

CHICAGO CUBS LOOK LIKE CHARLEY WEEGHMAN HAS CORNERED JUICY LEMON MARKET

JOE TINKER'S CHICAGO CUBS CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY STAND A RIGID CITRIC ACID TEST

Phillies' Seven Straight Victories Prove Weeghman Owns a Sallow, Yellow-Skinned Baseball Combination

CHICAGO has developed into one of the greatest fruit centres in the country. This is not surprising to those who have been in the bustling, bustling city by the lake in the last few years, and who have noticed the mushroom-like spread of the justly celebrated Weeghman restaurants.

Charles Weeghman, therefore, determined some time ago to purchase fruit in quantity. It was his intention to purchase a juicy melon from Charles Murphy et al, then boss of the Chicago National League baseball club.

At any rate the error occurred. In speaking of the Cuba, alias melon, the transcriber or transcriber, instead of writing the word M-E-L-O-N, shifted a couple of consonants and wrote L-E-M-O-N.

Hence, when Joe Tinker and his band of athletes drifted into Tampa for the spring training campaign he began to feel that a cruel jest had been perpetrated on him, not realizing that it was a mere typographical error.

Phillies Drive Home a Certainty to Tinker

It did not take Tinker long to see clearly that what he feared to be a fact was a certainty of the most hideous proportions. He had been hoodwinked. He did not have a real ball club.

Moran's heartless hirelings went about showing up the Cubs-Whales combination in the most cold-blooded way Mackenseneque manner. In fact, they defeated the Cubs seven times in seven starts.

The Phillies have shown unexpected and sustained battling strength throughout the training season, but it was not solely due to their excellent play that they took seven straight games from the Lamented Lemons.

Joseph Tinker's Infield a Semiflavor

While the dissension in the Cubs' camp is and will probably continue to be partly responsible for the poor showing of Chicagoans, far more weak spots have developed than any one believed with the material from which Tinker had to draw.

The games with the Phillies and the daily work of the Cubs in Tampa have shown that the infield is not going to be an up-to-date quartet. No one knows yet just what players will be used regularly, not even Tinker himself.

Steve Yerkes at second base is likely to hold the job throughout this season, but Steve has not done so well this spring. He was at his best in 1912 with the Red Sox, hence he cannot be expected to come up to the standard for a pennant-winning team.

Weeghman's Crowd Is Top-Heavy Financially

With a weak infield, an outfield that is by no means a constellation and a pitching corps whose ability is excessively doubtful, the Cubs form a top-heavy combination financially. Tinker, or rather Weeghman, was forced to take over some big contracts when he affiliated himself with organized baseball.

Weeghman will find that without a winning team, which he unquestionably has not, he will be drawing on the restaurant cash registers with disconcerting regularity all summer. The crowds on the West Side last season were nothing like those of the old days when Frank Chance was at the playing helm.

White Sox Also Have Rocky Road Ahead

The prospects for a big year on the South Side, Chicago, are brighter than those on the West; nevertheless, the stupendous salary list that is starting Charley Comiskey in the face is not increasing his optimism.

There has never been a baseball club with the salaries running so uniformly high as those of the White Sox. If Clarence Rowland can produce a pennant winner or a team that will be in the running for the flag up to the last few weeks of the 1916 season, there is a chance that the Chicago Americans may come out even on the year's work.

Rowland Has Great Talent in All Departments

There is no argument about one thing—if Rowland does not win the pennant in the American League this year there will be no use in Comiskey's retaining him another year.

Joe Jackson, Eddie Murphy, Happy Felsch, John Collins and Leibold are all high-grade players, any one of whom could make a regular position on any other club in either of the major leagues. Yet it is patent that two of them must sit on the bench at least a part of the time.

It is almost certain that Terry, the youngster whose release was bought from a club in the Pacific Coast League, will play shortstop for the White Sox in place of Buck Weaver.

No better pitching corps could be found in the country than that possessed by the White Sox. It is composed of Joe Benz, Death Valley Jim Scott, Reb Russell, Eddie Cloutte, Faber, Wolfgang and Ed Walsh.

With Ray Schalk and Jack Lapp behind the bat, the White Sox have an unbeatable combination, provided they are managed correctly, which leads us again to remark that if Rowland makes good Comiskey will be in clover, but if he fails to win the flag or make a good showing, Champagne Charles will have to live on beer for a year or so.

Ernie Johnson and Johnny Lavan are, or rather were, fighting it out for the shortstop position on Fleider Jones' St. Louis Browns. Johnson was injured recently. Lavan, who is an M. D. from the University of Michigan, was the physician present when Johnson was hurt.

JOE BUSH MAY OPPOSE BRAVES IN GAME TODAY

Athletics Confident of Showing Better Form in Boston Frays

HUB PLAYERS IN SHAPE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 31.—The Boston Braves were greeted with chilly weather this morning upon their arrival here for the first game of the final inter-league series of the training season.

Boston is the best conditioned team the writer has ever seen at this time of the year. The men are playing in midseason form and though two days of the prevailing weather will put the Mackmen back considerably, it will really be welcome as it may tend to throw the Braves off their stride.

There has always been a great deal of discussion relative to the coming of a team in the spring. Some managers declare that a team should not train where the weather is extremely warm, as the return to the North affects a finely conditioned team more than one which is not quite up to form.

In discussing the subject Manager Mack says: "I don't take any stock in that theory. My experience has taught me that a team which enjoys the prevailing weather will show the effects of cold weather slightly quicker, but a team in the condition that the Braves are today needs only a few warm days to bring them right back to where they were before the reaction sets in."

"Another team will be slow coming to form, even after this warm weather sets in. A major league team which has permanent aspirations cannot be trained so well, and Stallings is fortunate in having his men in such good shape. I know if my ball team was a pennant contender nothing would give me more pleasure than to see the men in the condition the Boston players are at the present time. I'll take a chance with cold weather of the North and get a team on edge every time I get the weather and have the men."

The Braves will be rather surprised at the improved condition of the Mackmen and unless the Dodgers skidded badly over night before meeting the re-contracted regular season the National League favorites are going to have hard battles on their hands this afternoon and tomorrow. The Mackmen apparently are striking their stride, and while they are not banking upon winning both games from the Braves, all are confident that at least one of the contests will result in victory.

"Dunnigan's Folly" Sidetracked

ALBANY, March 31.—A resolution introduced by Senator Dunnigan, of New York, requiring the Senate, within 10 days, detailed information relative to the lease of a building in the State has been sidetracked.

Soccer Games Scheduled for Tomorrow Afternoon

AMATEUR CUP. Semifinal Round. Wanderers vs. Veterans, at 3d and Lehigh avenue. Referee—L. Steel.

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Division A. St. vs. Hibernian, at Tacony Ball Park. Referee—George Lamm.

Division B. St. vs. Hibernian, at St. Martin's. Referee—W. E. Hinds.

HOHNFELD CUP. Semifinal Round. Wm. Cramp & Co. vs. Standard Roller Bearing, at Hildesburg Ball Park. Referee—C. Ward.

First Round. Fowler vs. Hohlfeld, at 5th and Bristol streets. Referee—H. Hamer.

ALLIED LEAGUE. First Division. St. Nathaniel vs. Division, at 3d street and Erie avenue. Referee—John Walders.

Second Division. St. vs. Hibernian, at 3d and Lehigh streets. Referee—J. Williams.

Third Division. Tacony A. vs. Furian Res., at State road and Conover street. Referee—J. Shaw.

Fourth Division. St. vs. Hibernian, at 3d and Erie streets. Referee—J. Williams.

UNITED LEAGUE. Shamrock vs. Anolis, at 16th street and Hunting Park avenue. Referee—H. Skelton.

NORTH PENN LEAGUE. Hunting Park vs. Northmont, at 22d street and Sedgwick avenue. Referee—J. Williams.

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QUAKER CITY 70th & Dauphin. TONIGHT—8:30 SHARP.

GAYETY TONIGHT—After Regular 1:30 P. M. Final—Ed. Slone, Young Matty, Young Wasp.

COURAGE AND GRIT NOT RARE QUALITY IN ATHLETICS

Rice Declares These Elements Are Extremely Common in Baseball, Football and Other Branches of Sports

By GRANTLAND RICE

"As is long and Time is fleeting," wrote the poet in a trance; Let us then be up and beating, Rogie while we've got a chance.

For most men, against the test, have about all the gameness that might be needed to go on through with the job.

Not Knocking Courage. This isn't intended as any pole at courage, gameness or grit. The point is that courage, as a winning institution, can be overplayed; that it won't get you very far without something else.

Maxims of the 19th Hole. The golfer who constantly blameth his caddy hath the soul of a sponge and the heart of an oyster.

The Colonel, having discovered the bird that eats nuts, might just as well have kept said fowl away from the U. S. of A.

WALTON RE-ELECTED TO LEAD PENN STATE FIVE

Season Closes With Eight Victories and Three Defeats

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., March 31.—Penn State's basketball team has re-elected L. E. Walton, of Atlantic City, captain of the floor five for the next season.

Under Walton's leadership this year Penn State made a remarkable record, winning eight of the eleven games played, and capturing second place in the Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Basketball League.

C. R. Mason, '17, of Doylestown, has been elected manager for next season.

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SCHOOLBOYS ARE READY TO PLAY OPENING GAMES

Baseball Season Here for Local Nines—Seven Contests Tomorrow

OTHER SCHOLASTIC NEWS

If the weather does not change and conditions are favorable, the scholastic baseball season for 14 of the schools in this section will be ushered in tomorrow afternoon.

Episcopal Academy has a game with Bordentown Military Institute at Bordentown. The New Jersey athletes found it necessary to cancel the opening game with Penn Charter one week ago, but hope to play the Churofmen.

Philadelphia Textile tackles Villanova Preparatory, at Villanova. Browns Prep meets West Chester Normal. Southern and Girard clash at the Girard Field.

The majority of the squads have only been outdoors a few days. In spite of this the coaches hope to start their men this week.

The schedule follows: Episcopal at Bordentown. Penn Prep at Penn Charter Normal. Brown Prep at West Chester Normal. Southern High at Girard College. La Salle College at Ursula College. Philadelphia Textile at Villanova Prep. Media High vs. Kennett Square High School.

Penn Charter School's team will probably line up with Hibernian, Farnell, Way and Steve. Hibernian, Farnell, Way and Steve. Hibernian, Farnell, Way and Steve.

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