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### WHERE BIG LARRY COMES A CROPPER



LARRY McLEAN COVERING FIRSTBASMAN LABERT SLIDING BACK TO FIRST.

Cincinnati, April 7.—An earnest plea for clemency to Catcher Larry McLean, who has been dropped temporarily from the list of the Reds, was made to Manager Griffith today by Pitcher Fred Beebe. The husky twirler told the manager that if he will reinstate McLean he (Beebe) will guarantee to win 70 per cent of his games, and that if he does not reinstate him he fears he cannot come so high.

He liked Clarke, Roth and Konnick, who are being used here in practice, but says that Clarke, who has been looked to take McLean's place, is still too young to be entrusted with the position of catcher.

The fans here are betting two to one that McLean and Beebe will be the battery for the opening game against the Cubs on April 14.

It beats the device what a chump

an ordinary human being can make of himself without reason. Take the case of Larry McLean, the gigantic Cincinnati backstop. McLean, as valuable a backstop as there is in the National league, and a stone wall of defense, is such a bonehead that he simply can't behave long enough to get accustomed to the habit.

McLean was laid up last summer with a bum still, but the Cincinnati club paid his salary. This spring he reported in good shape, apparently, and with a large salary, the prospect of captaining the Reds and a bonus for remaining on the water wagon, promised to behave.

But McLean couldn't resist temptation. He broke training and had a flareup with Manager Clarke Griffith. Then he apologized and was taken back into Griffith's good graces. Again he broke loose and was caught returning to the hotel about 5 a. m.

This resulted in another reprimand, and the story has it that the big backstop offered his resignation, which was accepted. Following this came another year that Griffith had refused to accept the resignation, but had suspended McLean for one year.

Things began to look dark for the big fellow. A year in lock was ser-

ious business, so he is said to have hunted Griffith and had many promises of reform. Just what the outcome will be remains to be seen, but it's even betting Griffith will take back the big fellow, despite his Rube Waddell foolishness. But it is certain that if McLean does get back on the Red pay roll it will be at a greatly reduced salary, with a proviso that if he behaves and plays a sort of ball he is capable of, his originally contracted for stipend will be paid him at the close of the season.

Although McLean is the biggest ball player in the business, standing 6 feet 5 inches in height and built proportionately, his bigness is confined to his physical makings. His mental smallness has been the cause of his own undoing. Had he possessed the wisdom of many a smaller man he would be commanding a big salary and earning it instead of being in the bad graces of his boss and at least temporarily out of a job.

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### NOTIONS OF THE ATHELETS

Gossip of the Diamond--Second Base a Prominent Place for Accidents--As to Scores in the South.

New York, N. Y., April 7.—Two college baseball players have been badly injured this spring while in the act of sliding to base, one at Harvard and one at Yale. This sort of injury has been frequent on the diamond of recent years. A few years ago George Van Halteren, while the player broke his leg while sliding for second base on the old Pittsburgh grounds. Lefty Davis broke his leg the same way on the same ground at the same time. Another player who broke a leg sliding was Otis Clymer.

As a matter of fact the second cushion has been prominent as a station at which accidents have occurred. There have been innumerable spillings at that position, most of them accidental, but a few intentional, and other accidents resulting in the incapacitating of players for a considerable length of time. Year before last Larry Doyle was stopped on by John Hummel while the latter was trying to reach second base at the Polo grounds and Larry was out of it for the rest of the season. In a previous season Tim Donahue of the Chicago Nationals, was severely spiked by Jack Warner while the latter was making a slide. Harry Steinfield and Napoleon Lajoie, however, as a result of the accident developed water on the knee and was out of the game for a considerable length of time. Hal Chase has been spiked on the hand a couple of times sliding to second.

Severer and in some cases fatal accidents on the ball field, however, have been more due to other causes, such as head on collisions, and players being struck while the pitcher escape from a prominent base in point. A singular fatality was that the other day a fly ball, death resulting a few hours later.

The scores made by the big league ball players in the south are in themselves of no significance whatever, as an indication of what may be expected when the big leaguers get to the pennant race. It is the form shown in the games, the promise or lack of it for future games, and of course the practice that count. A poor record here likely as not, will be followed by a swift clip when the real season begins, according to whether the preliminary season brings the team up to the starting line on edge. Again a good southern record does not mean big things in the championship race. It was only two or three seasons ago that the Brooklyn won something like a dozen straight games in the south, and lost as many, if not more, at the start of the regular season.

The return of Fatsy Donovan to big league management brings back into the fold a man who has managed more big league teams than any of his contemporaries, and most of them have managed two or more clubs during their time. Before he took hold of the Red Sox Donovan was manager of the Pittsburgh, St. Louis Nationals and Brooklyn. This is his first American league venture. George Stallings has had a varied managerial experience. He has been manager of the Phillies in the National league, Detroit and New York in the American league and Buffalo and Newark in the Eastern league. These two have changed about the most.

Frank Chance, of the Cubs, Red Doolin of the Phillies, Roger Bresnahan and Dahlen of the Brooklyn are the only managers among the sixteen who have handled only one team. As this is the first season for Doolin and Dahlen and the second for Bresnahan, they have plenty of time to shift about should fate so ordain. Hugh Duffy was a successful manager of the Milwaukee American league team, then managed the Philadelphia Nationals a while, went from there to Providence, where he did well with that minor organization, and now has the White Sox in tow. McGraw's managerial career takes in St. Louis, Baltimore and New York. He was far from a success in St. Louis, but a big success in Baltimore and New York.

### JOHNSON PLANS TO BEAT CROUCH



JACK JOHNSON AND JEFFRIES CROUCH. ILLUSTRATING THE

Chicago, April 7.—Jack Johnson, having celebrated his thirty-second birthday with a party, to which about one hundred of his acquaintances—the majority being white folks—were invited, is ready to turn his attention to the serious side of life—his approaching fight with Jas. J. Jeffries.

The champion heavy, as the result of conferences with the Benton Harbor coach propagator, Tommy Ryan, and one or two of the others who has settled upon his training camp, which will begin at Ocean Beach, on the gold coast about April 25.

"I expect to have 'on O'Kelly (Ryan's big fighter), Monte Carter, Joe Walcott, possibly Stanley Ketchell and a couple of big husky fellows as sparring partners," Johnson told me. "I haven't done any training up to this time, because this talk of 90 days training is all foolishness. I am living as I please and when I start training I'll have something to train for, and won't go stale."

Johnson and Ryan's scheme in brief is this: They intend to have O'Kelly fight one or two of the others who Johnson as much like Jeffries as it is possible for an ordinary fighter to copy the methods of the California silver star.

Jeffries crouch and Jeff's left hook and body punch. Ryan is a wonder as a teacher, and he expects to have O'Kelly reasonably fast and clever by the latter part of this month, when Johnson's hard training begins.

While Johnson will never admit that there is the slightest doubt about his ability to lower the colors of the mighty hunter, he tells me, there is so much at stake in the approaching fight that he cannot prepare himself too carefully to do justice to the men who bet their money on him.

With his wonderful natural ability and his great strength, Johnson believes that with Ryan on hand to superintend the work, and O'Kelly doing the Jeffries stunt, he will quickly master the peculiar defense of James J. When we mix things up, we will bring home the mazzina.

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### BASEBALL MEETING A FIZZLE

At a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last evening for the purpose of forming a senior city league, representatives were present from the Y. M. C. A. and Exmouth Y. M. A. It was expected that delegates would be present from the Every Day Club and either Algonquins or Portlands. Through some misunderstanding however, the representatives of these clubs did not attend and consequently very little was accomplished of a definite nature.

### HURLEY AND MACHUM WIN ROLL OFF

The St. John Bowling Club held their monthly roll off on Black's alleys last evening. The prizes were won by M. Hurley and A. J. Machum. A novel and interesting method was used by the club in choosing partners.

The names of one half of those competing were placed in an envelope and were drawn by the other half. The score of the man whose name was drawn had to be accepted by the other player. M. Hurley and A. J. Machum proved to be the strongest combination and won out with the fine score of 744 in a 4 string contest. The prizes were handsome gold stick pins. Their scores were:

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Hurley	89	105	93	81	363
Machum	85	88	94	109	376

B. Stillwell won the consolation prize for the lowest score, which consisted of a somewhat antique oxalic douchener.

"J. Howard made the highest individual score of the evening rolling a remarkably strong game, his scores for the four strings were: 98 85 112 89—384-96

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### COBB DOES ABOUT AS HE PLEASES

By Cobb, the flying Georgian of the Detroit team, winners of the American League pennant, refused to report to Manager Hugh Jennings at San Antonio, where the Detroit club trained this spring.

In an interview in Detroit, Frank Navin, executive owner of the Detroit team, says Cobb need not report until the opening day of the season, unless he desires.

Of course it was sometimes necessary to make concessions to star players, but it seems to an observer that Navin is setting a dangerous precedent in permitting "The Peach" to have his own sweet way about reporting.

Suppose some of the other Detroit stars get a hunch that they too desire to avoid the spring training; and they are just as much entitled to consideration as is Cobb. What is fair for one is good for another in this case.

And carrying out the thing, suppose that all the stars on other clubs decided that they wanted to side-step the spring business and not join their respective clubs until the day of the opening championship. Fine business, eh?

Frank Navin takes Cobb's view of the case because he can't help himself. The Detroit club tried to put the skids under the brilliant native of Roxton under a former occasion and missed it a mile. Ever since the club has been decidedly submissive to the desires of the Georgian whirlwind.

It's great to be a star; but for his own good Cobb shouldn't take himself too seriously.

facilitating the ordinary telegraph and telephone instruments of the pool room men, but it is feared that if the wireless system were adopted it might be a difficult thing to prove that news was sent to lawbreakers to assist them in violating the law. An acting campaign to prevent, if possible, the carrying out of the pool room men's wireless plan is expected.

ELECTION CARDS To the Electors of the City of Saint John: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: You have elected me for a number of years a member of the Common Council, and during that time I have endeavored faithfully to fulfil the obligations imposed upon me. This year I will be a candidate for the office of

MAYOR at the Civic Election to be held on Tuesday the 19th of April next. If it be your will and pleasure to elect me, I shall strive to carry out the duties of the office with the best interests of the whole community. Yours faithfully, JAMES H. FRINK.

To the Electorate of the City of St. John: At the request of a large number of citizens, I will be a candidate for the office of MAYOR at the coming civic election. If elected, I shall do all in my power to further the interests of the citizens and our city generally. Soliciting your votes and support, I am, Yours faithfully, DOUGLAS McARTHUR.

### WHY YANKS ARE BARRED

Mr. J. D. Black in Boston Talks of the Decision to Bar American Horses from Maritime Tracks.

(Boston Herald.) All horses owned or trained in the United States, excepting in Aroostook Co., Me., are to be barred from racing in the Maritime Provinces circuit the coming season. This action, taken at the formation of the Maritime Circuit at St. John, last week, means that in the future a number of Boston and Massachusetts horsemen, who have annually picked up considerable easy money on the province tracks will have to look elsewhere for easy picking.

J. D. Black of Fredericton, chairman of the Maritime Circuit, has been at the Adams House for a few days on matters pertaining to the new circuit, and to a Herald man last night Mr. Black explained the reasons why his circuit has drawn the line on American trotters. It is simply because the climate in the United States make it possible for horses to be fitted to race several weeks earlier than can be done in the Maritime Provinces.

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### CRICKET TO BOOM HERE

Local Club Active in Arranging Fixtures for Season--Match Committee Appointed at Meeting Held.

At a meeting of the managing committee of the St. John Cricket Club, held last evening, a match committee was appointed to arrange games for the coming season. The first match will probably be played this month, between the married and single.

The committee will also try and arrange games with the Bankers of the city, with Rothersey College, Rothersey Village, Fredericton, Moncton and Chatham. There will also be return matches with several Nova Scotia clubs.

Mr. Thos. Gibbard, the vice-president of the club, has offered a prize bat for the highest average in batting during the season. Any player wishing to join can obtain application forms and full information from the secretary, Mr. M. M. Jarvis, 74 Prince William street.

The Maritime Provinces Horse-ter of barring Americans up last fall. They presented a united front, and advanced arguments that none could controvert, with the result that we were unanimous in deciding to keep out American horses this year, unless they are of Aroostook county training. Aroostook tracks, you know, are about as backward in the spring as the Maritime courses."

### BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP DISPUTED

An article appeared in the Telegram of April 6, stating that the Antigonish basketball team claim the championship of northern New Brunswick and Maine. The McAdam basketball team deny this. The claim that when they were defeated by the Antigonish team that played two 11, N. B. players, Rigby and Smith. They are the captain of the U.N.B. team.

On Thursday evening the basketball team will meet the fast McAdam team and a good game is expected.

There will likely be quite a bit of baseball in McAdam this season as well, as the town team there will be composed of the clerks of the station who are expected to give a good account of themselves.

Manager McAleer says his Washington team will be a surprise this year. He thinks Norman Elberfeld will strengthen it at least 25 per cent. But he may change his mind when Elberfeld begins to feel the heat of mid-summer. If McAleer succeeds in restraining this erratic player so that he plays his best game all season the baseball world will be agreeably surprised. McAleer is a hard worker and one of the best managers in the profession. He has taken hold of a losing proposition with commendable pluck.

### HIGH SCHOOL WINS FROM ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrew's basketball team, junior champions of the city, licked the dust again last evening at the hands of the High school quintette. The final score stood High school, 13; St. Andrew's, 6. The saints were simply out-classed by the way through the school-boys putting up a swift aggressive game. McLeod and Malcolm played a cool heady game for the winners, while Smith was the star for the vanquished.

The line up: High School, 13. St. Andrew's, 6. Forwards: McAllister, McLeod, Jones. Centre: Trentowsky. Defense: McGuire, McAulay, Wilson, Scott and Smith. Summary—High School, fields—Malcolm, 2; McLeod, 3; Wood, Penalties—Malcolm, St. Andrew's, fields—Smith, 2. Penalties—Trentowsky, 2. Referee—F. Tait.

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### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS IN BASEBALL

- At Cincinnati—Cincinnati (National) 9; Philadelphia (American) 2nd team) 8.
- At Baltimore—New York (National) 5; Baltimore (Eastern) 3.
- At Lynchburg—Lynchburg (State) 3; New York (American) 3; 12 innings cold weather.
- At Greensboro—Rochester (Eastern) 13; Greensboro (Carolina Association) 9.
- At Indianapolis—Indianapolis (American Association) 0; Chicago (National) 2.
- At Nashville—Boston (American), 9; Nashville, (Southern) 2.
- At New Orleans—Cleveland, (American, 2nd team) 10; New Orleans, (Southern), 8.