

AS MATT CUTS LOOSE HOUSTON TAKES DAY OFF

Well Known Checker Player Holds Texans to One Hit in Five Innings.

DEMAREE MANAGES TO KEEP UP GOOD WORK

McGraw Applies the Magic Touch and Champions Re- spond in Usual Way.

MURRAY SHOWS A FLASH

Star Right Fielder Nips Runner at Third Trying to Advance on Lusty Base Hit.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Houston, Tex., March 28.—John J. McGraw resumed the management of the Giants to-day, and they tore off an easy victory over the Houston Buffaloes by a score of 9 to 1.

McGraw, who had been travelling with Donlin's colts for two days, arrived here this morning, and immediately began to cross-examine his athletes as to the cause of yesterday's defeat in Galveston. Also he started to manage them right away by conducting a morning practice at West End Park.

This afternoon's practice was more profitable, as a lot of fans paid to see Christy Mathewson in his side line of pitching. Matty will now proceed to tackle his regular line of business, which is the act of trying to accumulate a high batting average off a golf ball.

The well known author and checker player felt good to-day, as the weather was hot, and he uncorked some of the stuff he seldom shows except on the big time. In five innings the Texas League champions added up just one hit—a single, perpetrated by a person named Lemon. Just to show that he is human Matty gave a base on balls, and he refrained from striking out more than two batsmen because McGraw requested some exercise for the fielders.

Mathewson and Demaree, who closed the act for New York, surely obeyed McGraw's order, for the Giants had twenty-one assists, and eighteen of these plays were finished at first base. Demaree did not put a man, but his one pass spoiled a shut-out, because it followed and the recipient of the favor scored.

McGraw's presence on the coaching lines spurred the Giants to their best efforts, and only slightly did they resemble the team that took the count at Galveston yesterday. They ran out hits, skinned around the bases and were alert in the field. Even Jack Murray officially recognized the advent of spring by pegging out a runner at third base. It was his first effort in that line this year, and he got the fastest runner on the Houston team by ten feet after picking up a baseli.

Bescher broke into the line-up to-day, but broke out again in the fourth inning after scoring a run. Snodgrass started at third base and remained there long enough to make New York's only error—a low throw, following a corking shot. He handled four other difficult chances neatly, however, and Stock, who replaced him, also did some fancy fielding. Merkle contributed the best fielding play—a backhanded stop of a low throw by Snodgrass, in the first inning. When Bescher went home, McGraw put Snodgrass in centre field, where he had no more opportunities to throw.

The Houston boys, who make a habit of winning the Texas League pennant and beating big league teams, had hopes of giving the Giants a hard game, but their pitcher was unable to prevent scoring in seven of the nine innings, while the Buffs fell down in the field and perpetrated five errors. Their total of hits was four, and they were lucky to escape a shut-out.

With McGraw "riding" them, the Giants hit like a big league team. Gardner, the umpire, who officiated the other day at Corsicana, was in fine form again to-day, and there were no kicks on his decisions. It is said that he has been recommended for trial in the National League.

All except three of New York's batsmen hit the ball every time. Burns was called out on strikes, and two others walked. The Buffs found it difficult to push any ground balls past the infielders, and hit only five fly balls to the outfielders. Merkle led the New York swat brigade, with two singles and a double.

Mathewson was the next best clubber. In three times up he contributed a single, a double and a sacrifice.

The Giants are scheduled for three more games here. To-morrow a big crowd is expected, and the game by using their best pitchers, Ray and Rose.

The score follows:

NEW YORK	HOUSTON
Reacher, cf. 3 1 1 0 0	Lemon, ss. 2 1 1 0 0
Stock, 2b. 2 1 1 0 0	Mowry, 1b. 2 0 0 0 0
Burns, cf. 2 1 1 0 0	Davis, 3b. 2 0 0 0 0
Pfeiffer, 3b. 2 0 0 0 0	Seitz, 2b. 2 0 0 0 0
Doyle, 2b. 2 0 0 0 0	McDonald, 3b. 2 0 0 0 0
Chapman, 1b. 2 0 0 0 0	Seaman, 1b. 2 0 0 0 0
Murray, cf. 2 1 1 0 0	Frierson, cf. 2 0 0 0 0
Spang, 2b. 1 0 0 0 0	Kitchens, c. 2 0 0 0 0
McLean, c. 2 0 0 0 0	Ward, p. 2 0 0 0 0
Matheson, p. 2 0 0 0 0	
Totals..... 9 12 27 21	Totals..... 30 14 27 15

New York..... 9 12 27 21
Houston..... 30 14 27 15

First base on errors—New York, 2; Houston, 1. Two-base hits—Doyle, Merkle, Mathewson, Reacher, Snodgrass. Sacrifice hits—Mathewson, Bescher, Snodgrass. Sacrifice flies—Murray, Bescher. Left on bases—New York, 3; Houston, 6. First base on balls—Off Ward, 2; off Mathewson, 1; off Demaree, 1. Struck out—By Mathewson, 4; by Ward, 1. Passed ball—Kitchens. Hit—Off Mathewson, 1 in 5 innings. Umpire—Gardner. Time—1:35. Attendance—2,500.

Results of Baseball Games.

At Atlanta Ga.—Boston (N. L.) 7; Atlanta (S. A.) 4.
At Chattanooga, Tenn.—Newark, International League, 4; Chattanooga, Southern Association, 4.
At Savannah, Ga.—Providence, Southern Association, 8; Savannah, South Atlantic League, 8.
At Waco, Texas—Toronto, International League, 7; Waco, Texas League, 6.
At Lynchburg, Va.—Pittsburgh, 11; Buffalo, 8.

Just a Walk for the Athletics

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Philadelphia, March 28.—Captain Ira Thomas, who has been in active charge of the Athletics, is out with a statement that the world's champions are stronger than at any time last season, and will walk away with the pennant without trouble. He says:

"We haven't any youngsters likely to show up as stars, but our old men are strong enough to offset any possible weakness in the young material. The outfield and infield remain intact. But there are improvements in the battery that ought to give us strength."

"Of the catchers Schang, I believe, will be just twice as good as he was last season. He not only will be a better catcher, but a harder hitter. As for Lapp, he is sure to improve over his game of last year."

SUPERBAS DEFEAT BUFFALO IN NINTH

Make Hits Count in Best Played Game of Cam- paign in South.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Charlotte, N. C., March 28.—Brooklyn faced some real opposition in its game here this afternoon, defeating the Buffalo club of the International League in the ninth inning. The score was 5 to 4.

It was by far the best exhibition the Superbas have given to date. When they got their bats swinging in unison after the fifth inning they made the most of every hit. Wheat in the sixth frame dropped the ball over the right field fence. Two stanzas later Daubert made even a longer drive, when he lifted the sphere over the right field fence. "Red" Smith and Stengel were not far behind, with two timely hits apiece. In fact, it was their hitting in the final frame that coined the winning run.

Brooklyn began scoring in the fifth, when a brace of tallies was netted on a hit by Stengel, a base on balls, two outs and an error by Truesdale. Two more were put over in the sixth and eighth innings, when Wheat and Daubert made the circuit clouts.

"Red" Smith opened the ninth with his favorite double down the left field foul line. Stengel followed along with a single. At this point a peculiar play came up, which Brooklyn was quick to take advantage of. Riggert took three strikes, the catcher getting the ball on a little bound. Instead of tagging Riggert he, for some unknown reason, threw to first, the Brooklyn players yelling at the same time to Riggert to run, which he did.

"Red" Smith, who was on third, was quick to take advantage of the situation and streaked for home. Before the Bison first sacker could return the ball to the plate Smith was over with the winning run.

The score follows:	
BROOKLYN	BUFFALO
Cutshaw, 3b. 4 0 1 4 21	Wright, rf. 31 3 1 0 0
Daubert, 1b. 41 2 8 10	Vaughn, 3b. 20 0 1 0 0
Wheat, cf. 41 2 3 1	Paddock, lf. 20 0 1 0 0
Smith, 2b. 32 2 0 0	Houser, 1b. 41 2 12 0 2
Stengel, rf. 41 2 1 0	Roach, ss. 40 2 0 0 0
Egan, ss. 30 1 2 0	McCarthy, cf. 40 1 1 0 0
Riggert, c. 30 1 2 0	Truesdale, 2b. 41 1 2 2 1
Reacher, 3b. 30 1 2 0	Kritcheff, c. 20 0 0 0 0
Fischer, c. 30 1 2 0	McNeill, c. 20 0 0 0 0
Reulbach, 1b. 30 1 2 0	Jameson, p. 10 0 0 0 0
Attleson, 2b. 30 1 2 0	Brandon, p. 10 0 0 0 0
Kraft, 3b. 30 1 2 0	Reid, p. 11 1 0 0 0
Totals..... 34 10 27 21	Totals..... 32 11 25 15

"Batted for Reulbach in fifth inning, 10me out when winning run was scored.
Brooklyn..... 5 0 0 2 1 0 1 0 1 0
Buffalo..... 4 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Two-base hits—Smith, Beebe, Wright, Houser. Home runs—Daubert, Wheat. Sacrifice hit—Kritcheff. Stolen bases—Smith, Double play—Daubert to Egan. First base on balls—Off Reulbach, 1. Struck out—By Attleson, 4; by Jameson, 2; by Beebe, 1. Hit—Off Reulbach, 2 in 2 innings; off Jameson, 2 in 3 innings; off Brandon, 4 in 3 innings; off Beebe, 4 in 3 innings. Umpires—Fullenwider and Hummel.

First Blood for Cardinals.

St. Louis, Mo., March 28.—The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the St. Louis Americans here to-day in the first game of the spring series by using regular players against a team of recruits sent on the field by Branch Rickey. The score was 6 to 1.

Baker Up to Old Tricks.

Baltimore, March 28.—The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Baltimore Internationals here to-day by a score of 12 to 5. Baker made a triple, a double and two singles out of five times at bat.

Cambridge Drubs Oxford in Eight-Oared Shell Race

Rows to Big Early Lead and Wins by Four and a Half Lengths.

MANY INJURED AS A PLATFORM FALLS

Water Conditions Almost Perfect and Light Blues Cover the Course in Fast Time.

London, March 28.—The Cambridge University crew cleanly outrowed Oxford here to-day and won the annual eight-oared shell race from Putney to Mortlake, on the River Thames. The distance of four and one-quarter miles was rowed in the fast time of 20 minutes 25 seconds, and Cambridge crossed the winning line four and one-half lengths in front. The water conditions were almost perfect.

The Cambridge crew had been the favorite during the training period, and justified the predictions that it would win by making the race a procession from the firing of the starting pistol.

A platform, on which one hundred and fifty spectators were standing, collapsed during the race, and all were thrown into the hold of a barge. Fourteen persons were injured, most of them sustaining broken legs.

Cambridge won the toss for positions and chose the Surrey side of the river.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



DOWN BACK OF THE SCHOOL-HOUSE AN EARLY DAY IN APRIL

INDIANS WITHOUT LEADER

Harry Smith, Injured, Leaves Camp for Newark.

Harry Smith, manager of the Newark Indians, has left Chattanooga, Tenn., and is on his way home. His reason for returning is the fear of blood poisoning from an injured toe, which was hurt in a game a week ago and which it has been necessary to operate on twice within the last few days. There may be more to the trip than this, as dissensions have arisen among the players, and Smith may resign.

Some of the players have been breaking the training rules, and Hi Myers, the centerfielder, has jumped the team. He has gone to his home in East Liverpool, Ohio, and has threatened to sign with the Federals.

GIL NICHOLS ON HIS GAME

Defeats Former Open Cham- pion on Pinehurst Links.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 28.—Gilbert Nichols, of Wilmington, Del., won first place here to-day in the annual thirty-six hole open United North and South golf tournament, with a card of 143. J. J. McDermott, of Atlantic City, former open champion, was second with 147. Third place was a tie between Alexander Ross, of Pinehurst, and R. G. MacDonald, of Buffalo, N. Y., with cards of 149 each.

Lafayette Turns the Tables.

Lexington, Va., March 28.—Scheeren's home run in the twelfth inning, with two men on bases, gave Lafayette a 7 to 5 victory over Washington and Lee to-day, it being the first reverse the home team has suffered.

The Washington and Lee pitcher was William Hugh Jennings, a nephew of Hugh Jennings, manager of the Detroit Tigers. He did well in the face of poor support.

Lafayette..... 12 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 5 13 5
Washington and Lee..... 5 11 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 5 13 5
Batteries—Graham and Wright; Jennings and Donahue. Umpire—Al Orth.

Now before long we shall have to raise the rates. In- creased circulation, etc., de- mands it. But all those who advertised with us the first month are going to have the original rate of \$2 a line as long as this paper exists. That's the way we treat our customers.

Some folks think we are only fooling about the ads. Ask our advertisers whether they got bills, hey, boys?

Spring.

The ploughman's in the field,
Song-sparrows overhead;
Buds are swollen on the branch,
And grass starts from its bed.

The gloom of winter's vanished,
No more we fear the gale;
Warm sunshine reigns in its stead,
O'er mountain, hill and vale.

Welcome the glad spring-time
With buds and blossoms fair,
And smile with love toward Heaven,
That sends the sun-kissed air.

MARY C. BURKE.

YANKEES WAKE UP AND PLAY REAL BALL

Hit Hard and Steal Bases Freely in Beating the Richmond Nine.

CRISS AND SWEENEY DO SOME STUNTS

Former Pitcher Hits Best Game So Far, and Is Well Sup- ported by Team.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Richmond, Va., March 28.—Tearing around the bases with an abandon so infectious that even Ed Sweeney and Dode Criss caught the fever, the Yankees defeated the Richmond team of the Virginia League by a score of 7 to 3 here this afternoon.

Four bases were stolen outright by the fleet running Yankees, extra bases were taken on hits, and dashing from first to third on infield outs was almost a common occurrence. In one inning, the third, the New York players stole three bases, Malsel and Hartzel each purloining second and Jimmy Walsh third.

The real base running sensations, however, were postponed until the eighth inning, when Dode Criss performed two seeming impossibilities—he took two bases on an infield hit and later sprinted home from third on a sacrifice fly. In the same inning and on the same hit in which Criss made the first of his spectacular runs, Ed Sweeney scored all the way from first base.

Throughout the entire battle the Yankees looked like another team from that which played so lethargically against the Buffalo nine yesterday. They hit hard and at timely moments, fielded well most of the time, and the pitching, while not quite up to the standard, always was effective.

Ray Keating's spitball broke badly in three of the six innings he pitched, during which two runs and six hits were scored off his delivery. Dode Criss, succeeding him and pitching the last three innings, showed one of the best curve balls of the trip, and had good speed. He should not have been scored upon.

Roger Peckinpaugh, with a series of sensational stops around the short field, and Jimmy Walsh, with three great throws from the outfield, one of which shut off the tying run at the plate in the fifth inning, were the fielding heroes.

In the first couple of innings the Yankees overlooked several good chances. Malsel, who walked in the opener, sprinted all the way to third on an infield out, only to be run down between third and the plate on Walsh's tap to the box. Holden was out stealing home in the second. A pass, sacrifice and infield out put him on third.

Luck broke for the Yankees in the third, however, when three runs were scored after two were out. Malsel singled and stole, and Hartzel did the same, his blow being an infield tap that put Criss on third. Both runners scored when Newton threw Walsh's grounder to the stand. Jimmy stole third, after being caught off second, and counted on Williams's triple to score.

Gilhooley, who walked, went all the way to third, while Worth was throwing out Peckinpaugh. But Sweeney popped and Keating fanned. Hartzel, who singled with one out in the fifth, was caught stealing after Walsh singled.

Settan was found for his only run in the sixth, when a smart play by Ryan saved a lot of trouble. With one down, Holden tripled to centre. He scored easily on Gilhooley's single, the latter taking second on the throw in. Ryan then robbed Peckinpaugh of a hit by a barehanded stop and threw out Gilhooley at third. Peck died stealing.

Sweeney opened the seventh with an infield hit off Byrd. He scored on Criss's double to centre. Dode took third on an out, and came in when Truman made a barehanded catch off Hartzel, after he had badly misjudged the liner. Gilhooley's single and Peckinpaugh's triple gave the last run in the ninth.

Ray Keating, who worked six innings, was hard hit in three, and a number of times was saved by Walsh and the infield. The left fielder made three throws any one of which would have done credit to Jack Murray. Two prevented runners from advancing further than third from second on long singles. The other caught a man who would not be advised by Walsh's earlier performances.

In the last three innings Criss simply amazed the local's with his speed and curves. Failure of the infield to cover second for a forced play cut the run in the seventh, for it put two on with none out, and a brace of infield plays did the rest.

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YANKEES.		RICHMOND.	
Malsel, 2b.	3 1 1 1 1	Ryan, ss.	2 0 0 2 2
Walsh, 1b.	3 1 1 1 1	Newton, 2b.	2 0 1 1 0
Hartzel, 3b.	2 1 1 1 1	Bunting, 2b.	1 1 1 2 0
Williams, 3b.	1 0 1 1 0	Criss, 1b.	1 1 1 1 1
Holden, cf.	3 1 1 0 0	Gray, rf.	1 1 1 0 0
Gilhooley, 1b.	2 1 1 0 0	Corbin, rf.	2 0 0 0 0
Peckinpaugh, 3b.	1 1 1 1 1	Collins, 2b.	2 0 0 0 0
Sweeney, c.	4 1 1 1 0	Worth, c.	1 0 0 0 0
Keating, p.	2 1 1 0 0	Berger, cf.	4 0 0 0 0
Byrd, p.	2 1 1 0 0	Trounfar, lf.	4 0 1 0 0
Totals.....	30 7 24 13	Totals.....	32 7 24 13

Yankees..... 7 0 0 3 0 1 2 1 2 7
Richmond..... 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 3
Two-base hits—Walsh, Peckinpaugh. Sacrifice hits—Gilhooley, Collins, Ryan. Sacrifice fly—Hartzel. Stolen bases—Malsel, Hartzel, Walsh. Double play—Keating to Hartzel to Williams. First base on errors—New York, 1; Richmond, 2. Left on bases—New York, 1; Richmond, 3. Struck out—Byrd, 2 in 6 innings; off Criss, 1 in 3 innings; off Byrd, 2 in 1 inning. First base on balls—Off Byrd, 2; off Settan, 2; off Keating, 1. Struck out—Byrd, 2; by Settan, 1; by Criss, 1. Umpire—Westervelt. Time—1:35.

Anherst Wins Another.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Rahway, N. J., March 28.—Anherst defeated North Carolina A. and M. to-day by a score of 4 to 2. The Southern team started well and held the visitors without a hit for five innings. In the sixth inning a combination of an error and four safeties netted Anherst three runs. The feature of the game was the batting of Russell, the A. and M. pitcher, who made three hits in four times at bat. The outfield work of the Anherst team was excellent.

The score by innings follows:

ANHERST		N. C. A. & M.	
Amherst..... 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 4 2 3			
Batteries—For Anherst, Seaman, Pining, Robinson (three innings) and Strahan; for A. & M., Russell and Winston.			

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