scored 1,284, and then by Phil Smith, who scored 1,284. Murphy's score was 1,289, Smith's 1,284, and Phil Smith's 1,284.

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The Baseball team, rolling from scratch in the annual 1,000 scratch team event at the Fountain Square alleys, assumed the lead when they hit the pins for games of 1,000, 1,015 and 1,034, a total of 3,049. Johnson, Phil Smith and Harry Wheeler were the top scorers in the event. Johnson scored 1,000, Smith 1,015, and Wheeler 1,034.

The head pin tournament at the Illinois alleys was won by Walter Heckman, who took first place with a score of 118. He was followed by Phil Smith, who scored 115, and then by Phil Smith, who scored 115. Murphy's score was 1,289, Smith's 1,284, and Phil Smith's 1,284.

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Boxers Set for Action

Purvis, Cox and Others End Hard Training for Tuesday.

Jackie Purvis, Tracy Cox and other stars slated for action on Tuesday night's Pontiac A. C. fight card at Tomlinson hall are ready for the gong. Heavy training for all came to a close with work-outs Sunday.

Purvis scaled 145 1/2 pounds Sunday afternoon and Cox weighed 143, and the boys expect to come in within a pound of each other below the 145 limit Tuesday. Their ten-round headline scrap promises to attract a capacity crowd.

Frankie Hughes, Clinton wallpaper, and Young Walker, Los Angeles Negro welter, will be seen in the ten-round semi-windup Tuesday, while in the first ten-rounder Henry Hook, young Elwood scrapper, will take on Marshall Edwards of Louisville.

Paul Conger, heavyweight of Anderson, and Joe Brian, 200-pound veteran, will clash in the four-round curtain raiser at 8:30.

Old Gridiron Rivals Sign

By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Harvard and Princeton have contracted to renew their traditional football relations with games in 1934 and 1935.

This action revives one of America's oldest gridiron classics. A joint statement from the two schools— which started grid competition in 1877—said they would play at Cambridge on Nov. 3, 1934 and at Princeton on Nov. 9, 1935.

The Cambridge game will mark their first football encounter since the turbulent contest in that city in 1926 and the severing of all athletic relations four days later.

Savoldi, Steele Sought for Mix

Jumping Joe Savoldi, former Notre Dame gridiron star who is winning acclaim in mat circles, and Ray Steele, husky Californian who is the only heavyweight to gain a draw with Jim London, are being sought by Matchmaker Lloyd Carter for the second wrestling card to be promoted here by the Hercules A. C. at Tomlinson hall Monday, Jan. 16.

Both grapplers are nationally known, and Carter said one or both probably would be signed today. Savoldi appeared here twice last season, scoring two decisions.

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