

The World of Sports

SOME LONG-TERM LEAGUE PLAYERS

Chance Has Been With Chicago Cubs Ten Years—Plank and Matthewson Have Same Record.

Frank Chance, captain and manager of the Chicago National League Baseball Club, two times world's champion, has finished his tenth consecutive year of service with that organization. He has been with one club longer than any other professional player now in the diamond arena. There are not many players who have never been with more than one club. Considering the number of players in the big league fold, they are few and far between.

Chance has served with only one team since coming into major league ranks, but at that time he has been employed by two owners. The first was Jim Hart and the second was Jim Murphy. Chance joined the Chicago in 1898 as a catcher. He also has played in the outfield for them, and from a raw recruit has worked his way up to leader of the strongest baseball team in existence.

His is the reward of merit, and not being a rolling stone, he has gained a share of it. Yet to be a rolling stone in baseball does not imply imprudence, nor is it a reflection on the ability of the player. There are players who have changed about who are performers of the highest class, and who have laid aside nest eggs of considerable size. They have stuck to their work none the less faithfully for having roamed under various banners.

Johnny Kling is another warrior under the Cub standard who has not played big league ball elsewhere. He came to the Chicago in 1901, and has been there ever since, catching many games each year, taking the pounding of many pitchers season after season, and with no falling off in the quality of his work.

He is one of those day-in-day-out catchers who do all the better work for doing a great deal of it. The backstop is the recipient of more actual battering than any other man on a team, and in view of this fact it is somewhat surprising that some of them—such as Kling, Breenahan, Doolin and Sullivan—can do so much work and do it so well.

Eddie Flinn, the crack pitcher of the Athletics, has been with Connie Mack for seven consecutive years, and with no other. He has come to be as much of a fixture in Philadelphia as Christy Mathewson has in New York. Like Plank, Matthewson's big league career has been confined to one team. He tried his way into major company the same year as Plank—1901.

The New Yorks came mighty near losing Matthewson on a couple of occasions, one when he was about to jump to the St. Louis Browns during the war time, and once when he was traded to Cincinnati for Rusie, but was traded back before the season opened. In 1905, when Matthewson and Plank faced each other on the slab in the opening game of the world's series, each had come to his respective club an unknown, and in the interim became famous in the same length of time and without changing employers.

Fred Clarke and Barney Fred Clarke, Tommy Leach and Hans Wagner are conspicuous examples of men who have not been with one club all the time they have been in the National League. They have, however, been with one employer all that time—Barney Dreyfus.

They were with Dreyfus when he owned the Louisville club, and came with him to Pittsburgh. In due time they will pass out, possibly playing in some other city before retiring, though that is not likely, but when they do step down and out Pittsburghers will feel that they have sustained a personal loss, so firmly have Clarke, Wagner and Leach become part and parcel of the Smoky City baseball and its traditions. Pittsburgh has helped make them famous, and they have done the same for Pittsburgh.

Fred Tenny was a faithful toiler for the Boston Nationals for even longer than Chance has been with Chicago, but Tenny no longer is identified with the fortunes of the Hub. He arrayed himself with the Boston forces in 1897, probably as a good ball player as he ever was and yet the now is seeking his livelihood in another field. That's the way in baseball.

Two other Pittsburgh standbys are the two pitchers, Sam Loefer and Deacon Phillippe. They are as thoroughly ingrained in the Pirate baseball fabric as cotton in calico. Both have been with the Pittsburgh club steadily since 1900, and have known no other master.

Only the owner of the Philadelphia Americans has signed the checks that have rewarded Chief Bender's diamond services since he has been a member of the national game's elite. The Indian pitcher in Connie Mack's team in 1903, Carl Lundgren, of the Chicago Nationals, and Bob Ewing, of the Cincinnati, have done all their big league pitching with one team, both since 1903.

BASEBALL RECORDS.

Greatest number of times at bat—Brown, Louisville, 1892; 658 times.

Greatest number of base hits—Koeber, Baltimore, 1897; 243.

Greatest number of chances accepted by catcher—Schreckengost, Athletics, 1905; 899.

Greatest number of chances accepted by first baseman—Donohue, Chicago, 1907; 1,988.

Greatest number of chances accepted by second baseman—Evers, Chicago, 1904; 829.

Greatest number of chances accepted by third baseman—Collins, Boston, 1893; 801.

Greatest number of chances accepted by shortstop—Allen, Philadelphia Nationals, 1892; 955.

Greatest number of chances accepted by fielder—Slagle, Washington, 1899; 424.

Greatest number of games pitched—Hutchinson, Chicago, 1892; 79.

Pitcher giving greatest number of passes on balls—Rusie, New York, 1892; 24.

Greatest number of strikeouts—Waddell, Athletics, 1903; 301.

Greatest number of championship games in one year in major leagues—Three, September 1st, 1890. Brooklyn vs. Pittsburgh; scores, 10-9, 5-4, 5-4.

BASEBALL DOPE.

Bobby Vall, who is probably the greatest pitcher that Davidson College has ever turned out, is doing great work with the Pittsburgh club in the spring practice. Vall was purchased from the Portsmouth club in the Virginia League late last season by Pittsburgh and made a good showing while with the National League club last year.

Gus Salve, the ex-Chick who went to the Philadelphia Americans at the close of the season here last year, is doing very good work indeed with Connie Mack's aggregation. He has been working three or four innings a day against the Yanigans, as the second team is called, and has allowed but very few hits per game.

Myers, the fast little third baseman who broke his leg while playing with Anderson last season and was sent home with a well filled purse by his many friends among the ball players and fans, will play again with Anderson. He was a good man last year and should play a good third base for them this season.

"Dad" LaRoque, who played first base for Charleston the first year of the South Atlantic League, is to umpire in the Carolina Association this year. The old gentleman must be getting a trifle old but with his eyesight is still with him and if the lamps are a little dim he can turn 'em up or brighten 'em up with a pair of good glasses.

JENNINGS SOLVES LAW POINT.

Hughie Jennings has managed to interest Johnny McGraw in a point of law, says an exchange. Jennings is a lawyer in the winter time, and he has just decided that a baseball manager who is a stockholder in a ball team cannot be put off the grounds by an umpire who is a mere hireling. "If the manager owns an interest in the club," rules old Judge Jennings, "he is interested in the ownership of the park or the lease of it." "Therefore, know all ye men by these presents, that the heretofore mentioned party of the first part cannot be excluded from grounds by any umpire who shall hereinafter be called the party of the second part—and a few other names, to be announced at the discretion of the manager."

MORTON IS FOUND.

Former Baseball Magnate Wandering Aimlessly in Chicago. CHICAGO, MARCH 20.—Charles H. Morton, former president of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League, who disappeared from Cleveland January 12 last, has been found by his brother, H. L. Morton, of Chicago. The former baseball official was not in possession of his proper senses, and was discovered wandering aimlessly about the streets of Chicago. H. L. Morton said to-day that there was hope for his brother's recovery, though his mind now is a blank. Since his disappearance he has been in Texas, Mexico and other Southwestern quarters.

Orth Sends Transportation.

LYNCHBURG, MARCH 20.—Transportation has been telegraphed to the members of the local baseball squad, who have been ordered to report for practice next Monday. Manager Orth stated yesterday that he expects most of the eighteen men here Sunday, though Andy Lawrence will not report before April 1. The first exhibition game will be with Newark, of the Eastern League, on March 30.

TRINITY HOLDS DOWN THE PHILLIES

Big Leaguers Find the Durham Nine Tough Proposition to Handle—Gantt and Coveleskie Perform Well—Harris' Fielding Sensational.

Durham, March 19.—The Trinity College team again this year beat the Durham nine, and that Bob Gantt, who made such a record in the box last year, would again this season maintain his reputation, could easily be seen here this afternoon, when Trinity met for the second time the fast Philadelphia Nationals, which team defeated the local nine at Southern Pines last Saturday by the score of 6 to 0. It was hardly expected that Trinity would score against the professionals to-day, and it would have been highly gratifying if the team had played only as well as it did last Saturday. But the community is elated to-night that Trinity held the Phillies down to one run to-day, the score being 1 to 0 in favor of the visitors. Not until the seventh inning did the professionals succeed in getting a man across the rubber, and while the locals failed to score at all, they held the visitors well.

Gantt pitched a phenomenal game, striking out eight men, while Coveleskie, Philadelphia's twirler, pitched the entire team in a most excellent manner. Harris, who knows genuine ball ability and who has in him the makings of a fast fielder, made a most spectacular catch in left field, and cut off a runner at first base. The largest crowd that ever saw a game here, perhaps, was present to witness the contest. It was estimated that the best were 1,300 present.

Score by Innings: R. H. E. Philadelphia 0 0 0 100—1 7 0 Trinity 0 0 0 000—0 0 0 Batteries: Coveleskie and Doolin; Gantt and Flowers. Time, 1:40. Umpire, Richie.

St. Mary's 2; Lenoir 0.

Belmont, March 19.—The opening of the baseball season at St. Mary's College was signalled by a brilliant victory over Lenoir College by St. Mary's the score being 2 to 0. The game was a remarkable one for this early in the year, as neither pitcher gave a base on balls and St. Mary's did not have an error.

Price's hitting and Foley's fielding for St. Mary's and Gainer's catching for Lenoir were the features. Rosseau pitched a beautiful game and was well supported.

Score by Innings: R. H. E. Lenoir 0 0 0 000—0 5 5 St. Mary's 2 10 0 Batteries: Williams and Gaines; Rosseau and Sullivan.

A. & M. Takes First Game.

Raleigh, March 19.—A. & M. defeated Elon College here to-day by the score of 4 to 0. It was the first game of season but was fast and snappy. Brandon, Raleigh's star last season, pitched for Elon. The features for A. & M. was the work of the pitchers and the batting and fielding of the team; for Elon, the pitching of Brandon and the work of Rowe at second. Score: R. H. E. A. & M. 100 002 10x—4 3 2 Elon 000 000 000—0 1 5

COCASH A SECOND KEELER SAYS BULGER OF GIANTS

The Little Springfield Outfielder Surprises Manager McGraw By His Snappy Hitting.

NEW YORK, MARCH 20.—The World says: One of the surprises of the training season is Johnny Cocash, the little outfielder who comes to the Giants from Springfield, Ill. For a few days Cocash showed nothing particularly noteworthy, but as he limbered up he began to astonish McGraw and Robertson by his wonderful ability as a snag hitter. He uses his bat very much as does Willie Keeler. He swings entirely with the arm, keeping his body erect. While at Marlin he made the remarkable record of thirteen hits in three days, three of which were home runs.

Cocash is only twenty-three years old, but has been playing ball for three years. He is short and stockily built. His weight is deceptive, as he tips the beam at 160 pounds. He does not look to weigh over 140. Cocash makes his home at Detroit, but has been in Springfield, Ill., for three years. Last season his batting average was .272 but this was due to the fact that he got a bad start. During the season he led the league in number of hits, as he peeled off 164. Cocash is a great favorite at the hotels where he stops on account of his great love for children. He spends an hour or two every day taking the little fellows out for walks and taking part in their games. It is a common sight to see him seated in a hotel lobby with six or seven little tots climbing all over him.

DONLIN WILL REMAIN AN ACTOR

Mike Issues Statement Which Says That He Has Signed a Theatre Contract.

BOSTON, MARCH 20.—Mike Donlin, actor, ball player and holdout, will not be with the Giants this season. "Mike and his wife are playing an engagement at a local theatre. In reply to the query, "Will you play in New York this season?" he said that he is "not willing," continued Mike, "but my figures did not strike Mr. Brush in the right spot. He advised me to continue on the stage, as his organization could not pay the price I asked. His ultimatum reached me three days after he mailed it in New York. I was in Columbus, O., at the time. Since then I have not heard from him. I did nothing in the meantime until last week, when I signed up contracts that will keep Mr. Donlin and myself working until July 5, when we shall close in Los Angeles."

The Larid Glow of Doom

was seen in the red face, hands and body of the little son of H. M. Adams, of Henrietta, Pa. His awful plight from eczema had, for five years, defied all remedies and baffled the best doctors, who said the poisoned blood had affected his lungs, and nothing could save him. "But," writes his mother, "seven bottles of Electric Bitters completely cured him." For Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Sores and all Blood Disorders and Rheumatism Electric Bitters is supreme. Only 50c. Guaranteed by W. L. Hand & Co.

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MACE WILL WORK IN THE VIRGINIA STATE LEAGUE
 RICHMOND, MARCH 20.—In Secretary Farrell's latest bulletin the announcement of a contract of Harry Mace with the South Atlantic League is made. When asked about this matter yesterday Secretary E. N. Gregory, Jr., of the Virginia State League, states that he holds a letter from President Jones, of the Sally League, which gives Mace a free hand, and which called off the deal which was on between the two.

Had Mace gone so far as to have accepted terms with the Sally circuit, Jones' letter serves as a release and left Mace free to sign wherever he pleased, and his choice was the Virginia League. His contract is now with Secretary Farrell for promulgation, together with a statement from the Sally circuit president, which states that Mace had not signed there. Gregory did not accept a contract from Mace until he was sure of Mace being free.

Wiltse Wants \$4,000 From Giants.
 Unless President Brush will agree to sign him for a salary of \$4,000 this year, George Wiltse, the Giants' crack left-hand pitcher, declares he will not play ball, but would not accept a job with the outlaws. Wiltse said that he had received a contract for \$3,000, but that he would not accept such terms under any consideration. Wiltse is in excellent condition right now. He has been playing handball all winter and taking part in a number of indoor ball games.

Flance Bails Man Out of Jail and Will Hurry Wedding.
 Special to The Chronicle. WINSTON-SALEM, MARCH 20.—Mari Ashby, a young man under indictment, charged with carrying concealed weapons, was released from Stokes county jail last week, bail being arranged by his affianced, Ashby is engaged to be married and the ceremony is announced to take place tomorrow.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.
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