



LAST OF FEDERALS QUILTS BASEBALL

Rupert Mills, justly celebrated a few years ago as the last survivor of the old Federal league, has announced that he is through with baseball for all time and his name has been dropped from the suspended list of the Detroit club. Notice to this effect was issued recently, President Navin announcing the unconditional release of the player. Mills intends to devote his time to law.

A condition that undoubtedly stands out unparalleled in the history of the game featured Mills' connection with the Federal league. He developed as one of the college stars of the middle west during the days when the Feds were making their bid, and he was signed to play in the Independent league in 1916. Before the time for the opening of the season peace was agreed upon and the Federal league, as an organization, retired from the scene.

A number of players were turned over to Harry F. Sinclair, owner of the Newark Feds, for sale wherever he might find a market, and Rupert Mills was one of these. Mills declined to be a party to any such transaction and insisted that the Federal league must attend to the salary which had been promised him. Pat Powers, who handled most of the Sinclair baseball affairs, tried to reach a compromise, but failed. Mills insisted on being paid according to contract, refusing to accept the sum offered by Powers to call everything off.

Then ensued the odd feature that made Mills the last of the Feds. Powers and Sinclair decided that Mills would be paid in full, as per contract, but insisted that he fulfill his part of the contract. They thereupon sent him orders to report each day at the Federal league park in Harrison. The park had been deserted, but was kept open for Mills' benefit, and day after day he made the trip to the park and went through practice stunts all alone. Mills followed orders strictly, drew his checks on the 1st and 15th of each month as if playing regularly, and after a few weeks the player and Sinclair reached some agreement, never officially announced. Mills discontinued his daily trips to Harrison and the Federal league had no players left.

Later the Detroit club signed Mills and sent him back to Denver for development. In 1917 he entered the service and after being discharged he returned to law work, where he plans to spend the rest of his days.

Efforts are being made to bring Willie Meehan on from the Pacific coast for a bout with Gene Tunney at Jersey City. Meehan has been offered \$2,500 for the bout and is ready to accept as soon as he receives transportation. Matching Tunney with the conqueror of Jack Dempsey seems to be a rather hasty proceeding, but Meehan undoubtedly has gone back of late and it is highly probable that the youngster will be able to take his measure. Chuck Wiggins, a light heavyweight, who recently returned from Australia, where he made a great impression, is another who is looking on from California to seek a match with Tunney.

Bring Out the Towels! H. S. Seconds to Mix With Teaching Force

Everything is in readiness for the last basketball season this season, the battle between the R. H. S. seconds, and a team composed of male members of the high school faculty, in the Coliseum, next Monday night.

The teachers have been secretly holding workouts in the high school gym and are prepared to give the kids a trimmings. However, the game will present the seconds with one glorious opportunity of getting even with the teachers.

In preparation for rough stuff, the teacher squad will compose every male teacher in high school, all of whom will be in uniform and in readiness to enter the fray. The five that probably will start the game for the teachers will compose Echols and Cleveland at forward; S. S. Vernon at center, and McComb and Rock at guard.

Principal Bate will be in uniform, and if the seconds pile up too large a score, he may force the scorekeepers to even up things. J. B. Thompson will back Bate.

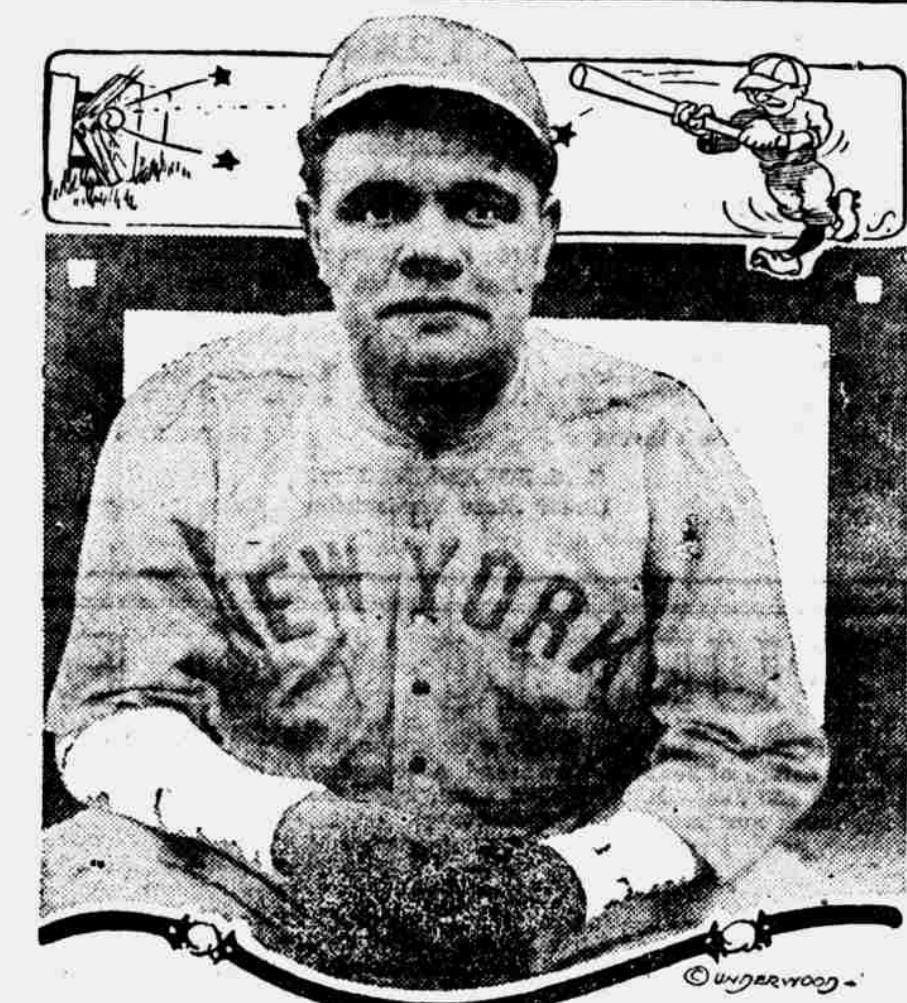
Spiceland Has Easy Time With Central; Anderson May Be the Quakers' Downfall

By virtue of the 31-14 defeat handed to Central high, of Evansville, Spiceland stepped forth as a possible contender for state championship honors at the state meet at Bloomington, Thursday evening.

Spiceland probably could have run the score larger, as Evansville was completely outclassed. As in district tournament games, Spiceland showed wonderful accuracy at hitting the netting. Reese looping two goals that brought the crowd to its feet. Reese made six field markers and led Spiceland. Moe, with three goals, led Central.

The real contest for Spiceland comes at 4 p. m. Friday, when Anderson is played. Critics concede that Spiceland has an even chance.

HERE'S THE \$125,000 BABE AT CAMP



Babe Ruth looking over his new teammates.

The King of Swatdom is already unlimbering his powerful frame at the Yankees' camp at Jacksonville, Fla., and is slamming the preliminary slants of the pitchers all over the lot. Fandom's eyes will be on Babe from now on, to see whether he will deliver \$125,000 worth of base hits for his new bosses.

Who Tipped Up That Board? Centerville Wins Shamrock Game

Victims of an unexpected rally in the last 10 minutes of play, the Richmond Shamrock independent basketball team closed its season with the short end of a 37-32 score, at the hands of Centerville, Thursday night. The game was hard fought, with Centerville on the short end most of its length. The Shamrocks piled up a lead in the first 10 minutes that discouraged Centerville fans, but the home team staged a come-back and the half ended 18-15, the Shamrocks leading.

The visitors repeated their first half performance in the final session, leading Centerville 25-17. Centerville called time and at its conclusion started a whirlwind attack that pulled them up and by. Shamrock subs were run in in a vain endeavor to save the game, but Centerville continued to increase its lead.

Runnells was the bright offensive light for the Shamrocks, tossing eight field goals and two fouls. Endes came in for second honors with five field markers. Matthews starred for the winners, caging seven field and seven foul goals. Schadle came through with five field markers.

KING WALTER IS SAME OLD WONDER, TEAMMATES SAY



Walter Johnson, snapped limbering up at Nationals camp.

Down at Miami, Clark Griffith's team is getting in shape for the coming drive and the center of interest to the Miami folk and visitors is Walter Johnson. And judging from his present condition and the way in which his arm is working, he is ready for another good year.

FOOTBALL RULES ARE UP FOR TRIMMING

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 12.—The football rules committee meets here tonight to consider numerous suggestions offered to improve the sport. It will be the first formal meeting of the committee since 1917.

A plan to make more difficult the one point for a goal from touchdown by shortening the span between the goal posts to 14 feet has been offered; while another suggestion would compel the kick to be made from a scrimmage formation on the 20-yard mark by placement or drop kick.

Division of the periods into 40 plays or 160 for the game also has been proposed. Another plan would award points to the team carrying the ball inside the 25-yard line and allowing a point for five sequential first downs. It is expected that a rule proposing the numbering of players will be proposed.

Count 'Em, 5! H. S. Has Plethora of Coaches

Richmond high school track team coaches soon meet to decide upon a head coach and also the date for the first call.

When the basketball season was drawing to a close, "early birds" at high school were in doubt as to a coach for the R. H. S. track aspirants. Now five of these "birds" have been uncovered—A. J. Echols, B. J. Rock, S. S. Vernon, G. H. Cleveland and J. H. Fries.

Mason and Wilde Ready For Flyweight Title Go

(By Associated Press) TOLEDO, O., March 12.—With both contestants down to the stipulated weight—108 pounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Jimmy Wilde, flyweight champion of Great Britain and Frankie Mason of Fort Wayne, Ind., are ready for their 12-round bout at the coliseum here tonight.

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Bowling

Members of the City Bowling league must have had a prayer meeting some where in town Thursday night, for only a 50 per cent attendance was on hand.

After waiting for over an hour for some of his team mates to put in an appearance, Captain Joe Smedinghoff, of the Number One Kaysee team, threw up the sponge to Hill's Laddies.

This latter team, however, rolled three good games as a solo match. Along about the hour when all should be in bed, Wilson's Cleaners recruited a team and rolled two of their scheduled games with the A. S. M.

Both games resulted in overwhelming wins for the Seedeers. High score and average for the abbreviated performance was awarded to Lahman of the Laddies, with 224 and 208 respectively.

A. S. M.				
Handicap, 180.				
Player—	1st	2d	3rd	Tl. Av.
Miller	180	149	164	493 164
Roach	182	164	160	506 169
Groan	142	140	162	444 148
Ellis	138	165	184	477 159
Muhl	174	175	143	492 164
Totals	816	783	812	

WILSON CLEANERS				
Handicap, 161.				
Player—	1st	2d	3rd	Tl. Av.
Snively	147	143	290	145
Bill	143	167	310	155
Castelluccio	151	165	319	155
Spaulding	146	116	262	131
Stoncipher	156	156	312	156
Totals	746	747		

* Forfeited.

HILL LADDIES				
Handicap, 180.				
Player—	1st	2d	3rd	Tl. Av.
Lahman	224	175	224	623 208
E. Hill	186	133	126	405 125
Dr. Gentle	122	135	122	379 126
Fr. Ryan	158	154	158	470 157
Runge	180	222	180	582 194
Totals	820	819	820	

K. C. No. 1 forfeited three games.

Goldie Rapp Bursts Into Box Score With Reds

Goldie Rapp, known to all Richmond baseball fans as a member of the Richmond Central league team, of 1917, broke into the box score of the Cincinnati Reds for the first time Thursday, when the Reds played an exhibition game against the Colts, at the training quarters in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Goldie is one of Pat Moran's recruits and his performance was up to the usual caliber of recruits. In his initial performance he got a hit, and accepted seven out of eight chances. Kopf, the regular Red shortstop, was moved to second to accommodate Goldie, and Morris Rath slipped around to third.

MIAMI COACH DECLINES CALIFORNIA POSITION
OXFORD, Ohio, March 12.—George E. Little, athletic coach at Miami university, has declined an offer to become football coach at Leland Stanford university, California. Coach Little says that football in the state of California is never a success on account of the rainy season.

BALL STARS FOR MARINES.
New York—Big league baseball managers are not the only seekers after promising youngsters these days. The Marine recruiting office states that every manager of a baseball team with the Marine corps is clamoring for a shipment of diamond clammers.

Circuit Court

Deputy Wadman left Friday for the reform school at Plainfield with two boys recently sentenced to the institution for incorrigibility.

Anna Morton filed suit for divorce today from James Morton. The plaintiff bases her suit on cruel and inhuman treatment.

The House of Crain, a cigar company, filed suit against Owen M. Edgerton, on account, demand \$102.25. REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Harry Newman to William F. Best, a part of section 7, township 14, range 1: \$12,000.

Samuel F. Austin to Preston Harding, a part of the northwest quarter section 1, township 13, range 12: \$1.

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