

IT'S EASIER TO SELL THE OLD STRAW KELLY THAN BEAT OUT THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX NOW

RAY BATES COMES BACK, BUT FINDS HIMSELF OUT OF A JOB; PALMER PLAYS STAR GAME AT THIRD BASE

Man From Texas Makes Four Hits in Final Battle With White Sox—Elmer Myers Blows Up in Eighth and Chicago Drives Another Spike in Pennant

RAY BATES came back to the fold yesterday afternoon, took a seat in the grand stand and watched a youngster walk away with his job at third base. Bates left the Athletics last week to answer the call of the draft and it was thought that he would be missing the remainder of the season. Connie therefore made his plans for the future without including his old third baseman and the result was placing Palmer on the far corner for experimental purposes only. The experiment was a success.

Palmer, who played on the Dallas, Tex., club this year, came here as a second baseman, but with Roy Grover playing such a wonderful game at that position there was little chance for the new man to break in. Then Bates went away and Schang was sent to third. Connie wasn't satisfied, so before the Chicago series decided to use Palmer and see what he could do. Batting in the clean-up position the Texan got two hits and a base on balls out of four times up the first day, reached first on a base on balls and scored the winning run on Wednesday and yesterday scored two runs, got four hits and a base on balls out of five times up. In the series against what are believed to be some of the best pitchers in the league, Palmer batted an even .600 and carried off the swatting honors. This is going some when one considers the condition of the White Sox hurling staff. In the field he accepted eight chances and made one error, which can be excused.

Palmer has solved one of the problems Connie Mack has been facing for the last week. With Bates in the army and getting heavier each year, there was a slim chance of using him in the 1918 campaign. A third baseman was needed and the man from Texas stepped into the breach. Connie likes his work and when we asked him last night what he intended to do with Bates, he replied: "Bates is here and ready to play, but I think I'll use Palmer a few days longer." That means Ray will be among those present on the bench until he is called again for army duty.

ANOTHER new face was inserted behind the bat yesterday. "Cy" Perkins, who played with Atlanta, caught for the A's and performed his duties satisfactorily. He singled the first time up and hit the ball far into the outfield the other three times. He nailed the base runners better than some of the veterans and has the earmarks of a corner. Connie is trying out a number of catchers and it would not be at all surprising if he has an entirely new staff next year.

Elmer Myers Holds Record for Quick Blow-Ups

AFTER pitching a wonderful game for seven innings and holding the Chicago club to three mealy hits, Elmer Myers drifted up in the clouds and was chased by an avalanche of base hits, accompanied by a flock of scores. Elmer seemed to have everything while things broke well for him, but just as soon as breaks went against him the aviation stuff was put on. Myers certainly had hard luck, for Gandil opened the inning with a hit which took a bad sound and glanced off Witt's shin. Weaver followed with a hit to right which should have been caught by Jamieson, but Grover went after it and barely touched it. That put Gandil on third with none out and Eddie Murphy, who batted for Lynn, brought Chick home with a long sacrifice fly. Leibold singled to center, placing Weaver on third, and then came the finish. McMullin hit to right, scoring Weaver, and Jamieson for some reason, hurled the ball home. There was no chance to get the runner and Leibold was on his way to third. The ball trickled through Perkins' legs and Nemo came in with the tying counter. It was a terrific brainstorm on the part of our right fielder. After that, Elmer was canned and Seibold finished the combat.

Myers always has been a mystery on the mound and his work yesterday makes it appear worse than that. For seven innings he looked like the best pitcher in the world and only one real hit was made off him. Gandil punched one in the nose in the fifth for a single to left and the other two wallows were scratches. Not a man reached third in those seven innings and it looked like another victory for the home folks until the fatal eighth. After that, anything was expected.

Myers either is very, very good or exceedingly bum when he performs. There is no middle ground for him. He has a wedge of stuff but doesn't seem to know how to use it. One day in Detroit he had everything a pitcher would want, but the Tigers walloped his slants all over the lot. Yesterday it was the same, even when Chicago began to hit him.

"IF MYERS would get some control and pitch low to the batters he would be the most effective pitcher in the league," said one of the critics yesterday. "His height would give him a terrible drive on a low ball and the batters could not touch it. But he pitches low, then high and grooves too many these days. He should confine himself to low balls and try to keep them lower all of the time."

World Series Will Start in Chicago on October 6

IT IS all over but the shouting so far as the entrants for the world series are concerned. Chicago's victory over the A's yesterday coupled with Detroit's win over Boston places the White Sox in such a commanding position that it would not be at all surprising if everything were over tomorrow night. The Chicago club plays in Boston today and two victories over Barry's men will give them the pennant. The Red Sox are on the toboogan and ready to turn over and play dead. The Tigers grabbed three straight and took much of the confidence from the champions of last year. The team has given up hope and probably will put forth weak opposition against the Westerners. Everybody was happy as the White Sox left for Boston last night and already the players are spending their share of the series. It's a great and glorious feeling.

Everything was settled in regard to the opening game when a coin was tossed in Cincinnati and President Hemphstead, of the Giants, made a bum guess. Chicago won the toss and the first game will be played in the Windy City on Saturday, October 6. Another game will be played on Sunday and both clubs commute to New York, where the third and fourth battles will be staged on Monday and Wednesday. After that will come the rub, provided more games are needed. Thursday will be spent on the train and the fifth game played in Chicago on October 12. Then comes a weird break in the schedule. Instead of playing Saturday, the teams will rest two days and the sixth combat will be put on in New York on Monday, October 15. That will give each city three games and in case another is necessary, a coin will be tossed to decide.

THIS means a long-drawn-out series, but it should be an interesting one. For the first time in years the East and the West will fight it out and the attendance figures should be large. The only thing that is worrying the magnates now is the possibility of rain. A couple of moist days will gum things up considerably.

Phils Get Six Players in the Draft

THE National Commission, in addition to making plans for the world's series at the meeting in Cincinnati yesterday, held a draft meeting—not the kind where the men report for a khaki uniform, but for a big league outfit. The Phils were most fortunate, as the club drew six players while the A's secured only one. Danda Fillingim, who once did some twirling for the Mackmen and who has been with Indianapolis, of the American Association, this season, is one of the men drawn by the Phils. They also secured Davis, of the Louisville club; Woodward, from San Haven in the Eastern League; Muesel, from Los Angeles; Fitzgerald, from San Francisco, and Wilkinson, from Newark in the International. Fillingim is a right-hand artist and with Cy Falkenberg virtually won the pennant for the Association leaders. Davis is known as Dixie Davis and is a right-hand pitcher, making it four twirlers and two outfielders. Muesel is said to be fast and Fitzgerald is one of the top-notch batters in the Pacific Coast League. The Phils also canceled drafts on Crosby, catcher of St. Joseph, Western League club, and Cass, outfielder of the Des Moines team, of the same league.

The A's drew Third Baseman Dykes, who played a reliable game for the Gettysburg club in the Blue Ridge League of this State. This yearly function witnessed a big demand for minor league stars by the major leagues, with the National League getting twenty-two players and the American twelve from the minors. Cincinnati led all other clubs in getting players through draft, seven men going there. Washington Americans obtained three; Cleveland, Detroit, New York Americans, Brooklyn, Boston Nationals and Chicago Nationals each obtained two, while the Boston Americans, St. Louis Americans, St. Louis Nationals and New York Giants, each obtained one. The Boston Nationals originally drafted six men, but later canceled their claims on Lane, of Oakland; Conway, of Worcester, Murray, of Worcester, and Munroe, of Joplin. Neither Pittsburgh nor the Chicago Americans obtained a man by draft.

IT WAS also announced at the meeting that a small world's series to decide the baseball championship of Ohio will be played, starting in Cincinnati on October 4. The second game will also be played in Cincinnati on October 5; third and fourth games played in Cleveland on October 6 and 7; fifth game in Cincinnati on October 8 and the sixth in Cleveland on October 9. The Westerners, of the American League, and Harrisburg, of the National League, will officiate in the Ohio series.

KELLY—CALLING A FOUL



GIANTS WILL WIN, SAYS LAVENDER

Phillies' Pitcher Who Performed Against Both As-sersts Sox Will Lose

CICOTTE BEST HURLER

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 20.—While the little raindrops gently fell over the green-ward at Westham Park yesterday afternoon, thereby preventing a game between the Phillies and the Cubs, a fanning breeze was in the clubhouse with the world series as the chief topic.

It was generally admitted without debate that pitching is the compelling and deciding factor in a world series. A pitcher who has worked both against the Sox practically composed as they are at present and against the Giants during the year is competent to discuss the relative values of the two clubs better than any one else, and in Jimmy Lavender the man most competent to do so is found. Here is what James had to say:

"New York has a very remarkable batting team, but every batter has a well-defined weakness. If a pitcher does not pitch right to these batters they are likely to murder his delivery. If he pitches right the Giants are likely to be beaten.

Must Know Weakness  
"If the Sox pitchers know these weaknesses they will win; but I do not believe they do. Certainly neither myself nor any other National League pitcher or player will tell them, as a matter of loyalty. If you study the records you will see that before the right pitchers Kauff and Robertson can be fooled. Neither have done much in Chicago, because Vaughn and some of the other hurlers due to Hippo's instructions are wise to them.

"I am a great admirer of Eddie Cicotte. I have pitched against him in Cub-Sox series. He is game as a pebble, a fine fellow personally, and I should hate to see him beaten. However, I believe that the Giants have an excellent chance at him, but I am by no means positive. It all depends on what he throws them, and he has a great delivery.

"I personally met his shine-ball delivery. I studied it and have been using it myself, and have done very well with it. It is not a spitball delivery—it is a delivery all of its own and perfectly legitimate. I am glad to add it to my stock in trade, although I claim no mastery of it, but have done well with it.

"If Eddie Cicotte and his catcher know the Giant batters and Ed has his shiner working as well as the rest of the stuff he has, look out, McGraw. But, naturally, they

cannot know National League batters as a National League pitcher does.

"Anide from Cicotte, who always is a winning chance, I pick New York to win because they have three star left-handers that can do nine innings. Ballew is great. Benton is a mighty good left-hander and they don't dope him to pitch at all. Schupp is one of the greatest young left-handers that has come up in a long time. I think he will win, but I have no certainty on this score.

"It's going to be a great series. If Ed Collins and Jackson come through on their old-time dope the Giants will have trouble.

Picks Giants to Win

"But the one thing that makes me pick the Giants is that the Sox, as I have read reports this year, have only one nine-inning dependable pitcher—Eddie Cicotte. Faber has the stuff to beat the Giants, but I am not at all sure of his lasting nine innings. Russell is a great hurler. He can beat the Giants if he is in right, but I understand he is not a dependable quantity because of a sore arm.

"To summarize, the Sox have Cicotte as a sure asset, Faber a probability; Russell a possibility, and a great one if he is there, and a team in Williams and Danforth, who have been only half pitchers all year. The two halves have won a lot of games. I doubt if they can against the Giants. The Giants are great on bases. Schalk is a great catcher. I can't guess this problem, but I must dope the Giants to win."

Indian Queen to Meet Tulp  
Manager Young, of the Indian Queen Athletics, has secured the Tulp A. A. for tomorrow's attraction at the Indian Queen Park, Wintonick avenue below Queen Lane. These two teams meet on July 21, with Tulp being returned the victor. G. O. Simpson or Beta will travel for Indian Queen, with Jordan on the mound for Tulp.

BURNS FIRST TO SCORE 100 RUNS

New York Outfielder Passes Century Mark Yesterday. Veach Tops Rice

RACE IN NATIONAL CLOSE

George Burns, the brilliant outfielder of the Giants, is the first National League player to score 100 or more runs. Burns passed the century mark yesterday by scoring twice in the tie game against the Pirates.

Donie Bush, of the Tigers, is the leading runner of the American League. The little shortstop has crossed the plate 104 times.

By hitting safely twice in four trips to the plate, Bobby Veach of the Tigers, passed Sam Rice, of the Senators, for fourth place in the race for batting honors in the American League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE table with columns: G, AB, R, H, Ave. Rows include: Roush, Cincinnati; Hornsby, St. Louis; Kauff, New York; Burns, New York; Gurb, Cincinnati.

AMERICAN LEAGUE table with columns: G, AB, R, H, Ave. Rows include: Cobb, Detroit; Spauldy, Cleveland; Miller, St. Louis; Veach, Detroit; Rice, Washington.

WORLD'S SERIES RESULT USUALLY GOES VIA THE DOPE ROUTE; IT HAS IN FIVE OUT OF LAST SIX YEARS

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By GRANTLAND RICE In Reply

The melancholy days are near, As some one's said before, When there will be no chance to write About the daily score.

"What will you have to write about?" The fan asks, somewhat solemnly? What will we have to write about? Oh, well, about a column.

For sport may come and sport may go, With ever changing pace, And yet, somehow, sufficient words Remain to fill the space.

"WHAT is the use," queries a writer,

"In trying to pick out a world series winner when you know that nearly every series brings about an upset? An upset? Not at all. In 1911 it was generally established that the hard-hitting Mackmen would beat the Giants. They did—four games to two. In 1912 the Giants-Red Sox carnival was regarded as a toss-up. It was—going to the tenth inning of the eighth game. In 1913 the Mackmen were held to be far superior to the Phillies and the Dodgers. In 1915 we recall making a slight wager on the Braves. This was the first and only upset of seven years. For in 1915 and 1916 the Red Sox were held to be superior to the Phillies and the Dodgers. Which they didn't. So since 1910 there has been but one upset. The club which the majority of critics picked to win has won, with the lone 1914 exception. We are not counting here the opinions of managers and players from the rival leagues. Naturally they pick their own league to win—in print.

Their private opinions are often different. So far there has been no widespread verdict rendered on the Giant-White Sox affair. But the dope will be exploited. Never fear! And it will very likely come bounding safely through.

Dear Sir: I have just read your comment on world series high spots. I have a few others I would like to add.

One in the great record of Jack Coombs, the only pitcher in the world to win all five of his world series starts. I do not recall any other pitcher who ever weathered three world series without a defeat.

There was also the sensational work of Walter Marvyn in the 1914 series. A third great feature was the great world series catching of Johnny Kling. His work was the bestest I have ever seen back of the bat in a post-season championship.

The Record Breaker  
A short missed putt brings a ringing curse; A topped drive's often even worse; But a fouler thing than a slice or a hook Is to pop a mangle into the brook, Into the mud, and alone and goo When you dreamed of being dead in too.

"This hopes to overtake Ty." Can it be that Tris has equipped himself with one of these new Liberty motors?

The Nine-Stroke Handicap  
"I note," observes a bystander, "that several writers state that Mrs. Gavin has

proved that no male golfer can give a star woman player nine strokes and win. Could the best woman golfer that ever lived have stood up to that western sweep of Jim Barnes, even with a nine-stroke handicap at match or medal play?"

The answer, in a word, is "No." Barnes played seventy-two holes in a 71 average. In existence who could play seventy-two holes in an average of nine strokes higher to the round. If it has ever been done the record is missing from the archives.

Answering Query  
"Can the White Sox trim the Giants?" "Can they shatter Perrett's spell?" "Can they play with greater solemnity?" "Can they hit the ball as well?"

What's the ancient answer ready, Which we happen to remember— We can tell you more about it In October—or November.

"What," asks a fanatic, "will Cicotte do with his shine-ball on a cloudy or misty day?" Who knows but what Eddie has an umbrella ball all primed for a weather shift?

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