

JOE TINKER'S CUBS MAKE EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON LOCAL FANS IN FIRST APPEARANCE

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Tinker's Combination of Old Cubs and Chifeds Has Been Welded Into Well-balanced Team and Needs Only Consistent Twirling

JOE TINKER'S combination of old Cubs and Federal Leaguers made a great impression on the local fans in the first game of the series with the Phillies. No doubt the Cubs were aided in making this excellent impression by the poor pitching of Eppa Rixey and Erskine Mayer, but there is no denying the fact that there is wonderful offensive strength in the Chicago line-up, while the defense also appears to be strong.

A team's defense looks very good or mediocre according to the calibre of pitching, and as Jim Vaughn, the giant southpaw, pitched a splendid game yesterday, it is only natural that the defense looked strong; but in looking over the Cub line-up one cannot help but come to the conclusion that Tinker has a smooth fielding team. With a powerful offense and a strong defense, Tinker needs only pitching to make his team a dangerous pennant contender.

Tinker has the pitching talent at hand. It is up to him to get the work out of the men and to exercise sound judgment in handling the hurlers. If the Cubs are favored with consistent pitching, it will not be long before they are up with the leaders. The team has been slow in striking its stride, but that was to be expected under the circumstances.

When the Cubs and Chifeds were consolidated Tinker had to build his team out of the best men of the two teams, and as the players were accustomed to playing different styles of ball and were unused to men they were teamed up with, it required some time to perfect team play. Tinker also was naturally prejudiced in favor of Federal Leaguers, and several games were lost because he persisted in playing members of his 1915 Federal League team in preference to National Leaguers who had proved themselves steadier and better ball players.

The Pitching Material Is at Hand

NOW that he has become thoroughly acquainted with the ability of each of his players, Tinker is making some headway. As to his pitchers, Tinker has three men of unquestioned ability; one who was a wonder and is showing signs of coming back; two or three excellent prospects, if they can live up to their Federal League reputations, and the veteran, Mordecai Brown, who is still a capable relief twirler for an inning or two.

In Vaughn, Lavender and Hendrix the Cubs have three men who should have no trouble winning more than 50 per cent. of their games, with Vaughn and Hendrix likely to run up a long string of victories at any time. Tom Seaton, who was looked upon as one of the best pitchers in the country in 1913, is an uncertainty, but, judging by his recent performances, the former Philly star is rapidly rounding into his old-time form. Carelessness caused Seaton to backslide, but with the Federal League a thing of the past he is in excellent physical condition, and there is no reason why he should not prove a star.

Tinker is banking upon Prendergast and McConnell, of his Federal League staff, to provide the extra man needed to team with this quartet. Prendergast has not had much of a chance yet, but McConnell has pitched better ball than any man on the staff to date. If he can keep going at his present clip, Tinker will have a good enough staff to win the pennant if he handles his men properly. The question is, will he?

Phillies Outclassed Owing to Poor Pitching

THERE was nothing to the first game of the series but the Cubs. Eppa Rixey, usually effective against Chicago, was a mark for the sluggers of Tinker's team and Mayer was no improvement. The way the Cubs bounced the ball off the right field wall for singles and doubles impressed upon the fans that it did not take this team long to learn to hit into right field. The right field fence at Wessman Park, the new Cub home, is not much longer than the Phillies' and the fence is not quite so high, and the Cubs have been practicing hitting to that field.

National League teams have been complaining about the length of the right field fence in Chicago, claiming that the Cubs in playing 77 games at home have an unfair advantage. The same claim was made against the low bleacher wall at the Philly park last season, but as all these fences are the required distance from the home plate nothing can be done about it, and both teams will continue to enjoy a great advantage at home.

Rixey and Mayer were marks for the Cubs. Even Mulligan, the sensational young fielding shortstop of Tinker's team, who is looked upon as one of the weakest hitters in the National League, managed to hit the ball hard. In the meantime the Phillies were helpless before Jim Vaughn and probably would have been shut out if the southpaw had not eased up after being given a comfortable lead.

Oeschger's Pitching Only Bright Spot in Game for Phils

THE only pleasing feature about the day for the Phillies was the pitching of Joe Oeschger, the defeat of the Giants and Braves by Pittsburgh and St. Louis and Gavy Cravath getting two hits after a horrible exhibition of club swinging for three days. As the Dodgers won again and increased their lead in the pennant race it was altogether a bad day for the Phils.

Oeschger's pitching was excellent. The big Californian had excellent control, which has been one of his weak points to date, and he showed enough to warrant a chance to start a game. It has been rumored about the International League that waivers have been asked on Oeschger and that he would join one of the teams of Barrow's league, but Manager Moran denies this and says he looks for Oeschger to develop into a star.

The Philly infielders and pitchers are criticised for not intercepting throws to the plate and catching runners going to other bases, but this is unjust. The infielder or pitcher who could intercept a throw from Paskert or Whitted does not exist. Neither knows how to throw from the outfield for the simple reason that they try to send the ball all the way to the plate without a bound, and it is impossible to intercept a throw of this sort. Both Paskert and Whitted have wonderful arms and their throws are pretty from a spectator's viewpoint, but their value would be doubled if they used the bounding throw in getting the ball to the plate on safe hits where the batter invariably tries for second on the throw-in.

The three Philly outfielders throw as well, if not better, than the Odring, Strunk and Murphy combination of the famous Mack machine, but the latter trio hurled the ball to the plate in such a manner that McInnis, Collins and the pitchers could intercept it, and the Mackmen led the country in cutting down runners trying for an extra base. This is an important defensive play, as it cuts down a runner who is moving to a base from which he can score on a single. It is the only flaw in Moran's defensive system.

Fielder Jones has cut down his squad to 21 men. When Jones took the Browns to Palestine, Texas, this spring he had 55 men on his payroll, but gradually cut the list down, and when Hamilton was sold to Detroit he made his last change for the season. Jones intends to carry his present roster, which includes eight pitchers, three catchers, six infielders and four outfielders, for the rest of the season. There also will be three or four collegians added within the next month.

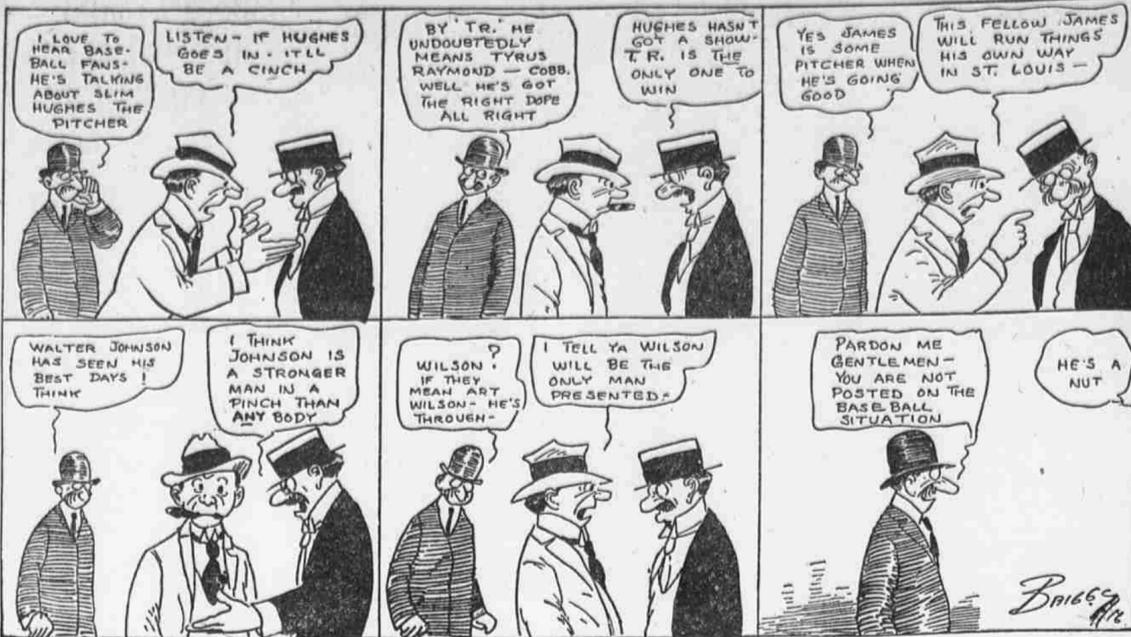
The squad Manager Mack is carrying on the Western trip is the smallest in modern baseball. For the last 10 years it has been customary for a team to carry anywhere from 20 to 30 players, and National League managers believe it is a hardship to be restricted to 21 players, but Mack now has only 18 men with the team, and one of these, Wally Schang, is crippled. Mack has only six pitchers, three catchers, five infielders and four outfielders, exclusive of Harry Davis and Ira Thomas, who are now coaches and not players.

Three of Mack's young players are going to the summer school at Skowhegan, Maine, where Witt and Lowry were developed. Pitcher Bemis, from Pat Moran's home city of Pitchburg, Mass.; Evers, a youngster who was with the Mackmen in the South, and Pitcher "Rube" McKenty, the star twirler of Brown Preparatory School, are scheduled to leave here tomorrow for Skowhegan, where Ben Houser and Monte Cross will tutor them in the fine points of the game. Mack expects Bemis to develop into a great pitcher in a year or two. Other promising collegians are to be sent to Skowhegan later and Harry Davis will spend a few weeks there in midsummer.

There would be a great deal more interest in the annual tournament for the women's tennis championship of the United States, now in progress at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, if that sterling pair of Californians, Mrs. Thomas Bundy, who was Miss May Sutton before her marriage, and Miss Mary Browne were contestants. It is the consensus of opinion that the winner of the challenge round will prove easy for Miss Molla Bjurstedt, but if Mrs. Bundy or Miss Browne competed, the wonderful Norwegian girl would have a great battle on her hands.

Fortune, the young twirler sent to New London, of the Eastern League, by Manager Moran, is pitching grand ball, and ranks with Alworth, Mack's recruit, who is with New Haven. On the other hand, Harry Weaver and Rube Bressler, who also are with Danny Murphy's team, are being batted freely. Weiser is batting well and playing fine ball for New London, while Ray, the Mack southpaw, is looked upon as the best pitcher in the Virginia League.

OCCASIONALLY PEOPLE DISCUSS POLITICS



MEDIA NINE IS CHAMPION TEAM IN DEL. COUNTY

Defeats Chester in Deciding Game-Agnew Twirls in Splendid Form

OTHER SCHOLASTIC NEWS

Media High School made a brilliant showing in basketball this season, but failed to win the Delaware County High School League championship in this sport. When the basketball season opened and the league teams started play, the Media High athletes set out to win the title in the game on the diamond. They accomplished their purpose and ended the season in the contest yesterday with Chester High.

Chester High also had a strong team and it was nip and tuck between these two nines until the final and deciding game was played yesterday, Media winning, 10 to 4. Sidney Agnew, the husky southpaw twirler for Media High, continued his excellent work on the mound, holding the Chester boys safe at critical times and making three timely hits, two of which were doubles.

The Delaware County League was a great success this year, not only in basketball and baseball, but in other athletic competitions. The students at Media High, Swarthmore High, Ridley Park High, Darby High, Havertown High and Landdowne were inspired to greater efforts, and never before has so much interest been taken in the big events.

Captain Amella, of the George School baseball team, will be back again next year and is one of the stars who will help to keep the Newtown institution up to its present high standard in athletics.

The St. Joseph's College-St. Joe Alumni baseball game, originally scheduled to be played at the St. Joe field this afternoon, has been postponed until next Wednesday afternoon, June 14. This is the day of the school commencement.

Coach Philip G. Lewis, of the Germantown High School freshman baseball team, had to be

satisfied with second place in the Freshmen League, but he took the defeat handed Germantown High by South Philadelphia High, winners of the championship, in a good-natured way.

"You can say for me that Germantown High was not holding well and that South Philadelphia deserved to win. The South Philadelphia team was well balanced and won every game on the first-year schedule.

State Athletes Get Letters
STATE COLLEGE, Pa., June 7.-At an open air mass-meeting of the entire student body Professor J. E. Sparks last night awarded Penn State's athletes the Varity letter for participation in intercollegiate sports. Four men of the football squad who played in a few of the Varity games during the last four years were awarded "vs" in recognition of their services. Inquiries were also given to members of minor sports teams.

James Butler's Trainer Dead
NEW YORK, June 7.-Richard T. Benson, who trained the thoroughbreds of James Butler on the Jockey Club tracks in 1914 and 1915, died yesterday morning in Kansas City of a complication of disease.

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Tufts Ball Nine Supreme
SPRINGFIELD, Mass., June 7.-The Tufts College baseball team virtually clinched the Eastern championship by defeating the Amherst field T. M. C. A. College nine here yesterday. The score was 4 to 0. Tufts is the hardest hitting team among the colleges, and its pitching staff is said to be the best in the East.

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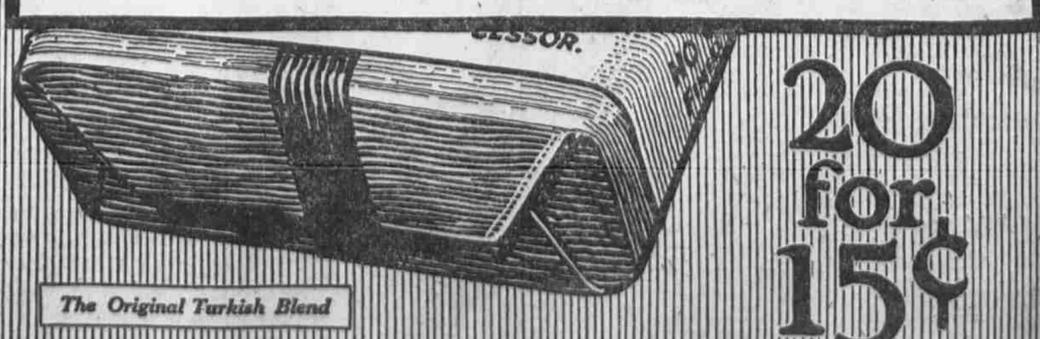
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