

# Major Leagues Have Many Star Performers Approaching 40-Year-Old Mark

## BABE ADAMS, BORN IN 1883 IS THE OLD MAN OF BIG TIME

Jack Quinn Ranks As the Second Oldest With Ty Cobb Next In Line; Many Future Stars First Saw Light Of Day In 1888.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—A full score of baseball players born about the time of the "great blizzard" of 1888 still perform in the nation's major league parks. Dean of them all is Charles "Babe" Adams, sturdy moundsman of the Pirates, who was a world hero in 1909, and toils on, returning to prominence in a decade which seems to have given many veteran pitchers a new lease on life.

Adams was born in 1883. A year later came Jack Quinn, and in 1886 down in Georgia, Tyrus Raymond Cobb, destined to be baseball's greatest outfielder, was named. Vermont produced Larry Gardner and Massachusetts contributed John "Shano" Collins.

The year 1887 provided more history for the national game, bringing into being Grover Cleveland Alexander, Walter Johnson, Harry Hooper and Eddie Collins, four of the game's best known names.

Hooper was to wait another season for the two men who later were to become his partners in one of the greatest outfielders ever developed, the old combination of the Boston Red Sox—Hooper, Tris Speaker and Duffy Lewis. Like Hooper, Lewis was born in California, but Speaker was not far away Tris is a native of Hubbard, Texas. Two of the combination remain in the major leagues, Hooper with the Sox and Speaker with Cleveland as manager. Lewis is manager of the Portland team of the Pacific coast league.

That year, 1888, brought a band of pitchers, outfielders and catchers which has cluttered baseball's rosters for many seasons. Zach Wheat, marvel of the Brooklyn outfield, came along at that time. So did Gladstone Graney, Clarence Walker, Bob Voach and Fred Williams. For mound duty came Urban Faber of the White Sox, Ray Caldwell, Dick Rudolph and Jim Vaughan. Catchers produced were Lew Marty McCarty, Bill Garden and Chet Thomas. Owen Bush, Eddie Foster and Wheeler Johnston, straggled along for infield assignments.

Wood in 1889. In 1889 the voices of Joe Wood and Rube Marquard were heard for the first time, along with that of Willie Schang, who still catches for the Yankees.

**NOTRE DAME TEAM IN HOUSTON TONIGHT**  
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—The Notre Dame football team will arrive here tonight enroute to California, where they will look horns with the Stanford eleven in the Battle of Roses on New Year's day. The squad is headed by "Katie" Rocker, coach. The step-over in Houston will give the squad a chance to exercise before beginning the last leg of their journey to the Golden State.

**MISSOURI ELEVEN IN LOS ANGELES TODAY**  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—The Missouri football team of the University of Missouri coming for a Christmas day contest with the University of Southern California Trojans was scheduled to arrive here today. A list of U. S. C. students, Missouri alumni and fans were on hand to greet the Tiger band at the station and they will be officially welcomed at a banquet tonight.

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## FLAYS COLLEGES FOR "HIRING" ATHLETES

Dubuque University Head Condemns Policy And Gives Examples.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 23.—(By International News)—The alleged commercialization of college athletics, which he charged, prompted universities to register and retain "good football players regardless of the scholastic standing or records" was flayed here by Dr. Karl Weststone, president of the Dubuque university in an address before the Churchmen's club. "The policy of some colleges of hiring athletes," he said, "is ruining the morale of the student population. How much is there in it for me? has become the question of youths of athletic ability when approached about attending colleges. He declared that an athlete dismissed from Dubuque for drunkenness was accepted without question by another mid-western college and that another star refused admission at an eastern school.

## YALE CREW MAY MAKE TRIP TO GERMANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.)—Yale is reported to be considering sending its rowing crew to Germany in 1925 in acceptance of an invitation extended by the president of the German Rowing association.

The invitation requested that the crew be sent to Germany in 1925, but Coach Ed Leader is declared to be opposed to that.

**A Legend of The Fan.**  
A story of the origin of the lantern and the fan, as told in Japan, concerns a public official who had two beautiful daughters. As the story goes, the girls, who were the treasures of the father's heart, longed to pay a visit to a friend in another city.

The father, however, was unwilling for them to go, as he feared some young man of high degree would win their love and thus take them from him. In reply to their entreaties the father told them they could go providing they promised to bring back to him five wrapped in paper and wind wrapped in paper.

The girls did not know what to do. They were in despair until one of their maids told them not to worry, but go and consult a certain wise woman who lived near the home of the friend whom they were to visit. After promising their father they would fulfill his wishes they set out for the friend's home.

The father was greatly surprised when, on their return, the daughters presented him with five inclosed in a beautifully designed paper lantern and wind in a quilt shaped paper fan. Thus, it is said, the lantern and fan came to us.—Pathfinder.

Preference. "Do you want a dressed chicken?" inquired the butcher. "Why, yes," answered the bewildered bride, shopping for the first time. "And you might dress it in pink."

## RED PEPPERS

HOT SPORT CHATTER BY "EARL"

Grinnell, so we are told, refused to schedule a football game with Coe because Kothawk athletes are required to take a few hours less of class room work each week than those sporting the Scarlet and Black. Eby had agreed to the MATERIAL things, such as not playing freshmen and four-year men. So far, so good.

But, we also are informed that these same Grinnell authorities went ahead and booked a game with Cornell, and nothing was said relative to the question of class rooms. It is appreciated that Grinnell has the privilege of choosing its gridiron opponents, but the reason advanced for not scheduling Coe is almost invisible, to say the least. On the surface it looks like Grinnell waited several years to beat Coe, and then dropped the local institution like a hot poker.

Reports from Chicago indicate that two former Washington high athletes—Elmer Barta and Harrison Barnes—will be regulars on the Maroon basketball

## OFFICIALS NAMED FOR 1925 INTERSECTIONAL

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Three Missouri Valley officials and one from the Pacific coast have been

chosen for the Washington-Nebraska football game at Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 17, 1925, it was announced today. The officials include Robert Morrie, umpire, Pacific; Frank Birch, referee; Fred Cochran, field judge, and J. A. Rully, head linesman.

## COLLEGE HEAD SAYS PRO COACH DOOMED

Tufts President Suggests a New Arrangement in Choosing Elevens.

MEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 23.—A program of collegiate football in which every man in college physically able would play the game in inter-mural competition until about Nov. 10, after which the best twenty players would be selected and coached as the college team to meet other teams similarly chosen in intercollegiate play was announced yesterday by President John A. Cousins of Tufts college as a desirable change over present conditions. Similar arrangements in other varsity sports were recommended.

The present undue influence of graduates which should be purely undergraduate activity would be minimized and the coach would be a bonafide professor of physical education.

Independent of the question of adoption of this suggested change in the general scheme, President Cousins predicted that the professional coach will disappear from college athletics.

The college head said that there was no doubt that colleges gained benefits from football and other sports in addition to the physical training involved to members of the squads. By no other means could so keen a community of interest be aroused throughout a college in the early months of the college year as by football, he thought. The suggested changes, he said, were advanced with the thought of extending these benefits.

## TIGER CAGE QUINTET IN LONG DRILLS FOR MICHIGAN JUNKET

Squad Is Cut To Twenty With Ten Boys Fighting For Regular Berths; Cummins And Skelly Lead Forward Candidates.

WITH less than one week more of practice in which to whip this cagemen into shape for the Michigan junket, Coach Novak is giving the Washington high squad plenty of work, as he drives them for the floor tilts with Union high of Grand Rapids and Muskegon on Jan. 2 and 3, respectively.

Numerous slashes have been made in the crew of aspirants and the squad now has simmered down to about twenty candidates. Of this number not less than ten are in the running for regular berths with the probable first five still more or less a mystery.

Four Forwards Look Good. Outstanding among the forwards are Skelly, Cummins, Illnes and Goebel. The first named is an experienced floorman with a fair basket eye while Cummins continues to display the same form that made him a star in the junior high league last year. It is generally believed, he will win a regular position. Illnes and Goebel were reserves last year, and for the time being are trailing Skelly and Cummins by a shade.

Black Zvonek is likely to fall heir to the center position. The long distance shooter has not yet attained his best form, but he is coming along gradually and should be traveling in high speed by New Year's. He is being pushed somewhat by Harper

for the pivot job, but seemingly has the edge. Hitchcock Coming Along. In event Harper fails to make the grade at center he may land steady employment at one of the guards. Shoups, Hitchcock and McClung are other guard candidates of merit with Hitchcock showing exceptionally good form.

Novak is giving his charges long, daily scrimmages, and thus far the outlook is favorable for a team that will give all opposition a worthy argument.

**Elemental Truth.** One of the main things Calvin will tell congress is nothing new coming from our New Englander. That is, that if we are to tax less we must spend less. That's simply old fashioned economy and was as true when the first tax was levied as it is today. Naturally it's just as true today as it was then. The elemental truth about death and taxes don't change much.—Marshfieldtown

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