

HAUGHTON TELLS OF MANAGING BRAVES

Says He Will Not Use Harvard Methods and That Stallings Will Have Much Power.

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BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Percy Haughton gave his first interview as a baseball magnate today. Never while he coached at Harvard did he talk for publication, but he says he does not intend to use Harvard methods with the Braves, and that he was silent at Harvard through no fault of his.

Haughton let it be known that George Stallings will have absolute charge of the playing end of the club. The President intends to repeat James E. Gaffney's edict against rowdyism in a speech to the players and make a few trips with the club, but other than that Stallings will be boss.

Haughton said:

"Of course, there has been a lot of fun and joking about how the Harvard coaching system would work out in league ball. That was to be expected. There will be no college methods used, however, in the handling of the Braves. We who own the club realize that we have tackled a very big business proposition. I believe that I am the only Harvard man among the new owners.

"While, to be sure, we will more than appreciate and try to retain all Harvard friendships, we will likewise think fully as much of and cater to the other baseball fans of Boston. The men who have enough money to go through Harvard and enjoy more or less prosperity afterward are great friends for any business. But they should not and will not in our business have what one commentator styled the upper hand.

"Naturally, while I was handling college sport at Harvard there were times when perhaps I had to be rather silent on certain subjects which might have been of public interest, but it was through no fault of mine. I realize now that in a way I am being tried all the time by the Boston public, and consequently will have it in mind always. I might have offered an alibi at Harvard, but preferred to fight it out myself.

"Stallings is a genius, a sort of a baseball wonder. I know very well that George can tell a real ball player by instinct. He has the knack of handling men, and getting them also, that makes a great leader. You can put it as strongly as you like that Stallings will have absolute charge of the baseball end of the Braves. To be candid, the fact that Stallings was signed as manager for a couple of years influenced me as much as anything else in deciding to buy the club.

"What George says will go all the time. I believe that when a man has a job he should be allowed to work along his own lines. Then, if he fails, it is time to break in and help. It is up to Stallings to give Boston a good National League ball team, and I believe in my heart that he will keep right on doing it as long as he cares to remain in baseball.

"I have admired Stallings from the first moment I knew him. That was last Spring, when the task of coaching the Harvard baseball team suddenly fell on my shoulders. Though I had played the game and liked it, I was a bit vague on the coaching part of it. Consequently I looked for help. I went to see Stallings at his hotel. He was genuinely glad to see me. That first night we talked for more than five hours, even though the Braves' manager was sick at the time and worried because his team was not going any too well. As I was leaving he insisted that I come around the next evening. I did, and very often after that. He was always wonderfully interesting. Baseball genius stuck out all over him. He taught me more about the game in a week than I could have learned from anybody else in a lifetime.

"I met Mr. Gaffney and we became very good friends. I heard one day that he declared he would sell the Braves if he was offered enough for them. I consulted the men who are associated with me and later we began to talk prices.

"There is no room for roughneck tactics in baseball and I will not tolerate them on my club. I will probably go South with the team next month. I have been put in here to take charge of the club and watch out for all its business and I'm not going to overlook anything if I can help it."

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