

COLLEGE PLAYERS ON LEAGUE TEAMS

Many University Men Have De- veloped Into Stars as Members of Big Baseball Clubs.

College men have played an important part in professional baseball, and many university players have developed into stars as members of big league teams. It is said that Fred Tenney of the Giants was the first collegian who made both the professional players and the fans comprehend what an up-to-date 'Varsity man was really like. He did it with a vengeance, too, and the inimitable Dad Clarke was the goat.

Tenney had just joined the Boston team, and Clarke was about to pitch a game against Selee's performers. Dad had heard of Tenney's signing, and decided that he would scare the tender mamma's boy right off the lot. He hunted for Tenney, approached him during practice, and remarked, with a terrible growl and a savage glare: "Say, you college lobster, you cheap imitation, you four-flushing rah-rah, you Willie boy from the ology class, what business have you got around here mixing up with men?"

Tenney turned, a fierce-eyed figure, with black, straggling hair waving over a pair of vicious eyes. Sizing Clarke up for a few minutes, he began by squirting torrents of tobacco juice all over Dad's shoes. Then he turned loose a flood of explosives that curled Clarke up, leaving him in a dazed and helpless mass. When Dad came in he cried to Fred Knowles: "Say, that guy never went to college. That tough gazaboo never even went to night school."

The collegian who breaks into the big leagues is usually from the smaller colleges, the jerkwater labor with their trigonometry. Men who can afford the pace of Yale, Princeton, or Harvard, as a rule, are too well off to need a baseball contract, and on graduation step right into business at their father's offices. There have been some eminent Yale and Harvard men in the big league, but not many.

The students from the little colleges, rugged young fellows of tremendous physique, take as naturally to a ball player's life as ducks do to water. In a year or two they become amalgamated with the great mass of players. In five years it is impossible to distinguish the collegian by any sign of speech or manner, as the only way many of them are ever identified as 'Varsity men is when an old classmate chances to encounter them. The big leagues contain many collegians, whose very schools are forgotten by all save the

men themselves, and no list of big league college men ever printed has been correct for this strange reason.

Tenney came from Brown, Murray from Notre Dame, and McCormick studied engineering at Pennsylvania; Devlin studied at Georgetown, Bridwell went to a jerkwater college in Ohio, Shafer was in a Southern school when he got baseball fever, the great Mathewson is from Bucknell, Meyers, the big Injun, went to Dartmouth.

Roy Thomas of Boston went to the University of Pennsylvania; Coffey, now with Indianapolis, attended Fordham; Beaumont, now with Chicago, is from Beloit College; Shean is from a college now apparently forgotten, and some of the other Beans are probably university men.

Of the Brooklyns, McMillan went to a Southern college, McElveen to some university in the South, Scanlon to a medical college, and Wilhelm almost twenty years ago was the crack pitcher of an Ohio school.

Overall of the Cubs was a football star at a California university, Reulbach pitched for Vermont and Notre Dame; Chance went to a California college, and Hoffman, Kane, and Stanley got pretty well along in the educational line.

Huggins of the Reds went to law school, Dubec to Notre Dame, and perhaps some more of Griffith's men are from the little colleges. Grant of the Phillies is from Harvard, Doolin was at Pennsylvania, Martell is from a Catholic college, and Sparks is from a school in Alabama.

The champion Pirates, on the face of the return, seem shy of college men, but it is quite probable that some of them were rah-rahs and have forgotten to announce the fact.

Stroke of the Cardinals is from Brown; Bachman is a pitcher from Case Tech. (right name Barton;) Beebe is from the university of Illinois.

Heitmuller of the Athletics is from a California school, Collins is from Columbia, Davis is from Girard College, Philadelphia; Barry is a Holy Cross man; Plank hails from Gettysburg College, Coombs from Colgate, and Bender, the Indian, from Carlisle.

Stahl of the Boston Red Sox is from Illinois University. Hooper got a civil engineering degree upon the coast. Eahn of the White Sox went to some tiny school of Ohio or Tennessee. Relly is a Yale man, White is from Georgetown, Stephens of the Browns is from a small Texas college, and Harry Howell is supposed to have been a collegian long ago. Harry Gessler of the Washingtons is a graduate doctor, and a few more of the Senators may be concealing their college attainments even as they do their baseball abilities.

Readville Track for Autos.

Earnest efforts are being expended to secure the racing plant of the historic Readville race track for a permanent motordrome and aerodrome. The track upon which so many thoroughbreds and harness champions have appeared, has seen its last Grand Circuit Meeting, and as it has been proved that the track is admirably suited to some forms of motor racing, even in its present shape, the chances appear bright that it will be taken over, possibly by the Bay State Automobile Association, and used for automobile racing.