

HOW CONNIE MACK TRAINS HIS WORLD CHAMPIONS --- HE WATCHES HIS YOUNGSTERS AND LETS HIS VETERANS TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES

The Foxy Leader of the Athletics Has His Eyes Always on the Future—He is Building Up Material for Future Years When His Stars "Go Back."

CONNIE MACK WATCHES HIS LADS.

DRAWN FROM A PHOTOGRAPH



San Antonio, Texas, March 20.

AGER CONNIE MACK of the world's champions is here, training his team for the 1912 campaign and picking out the men who can be developed into stars two or three seasons hence. This training trip will cost his club \$18,000. That's as much as some major league clubs paid in salaries to all their players for a whole season 25 years ago.

Mack could have toured the south with his champions this spring and cleared all expenses. Instead, with no idea of finding a "phenom" to replace a star this year, he is telling the lads who, two, three or four seasons hence, may be qualified for regular places on his team.

Mack is Always Planning for the Years to Come.

He develops his own players. He gets them very young, usually out of high schools or colleges. He aims to secure them before they have had

baseball habits; that is, false or incorrect methods in batting, throwing, pitching, etc.

Mack first watches a lad's physical faults. He tries to correct them. If the lad won't listen to advice of the team he goes. His ticket to a minor league city reads only one way. Only one man in 11 years ever came back to the club. This is Brice Lord.

After curing a player of his false motions, Connie starts to train him physically and mentally. He coaches the lad on the field and he seats him near him on the bench during a game and explains to the lad the various plays as they come up.

Mack next tries him in every position until he finds the one the lad can play best. Then he waits for the decline of the veteran.

Some day a man is needed for a man's job on the diamond and the recruit who has been trained carefully steps into the limelight as a finished baseball product. It was so with Collins, Barr, Lapp, McNelis and it will be so with others.

Connie uses his own judgment not that of others. Thomas was a bench warmer at New York and Detroit. Two years under Mack made Thomas a hero of two world's series.

Twice a day Mack meets his players. They discuss the plays of the game before. They plan the battle that is at hand. Every opposing

pitcher is put under a magnifying glass, so to speak.

Every twirler has certain little motions which he makes in delivering different kinds of balls. These are pointed out. It was because a member of the Athletics discovered that Mathewson made a certain movement with his foot when he pitched his dead ball "fadeaway" that the Athletics beat New York when Mathewson was pitching. They beat Mathewson not by hitting the "fadeaway" or by trying to hit it, but by leaving it alone.

Having culled the youngsters he deems worthy, Connie puts them with the veterans. Not one of the latter would ever dare attempt to discourage a youngster. The star may see his job slipping from him, but he has an abiding faith in his manager. He knows that Connie is watching out for the future of his men and a veteran seldom leaves his club without first getting a job as manager of another team.

Pitchers Brown and Danforth, who were with the team part of last season, catcher Egan, outfielder Maggert and Salmon, a southpaw fresh from Princeton, are the men most likely to be retained from the present squad of recruits. Mack has spent months of effort trying to discover an infielder who can be developed for regular duty some seasons hence. In this he is disappointed.

Mack never forces his players in



SOME OF MACK'S SQUAD WAITING A TURN AT BAT.



From left to right—Strunk, Bonner, Egan, Pike and McCleary.

He Works the Whole Year 'Round to Bring His Likely Recruits Up to Standard So They Can Step Into the Shoes of Laker, Calkins and the Others.

the spring. The word "weight" is never spoken in the training camp. From the first day of the trip to the last every man thinks most of one thing—batting.

Others train when they start to practice begin by tossing the ball around. Mack's men grab a bat as soon as they step on the field and they whack the horsehide until they are tired. Batting comes first, even the pitchers being compelled to swing the "war stick" as much as the fielders.

THE SECRET OF CONNIE MACK'S SUCCESS.

There is an expression, "Connie Mack luck." It is shouted whenever Connie springs a new star. It isn't luck. It's hard work. It's perseverance. It's careful selection of players and patient teaching. It's prudent handling of the raw material. It's self-denial. It's weeks, months and years of preparation. It's a constant, never ending effort to be prepared always for the day when a star begins to go back.

BASEBALL NOTES.

"Cantaloupe" Charley Hersog of the Giants is nursing a badly bruised thumb, a member which has been hammered badly since Hersog hurt it at the start of the training season at Marlin Springs.

Brooklyn has a new catcher, Higgins, whose throwing arm looks awfully good to Bill Dahlen, and whose all-round play in the South this Spring suggests that all the catching will not have to fall on Egan.

Fred Clarke of the Pirates is betting suits of clothes that he will not play in a championship game of ball this season.

Clyde Milan has grounds for wanting more salary from Griffiths. Cobb, Jackson, Baker and Crawford were the only American Leaguers who made more hits than he did last year, and Clyde scored 109 runs for a team that finished seventh in the race.

George McBride has played for four successive seasons with Washington and in all that time has missed only three games.

Joe Kelley figures that his Toronto infield will be the classiest in the International League this year. It comprises Tim Jordan, Amby McConnell, Ed Holly and Bill Bradley.

MACK AS HE LOOKS ON --- THE FOUL LINE.



WITH THE BOWLING LEAGUES

In the city bowling league on Black's alleys last evening, the Nationals trimmed the insurance by three points to one, while in the commercial league the McAvity team took all four points from the T. S. Simms team.

The score:—

Insurance			
Gilmour...	76	82	97 255-85
Gregory...	112	94	83 288-96
Machum...	78	75	71 234-74 2-3
Cosman...	90	77	104 271-81 1-3
Chase...	77	89	77 243-81
433 417 431 1281			

Nationals			
McDonald...	81	111	96 288-96
Tufts...	78	94	98 270-90
Cosgrove...	89	91	90 270-90
Kelly...	88	112	78 271-82 2-3
Relly...	90	75	71 236-78 2-3
426 483 433 1342			

T. McAvity and Sons.			
McAvity...	89	81	79 248-83
Howard...	68	84	78 230-78 2-3
O'Brien...	73	92	78 248-82 2-3
McGrath...	83	106	86 275-91 2-3
Poshay...	74	78	101 253-94 1-3
387 441 427 1255			

T. S. Simms.			
Cosman...	74	78	92 244-81 1-3
Ramsey...	73	77	78 234-78
Oram...	74	67	68 209-69 2-3
Laskey...	68	78	78 234-74 2-3
Connell...	78	73	70 231-73 2-3
372 373 387 1132			

The schedule for this evening is as follows:
City League—Tigers vs. Juniors.
Commercial League—S. Hayward vs. Waterbury and Rising.

A SEVERE COLD DEVELOPED INTO PNEUMONIA

Doctors Said He Would Not Live.

DR. WOOD'S NORWAY PINE SYRUP Cured Him.

ROLLER TO MEET SAMSON

Boston, Mar. 21.—Dr. Ben Roller has fully recovered from the accident at Knoxville and will arrive in Boston in the best of shape for his meeting on Monday night at the Grand Opera House with Samson, the German giant.

who gave Champion Frank Gotch such a tough tussle at Chicago. The German is a powerful fellow, with a good share of science and the way he extended Gotch was a revelation to those who saw him work.

Manager Tuohy, in an effort to develop some of the latest local talent will offer trophies for several pairs of different weights in limited bouts instead of the usual curtain raiser. By this means he figures that Boston boys will be given a chance to show their worth, something they have not had an opportunity to do in the past.

The weights in the local classes will be 148, 160, and 175 pounds. Entries should be sent to George V. Tuohy, 7 Water street.

SALES AND TRANSFERS OF HORSES

The horse world has been stirred within the past few days by two very important transfers, the passing of The Harvester, 2:01, from the estate of the late August Lillien to G. K. G. Billings and the sale of Bingen, 2:06 1/2, by William Bradley to David M. Look.

That the champion stallion should become a stable companion to Uhlman was not expected, but the change in ownership of the wonderful son of May King to a New England man was very much of a surprise.

It has been in the air for months that Mr. Billings desired The Harvester to make his list of champion trotters complete, and when it was announced that "Doc" Tanner was to take Uhlman to Russia there was not much doubt that The Harvester would make the trip also.

Mr. Billings now has the honor of owning the fastest trotting stallion, mare and gelding.

Lou Dillon has passed her turf career, but Uhlman and The Harvester have not. It is generally believed, reached the top of theirs. The stallion and the gelding, however, will have little opportunity this year to better their records, and Tanner will not take anything more out of them on the European tour than is necessary, planning to very fast miles on their return home this fall. Next year both will be fitted for the supreme effort.

The price for which The Harvester sold has not been made public, but Joe Markey, who represented Mr. Billings in the transaction, is authority for the statement that it was more than \$50,000.

Early in the winter an upset figure of \$75,000 was put on the stallion, but it is believed that the selling price was considerably lower. The Harvester will now pass from the hands of Ed Geers to those of Charles Tanner and will remain at Memphis until shipped north to sail for Hamburg on April 15.

The sale of Bingen to Mr. Look means that this remarkable sire is at last to have his long neglected opportunity by standing for service in Kentucky. Mr. Look not only secured Bingen but all the brood mares and yearlings owned by Mr. Bradley who is going to give up his New Jersey farm over to acclimating mules and horses for his extensive contracting business. Among the mares are Blonde, the dam of Uhlman; Sweet Marie, 2:02; Consuela S., 2:07 1/2, and a sister to The Harvester.

This week this stock will be sent to Lexington, Ky., by special express train to take the stalls at famous Cassleton, left vacant by the removal of the Keene thoroughbreds. Mr. Look bought Cassleton last fall, many of his friends wondering why he had selected a farm of world wide fame for what they supposed was to be the home of his few holdings in horseflesh. He modestly kept his plans quiet, and when he decided to buy Bingen was less than five minutes in putting the deal for the Ardmore Farm trotters through.

David Look is known to followers of the grand circuit as the owner of Emily Ellen, 2:09 1/2, the little daughter of Todd, who picked up something like \$17,000 in her Futurity engagements two years ago against Colorado B. and Grace. He is a Kentuckian by birth and a son of the late Samuel J. Look of Louisville, who at one time managed the famous Glenview Stock Farm of McFerran.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT LIVE RING STARS

Joe Woodman predicts a \$30,000 house for the return engagement between Samuel Langford and Samuel McVea on Easter Monday, down at Sydney, Australia, from which must there are many reasons for believing that the Nova Scotian will emerge the winner. It is certainly about time for the cutting of the comedy down in the Antipodes.

Tom Andrews gets out one of the most interesting and accurate boxing columns in the country, but when he appears in print with the statement that Mantell's recent victory over Bill Papke places the Rhode Islander in the same class with Jack Dillon, Frank Klaus, Eddie McGorty and Hugo Kelly, Tom is sure to find plenty who will disagree with him.

Here is a point that Andrews makes incidental to the recent death of a boxer in a Paris ring, that is unfortunately only too true:

"Funny how some people become horrified when a boxer is hurt, but how indifferent they are when men are killed on the football, baseball or cycle fields, or when they are killed by dozens on the automobile race tracks and in airships, etc. In France it has been recorded the past year or two that the deaths from auto accidents and flights in the air have been enormous, running up into the hundreds, but the moment the first accident happened in a boxing match, which is one death in the sport since introduced into that country, there is once a howl about the roughness of it. However, the jury that investigated the affair found that the man died, not from the effects of a boxing match, but from heart trouble, brought on by over-exertion. It is hard sometimes to guard against men in that condition, even though they are examined by doctors. Compared to other sports boxing is mild and not half as dangerous, as records will prove."

BASEBALL

Al Orth of the old Phillies, whom Frank Hughes (Old Sport) the well known Philadelphia sporting writer, dubbed the Curvesless Wonder, is coaching the Washington and Lee University ball players at Lexington, Va. Orth's home is at Rossmore or thereabouts.

Eddie Cloutte has a rival. "Flame" Delhi, the new White Sox pitcher, has a knuckle ball that has the veteran Billy Sullivan standing on his head trying to catch it. It does not make any revolutions, according to Sullivan, but shows its seam all the way to the plate; but if Delhi puts on steam it breaks so close to the plate that it is a matter of luck if it is hit or caught.

Charles Webb Murphy, the dapper owner of the Cubs, springs more schemes on the public than all the other magnates put together. It was not long ago that he came back from a trip to Panama and announced that he had discovered something in the resilient line that would revolutionize the making of baseballs, and now he is credited with being a party to a plan to establish a baseball farm at Atlantic City, which will be a nursery for future Cubs; and to cap the climax Murphy is reported to have secured the American rights to four Zeppelin passenger dirigibles, two of which will make daily flights from Chicago and two from Atlantic City, each showing.

JACK CHESBRO REINSTATED

Cincinnati, O., Mar. 21.—The national baseball commission today acted favorably on the application for reinstatement of John D. Chesbro, the former National and American league pitcher. He returned to the game as a free agent, his unconditional release having been given him by the New York American League Club.

ENGLISH CHECKER CHAMPION

Boston, Mass., Mar. 21.—Alfred Jordan, the London checker expert and champion of the United Kingdom, played 28 games of simultaneous checkers at the Wells Memorial Institute last night, winning 23, losing none and getting a draw on six. Those who earned draws with the champion are G. B. Wheeler, F. Kennedy, J. Jackson, A. Thomas, H. E. Campbell and John O'Brien.

ATHLETICS

In the French National cross-country championship, held at Le Mans on March 2, Jean Bouin, the sensational winner of last year's international race was again the winner. He ran easily until the last mile, finishing in fine style in 59m. 68s. As he did 54m. 7 3/4s. in the international in 1911, it is plain that he did not have to extend himself, if the different courses are the regulation 10 miles.

There were 145 starters in the French National and 146 finished, while in the English National run on the same day there were 173 starters.

Our old friend, Alfred Shrubbs, won the English cross-country championship five years in succession, a record not duplicated in the history of the event. The man to approach nearest to it was E. W. Parry of the Salford Harriers, who won in '88, '89 and '90.

BRAVER AND TENNEY PART.

Boston, March 21.—Fred Tenney and the Boston National Baseball Club had a friendly but final parting yesterday afternoon, as concerns the veteran's contract with the club. After a long talk with Treasurer James E. Gaffney at the Boston office, a compromise was agreed upon, whereby a certain lump sum is to be paid Tenney and the contract becomes void. The terms, which are private, were wired to President Ward and accepted by him.

Just what Tenney's plans for the future may be are not known, but it is unlikely that he will further interest himself in the Fall River club and he will probably drop baseball altogether to go into some other line of business. It is not improbable that he may open a sporting goods store in this city.

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