Athletics Give Miller Huggins Opportunity to Rehearse Smile

Slim Love Beats Vean Gregg in Pitching Duel

New York Shuts Out Athletics by 2 to 0 in First Game, Infield Error and Single by Miller Breaking Ice

By Louis Lee Arms

The Philadelphia Athletics go about this world, or that part of it which is the American League, putting joy in other people's lives. When you come to think about it, if you do come to think about it, it isn't such a bad idea. There are some people who get succulent, luscious salaries for doing the same thing. Take Eddie Foy, for instance; we can't think of anything the Philadelphia Athletics lack except Eddie Foy. He would give them a joyous balance and virtually an illimitable field of new recruits in the seven little Foys. He would establish a comic poise in keeping with the joy the Athletics put into this dreary, dreary world.

The Athletics were welcome visitors at the Polo Grounds yesterday; positively among the most welcome visitors that have been welcomed there this year. The Yanks, so to speak, stood at the doorway welcoming them in—which is a good gag if you can say it fast.

Even so it was not Vean Gregg's original idea to put any joy into the barren lives of long and much enduring Yankee fans. Occasionally a tragedian will get mixed in with the sons of Comus in spite of all you can do about it.

Vean Gregg the Victim

It was consequently the irony of fate that to Vean Gregg himself could be traced the Yankee victory. The Yankees have not won so many victories this season that they cannot be traced, even by the most amateur of baseball detectives.

And they are particularly easy to trace when the score has the reasonable ring of 2 to 0. For the deep students of the innermost secrets of baseball who followed the 15 to 0 massacre in Philadelphia we have naught but the greatest pity, but a 2 to 0 game gives plenty of opportunity for thought and dialectic exercise.

The game was going along nicely at evens right up to the fifth inning. Vean Gregg opposed Slim Love, and he pitched with that airy grace that may be found in dactyllic verse. He reminded us of those lustrous Greggian days of Cleveland, which antedated his Boston occupancy.

He was pitching curves and fast ones at the Yanks with such good judgment and mechanical skill that they were receding to the bench in waves. Walter Pipp, the Michigan Mauler, was first up in the fifth inning, and he was bamboozled into hitting at a sharp curve.

The Mauler had no relish for a fast curve; he was off his balance when he hit it, and the tap was a puny affair at best. It rolled out tantalizingly to Gregg, who picked it up deftly. The Mauler meantime was stretching his scissors-like legs for first, and Gregg, for an inexplicable reason, or simply because he is associated with the Athletics and has absorbed their scheme of life, threw the ball with cyclonic force point-blank at Burns, who used to play with an American League team in Detroit.

Burns's Part Discretion

Burns was not set for such an unreasonable throw. He would have willingly, even gladly, accepted the toss which is customary under these conditions, but when he saw the ball coming at him like the Empire State Express he went flooie in the filbert, or philly in the philbert, as it were.

He missed the ball completely. If the words and music for the miss had been written by Miller Huggins himself—though, of course, Miller would do nothing like that—it could have been no more satisfying, from a Yankee standpoint.

So Pipp was on first and Burns had a long scar in the shape of an error on his escutcheon, when, of course, in the matter of escutcheons it was Gregg's that should have been defaced, or whatever happens to a wayward escutcheon.

Francisco Pizzola, of old San Francisco, promptly sacrificed, neatly if not gaudily, and L. Mer Miller hit the Michigan Mauler home with a safe wallop to right field.

That, in a nutshell, was the story of the game, for both Love and Gregg pitched with conscionable skill and grace. It was, indeed, one of the prettiest pitching duels of the present season, the Athletics nipping Love for but three hits—one of them an infield scratch by Jamieson—while Gregg and Myers between them yielded but four hits.

Love Threatened But Once

Only once was Love in a tight hole. In the eighth inning Joe Dugan shot a double over Bodie's mansard top, and McAvoy had walked ere Slim recovered his balance. A snappy double play, with Del Pratt working in the important pivotal rôle, dusted the Macks off, and their final chance to tie was gone. It was "Rube" Oldring, who was the hero of a double play from Mack to the Yanks to Mack, that hit into this dual murder.

To make room for Oldring Mack was forced to eliminate Gregg, and Myers ascended the turret. He was exceedingly wild and walked three men, in addition to allowing Peckinpaugh to hit safely. That brought home an unnecessary tally that did not obscure the disaster of Gregg's Wild Western heave.

Cold Yankee Figures

PHILADELPHIA (A. L.)

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Jamieson, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Kopp, lf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Gardner, 3b	4	0	0	1	1	0
Burns, 1b	3	0	0	10	1	1
Walker, cf	2	0	0	4	0	0
Shannon, 2b	3	0	1	2	5	0
Dugan, ss	3	0	1	3	3	0
McAvoy, c	2	0	0	0	1	0
Gregg, p	2	0	0	0	3	0
*Oldring	1	0	0	0	0	0
Myers, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	0	3	24	14	1

NEW YORK (A. L.)

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Gilhooley, rf	3	0	0	3	0	0
Peckinpaugh, ss	3	0	1	4	3	0
Baker, 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0
Pratt, 2b	3	0	0	2	5	0
Pipp, 1b	4	1	1	11	0	0
Bodie, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Miller, cf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Hannah, c	2	0	1	3	2	0
Love, p	3	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	27	2	4	27	13	0

*Batted for Gregg in eighth inning.

Philadelphia 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
New York 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 x—2

Two-base hit—Dugan. Stolen base—Kopp. Sacrifice hit—Bodie. Double plays—Pratt, Peckinpaugh and Pipp; Baker, Pratt and Pipp. Left on bases—New York, 6; Philadelphia, 3. First base on error—New York, 1. Bases on balls—Off Love, 2; off Gregg, 1; off Myers, 3. Hits—Off Gregg, 3 in 7 innings; off Myers, 1 in 1 inning. Hit by pitcher—By Love, 1 (Kopp). Losing pitcher—Gregg.

Yankee Shorts

Hannah made an unusual catch of Shannon's pop foul in the second inning. He took it with his bare hand on the dead run toward first.

Jamieson, formerly of Washington; Gardner, Walker and Gregg, of Boston, and Burns, of Detroit, are newcomers on Mack's reconstructed club. Walker and Gardner are both good hitters and fielders; Jack Onslow, formerly of the Giants, says Gregg showed as much as any pitcher in the International League last season, and Burns played an acceptable first base for Hughie Jennings. The Macks are stronger than they were last season, if that is any solace to them.

The hit and run is an excellent play, but there is very little excuse for a player being caught off of first in an overzealous effort to get a flying start, on this play, for second. In the second inning Pipp cut short any scoring possibilities by being nabbed off first base, with one down, on what looked like the hit and run.

The hard luck hitter of the day was Derrill Pratt. Three times he drove the ball with terrific force straight at a fielder. Dugan by an amazing leap took his first line drive in the second inning, went over second for his ground ball in the fourth, and "Tilly" Walker, an ex-team mate gathered in his line drive in the sixth. If Del continues to hit the ball the way he did yesterday the safe ones will take care of themselves, granting that yesterday's failure was disappointing.

Love proved that he, at least, is ready. He mixed his curve with his fast one in good measure, and it had a fork to it. If Love can keep out of the hole when he is working he is a hard pitcher to hit safely because of the advantage that rests with him through his height and style of delivery.

Morrie Shannon, one of the Shannon twins from Baltimore, is occupying Eddie Collins's old hangout at second, while Joy Dugan, a Holy Cross boy, has succeeded Jack Barry, Witt et al. at shortstop.

Oldring takes the same graceful cut at the ball which always has been characteristic of his hitting, but it pleased the Yankee fans mightily yesterday when the man who played under Donovan hit into a double play that ruined the Athletics' chances.

The longest ball of the day was hit by Pipp in the seventh inning, but Tilly Walker raced back toward the centre field screen for it, and after the catch returned the ball almost to the plate. Walker has one of the strongest arms in the American League.

McAvoy made a nervy play in the eighth inning. Hannah had walked and Love, next up, bunted down the first base line. Hannah was well on his way toward second when McAvoy picked up the ball, but with a snap throw the Macks' catcher caught Hannah going into second. Thus he destroyed a sacrifice, and, even better, kept the rival pitcher running the bases—a matter, at that late stage of the game, that conceivably could have made a great deal of difference with the class of pitching that followed.

If Pratt has a weak arm it wasn't in evidence in the eighth inning, when he worked in the middle of a fast double play that was vital to the Yankees' victory.

Bodie and Miller almost collided in their pursuit of Burns's fly in the seventh inning. Each yelled "I got it" at the top of his voice, and it was conceiling that one of them really did get it. Bodie made the catch.

Zinn Beck, formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals, appeared on the coaching lines after it was apparent Miller Huggins was all out of luck.

Spotts Will Meet Newcomb in Shoot For National Title

An announcement was made at the New York A. C. yesterday that C. H. Newcomb, of the Independent Gun Club, of Philadelphia, the present champion amateur trap shooter of the United States, would defend his title Saturday at Travers Island, where the thirteenth amateur championship will take place.

According to the promoters of the meet, which will cover Friday and Saturday, it will be the greatest amateur affair of the kind ever held in America. On Friday there will be a warming up preliminary of 200 birds, along with six sweepstakes of various lengths, ranging from 25 to 200 birds. Ten prizes of graded value from one to ten will be awarded to the ten high guns.

Saturday will be the big day. There will be the amateur championship of 200 birds, the five-man interclub team championship of 200 birds and five sweepstakes. Ten prizes will be given in the championship contest on the same conditions as in the preliminary, and each shooter on the winning team in the interclub championship will receive a gold medal.

Added to this valuable collection will be a gold medal for the longest continuous run in the two days, and another gold medal will be awarded to the man making the best average in the two days for the grand total of 400 birds.

When Newcomb won last year he broke 191 out of a possible 200 in wretched weather—rain, hail, a cross wind and poor light. He also won in 1913. Another ex-champion certain to be on the firing line is Ralph L. Spotts, the title holder of 1914 and 1916, and looked fettle for a long race just now.

Gandil Hits 7 In 7 Times Up; Indians Lose

White Sox Club Out Overwhelming Victory of 13 to 3

CLEVELAND, April 30.—Chicago kept up its hard hitting to-day and, aided by loose playing by Cleveland, won, 13 to 3. Of the pitchers used by Cleveland Enzmann was the only one effective.

Gandil, who made three hits in three times at bat yesterday, made it seven hits in seven consecutive times at bat by making a double and three singles in his first four times up to-day, Enzmann causing him to break his record in the seventh inning.

The score:

CHICAGO (A. L.)	ab	h	h	po	a	e	CLEVELAND (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Leibold, lf	6	0	3	4	0	0	Halt, 3b	5	0	1	2	2	0
Weaver, ss	6	1	1	2	3	0	Chapman, ss	4	1	1	0	1	2
E. Collins, 2b	5	1	1	2	2	0	Speaker, cf	3	1	2	3	1	0
Jackson, rf	5	0	1	3	0	0	Roth, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Felsch, cf	6	2	3	4	0	0	Wbsgauss, 2b	4	1	1	3	2	1
Gandil, 1b	5	4	4	6	0	0	Kavanagh, 1b	4	0	1	6	0	1
Risberg, 1b	1	0	0	3	0	0	Wood, lf	3	0	1	4	1	0
McMullen, 3b	5	2	1	1	3	0	O'Neill, c	2	0	1	6	2	0
Schalk, c	4	2	2	3	0	0	Billings, c	2	0	1	2	0	0
Benz, p	5	0	1	0	6	0	Bagby, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
							Morton, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
							Enzmann, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
							*Graney	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	13	17	27	14	0	Totals	35	3	9	27	11	4

*Batted for Enzmann in ninth inning.

Chicago 0 2 1 3 1 5 0 1 0—13
Cleveland 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0—3

Two-base hits—Gandil, Weaver, Leibold (2), Wood, Halt, Speaker. Three-base hits—Schalk, Jackson. Stolen base—McMullin. Sacrifice hits—McMullin (2). Double plays—Wood and O'Neill; McMullin, Collins and Risberg; Speaker and Kavanagh. Left on bases—Chicago, 11; Cleveland, 7. First base on errors—Chicago, 4. Bases on balls—Off Benz, 2; off Bagby, 1; off Morton, 3; off Enzmann, 2. Hits—Off Bagby, 8 in 3 innings (none out in fourth); off Morton, 7 in 3 innings; off Enzmann, 2 in 3 innings. Struck out—By Benz, 1; by Bagby, 3; by Morton, 2; by Enzmann, 2. Losing pitcher—Bagby.

Ruth Cakewalks To Victory Over Griff's Senators

BOSTON, April 30.—Ruth had little trouble disposing of Washington today, Boston winning, 8 to 1.

Harper and Yingling were wild, and the latter was hit freely in the fourth. Washington made five hits off Ruth. In the eighth Morgan's single and Pinch Hitter Ed. Gharrity's double brought in the visitors' only run. Catches by Amos Strunk featured. The score:

WASHINGTON (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a	e	BOSTON (A. L.)	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Shotton, rf	3	0	1	3	0	0	Hooper, rf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Lavan, ss	4	0	0	2	3	1	Shean, 2b	4	2	1	3	7	0
Milan, cf	4	0	1	3	0	0	Strunk, cf	5	0	1	3	0	0
Shanks, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	Schang, lf	4	0	0	2	0	1
Judge, 1b	4	0	0	7	1	1	McInnis, 3b	4	0	1	2	2	0
Morgan, 2b	2	1	1	2	3	1	Hoblitzell, 1b	3	0	0	13	0	0
Foster, 3b	3	0	0	1	2	1	Scott, ss	4	1	1	1	3	0
Ainsmith, c	2	0	1	5	0	0	Agnew, c	4	0	2	1	2	0
Harper, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	Ruth, p	2	2	1	1	4	0
Yinglin, p	1	0	0	1	1	0							
Dumont, p	0	0	0	0	0	0							
*Gharrity	1	0	1	0	0	0							
Totals	29	1	5	24	10	4	Totals	32	8	8	27	18	1

*Batted for Yingling in eighth inning.

Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—1
Boston 0 0 4 2 0 1 0 0 2 x—8

Two-base hits—Ainsmith, Gharrity, Agnew, Shean, Ruth. Stolen bases—Lavan, Scott (2), Ruth. Double plays—Morgan to Lavan; Yingling to Foster to Judge; McInnis to Shean to Hoblitzell; Scott to Shean to Hoblitzell; Ruth to Agnew to Hoblitzell. Left on bases—Washington, 4; Boston, 7. First base on errors—Washington, 1; Boston, 2. Bases on balls—Off Harper, 4; off Yingling, 2; off Dumont, 1; off Ruth, 3. Hits—Off Harper, 1 in 2 innings; off Yingling, 5 in 5 innings; off Dumont, 2 in 1 inning. Struck out—By Harper, 1; by Yingling, 3; by Dumont, 1; by Ruth, 1. Wild pitches—Harper (2), Yingling. Passed ball—Ainsmith. Losing pitcher—Harper.

New Mosholu Clubhouse Ready for Local Golfers

Golfers who patronize the Van Cortlandt Park and Mosholu links and have had occasion to become chagrined at the crowded conditions of the clubhouses will find much relief in the new house, erected just opposite the first tee. The new clubhouse can be easily reached, as it is at the foot of the Jerome Avenue subway station.

The new golf house has been equipped to meet all the requirements of the golfer. It contains sanitary lockers and cold and hot shower baths.

Homer Stonebreaker Drafted

WINGATE, Ind., April 30.—Homer Stonebreaker, for two years captain of the Wabash College "wonder five," and all-state basketball and football centre, has been ordered by the local draft board to report to Camp Thomas, Kentucky, May 1. Stonebreaker, who still is in Wabash College, endeavored to enter several branches of service, including aviation, but was rejected each time.

Oak Ridge Golf Club Plans To Open Its Season Soon

The Oak Ridge Golf Club, which has a fine, up-to-date clubhouse and a beautiful eighteen-hole golf course 6,230 yards in length, located on high ground, on the outskirts of Tuckahoe, will open its active season about the middle of May.

The members are now practising on temporary greens under winter rules, while Mr. Fox, the club's professional, is superintending the work of putting in new bunkers and traps.

The tees and greens are all exceptionally large, well turfed and in first-class condition. The fair greens are in excellent condition for a young course, as the first nine holes were completed only last spring and the second nine holes were not opened until the latter part of the season.

The clubhouse, which was not completed until about the middle of last summer, is built of stone gathered from the property. It is a massive structure and very roomy. The main building is about 150 feet long by about 100 feet wide, while the extension is 100 feet long by 30 feet wide, with a roof garden over the entire extension.

The second floor of the extension is the men's locker room and contains 300 lockers, eight shower baths, washrooms and all conveniences, while the basement of the extension contains two bowling alleys and the professional workshop, which is 60 feet long and 20 feet wide.

The main building is three stories high, with the third story containing seventeen sleeping rooms, all with telephone connections.

Among the sporty features of the course is a lake to be crossed on the sixth hole, where a carry of 100 yards is necessary to clear the water.

The hole is only 181 yards long and the par is 3, but the lake proves a mental hazard to many of the members, and the same lake is a stumbling block to many on their drive from the seventh tee, as the carry necessary is about the same, although the hole is 581 yards long, with a par of 5.

The tenth hole, 342 yards, is an elbow hole, and a sliced second shot will find its way into a pond about forty feet square right on the edge of the fair green.

A brook running through the course has to be crossed on the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and seventeenth holes. It cost $140,000 to build the clubhouse, regardless of the club furnishing stone. The club owns the property.

The Scarsdale Country Club will open its golf course on Saturday of this week, when the first club handicap of the season will be played. A number of the greens were winter-spoiled, which threw them back considerably this spring, as all the dead spots had to be reseeded. The members are now practising on temporary greens and from temporary tees.

Never in the history of the Siwanoy Country Club has its golf course been in such perfect condition as at present. The members are still playing under winter rules, and will continue to do so until the competitive season opens during the latter part of May.

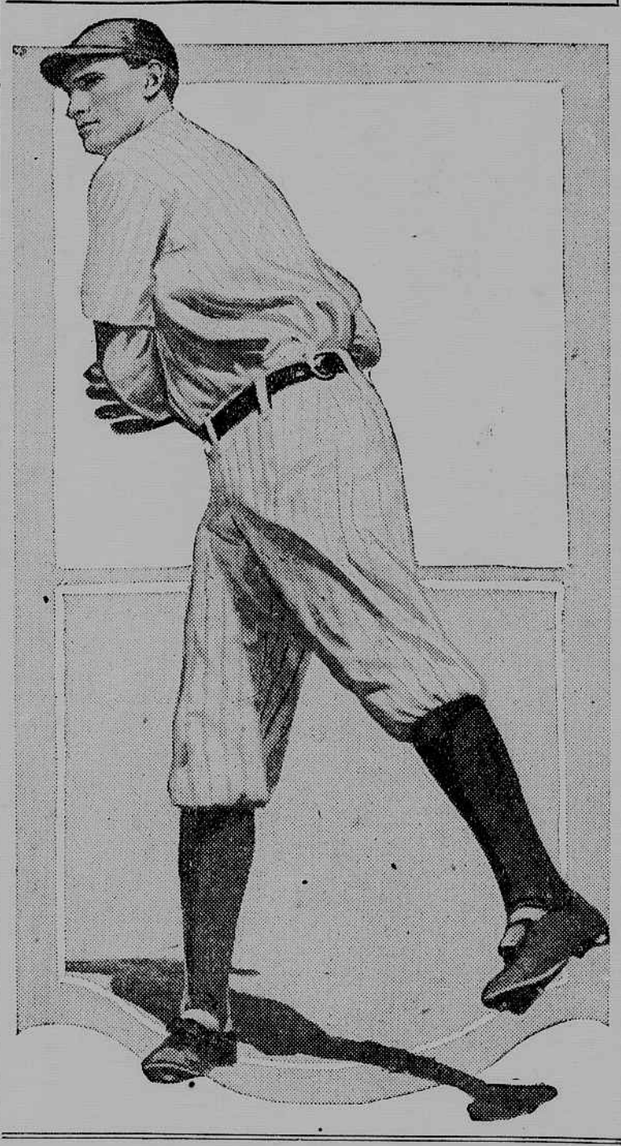
Tom Kerrigan, the club's professional, is now in the navy, but his two brothers are taking care of the course, and the club will hold his position open for him.

Service Men Admitted Free to Athletics' Park

PHILADELPHIA, April 30.—All service men in uniform will be admitted free, except the war tax, to one game in each series to be played this season at Shibe Park, the home of the Philadelphia Athletics. The War-Camp Community Service announced to-day that the local American League club has made this offer and that it has been accepted.

The management also offered the use of the park for Sunday games between service teams, or any other recreation for men in the service.

HERE is shown in action Slim Love, southpaw of the Yankees, who is making good regularly for Miller Huggins this year. It is Love's third season in the big show and he seems to have finally mastered control of the ball. Wildness heretofore kept him in the rookie class. Love, at the Polo Grounds yesterday, shut out the Athletics and took the measure of Vean Gregg, Connie Mack's renowned portsider.



Over the Sport Trail

By Louis Lee Arms

The Deadly Parallel

ERE indicating that a man is through,
Remember that Napoleon came back
From Elba. Though he met his Waterloo
He had a chance, and so has Connie Mack!

Lopsided Competition

IT OBVIOUSLY is going to be a year for topheavy races in the major leagues, and that, in view of the conditions under which baseball is being contested, will not be a good thing. Boston, Cleveland and the Chicago White Sox seem to have a preponderance of strength in the American League, while the indications this early are that Philadelphia paradoxical as that sounds this morning after a 15 to 0 trimming, Chicago and Cincinnati are the only clubs that have even a Chinaman's chance to stop the rampant Giants.

The Giants have got the running start expected of them, but they may come back to the field later if hot weather doesn't do as much for the McGrawian pitching as it is bound to do for the opposition batting.

Topheavy races will lessen the general interest in the races and cause real financial concern before this season is finished. There has been no equality in the burden borne by the various major league clubs, and that to-day is the greatest cause for prospective lopsidedness in competition.

There ought to be some regulation whereby teams such as Brooklyn, Philadelphia and Cleveland, that lead in men lost in war service, whereas the Giants are virtually intact in spite of a national draft, could be bolstered up during the period of the war. As it is now, success in baseball seems almost proportionate to the negative support to a country at war, or too much so to be permanently or patriotically countenanced.

Noise That Is Noise

CAPTAIN FRANKLIN P. ADAMS, U. S. A., who supplied much of the motive power and virtually all of the steering for the famous "Conning Tower" and who is now in France, holding "The Listening Post" for "The Stars and Stripes," published in France for the American Expeditionary Force, writes as follows:

"To one who from his Listening Post heard the Hudson Terminal, the Western Union and the Woolworth buildings go up, rivet by rivet, the noise of the bombs and shells is the soft murmur of a lullaby. Sweet and low, sweet and low, bombs of the Western front!"

Silly Slants

If some one doesn't put the stopper on the Giants' team
The race within the National League will soon be out of steam!

Wheatless days have been suspended on the Brooklyn club.

Hugg is still angling for pitchers. Maybe a gun would bring better results.

Sam Crawford says that sleep helps hitting. It never has aided base running.

It has been observed that one swallow doesn't make a summer. But ten of the right kind will generate a lot of heat.

We suppose a Blue Devil gives the enemy the blue devils, and all others chromatically possible.

Hamilton Institute Ready for Ball Season

Hamilton Institute has mapped out a strenuous schedule for its baseball team. Much is expected from Bill Tierney, the captain, who is regarded as one of the best schoolboy pitchers in the city.

The schedule follows:

May 1, Xavier H. S.; 3, White Plains H. S.; 8, Cisson Point M. A.; 11, Trinity School; 15, Evander Childs; 18, New York University freshmen; 25, Fawling School; 28, Stevens Prep; 31, Jamaica H. S.

June 5, Yonkers H. S.

Baseball To-day, 3:45 P. M. N. Y. Yankees vs. Philadelphia. Polo Grounds. Adm. 50c. —Advt.

Para, All-Hallows' Pitcher, Holds De La Salle Hitless

Para, of All-Hallows School, twirled a no-hit game against De La Salle Institute in its opening baseball game at Olympic Field yesterday. All-Hallows won by 4 to 1.

Bases on balls enabled De La Salle to score its run. Goggin, of De La Salle, was hit safely six times and fanned eleven batsmen. Para struck out seven.

The score by innings follows:

									R.	H.	E.
All-Hallows	0	1	3	0	1	0	x		4	6	0
De La Salle	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	0

Batteries—Para and MacPeak; Goggin and Schulte.

Sheriff to Bar Yankee Games At Harrison

Tells American League to Keep Out of New International's Field

Ban D. Johnson, the czar of organized baseball, is about to be sent to the place where all good czars usually wind up—to the Siberia of public popularity. Notice was served on him last night by Democratic Leader Frank Hague, of Hudson County, to the effect that any attempt on the part of the American League to play championship games at Harrison, N. J., on Sunday would be immediately interfered with by Sheriff John Mager.

"Johnson may rule baseball," Hague indignantly declared, "but his demain does not include New Jersey. Such cities as Newark, Jersey City and Paterson can take care of their own affairs."

It had been planned for the Yankees and Red Sox to play at Harry F. Sinclair's old Federal League park, at Harrison, N. J., next Sunday. Such a movement was to herald continuous Sunday baseball by the three local major league clubs in the old stronghold of the Gilmore outlaws. Such a step would have been disastrous to the welfare of the newly organized New International League, which will operate a club in Newark. Johnson has been instrumental in engineering the move to disregard the territorial rights of this new Class AA organization. Indeed he has gone so far as to appoint his bosom friend and former Eastern representative, James R. Price, business manager of the Harrison park.

Farrell Issues Statement

The New International League does not intend tamely to submit to interference with its rights or disregard of its territorial priivleges. President John H. Farrell, who is secretary of the National Association, the governing body of all the minor leagues, made that point very clear at the Biltmore last night. Mr. Farrell issued a long statement, very much to the point, which sets forth the minor league side of the argument admirably.

Farrell points out that his association comes before the public with clean hands; that recently when influential representatives of The Bronx petitioned the new Class A. A. circuit for a franchise they were referred to the New York clubs of the two major leagues, the International not wishing to violate the sanctity of the "five-mile zone" of the national agreement.

Ready to Go to War

Mr. Farrell also pointed out that his league had met all the financial obligations which had accrued to it from the operations of the circuit which it succeeded. These claims amounted to $9,900, embracing $1,900 unsettled salary of Buffalo club players, $5,000 lien against Newark territory granted to the Brooklyn club by the National Commission and $3,000 due the commission itself.

Realizing it is strictly in the right, the New International League purposes to see that its Newark territory is respected or to have the national agreement declared a scrap of paper. It is ready to go to war for its rights.

In passing it may be said that the little fellows will enjoy the heartiest coöperation of all fair-minded critics in their fight. Ban Johnson seems to have booted another. But the versatile man can back up and turn around and throw mental flipflops on a pin point. There will hardly be a big league game in Harrison next Sunday.

Local Schoolboys To Play 13 Ball Games To-day

Thirteen local schoolboy baseball games are scheduled for to-day. Seven will be played in Brooklyn, five in Manhattan and one in Garden City, L. I. In the last named place Carlton Academy's team will oppose the strong St. Paul's School nine. Two P. S. A. L. championship games are to be contested in Brooklyn and three in Manhattan. The games to figure in the tournament are: Brooklyn—Manual Training at Commercial, and New Utrecht at Erasmus Hall. Manhattan—Morris at Evander Childs, Commerce at Stuyvesant, and Curtis High at Townsend Harris Hall High School.

The most important games in Brooklyn art the ones between Erasmus Hall and New Utrecht, and Brooklyn Prep at Boys' High. Neither Erasmus nor Brooklyn Prep has lost a game, and two victories will mean that the title for Brooklyn will be decided between them. Brooklyn Prep is cited to oppose Erasmus Hall on May 18 to decide the runner-up in the tournament.

Evander Childs is tied with De Witt Clinton High School for leadership in the Manhattan, Bronx and Staten Island championship. Evander will oppose Morris High this afternoon, while Clinton will take a rest. Evander has won two contests and lost none, while Clinton won three and lost nine. Even if Evander Childs wins to-day it will still be in a tie.

The list of to-day's games follows:

MANHATTAN

Morris High, at Evander Childs.
High School of Commerce, at Stuyvesant.
Curtis High, at Townsend Harris Hall.
Hamilton Institute, at St. Francis Xavier.
De La Salle Institute, at Regis High.

BROOKLYN

Manual Training, at Commercial.
New Utrecht, at Erasmus Hall.
Brooklyn Prep, at Boys' High.
Marquand, at St. John's Prep.
Collegiate School freshmen, at St. Francis Prep.
Bushwick, at Poly Prep.
Berkeley-Irving, at Trinity School.

LONG ISLAND

Carlton Academy, at St. Paul's, Garden City.

Dodgers Win Opening Battle With Braves

Old Jack Coombs Keeps Boston Hits Scattered, While His Teammates Pound Ball—Herzog Gets Two Triples—O'Mara Stars

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The battle for the cellar championship of the National League opened yesterday afternoon at Ebbets Field, when the Dodgers and the Braves clashed in the first game of their series. The Flatbush nine came through with a victory by a score of 5 to 3. The two teams are now tied for seventh place, each having won two and lost nine games. So, strictly speaking, there is nobody in the cellar.

Old Jack Coombs was on the mound for the Dodgers and pitched steadily. He held the Braves to two hits in the first six innings and allowed only five safe blows during the entire game. Charley Herzog, who, it was supposed, had not got his batting lamps properly trimmed as yet, was the demon slugger of the day. Charley made two triples in his four trips to the plate. Both were terrific drives, far beyond Johnston in left field.

For Brooklyn every player, with the exception of Ivan Olson, Kreuger and Coombs, accumulated at least two hits, long clouts being contributed by Jimmy Hickman, who made a triple, and Hi Myers, who rapped out a double. Hi was of the opinion that his smash was good for three bases, but he was cut down at third on a relay from Massey to Rawlings to Smith.

Fans Jeer Red Smith

The Flatbush fans took the keenest delight in picking on Red Smith, who for several years played on their own ball team. Red, it would appear, was more than a little flustered by the booing he received, for he made two costly errors and failed to collect a hit in his four chances.

The Braves were the first to score, the fourth inning being the time they selected for their outbreak. Herzog, the first man up, banged the ball to left for his first triple and counted when Schmandt threw the ball past Kreuger after fielding Powell's grounder. Powell took second on the blunder, and, with no one out, the outlook for more runs was most promising. A wonderful throw by Krueger put a damper on the Braves' ardor. The Brooklyn catcher saw that Powell was taking a long lead off second, and he shot the ball to Olson with such speed and accuracy that he nabbed Powell three feet from the bag. Konetchy went out Olson to Daubert and Smith popped to Schmandt.

The Dodgers more than discounted this run in their half of the fourth when they broke loose on an old-fashioned batting rampage. Daubert singled to left field, Herzog making a valiant but vain effort to shut off the hit. Myers popped to Henry. Nehf then made a wild pitch, on which Daubert raced all the way to third.

Johnston singled between short and third, tallying Daubert, and then stole second. Jimmy Hickman drove out a three-bagger to centre, scoring Johnston. Schmandt kept up the bombardment with a single to centre, Hickman counting. Kreuger fouled to Henry and Rawlings threw out Coombs.

Two More for Dodgers

Brooklyn added two to its tally total in the sixth. Myers banged a hit at Red Smith which the latter found too warm to handle, and Red then aroused the jeers of the fans by a wild heave to first, Myers speeding to second. Johnston bunted safely and Myers crossed the plate. Smith again made a wild throw and Johnston reached second. Hickman sacrificed, pitcher to first, and Johnston scored on Schmandt's safety to centre. Kreuger ended the spasm by hitting into a double play, Rawlings to Herzog to Konetchy.

Old Jack Coombs became a trifle careless in the eighth, with the result that the Braves scored twice. With one man out Schmandt fumbled Massey's grounder. Herzog laced out his second triple and Massey walked home. Coombs hit the screen with a wild pitch and Herzog tallied. Powell and Konetchy both flied out to Hickman.

The fielding and batting of Ollie O'Mara would seem to indicate that Ollie is determined not to be supplanted by Hi Myers when Zach Wheat returns to bolster up the outfield. Ollie made a sensational stop of Smith's hot grounder in the second, and in the fifth ran almost to the left-field bleachers to grab a foul from the bat of Rawlings. O'Mara also made two hits. A long running catch of Nehf's fly in the eighth by Hi Myers was another fielding feature of the game.

Made to Order

BOSTON

	ab	r	h	o	a	e
Massey, l. f.	4	1	0	1	1	0
Herzog, 2b.	4	2	2	5	2	0
Powell, c. f.	4	0	0	2	1	0
Konetchy, 1b.	4	0	1	8	1	1
Smith, 3b.	4	0	2	1	3	3
Wickland, r. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Rawlings, s. s.	4	0	1	2	7	0
Henry, c.	3	0	0	4	2	0
Nehf, p.	2	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	33	3	5	24	20	4

BROOKLYN

	ab	r	h	o	a	e
Olson, s. s.	4	0	0	2	1	0
O'Mara, 3b.	4	0	2	2	2	0
Daubert, 1b.	4	1	2	7	0	0
Myers, c. f.	3	1	1	3	0	0
Johnston, l. f.	4	2	2	4	0	0
Hickman, r. f.	3	1	2	5	0	0
Schmandt, 2b	3	0	2	2	2	0
Krueger, c.	3	0	0	2	2	0
Coombs, p.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	31	5	11	27	9	2

Boston 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2—3
Brooklyn 0 0 0 3 0 2 0 0 x—5

Two-base hits—Wickland, Myers. Three-base hits—Herzog, 2; Hickman, Johnston. Sacrifice hit—Hickman. Double play—Massey, Herzog and Konetchy. Left on bases—Boston, 4; Brooklyn, 4. First base on errors—Boston, 2; Brooklyn, 3. Bases on balls—Off Nehf, 1; off Coombs, 1. Struck out—By Nehf, 1; by Coombs, 1. Wild pitches—Nehf, 1; Coombs, 1.

Dodger Dope

With Arthur Nehf, the star southpaw of the Braves, out of the way, the Dodgers should have an easy time capturing the series. Don Carlos Patrick Ragan, who was once a Dodger himself, is about the only Boston twirler likely to cause trouble.

The fine throwing of John Henry in the first two innings, in which he caught Daubert and Myers on attempted steals of second, did not deter Robbie from sending other runners down. Hickman and Johnston both got away with clean steals later on, Johnston's pilfer in the fourth aiding considerably in the run-making of that frame.

Old Man Coombs retired the Braves in order in the first, third and fifth innings, and only four men faced him in the second and sixth. A fair showing for the veteran, to say the least.

Ray Schmandt, the club second sacker of the Dodgers, gives every indication of being a real hitter. In yesterday's contest Ray banged out three safeties in three times at bat. His blow in the fourth nearly upset big Ed Konetchy.

Long Tom Hughes warmed up along with Nehf before play was called, but presumably Stallings was not much impressed with the goods Tom had on display. They may be more acceptable to-day

Jimmy Hickman acquitted himself most creditably. He singled in the second, tripled in the fourth and made a perfect sacrifice bunt in the sixth. On his last appearance, in the eighth, Jimmy fanned, but nobody found any fault.

Captain Ivan Olson had a sorry day of it with the stick. Ivan flied to centre in the first, popped to Herzog in the third, flied to Massey in the fifth and was tossed out by the pitcher in the seventh. Ivan was not so busy as usual in the field, either. He had two putouts and only one assist. He did not have chances enough to make his daily error.

Judging from the slow balls Coombs tossed to Herzog, Colby Jack was not averse to letting Charley distinguish himself. But still there is such a similarity between Jack's fast ones and slow ones that probably Charley would have secured his two triples just the same.

Al Mamaux or Rube Marquard will probably be called upon by Robbie to-day for box duty. If the Rube works