

He told me about having sounded out Lester Layton of Wichita North for the Boston Red Sox scout during the Kansas State semi-pro tournament and sending or taking him, I forget which, to O.U. to see Jap, and having him tell him (Dutch) later that he had been "fixed up". It seems that money for tuition and fees, etc., arrive for these boys from some source and that being minors they have a gentleman's agreement with the Red Sox scout for the boys to go to O.U. with the above paid and a job furnished and that after completing school they will sign up with Boston. All this was told me by Dutch who said it applied to a lot of the O.U. ball players past and present, including "Pete" Scheffler formerly of Wichita and O.U. and now under contract with Boston, as I understand. This is an entirely different man than Dutch S. who gave me all this information. I'm not sure of the spelling of these names. "Pete" or Herb, as he is called, is a long, tall rather chinless person who played a lot of ball around here for a long time.

Another angle that is of interest is that Jap's brother lives here in Wichita nearby to North High and takes a lot of interest in these boys. Layton and he were very friendly according to Dutch, prior to and incident to the Red Sox scout wanting him and Jap wanting him and his being "fixed up" at O.U. with Red Sox "backing" and a job there.

It seems O.U. also has a way of taking care of men who are not baseball players.

My conversation with Dutch disclosed that he had been called over to Jap's brother's house here in Wichita during a tennis tournament to take care of a knee injury to the Tucker boy who later went to the Aggies and subsequently succumbed to the O.U. lure. I don't know how the tuition and fee money was put up or where it originated but maybe it came from the same source as the money paid Tucker for playing nurse maid to the Bruce Drake children. It seems that this was his job for a time, at least.