

DETROITS ARE BIG BOY TEAM

Enthusiasm of Youth Oozes in Every Move of Ty Cobb Aggregation in Training at Augusta.

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Augusta, March 13.—Detroit has a team of big boys. Look them over, one after another, and the impression of boyishness gains on you. Age has not set in upon these men, who have been gathered here to get ready for their annual fight against the New York Yanks—for it is the New York team that is again the target of opposition, as it has been for the last three years.

The enthusiasm of youth oozes out of the Detroit players at every move they make. They eat with enthusiasm, but not with greed. There is none of the "bring it all to me" about them. Some ball players, when they enter a dining room, begin to form their lips before they get half way to their seats. "Ready to go, George," and they mean it too. Ty Cobb says players of that type are not so common since the war. Ball players have changed a lot since then, according to the Tiger manager. Some, who went over to the other side and returned have had the finishing touches of travel put upon them, he says. They appreciate the difference between a meal on the table and a meal in the trenches.

The Detroiters are a cozy corner team. That is the kind of a team over which old managers never grow weary of talking. A cozy corner team is one that gets down in one corner of the lobby of a hotel, lights up pipes and begins to talk baseball. The manager who has that sort of team can permit himself a night off now and then. He knows that his players are dreaming of the days when they will see the fans of their home city rushing for the home bound cars cheering and saying "they've won again." When you don't come through that way for them they are likely to get out the old tin bucket and throw raspberries into that.

Of the new pitchers Detroit has taken on, there is one of whom the Tigers speak respectfully thus early. He is Whitehill, a southpaw, who finds himself higher up than he expected to be so early in life. Whitehill has the massiveness of a right hander in his upper chest, notes, whereas many left-handers are slight. Whitehill is like Daus in build and Daus and his shoulders have done a great deal in their way to hold Detroit.

The Detroit players say that Whitehill has a curve like Daus. When a left hander can curve like the righthanded Daus, he is approaching a condition of perfection, from the Detroit viewpoint.

There is another pitcher of whom the Tigers also speak respectfully. His name is Cole.

"He may be the best lefthander in the American League in 1924," said a visitor.

"Maybe he is," said one of the Tigers. "Maybe he is right now."

It will be noted that clannishness with the Tigers runs right through to the pitchers. They are as much with the boys as the infielders. "Don't overlook Stoner," said Arthur Sheehan, who travels with the Detroit and looks after their comfort. "Stoner is back with us again. You ask Fort Worth what they think of Stoner. He pitched them to the championship last year."

"Detroit sent Stoner out for experience last year. I'm trying to figure out," said Cobb, in speaking of it. "Whether Stoner got the experience, or whether we did. Anyhow, he got the games. If we had known he was going to pitch a team Fort Worth into the pennant, maybe we would have kept him to pitch a team like Detroit into the pennant."

Good, a left hander who was the minor league pitching wonder of Michigan last season, pitched himself loose somewhere in his lumbar region. All winter he has been trying to find out what was loose. He says he thinks the doctors have tagged it. Good won 11 games in succession for Bay City last season, and altogether he won 20, while losing only a handful.

FARMING OPERATIONS RETARDED BY THE COLD

Fort Worth, March 13.—Farming operations in all parts of Texas have been severely retarded by continued rain, snow and cold, and farmers are far behind in their work, especially plowing. However, wheat conditions in Texas are better for this season than in many years previous according to H. B. Dorsey, secretary of the Texas Grain Dealers' Association, who has just completed a survey of the wheat raising sections. His canvass, made by sending out a large number of return post cards, showed acreage was 68 per cent as compared with last year, and condition, 106 per cent as compared with last year.

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FOR THE GAME'S SAKE

By LAWRENCE PERRY
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New York, March 13.—Is there a chance that some country other than the United States may win the 1924 Olympiad? There is. Some think it is not a bad chance either. Many persons who are interested in sports insofar as they provide thrilling competition, but are unfamiliar with underlying facts and trends of various sorts, may be surprised to hear this.

As they view it, the United States always has won the track and field games at the Olympics and will continue to do so. Thus, the great handicap placed upon us by the results of the winter sports at Chamonix and defeats that will come in other branches of sport with which we are not very familiar, will be made up and our prestige will remain unimpaired.

Sad to say there is no certainty as to this. The outcome of the winter sports last month gave Norway the amazing total of 134½ points. Nevertheless Norway is not to be regarded as a dangerous customer at Paris. A lot of the points going to make up the big total earned by the Norwegians were won in the ski events in which the northerners excel.

Little Finland with her 76½ points gained at Chamonix, however, will be a real danger because she will come to Paris with a selected band of some forty athletes, a number which includes all the specialists who in the 1920 Olympiad gathered as many first places as the American team gathered, to wit, nine.

It is quite possible that Finland might next summer win the honor of excelling the United States in

the number of first places and if the competition with Great Britain, France, Italy and Sweden, is as strong as it now seems likely to be the American team might conceivably be obliged to yield first victory to the sturdy Finlanders.

Certainly Finland is going to do a lot of scoring in the distance events and in the field specialties. From distances running upward from 1500 meters, the Finns, with the valuable assistance of Willie Ritola, will pile up many points. They even look for something to come out of their recent improvement in relay racing, while in the pentathlon, the discus and the javelin everyone concedes them to be most formidable. Americans will recognize not only Ritola but J. J. Koskela and Villar Kymer, both of whom ran in this country for several years and perfected their form. They are strong prospects in the marathon, which by the way, Koskela won in 1920.

If we expect to win the Olympics we must win the track and field features at Colombes. For while we are qualified to capture first places in a lot of sports such as tennis, golf, boxing and so on, our habit of specializing, developing stars at the expense of the general field, puts us in a sorry plight as concerns the winning of seconds and thirds. It is here that the other nations may beat us despite the efforts of our champions.

Just at present the United States stands in fourth place in the Olympic standing, the result of the winter sports program.

will start off at New London June 21, and sailing vessels up to 75 feet are eligible. There will be the customary time allowance and members of any organized yacht club in the world may enter. The boats, however, must be substantially built, suitable for extended cruising. Nine entries already have been received.

MANTEO GIRLS' TEAM DEFEATS WANCHESE

Manteo, March 13.—The girls of the Manteo High School defeated Wanchese in their first game of basket ball with Wanchese on March 7, the score being 44 to 24. Daniels starred for Manteo and Tillette for Wanchese.

The line up:

Wanchese	Position	Manteo
Daniels, Margaret	Left Forward	Willis, Hazel
Johnson, Arizona	Right Forward	Mann, Estelle
Gaskill, Violet	Left Guard	Meekins, Alma
Davis, Ester	Right Guard	Midgett, Mary
Daniels, Edna	Center Guard	Miller, Jaunita
Tillette, Mary	Center	Daniels, Beatrice

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Question—Is it permissible for an amateur team to play against a professional team in baseball? Answer—It is. Standing is not forfeited by an amateur if with his team he plays a formal game against a professional team but an amateur team must not accept money for playing against a professional team and of course if any of the amateurs accept money they forfeit their standing.

Question—What pitcher has the record for the longest term of service in baseball? Answer—Denton T. Young, who began with Cleveland in 1890 and although he went to other teams in the course of his baseball career he finished with Cleveland 23 years later. He did not play a full season in 1890 but is entitled to it as a season.

Question—In amateur games is it possible for the players of the two teams to make agreements between themselves by which the rules shall be changed, for instance three

The Sportsman By Walter Camp

New York, March 13. Norman Brookes is essaying a return to the tennis courts, and is showing us well. The writer has some doubt, however, whether Brookes ever again will reach the tennis heights he has attained in the past. Tennis is a strenuous sport and although Brookes' tennis brain is as good, or better, than ever, the resiliency that youth alone can supply must by this time be gone.

The Bermuda yacht race this year strikes me out on the bound?

Answer—It is proper for the captains of two teams to agree that three strikes shall be out on the bound but modifying the rules for one game spoils a team for the next game. It is bad practice for the players.

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