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# Latest Sporting News

## RECRUIT TRIED TO BEAT BOB OUT OF HIS JOB AT FIRST

It is to be doubted if there are any men playing baseball today who have had a more varied experience, or who have a greater lore of baseball anecdotes at the tip of their tongue, than has Col. Unglaub, the genial, crafty leader of the Graingrowers.

Perhaps it is because of the latter fact that he is so popular with the members of his team. These young fellows just breaking into the game, and almost ripe for the big show, are hungry for stories of the majors and are always eager to hear of the colonel's experiences in his long service in the big leagues.

And Bob is always ready to accommodate them when the day's work is done. He is a veritable vat of baseball anecdotes and all that is necessary is to turn the tap, and out comes a fresh and decidedly interesting tale of diamond romance, adventure, tragedy or mayhaps comedy. And the colonel is constantly adding to his store.

One of his latest yarns concerns a happening during the present spring training season. There was a young fellow named Pugh, who was recommended to the Fargo-Moorhead management by one of the officials of the league. It appears that this official had a close personal friend in Des Moines an dthe young ball player in question was a friend of the Northern league official's friend.

So on the recommendation of the league official, Bob consented to give the youngster a tryout.

When the colonel arrived at Minneapolis, where there were forty-one candidates for the team that has now been nicknamed the Graingrowers, he found a most unusual situation. Almost every candidate, except the pitchers and catchers, appeared with two gloves. One was the usual big first baseman's mit and the other was the usual fielder's glove. Asked what positions they played the ambitious candidates almost invariably parried with the counter question: Where are you going to play? If Colonel Unglaub said first, then the candidate seemed to lose all interest in the big mit he carried at once—they all played somewhere else on the infield or outfield. No one wanted to contest Bob's job.

Young Pugh from Des Moines, however, was a first baseman. He frankly admitted that nobody else had a chance to play first while he was out for the job. Unglaub did not say anything about the position that he was to play. But in the first practice game between the regulars, or veterans and "Yannigans" Bob placed himself on the initial bag for the regulars and put young Pugh on first for the other team.

The youngsters were given one of the strongest pitchers, Schmirler, to even things up.

Usually the boys who are breaking in are modest and obey orders without a murmur. Not so with Mr. Pugh, however. He immediately raised a roar about being placed with the second team.

"Are you going to play first on the regulars?" he demanded of Bob.

"That's my position," answered the colonel.

"Well, why don't you give me a chance?" answered Pugh.

Bob carefully explained that in putting Pugh on the second team he was doing just that—giving him a chance. He told him that he was going to watch him play, and if he was convinced that Pugh was a better first baseman than he was, that he would certainly give him the bag. "There are six other positions I can play," said the former Boston star, "and I guess I will be able to find a place on the team."

The game started and had not progressed far before it was plain to be seen that the youngster was a "frost." He made a number of foolish moves, but the climax came when there was a man on first and a man on second, with the Yannigans in the field.

Schmirler, the left handed pitcher, has a quick deceptive snap toward first to keep the runner hugging that bag. Suddenly he flipped it to Pugh and the latter, entirely unprepared, received the ball squarely in the nose.

It almost bowled him over and as he untangled himself from the knot he had been knocked into, he yelled at Schmirler:

"Hey, don't you know better than to try to catch a runner off first with a man on second?"

Bob roared back at him, wanting to know if that was the way Pugh expected to beat him out of his job.

That night Bob released over twenty of the squad by the simple expedient of writing a list of those he wanted to keep on a long sheet of paper and nailing it to the door of the clubhouse. He informed the squad to look it over and any man who found his name not there could consider himself a free agent.

Not a single protest was heard. The boys took their shower baths, rubbed down and left the clubhouse. All but Unglaub, Mike Cantillon, the man who has charge of the baths—and Pugh.

## RALPH DE PALMA WILL TRY AGAIN IN 500 MILE AUTO CONTEST.



Ralph de Palma will take another shot at the next Indianapolis 500 mile race. De Palma lost the second of this series of contests in what will always be remembered as a tragic mishap. But a few miles from the finish, seemingly an easy winner with a big lead, his engine broke down, and victory faded from his grasp.

## WOODLANDS WILL MEET HIBBING

DULUTH, May 7.—On next Sunday, May 10, Athletic park will be the scene of the first baseball game of the season when the crack Hibbing team will open an engagement with the Duluth Woodlands.

Negotiations with this strong Meaba range team have been pending for some time, the matter being finally closed today. Inasmuch as the Duluth White Sox do not open their regular season here until Monday, May 18, local followers of the national pastime who are getting anxious and impatient to witness an exhibition of their favorite sport will be privileged to see what promises to be a good contest in the meeting of these two teams.

In prevailing upon the Hibbingites to appear before the Duluth fans, the Woodlands have succeeded in securing one of the very strongest independent teams in the Northwest to open the local season of the league grounds. Several well known former league players are in business on the range and play regularly with this strong aggregation.

Judge Brady, the well known baseball enthusiast, is again managing the Hibbing team, which, as can be inferred, is composed of the best material that could be obtained and the management has spared no expense in collecting the fastest players that were available. Always a good live ball town, Hibbing has demanded the very best that could be obtained to represent it and in this they have usually succeeded. The reputation and he record of last year's team were first class and that this standard of excellence will be maintained this season seems assured.

In meeting the Woodlands the Hibbing team will find a team composed of the best semi-pro talent at the Dead of the Lakes. Headed by Big Sam Meniece, last year's White Sox star first baseman, who last week signed up with them, Frank Summers, another former Duluth league player, and Capt. Carl Hon, who sensational pitching brought the team into the limelight last season, the Woodlands will present the strongest lineup that probably could be assembled in the Zenith City.

Not only will a large attendance of Duluth fans be out to see the game, but a good sized delegation of boosters from the range towns will accompany their team to see the contest.

The latter sat down for a time, while Unglaub and Cantillon talked over the business matters of the team.

Finally Pugh broke in: "Say, my name doesn't appear on that list. Does that mean that I'm released?"

"It sure does," said Bob. That did not satisfy the recruit, and he started an argument which Unglaub followed up, explaining just why he wouldn't do. Finally Cantillon could stand it no longer.

"Here you he roared. "Don't you know when you're fired. Pick up that uniform and get to the duce out of here!"

And Mr. Pugh vanished.

## SKIES WEEP AT GATE CITY

**FARGO-MOORHEAD**  
Briere, ss  
Schuler, 2b  
Doyle, lf  
Unglaub, 1b  
Anderson, 3b  
Weidell, cf  
DeRose, rf  
Murphy, c  
Schmirler, Turner or McLaughlin, p  
**SUPERIOR.**  
Persch, cf  
McGee, 3b  
Glass, rf  
Champene, 1b  
Landry, lf  
Dunn, 2b  
Cullis, ss  
Beurund or Moore, c  
Rhodes, p

**MOOREHEAD, May 7.**—While the skies dripped yesterday and the Red river valley gumbo in the two local baseball parks added to itself new stickiness, local fans went about with long faces.

Colonel Unglaub was feeling a lot better after Tuesday afternoon's practice. His pitching staff showed more life than it has done at any time during the training season. In fact they all were on their toes and showed not only smoke and curves, but plenty of ginger.

The whole team seemed to get into the spirit of the thing and they "talked it up" and put as much zest and life into the practice as if they were already contending for the pennant. The fans were delighted with the showing the boys made in the game against Fargo college. Although the field was sticky and heavy, every play went off with a snap.

Colonel Unglaub loaned the college boys a couple of pitchers. Klontz pitched six innings and he fanned seven of the Graingrowers. The big heater put the staff on the ball and showed that he has the goods.

"I can't let a man go who fans seven men in five innings," was the way Bob Unglaub expressed his opinion of the work Klontz was doing.

For the last three innings Watkins took the job throwing for the collegians. He also showed up well, despite the fact that the leaguers were out to slam the pill. The final score was 6 to 1 in favor of the Graingrowers.

For the Graingrowers Turner and Rhodes were on the firing line, with Murphy doing the receiving. Both of the big Graingrowers showed real pitching ability.

Unglaub has made a change in his garden. He played DeRose, the catcher in right field and may keep him there for a time. DeRose is a good stickler and the colonel would like to keep him in the regular lineup. He has two crack catchers besides DeRose in Murphy and Handschu.

It is Unglaub's ambition to have the heaviest hitter outfield in the league. He has already two regulars who give promise of being near the top in the batting averages. These are Jack Doyle and Joe Weidell. Doyle with a percentage of 305 finished third in individual batting last year. Weidell is the man who led the league in batting two years ago.

If a third 300 hitter can be secured for the outfield, the team will have four sluggers of that class, Bob Unglaub himself being one of the most feared batsmen in the Northern.

## OLD JOSEPH KILLIAN SLATED TO CAPTURE FLAG FOR OSHKOSH

Joe Killian's Oshkosh club is a 2 to 1 favorite for the flag of the W. I. league. Killian, the old Winona manager, made a good record at Oshkosh. He won the pennant in 1912 and 1913 and is anxious to repeat this season. Here is a tribute and at the same time a slam at Killian from the Wisconsin State Journal:

"Killian is a wonderful minor league manager—in spite of the fact that the other pilots around the circuit are loath to give him credit for knowing more than they do. He keeps convenient connections with major league baseball clubs—something but few others do—and in this way gets the cream of their castoffs. Killian is a driver. In fact he is too much of a driver. Last year he ruined Dick Cantwell, a promising pitcher, by overworking him. Once in the lead Killian keeps his team going at top pace until they cinch the flag."

**Ancient Money.**  
In Biblical days silver and gold coins were struck of such weight that one of them represented the value of a particular animal, says the Chicago News. Thus the word kesitah (used in Genesis), translated "pieces of money," means literally a lamb. The Latin pecunary comes from pecus, a general name for sheep and the smaller animals. In early times coins bore figures of a horse, a bull or a hog, together with the names of the animals pictured. Afterward, as values changed, the figures upon the coins no longer bore representations of their value in cattle, but figures representing a rose, an eagle, etc.

# CONRAD SAYS PROS. WILL BE AT TOP FIGHTING ALL THE TIME

**FORT WILLIAM, May 7.**—Writing from St. Paul, Minn., President Conrad of the Fort William pro. ball team, says that he will be in Fort William May 9 at the latest. From then on he will make this city his home. Mr. Conrad says that he intends going to Winnipeg for the opening series and will take charge of the finances, leaving Business Manager Charles Kelly at St. Paul. He claims that the first trip is the most expensive one of the season for the locals and for that reason only twelve players will be taken to Winnipeg. The balance will be sent to Winona, where they will wait the arrival of the team there on May 9.

"I have secured a new second baseman, who should make us a good player," states Mr. Conrad. "I can assure you that when the season opens, our team should be in fine condition, and will be right up at the top fighting all the time. We will be able to show the Fort William fans some real baseball and make good every promise we have made by giving Fort William a first division team and probably a pennant too."

In reference to the repairs to the diamond Mr. Conrad states that this work can be accomplished in a week. It will be necessary to raise the pitchers' box eleven inches above the home plate. Mr. Conrad will supervise the work upon his arrival.

Fort William baseball grounds at the Arena park, the future home of professional baseball team, is in the making. The grandstand which will be second to none on the Northern league circuit, is moving along exceptionally well considering the many inclement days and by tonight the first half will be completed. Construction of the stand should be finished Saturday. After this work is completed the gang of carpenters will be turned loose on fixing up the fence, which is in a dilapidated condition at present.

It is the aim of the directors of the Fort William baseball and amusement company to provide their players with a diamond that will be as good if not better than any other on the circuit. In order to accomplish this feat it has been found necessary to drain the entire field. The city corporation is digging a sewer from the grounds to the John street sewer. A three inch sweeping tile sewer is being put under the entire diamond and outfield and his will connect with the city outlet. These sewers and drains will assist materially in keeping the ground dry. Even with a heavy rainfall it would only take about half an hour at the outside to drain the field.

When the players come home for their opening game here on May 21, the Arena park will be in full dress. It will probably be the best park in the Northern league. Even the interior of the fence will be decorated for the season. This space has been contracted for by the E. P. R. Sign company and this concern is sub-letting the space for advertising. Practically every business concern of the city will have an advertisement painted in bold colors on the fence.

## BIG BANQUET AT BUHL FRIDAY EVENING

Friday evening at the village hall, Buhl, the Buhl village council will be hosts to all other range municipalities, village attorneys and newspaper men at a banquet. The gathering is for the purpose of discussing experiences in municipal government, economical methods of purchasing supplies, proper materials to be used in construction of highways, roads and pavements and the betterment of living conditions generally. President Wm. f. Doyle, of Buhl, is the father of the movement and he hopes to organize a permanent League of Range Municipalities that will tend to the improvements above enumerated. The get-together movement has been endorsed by Presidents Austin of Chiscolm, Power of Hibbing, Hagan of Mt. Iron and Boylan of Virginia.

## SAYS VIRGINIANS ARE FAST AGGREGATION

The Virginians are easily the fastest team that has visited this city this year and Taylor is confident that his men will make a strong bid for the pennant in the Northern League this season. They are all fast men on bases and it is seldom any of them can be thrown out on a steal.

Taylor and his men left last evening for Grand Forks, N. D., where they will open the season Wednesday. A singular coincidence of the two teams that battled yesterday is that their leagues each open on the same day, close the same day and both teams are picked as pennant winners. Their work will be watched with interest by many fans this season, as their work on the local lot brought forth much admiration from Musky fans.—Muscatine Journal.

**Consolation.**  
"Look here, waiter, I've been waiting half an hour for that steak I ordered." Waiter—Yes, sir; I know it, sir. Life would be worth living, sir, if every one was as patient as you, sir.—Christian Guardian.

**First Necessity.**  
"How would you define a 'craving need'?" asked the teacher of the rhetoric class.  
"A handkerchief," replied the solemn young man with the wicked eye.—Chicago Tribune.

CAPES HAVE ALMOST DISPLACED COATS IN PARISIENNES' FAVOR.



Paris has gone mad over the cape. It is there seen in many fabrics suitable for mild weather wear. It may be of the material of the gown, as in the case of the costume illustrated here, which is carried out in dark blue serge. While the back of the cape is in loosely flowing lines, the front is fitted to the figure. A turned over collar of white accompanies the wrap.

**JUST DO.**  
"Why do you write so many letters to the newspapers, old man? Do you suppose anybody wants to see your views in print?"  
"Well, it's better than talking to yourself."—Judge.

## AFFLICTIONS.

Stars shine brightest in the darkest night; grapes come not to the proof till they come to the press; spices smell best when bruised; young trees root the faster for shaking; gold looks brighter for scouring; juniper smells sweetest in the fire; the palm tree proves the better for pressing; camomile the more you tread it the more you spread it. Such is the condition of all God's children. They are the most triumphant when most tempted, most glorious when most afflicted.—Boatzky.

## U. S. S. Wyoming Being Rushed Into Commission; Tars Reading Papers



The activity at the Brooklyn navy yard has not been equaled since the Spanish war. The illustration shows the great battleship Wyoming in dry-dock, being rushed into commission, and a group of sailors on the U. S. S. Connecticut off Tamlico eagerly reading newspapers from home.