







IDEAL TRAINING CAMP Managers of Big League Teams Differ on Question.

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What constitutes an ideal training camp for big league baseball teams? Big league managers and players differ in their opinions. Some like the quiet places, where there is nothing to take the thoughts of the players off their work. Others like the big towns, where there are diversions to break the monotony of training. Some also prefer the big towns because more money is to be had there. Some managers like to change every year, so their players will get a change of scene. Many prefer a spot where the athletes may imbibe freely of mineral waters.

In the latter class are the managers of at least five—Fred Clarke of Pittsburgh, Bill Dahlen of Brooklyn, "Red" Doan of Philadelphia and Jimmy Collins of Boston. Of the five, all but New York have picked Hot Springs, Ark. The Giants have trained at Hot Springs, Tenn., for several seasons. The fact that the Giants and Pirates have been contenders for the pennant all the time they have trained at Hot Springs speaks well for their system.

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Defeated by the Meadow Larks of that place by a score of 8 to 6. Loose sliding and free passes were features of the game. The Northampton started scoring in the first when they scored the plate with a rally on a fly pass, a sacrifice and a single. Manchester tied the score in the second on

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Northampton 8, Manchester 6.

let of the players in our league used to tell about his homebaked rumbles to the bases. Well, he tell you something. He's so fast he can take chances all the time. There isn't a club in the league that don't have a set Cobb on first with one run needed by the pitcher. He keeps the pitcher worried, he has the best holdover, and he has the catcher worried, and he has a check that he'll get around. He's the greatest I ever saw."

"Cobb's Own in L.A." It is said that an umpire once gave emphatic satisfaction to both the pitcher and the batter, but that the pitcher told the umpire that he was the National League. "I'm satisfied in my own mind," said Manager Fred Clarke of training. "We last year at Hot Springs, Tenn., for several seasons. The fact that the Giants and Pirates have been contenders for the pennant all the time they have trained at Hot Springs speaks well for their system. The Boston and Chicago Americans are the two clubs that have made considerable trips of their training tours. On Monday several times took his squad to the coast at once in Mexico, and the Red Sox twice went to California. Neither team obtained good results. In the opinion of Nap Lajoie, a training camp should be in a good climate of Alexandria, La., and Mexico, Ga., would be the ideal place. Alexandria has the climate, the water and the hotel, but it lacks population and a good baseball diamond. The latter fault could be rectified, however, by the sending of a groundkeeper ahead of the team to get things in shape. But the town is small and lacks amusements. Consequently the players get mighty tired of it in a week or so, and their work is unusually careless, especially as Manager McGuire was a stickler for the old style plan of having the players walk some eight miles a day in addition to their double workout. Again, it was a case of "all going out and nothing coming in," as the game receipts at Alexandria were practically nothing. Now, Macco has an even better climate—that is, from a training standpoint—in that it does not get so extremely warm. Macco also is a much larger city, but unfortunately it lacks as good a hotel as is wanted by the big league clubs, who insist on the best.

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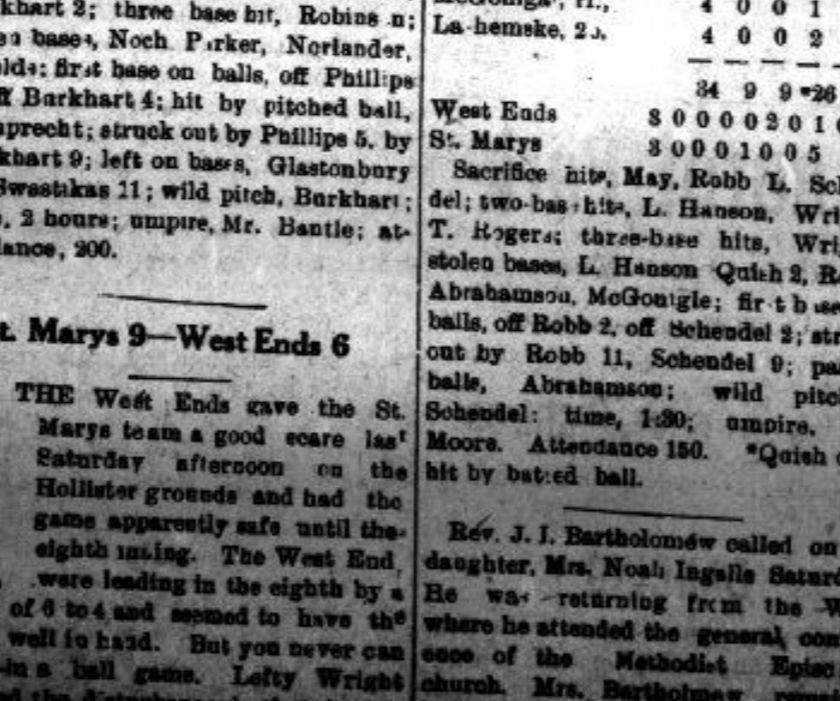
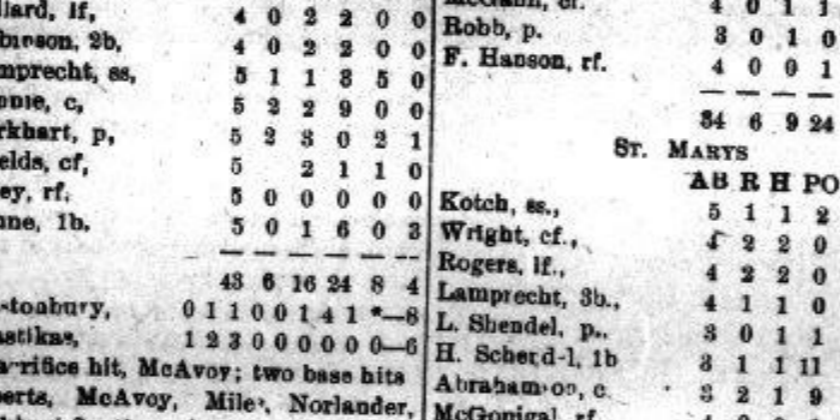
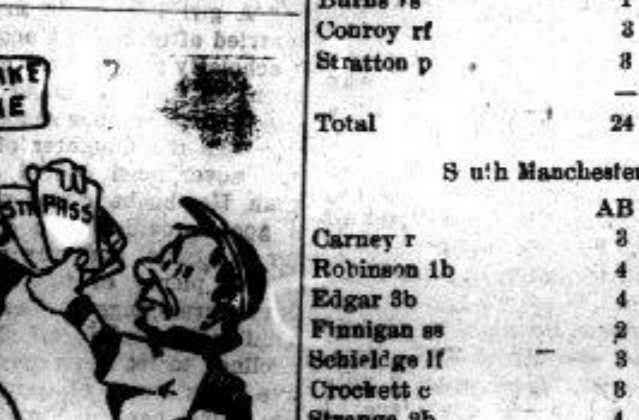
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