

KID GLEASON'S WIND IS HOLDING OUT BETTER SINCE HE GOT MIXED UP WITH CHICAGO GALES

KID GLEASON COMES BACK TO PHILA. AS BIG LEAGUE PILOT

It Took Charles Comiskey to Find That Famous Diamond Hero Had the Managerial Qualities to Keep White Sox in the Race

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KID GLEASON will be honored at Shibe Park this afternoon. The scrappy manager of the Chicago White Sox will open a short series with our A's, and for the first time in his thirty-five years of baseball will have a chance to look him over as a regular manager.



KID GLEASON

The Kid has made good this year. Taking the same line-up which finished down in the race last year, he instilled a little fight and spirit, got off to a flying start and now is up in the race, battling for the lead. He sprang a big surprise when the pitching staff was turned loose, and before the other clubs realized it many victories were piled up.

Gleason is a Philadelphian and once played with the Phils. He started as a pitcher, but soon discovered he was a better infielder. He has many friends here and today will be presented with some sort of a gift before the game starts.

THE White Sox will play only three games, leaving here on Tuesday night. Phillies' Team Batting Average Is Misleading

YOU never can tell the standing of a ball club in the pennant derby by taking a look at the official batting averages. It is said that figures never lie, but in the case of our Phils the figures certainly would put one on the wrong trail.

The Phils are second in club batting, second in the scoring of runs and second in the total number of base hits. That dope can be found in the official batting averages, but it's a different story in the won and lost column.

Combs has a mystery ball club this year. It should be up in the race, but it isn't. Instead of seventh, it should be third or fourth, because the men are hitting the ball, scoring many runs and doing everything except winning games.

A ball club must register base hits and drive in runs in order to win games. The Phils are doing that very thing, but are not winning. Three men—Cravath, Williams and Meusel—are among the first ten leading sluggers.

There are five men hitting over .300, but another freakish angle is the scoring of runs. Cravath has registered twenty-three times, Meusel twenty-three and Cy Williams twenty-five.

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ALL of which goes to show that you never can tell in baseball. It is an uncertain game, the dope oftentimes goes foible, but it is that uncertainty which makes it interesting.

Connie Proves He's Patient Plugger ON THE other mitt, consider the A's. Connie's clan is firmly entrenched in the cellar, evidently believing that is the proper and most popular place after July 1, and rehearsing for a long stay.

Connie is a patient plugger, but must feel discouraged over the work of his hired men. They are not consistent in anything except losing. They play swell ball for six or seven innings, then hit the skids and don't recover until the other guys have scored enough runs to win.

Bobby Roth has come through and now is slugging .324. He is going good now and should keep it up all season. Whitey Witt, the sensation of the league this year, maintains a high average and is among the lapping leaders with .321. But when you mention those gents you are through.

With poor hitting like that the A's have no license to win. Only two men can deliver the punch and it takes more than two to win ball games. Walker should be up around .300, Burns is a better batter than his average shows and if he regains his batting eye the club will improve.

But Connie needs a hard-hitting infielder and is on the job in search of one. Mack will stop at nothing to improve his team. He signed Barrus to play first base if necessary, dragged Harry Davis and Pat Livingston out of retirement to assist in developing the squad and swapped Grover to Washington for Thompson, a left-handed flinger.

TWO more good hitters and a dependable pitcher will lead the Athletics out of the dismal swamp.

They are passing the buck in the referee question at Toledo. The army and navy board of boxing control has sidestepped the issue, and instead of naming an arbiter to work in the Willard-Dempsey affair has submitted a list of names to Rickard, and Tex must do the picking himself.

Therefore, it can be safely assumed that the third man will not be named for at least two weeks. Rickard knows the value of publicity and there will be about twenty candidates extolled in the newspapers throughout the country, which will not displease the promoter. Our guess is that the matter will be placed in the hands of Governor Cox in a short time and the Ohio executive is more than likely to name Matt Hinkle.

THAT SILLIEST FEELING



WHEN YOU USE YOUR BRASSIE ON A SIDE HILL LIE—AND NEVER TOUCH THE BALL

CRAVATH AND COBB STILL LEAD MAJORS; WITT AND ROTH WELL ABOVE .300 MARK

Phillies' Slugging Outfielder Only National Leaguer Hitting Better Than .400

PHILS HITTING HARD



LEADS PHILS IN HITS 'Cy' Williams, whose forty-eight safeties top Coomben in number of baschits

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Veach Giving Ty Close Race for Batting Honors in American League

MACKS WEAK AT BAT



IMPROVES STICK SCORE Witt made a gain of 35 points in American League batting and leads Mack maulers

THERE is more evidence that the attack alone is not sufficient to keep a team on top. Cobb and Veach, with ratings of .355 and .351, respectively, are one-two in American League batting, but the Tigers are not in the lead.

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Ciccotte's Eleven Wins and One Defeat Keep Veteran in American League Lead

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AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

The Dupont Royals have several open dates for first-class teams having games at the Philadelphia Athletic Club.

CLEVELAND ORIGINAL HOME FOR HARD LUCK TEAMS IN BASEBALL

With Strongest Club in League in 1904, 1905 and 1908, Forest City Entries Were Crippled in Stretch and Lost Out in Pennant Chase

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ONE of the main events of sporting note this season will be Cleveland's struggle to reach and hold the top of the American League race.

CLEVELAND'S unknuckled luck has been even worse than Cincinnati's for the former city has produced more great clubs looked to have a chance before the grenade went off and the battles fell.

THEY will tell you that luck is only a small part of the fray. How about Cleveland? In 1904 or 1905 Cleveland had a ball club capable of rumpuling the rest of the league into a shapeless mass.

THE next year everything again looked as rosy as a June sunrise. This time there were eight .300 hitters, with a cluster of good pitching. Out in front again, Clarke, Bemis, Stovall, Lajoie, Bradley, Turner, Bay, Joss and Moore—nine stars—were disabled within two weeks, and once more the club took the swift descent.

CATCHERS, pickers, infielders and outfielders dropped out—some of them for weeks and others for the entire year.

THIS is only a part of the story. In 1908 Cleveland had another great club. That year the finish was nip and tuck among Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis.

LAST year Cleveland had a ball club coming at every bound. But with a fine chance to overtake the Red Sox the season was shortened just as the Indians were sweeping to the front, and they were nipped again.

SO CLEVELAND always has felt that she had a battle against Fate as well as against the other seven contenders. If it hasn't been one thing it always has been another.

He has plenty of good pitching around, a strong defensive infield and a fine outfield, with Spinker still at his best. If Fate will let him alone he has a club that should be 1-2-3. But only recently Harris, his star first baseman, en route home from Frantz, was badly injured and may never play again.

THAT was no soft blow in itself. But it hasn't been a crippling one, and if Fate only lays off Cleveland again has a first-class chance.

THERE have been various and widespread estimates as to the part that luck plays in baseball. We have had managers tell us it ran as high as 40 or 50 per cent. Others, notably Connie Mack, put it far lower.

One might figure that luck would break fairly even over a season's span. But it doesn't in the matter of accidents or injuries. If a club has one or two stars hurt there is no possible way to replace this lost talent, as stars are entirely too scarce.

So will such breaks as long drives that barely fall fair or foul. But injuries, accidents and sickness are different matters.

IN THIS respect Cleveland and New York, in the American League, have suffered worse than any others, and the result is that neither has ever won a pennant with all the stars they have tossed out upon the field.

BINGLES AND BUNGLES

Frank Gandy survived the car to get all cut up by being glass in a dressing room by St. Louis yesterday.

Walter Wally Kinney was sent to the hospital by a fall from a horse yesterday. He was riding a horse named 'The Wonder' and was thrown over the side.

Something was wrong with Ray Chapman yesterday. He wasn't hit by a pitched ball. And he wasn't pulled away from the field by a doctor.

Pittsburgh has been successful in cleaning up the record books. No smoke most ever settled on the Dodgers, Bobby's birds were ousted out for four straight defeats.

Jack Quinn will pitch the Tigers to their first win of the season on Tuesday. The Huggins clan got down to a four-run lead, but Tom's New York Angers couldn't hold it.

Roy Grover, who was shipped by Mack to Washington, in exchange for Harry Thompson.

Dick Kerr, Kid Gleason's young southern look-alike, a pitcher. He relieved Grover in Boston and held the Red Sox hitless in three and two-thirds innings.

Orono, Me., June 14.—Harold E. Pratt, twenty-one of Barra, Mass., has been elected captain of the University of Maine track team.

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