

At That, Few of Them Will Draw Larger Crowds Than Did the Federals

TALENT TOO YOUNG SAYS MANAGER SHECKARD

DIRECTOR OF THE NEW CLEVELAND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION NEEDS TRIED MEN.

MAJORITY ARE BUT KIDS

Former Cub Star Feels That Older Players in Circuit Will Slip Something Over on His Youngsters—However, He's in the Fight to Win.



MANAGER SHECKARD.

Cleveland, April 13.—Manager Sheckard of the Cleveland club in the American association is worrying over the comparative youth and inexperience of his men.

"I have too young a team as it now stands," he declared recently.

"The experienced players in the association are likely to slip something over on my young players that will cause us to lose a lot of games."

"The only really experienced and mature infielder I have now is Gardner at second. Kipe has played first, but he is not strictly a first-baseman. In the outfield, when I am not playing I shall have three inexperienced players. A team of smart, experienced players is likely to get the goats of youngsters. A successful club must be made up both of veterans and climbers, and as it now stands there are too many climbers and too few veterans."

"I have three experienced pitchers in George, Baskette and Lusk, and the rest are entirely or almost entirely green to the company they must travel in."

"I am not waiting or winching, but just facing the music, determined that

Cleveland shall have a winner. The fact has been forced upon me there are few young players incapable of making good in the majors who can make good in the association or the international league. The best players in these leagues are former major leaguers."

Sport Snapshots

Federal league umpires this summer are going to appear during the real hot spells in neat and nobby light linen suits. And the peanut boys are to be well-mannered and gentle spoken young ones. Also, there are to be lots of ladies days. Glorified rounders will be somewhat refined in Fed circles.

Fred Clarke seems to have such a promising bunch of rookie material on hand this spring that he has determined not to let one go till after that team has returned to Pittsburgh. And even then he is going to keep quite a few more of them than has previously been his habit. There are a number of reasons for this. But the chief one among them is the Feds. If Fred Clarke has a chance to say anything in the matter not one of his bustling youngsters that he has looked over this spring will find his way to the Feds. Most of the major league teams are going to some pains in this particular. The Pirates, however, with their wealth of clever recruits, are especially anxious to give the Feds the slip. Most of the American and National league teams will ignore the 25-man rule this season, so eager are they to hand the Feds a smack on the beeper.

There was a particular reason why Tom Seaton didn't care to play with the Quakers and signed with the Feds. Last season his wife was seriously sick in Philadelphia when Tom was with the team at Chicago. And Mrs. Seaton wired to Tom to come at once. The Philadelphia management was very anxious for Seaton to pitch the game that afternoon and so, declares Tom, they held the telegram back till after the game. When an displeased Seaton, as well as his wife, that they both determined that he should find baseball employment elsewhere at the first opportunity. Which he did.

Buck O'Brien, pitcher, has made a complete tour of the baseball world. He started in at Indianapolis in 1909 and now he's back there again. The first year with Indianapolis they let

Buck go to Evansville of the Central league, which, after giving him a short trial, sent him to Hartford of the Connecticut league. The Boston Red Sox thought he looked pretty good, but they shipped him on to Jack Hendricks at Denver. Buck helped Hendricks win the 1911 pennant and the Boston team called him back in time to win five important games for them. Then he helped the Red Sox win the 1912 pennant, but he made no great hit when he lost the second game of the world's series to the Giants. He was sold to the White Sox. The Sox sent him to Oakland, Cal., but from thence he came back to Indianapolis. Quite an extensive little journey.

It's a pipe that fortune tellers don't often read the sport pages. One of them recently told Joe Birmingham that he and his Naps were going to have a lot of good luck.

BIG LEAGUE CLUBS READY FOR START OF LONG RACE

American and National League Clubs Start Long Grind Today—Strength of Opposing Teams Compared on Eve of Annual Race—Athletics in American and Giants in National Still Seem to Have Advantage.

New York, April 13.—Sunny skies are promised for the start of the major league pennant races of organized baseball tomorrow, although in nearly every city where opening games will be played there is a tang to the spring air which promises to keep "hot weather" pitchers on the bench with their "salary wings" muffled in sweaters and mackinaws.

The major leaguers will oppose each other as follows: National—Boston at Brooklyn; New York at Philadelphia; Chicago at Cincinnati; Pittsburgh at St. Louis. American—Cleveland at Chicago; St. Louis at Detroit; Philadelphia at New York; Washington at Boston.

Large crowds are expected to swarm to the big league parks for the "openers" for not in many years has baseball received the advertising glow it through the winter of 1913-14. The invasion of the Federal league into "organized" territory, the raids upon the players and consequent shifts in lineups has kept the situation before the public and all the old-time excuses and many new ones will be offered tomorrow by office-holders "fans" who feel the call of the bleachers.

Many training trip games this year have been cancelled because of cold weather and the relative strength of the teams has not been so clearly determined before the opening of the season as in previous seasons. Team supporters, therefore, will seek the first opportunity to demonstrate whether their favorites have slowed down and to estimate the value of the new material being given a first trial.

While the forces of organized baseball take the field in battle array, there also will come a blare of trumpets from the Federal league grounds in Pittsburgh, where the Pittsburgh and Brooklyn teams of the Feds will open the season.

The American association, ranked just below the majors, also will open tomorrow with a change in lineup caused by the transfer of a franchise to Cleveland.

During last winter many changes have occurred in the major leagues. The Federal league secured from the older organizations a number of veterans and promising recruit players. The various clubs face the season in the following condition:

Giants. New York—The National league pennant winners of 1913 present virtually the same lineup as a year ago with the exception of Herzog, now manager of Cincinnati, and Shaffer. In Mathewson, Denare, Marquard, Tesreau and Egan the Giants have a string of clever experienced twirlers with several promising recruits in reserve.

Phillies. Philadelphia—Shot to pieces in the raids of the Federal league, the Philadelphia National league team has reformed its lines. Manager Dooin has Bobby Byrne, a seasoned player, to fill Knabe's place at second and is using Irelan and Murphy, youngsters, at shortstop. In pitching, Alexander and Chalmers, veterans will be depended upon. Younger pitchers include Mayer, Marshall, Oeschler, Jacobs, Mattison and Tincup, the Indian.

Cubs. Chicago—The Cubs will start the season with a new manager, an infielder new in his combination and a pitching staff of veterans. The make-up of the inner line of defense finds only Zimmerman in a position new to him. With Humphries, Vaughn, Cheney and Lavender ready to take regular turns on the slab and a reserve squad, the club is fortified with pitchers. Hargrove is a catcher of merit and makes the catching department look strong with Archer and Bresnahan in shape.

Pirates. Pittsburgh—The Pirates' infield with Knetchy, Viox and Mowery guarding the bags and the Veteran Wagner at short, will be as strong on the defense as offense. The Veteran Gibson and Coleman and Brenegan, recruits, will catch. In the outfield Carey is the only player sure of a place. Mitchell and Jim Kelly are likely candidates for the other places.

McQuillan, Adams, O'Toole and Harmon will be regular pitchers. Kautzner and Cooper, young left-handers, will have to show big league caliber. Much is expected of Kautzner. Delbi and Conzelmann are expected to show improvement. Duffy and Liamaux are undeveloped.

Braves. Boston—With a team that has been practically made over since he took charge last season, Manager Stallings predicts that Boston will finish at least fourth. The accession of Johnny Evers, crack second basemen and manager of the 1912 Chicago Cubs, and the resultant loss of Bill Sweeney, was the most notable change in the team. Much is expected by local fans from midfield play of Evers and young Maranville. Recruits will cover the other infield positions, Schmidt at first and Deal at third. Manager Stallings has shaped his outfield for speed with good batting propensities with Gilbert at center, Griffith at right and Connolly at left. Whaling is first string catcher with Gowdy as second choice. The pitchers include Tyler, Perdue, Rudolph, Hess, with Cochran, Meigs, Crutcher, James and Beck as possibilities.

Trolley Dodgers. Brooklyn—With Gilbert Robinson as manager, Brooklyn will have a base-ball general and material for a fast combination. The team is strong in battery and infield material. In Ruck-

er, Reulbach, Ragan, Wagner, Brown and Aitchison the Brooklyn club has six twirlers who should work successfully. The Superbas have McArthur, Fischer, Miller and Irwin, all dependable catchers. The infield combination of Daubert, Cashman, Egan and Smith, with Hummel and Elberfeld in reserve, is a strong lineup. The outfield is not so impressive but in Dalton, Stengel and Wheat the Superbas have excellent players.

Reds. Cincinnati—The Cincinnati team this season will have a new leader in Charles Herzog, formerly of the New York Giants. The probable lineup will be Hoblitzel, first base; Groh, second base; Herzog, shortstop, captain and manager; Niehoff, third base; Marrans, left field; Bates, center; Moran, right field; Yingling, Johnson and Benton pitchers and Clarke, catcher.

Cardinals. St. Louis—The strength of the St. Louis club is an uncertain quantity on the eve of the new season. During the ante-season games with the St. Louis Browns, Miller at first, Butler at short, Dolan and Manager Higgins and Smith, left field; Bates, center; Moran, right field; Yingling, Johnson and Benton pitchers and Clarke, catcher.

American League.

Athletics. Philadelphia—The Philadelphia Americans stand pat on the team that won the championship of the world in 1913. This year Bender and Plank again will be the mainstay of the pitching corps. Mack is relying much upon Bush, Shawkey and Brown. Ira Thomas, the new captain of the Athletics, expects to keep the players "on their toes."

Senators. Washington—With but one reliable veteran pitcher and probably the same lineup, man for man, the second place prospects of this year's Washington club are not bright. Manager Griffith has failed to strengthen the batting department. In the pitching department Walter Johnson is the only real veteran. The most promising in the list of pitchers are Shaw, Ayers, Bentley, a southpaw and Harper, another southpaw. The outfield will be Moeller, right; Milan, center; Shanks, left. The infield will include: Gandil, first; Morgan, second; Forster, third; Captain McBride, short. Behind the bat Griffith is well fortified, having Henry, Ainsmith and Alva Williams.

Naps. Cleveland—The future of the Cleveland Americans, who finished third last year, is problematical. Pitchers Fred Handing and George Kahler, right-handers, jumped to the Federals and then back to Cleveland. The courts now entertain them. Manager Birmingham will have Cullen and James, ex-pitchers last year, to help out Greer, Mitchell and Steen. Gregg and Mitchell are star left-handers and Steen is a good right-hander, and Hagerman, Collamore and Bowman, youngsters. Outside of the box the team is practically the same. Shortstop Chapman is injured and will be out until June. Infielder Olson will fill his place. Young-

sters are Woods and Dunlap, infielders; Billings, catcher; Bassler, catcher; Lovell and Knight are pinch hitters.

Red Sox. Boston—With three star players convalescent, the Boston Red Sox will be handicapped. This Speaker has had a cold; Joe Wood has been operated on for appendicitis and Captain Wagner, the shortstop, has had rheumatism. Everett Scott will play short; Engle first, Yerkes second, and Gardner, third. The outfield is composed of Speaker, Hooper and Lewis. Manager Carrigan will head the catching staff of four, including Cady, Thomas and Nunamaker. Four veteran pitchers remain besides Wood, Collins, Bedient, Leonard and Foster, with Johnston, Kelly of last year's Seattle team and Zeiser as candidate pitchers.

White Sox. Chicago—If the White Sox have added a bit of batting power and a little more speed on the base lines, they are likely to prove factors in the race. The pitching staff is dangerous to batting averages with Russell, Scott, Cicotte, Benz, Lathrop and Roth in shape. Ray Schalk is expected to catch. The addition of Daly, a good hitter, to the backstop department, makes him valuable.

Tigers. Detroit—For the first time in four years the Detroit Tigers will open the American league playing season without George Mullin on the pitching mound. John Dubue is the ranking pitcher. The opening game will find Cobb, Crawford, Stange, Bush and possibly Morarity and Veach in their regular positions. First and second base are doubtful. Gainer may play the initial sack, Vitt or Bauman will play second unless Kavanagh is well Morarity may play third. Veach is the only outfielder fighting for his job.

New York. New York—The New York American league club under Frank Chance has a virtually new lineup. With the exception of Roy Hartzell, second base; Ed Sweeney, catcher and several pitchers, the personnel joined the club late last season or this spring. Chance appears to have a fairly satisfactory pitching staff with King Cole, Warhop, Caldwell, McAlle and Keating. Behind the bat are Sweeney and Gossett. The infield at present consists of Williams, Hartzell, Peckinpaugh and Maisei. Considerable experimenting is likely in the combination. Walsh, Gilhooly, Cooke and Channel give the club more than average ability.

Browns. St. Louis—The St. Louis Americans this year will be a right-hand club, 21 of the Browns swinging from the right side and eight from the left. Of the pitchers three—Wellman, Hamilton and Leverenz—are southpaws, the other seven being right armed. Two of the right-handers are veterans—Baungardner and Mitchell. The new men are James, Taylor, Witte, Edward Manning, Harry Hoek. Manager Riskey is strong at first, Jack Leary and Ivan Howard showing well. Pratt and Wares will work the second sack with the Veteran Wallace at shortstop with Bisland, Jimmy Austin, captain, will hold the far infield corner. Of the new outfielders Messenger and Bill Rumber look good. Catchers are Agnew and Crossin, Joe Jenkins and Jack Enzenroth.

IN FEARFUL STORM MONTANA SPORTSDOM IS EAGERLY WATCHING

DOG TEAMS AND DRIVERS LEAVE HOME IN BLIZZARD ON LONG ENDURANCE HIKE.

Nome, Alaska, April 13.—The all-Alaska sweepstakes dog race, 412 miles over the wind-swept trail from Nome to Candle and return was begun as scheduled at 9 o'clock this morning. All the inhabitants of Nome turned out to see the teams start. A blizzard was in progress and light snow falling. Four teams are in the race: John Johnson's team, 18 dogs, driven by himself; Fred Ayer's team, 11 dogs, driven by himself; Leon Seppala's team, 14 dogs, driven by himself, and Allan and Darling's team, 16 dogs, owned by A. A. (Scotty) Allan of Berkeley, Cal., and driven by Allan. Johnson holds the record for the course. Allan has won the race twice and Ayer won the 64-mile Solomon derby last month. The sweepstakes winner gets \$2,000 and a trophy cup.

Miss Barbara Meister, queen of the Alaska carnival, spent several weeks ago to raise money for the sweepstakes purse, fired the shot that sent the teams away. "Scotty" Allan was the first to drive into Solomon, the first reporting station, covering the distance of 32 miles in three hours and 13 minutes. Fred Ayer was right behind the leader, checking in one minute after Allan. John Johnson reported six minutes later and Seppala checked in 16 minutes after Johnson. Allan's time to Solomon was a little slower than that made on the first stretch last year when Allan and Johnson drove into Solomon together three hours and seven minutes after they left Nome.

Butte, April 13.—Montana sporting world is agog tonight, the eve of the 12-round contest between Battling Levinsky of New York and Jack Dillon of Indianapolis for the light heavyweight championship. Both of the boxers tapered off on their training today with road work. Harry Stout of Milwaukee arrived today and will referee the contest. Indications are that the attendance tomorrow night will exceed that of any other held in from all sections of the state and a large number are here from points outside while the hotel lobbies are filled with enthusiasts.

A special train is being run from several cities close by. Battling tonight was the favorite at 10 to 8, there has been a change of sentiment since their workouts and even money now prevails.

The men will be examined by physicians for the state boxing commission again tomorrow at 3 o'clock and will enter the ring at catch weights.

WILLARD WINS.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 13.—Jesse Willard of Kansas, knocked out Dan Daly of Newcastle, Pa., in the ninth round of a 10-round match tonight. With the exception of one round, Willard was to advantage throughout. A right uppercut after one minute of fighting the ninth round put Daly down for the count. Willard weighed 236 and Daly, 207 pounds.

FEDS OPEN SEASON BEFORE GREAT CROWD

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SEE BALTIMORE BEAT BUFFALO IN OPENING GAME.

ATHLETICS CITY CHAMPS

Philadelphia Series Ends With Tenth Struggle in Which Nationals Lose by 2 to 1 Score—Denver Beats Salt Lake Club in Second Game.

Baltimore, April 13.—In the presence of probably 25,000 persons, the Baltimore Federals defeated Buffalo in the opening game of the season here today, 3 to 2.

Although there were numerous errors on both sides, the game abounded in brilliant plays.

Score— R. H. E. Baltimore 3 7 5 Buffalo 2 5 4 Batteries—Quinn and Jackfirsch; Moore, Krapp and Blair.

Sox Coofs Trimmed.

Davenport, Iowa, April 13.—Davenport of the Three-I league today shut out the second team of the Chicago Americans, 1 to 0. Four fast double plays spoiled the only chances the Chicagoans had to score.

Score— R. H. E. Davenport 1 5 1 Chicago 0 4 1 Batteries—Wells, Middleton and Marshall; Lathrop and Sullivan.

Senators Grab Another.

Providence, R. I., April 13.—Timely hitting combined with errors by the Providence Internationals gave the Washington Americans the game today.

Score— R. H. E. Washington 4 3 0 Providence 1 4 5 Batteries—Cashion, Shaw and Henry; Ainsmith, Mays, Burke and Koehler, J. Onslow.

Athletics Victors.

Philadelphia, April 13.—The Philadelphia Americans won the spring series from the local National league

team today when the world's champions won in 10 innings, 2 to 1. Nationals 1 6 1 Americans 2 7 0 Batteries—Jacobs, Oeschler and Burns; Houck, Pennock and Lapp.

Giants Win Fast Fry.

Baltimore, Md., April 13.—In a fast game the New York Giants today defeated the Baltimore Internationals, 3 to 2.

Score— R. H. E. New York 3 8 3 Baltimore 2 6 3 Batteries—Schupp, Hearne and McLean; Ruth and Egan.

Mormons Lose.

Denver, April 13.—The Denver club of the Western league defeated the Salt Lake club of the Union association in their second game here today by a score of 8 to 2.

Score— R. H. E. Denver 8 9 1 Salt Lake 2 7 4 Batteries—Mitchell and Spahr; Knapp and McClain.

KILLIFER IS FIRED FOR OVER-ANXIETY

New York, April 13.—William M. Killifer, Jr., catcher of the Philadelphia National league club, was expelled from membership of the Baseball Players' fraternity today "for contract jumping." This action the fraternity took in conformity with a resolution it adopted last October prohibiting the breaches of contract.

In announcing Killifer's expulsion David L. Pulez, president of the organization, alluded to "cut-throat tactics" of baseball club owners in inducing players to violate agreements. The magnates, more than Killifer, were blamed for his jumping to the Federals.

Killifer is with Philadelphia and the United States court has held that he is the property of that club.

SEASON WILL OPEN ALONG SOUND TODAY

Tacoma, April 13.—A big automobile parade with city and state officials mingling with the baseball fans will precede tomorrow's opening game here of the 1914 season of the Northwestern league with the Vancouver Beavers billed against Tacoma. Governor Lister is scheduled to pitch the first ball.

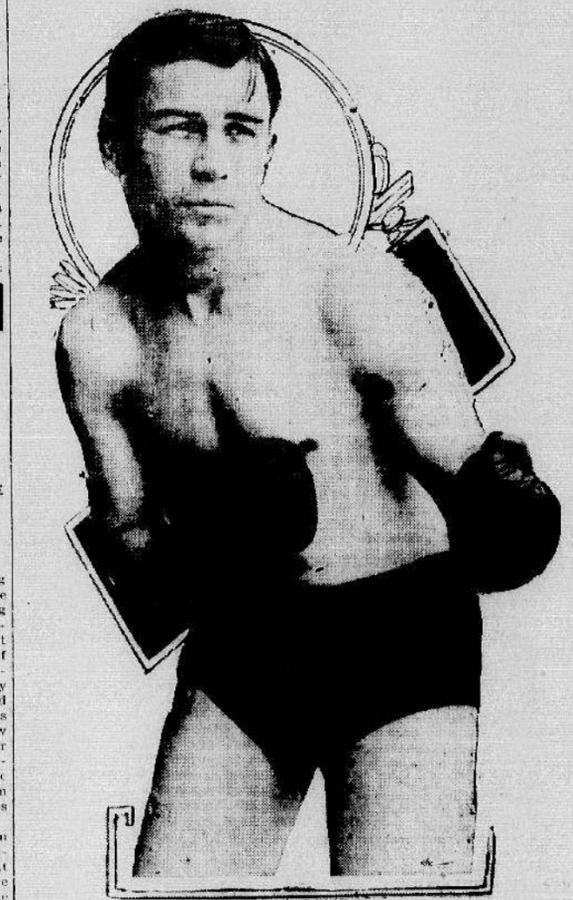
Yankees Greatly Changed During Year Now Closed



"ED" SWEENEY (TOP) AND ROY HARTZELL.

More changes have been made in the lineup of the New York Yankees during the past year than in all other American league teams combined, ago. Only Fisher, Caldwell and War-

Eddie Carroll Is Looking Like Coin From Home



Judging from the size of the crowd that watched the fighters work out yesterday, the gallery at the Piquett boxing bill next Thursday evening will set a new record for Missoula. Interest in the fight is keen and the seats are selling like the justly famous hot cakes. In their training quarters all of the men who are to go on Thursday evening are in the pink of condition. The fight is certain to be one of the cleanest, fastest and best ever staged here.

Eddie Carroll, whose muss with Danny Cummings of Butte is to be one of the features of the card, is attracting lots of attention through his preliminary work. He is clever and fast, fully living up to the advance notices sent from the coast, where he met the best of them and not always to his discredit, either. His meeting with Cummings will be a winner, for the genial Danny is no slouch at the boxing game. Danny fairly lives on punishment, and as Carroll is a bit anxious himself the fight will be fast from the outset.