

Recruits Again Humble the Veterans

YANNIGANS MAKE IT TWO STRAIGHT

Young Griffites Take Lead in the Series by Winning, 3 to 2.

GAME ON SOGGY FIELD

Williams Drives in Winning Tally in Eighth After Walker Reaches Third.

By WILLIAM PEET.

Charlottesville, Va., March 21.—When Big Al Williams walked into one of Tom Hughes' curves and lifted the ball over McLeish's head, in the eighth inning, the Nationals' Yannigans fractured the tie and won a hard-fought game from the Regulars this afternoon, 3 to 2.

A steady downpour of rain last night made the field heavy, and it was thought that Manager Griffith would call off the game, but the "Old Fog" decided otherwise, ordering six of his twirlers to warm up and prepare for battle. To-day's victory makes the series stand two games won against one for the Yannigans, and to-night joy reigns supreme in the ranks of the youngsters.

It is true that Griff gave the Yannigans Cashion, Walter Johnson, and Groom, but the Regulars had Dixie Walker, Akers, and Tom Hughes—a pretty fifty trio, and strong enough to turn back almost any ball club at this time of the year. But the Yannigans' outing and the Regulars' first-squad boys and deserved their well-earned victory.

The Regulars were sore over the fact that Boss Griff called the game at the close of the eighth inning, as it was 2 to 0'clock, and according to the Nationals' agreement with Virginia the professionals must vacate the park at that hour. The first team claimed a clean bill of health, and the limit they would have batted out much-needed tallies.

To-day's battle was easily the best played of the series. Both sides were up against major league pitching, as the veterans on Griff's staff are just rounding into shape, while the youngsters are still nursing lame arms.

Shanks Stars in Field.

Howard Shanks made three brilliant running catches in left field for the Yannigans, while "Kid" Foster put up a rattling good game on third for the Regulars. Tom Henry and Ray Morgan at last broke into the hit column. Morgan, incidentally, handled two hard chances in a manner which opened the eyes of Boss Griffith.

For the first two innings both sides were held harmless. In the Yannigans' third inning only produced one tally. Gagner led off with a clean single. Schermer fled to Schaefer. Cashion snuffed the ball to deep right for a double, but the relay home came true as he, Schaefer to Flynn to Henry, and Gagner was out at the plate. Tom Long singled to left and Cashion scored. "Spartacus" Walker also came through with a safe poke to center, but Shanks snuff the third out when he sent up a high fly which Bill Cunningham captured after a long chase.

The Regulars got this run back in the fourth, and against Walter Johnson, too. Flynn drove out a long fly to Shanks, the Cunningham crashed to the center-field fence for a three-bagger and crossed the plate on Capt. George McBride's timely single.

A wild leave of Tom Long's grounder by "Kid" Foster in the Yannigans' fifth proved the way for a tally as "Spartacus" Walker, the next man up, doubled to center and Tom Long's grounder.

Groom Forces in Run.

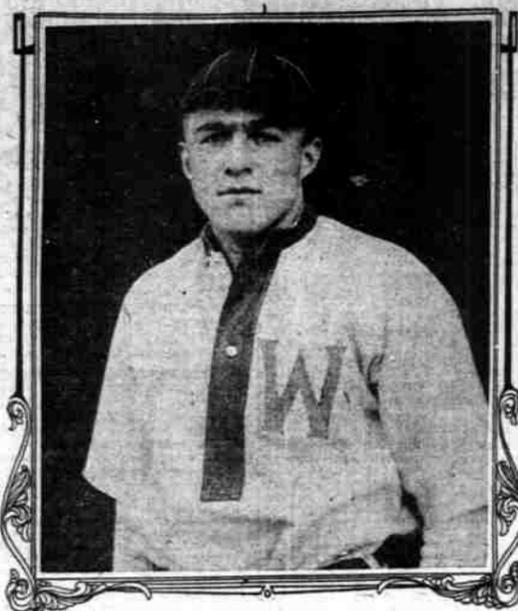
The Regulars, aided by Bob Groom's wildness, tied the score in the seventh. Foster and Henry both led off with singles to left. Hughes popped to Williams and Milan fled to Schermer. Schaefer drew a walk, filling the bases. Groom was also passed, forcing in Foster. Flynn was the third victim on a fly to Spencer.

When the eighth opened the Regulars were fighting mad, and determined to beat up, but Bob Groom settled down and shoved them back in one, two, three order.

The Yannigans' eighth opened with Clarence Walker hitting into the hands of the pitcher, and the inning ended. Williams cracked out a low liner to left center. Milan threw a fly to Shanks. It looked as if he had nudged the ball on the fly, but Umpire Rigler declared the Tennessee flyer had trapped it—and the game was over.

As the weather to-day was threatening and rain is expected to-morrow, Manager Griffith is anxious to play as many practice games as possible, which is probably the reason why he ordered to-day's battle on a wet, heavy field.

TO FACE HILLTOPPERS.



Local snafut star, who will twirl for the Nationals against the Georgetown nine at National Park, March 27.

ENGEL WILL PITCH GEORGETOWN GAME

Boss Griff Will Start Local Boy in Contest with Hilltoppers.

ED. GAGNIER MAY GO

Jack Knight Will Have Hard Time to Win Place from Flynn, Cunningham, or Spencer.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlottesville, Va., March 21.—Joe Engel, the Washington boy down here for a trial with the Nationals, will be in the box when the club plays its first game at National Park against Georgetown next Wednesday.

Manager Griffith stated to-night that Engel would start, providing the youngster's arm was in shape, and Engel himself says it will be.

During the past few days Engel has been bothered with a lame whip. He caught cold in his shoulder and has not been able to do himself justice, but Mike Martin's treatment is working like a charm and Engel looked mighty good out on the field this afternoon.

It is not settled definitely that Eddie Gagner, the former Western League shortstop, will be sold to the Indianapolis club of the American Association, although Griffith to-night admitted that he had corresponded with that club in reference to the matter.

Gagner Looks Good.

Gagner has played great ball with the Nationals thus far; his fielding has been of big league caliber, and he has hit the ball hard in every game.

Griffith said: "I cannot tell for sure just now whether I will keep Gagner or not. He looks like a fine ball player, and I don't want to lose a good man."

If Gagner does go to Indianapolis the Nationals will in all probability have a string on him.

It is wondering where Jack Knight will fit in with the Nationals. The lanky New Yorker will have to show a lot of class to crowd out Jack Flynn or Spencer. Bill Cunningham is putting up the game of his life at second right now.

WILLIAM PEET.

NOTES OF THE GAME

Howard Shanks has yet to connect for his first safe hit in the present series. The youngster meets the ball with a pretty swing, but always sends it into the paws of some waiting fielder.

Bob Groom said his arm felt so good during his two innings' work that he wanted to cut loose, but decided to wait a little longer.

The more Griffith sees of Dan, Moeiler, the better he likes him. Moeiler is going to prove the sensation of the league if things break well for him.

If the weather permits of a game being played to-morrow Buck Becker, the Washington southpaw, will get his first chance in the box. Becker's arm is gradually losing its soreness. The same is true of Joe Engel's whip.

Al Williams was back into the game again to-day. The big fellow has gotten rid of the inflammation in his injured right arm, and came to bat twice, cracking out a safety each time.

Gagner handled seven chances in a clean-cut manner, and out of three times up got one safe drive.

Tom Hughes looks ready now to start the season. The veteran has plenty of smoke these days, and his curve ball is the same old puzzler.

The sample uniform from Spalding's arrived to-day and Milan had to put it on for Griffith's inspection. The Nationals' traveling bags are being packed, and Griffith's hopefuls will be properly equipped while away from home if they do not win the majority of their games.

RAY MORGAN is just beginning to show some of his former speed and "pep." The little third-sacker was in the game from the going to-day.

Manager Billy Lush and half a dozen of his Montreal pitchers worked out with the Nationals this afternoon. The Canadians have some husky looking candidates in their squad.

Bits of Baseball.

Cincinnati has bought infielder Mottell from Chattanooga. In exchange the Reds will give a couple of pitchers and cash. Mottell is a youngster who contracted malaria last season and did not report, but played independent ball at his home in Kankakee.

The Baltimore club, the only one in the International League that decided to train at home this year, new talks of going to Savannah for its "spring" work. The backward season has upset Dunn's well laid plans.

Harry McCormick, the man who had the honor of scoring the run that did not count in the Cub-Giant game in 1908, is at Marlin with the Giants. Mac believes he has just enough talent to beat Red Murray for that outfield berth.

Roy Corhan, who was knocked out of the game last season by one of Russell Ford's famous "bean balls," is expected to greatly strengthen the infield of the San Francisco team.

In George Stovall, Babe Danzig, Tom Tennant, and Joe Kutina, Manager Bobby Wallace has 246 feet of first-sacker timber. Stovall and Danzig are six feet one inch and Danzig and Kutina each measure six feet two inches.

The St. Louis Cardinals have won but 23 games from Pittsburgh in eight years, while the Pirates have trimmed the Cards 15 times.

One year has met a vast change in the make-up of the Cleveland club. Many familiar faces are missing and as many new ones have come. Strangely enough the 1911 Portland delegation, composed of Ole Olson, Gus Fisher, Gene Krapp, and Vean Gregg is still intact.

All made good. In direct contrast the 1911 Toledo trio—Hi West, Earl Yinging, and Grover Land—has vanished. Not one of the three is with the Naps this year. West and Land are with Toledo, and Yinging with the Brooklyn Nationals.

Dayton has sold First Baseman Red Herrington to the Kearney, Neb., club. Dayton secured him early in 1911 to take Don Cameron's job, but he failed and was sent to Chillicothe, being recalled at the end of the season.

The pennant of the International League for 1912 will be raised with due ceremony at Rochester on June 6, exactly two months after the champions open their season at home. Buffalo will be Rochester's opponent.

Joe Jackson reported ten pounds heavier than he was last year, and expects to carry most of it through the season. He says he figures he can hit them harder with more weight back of the blow. Pity the poor pitchers!

Jack Herbert, old Southern and L-L-L Leaguer, will manage the Pekin team in the Illinois-Missouri League this year, and has signed a likely lot of youngsters besides a batch of veterans held over or picked up from other clubs.

John Fox, pitcher, formerly in the Virginia League and also with Macon in the South Atlantic, has signed to work for Columbia in the South Atlantic. He is a brother of Manager Flynn Fox of the Columbus team, in the same league.

Jimmy Callahan, "Oh, my kingdom for another Ed Walsh" pitcher who will be as reliable in April as in October. Give me a pair like this, and I'll make the White Sox a pennant contender." Jimmy evidently doesn't think he has much of a chance with his present string of twirlers.

The I-L-L League, according to newspaper reports, will call upon the five-mile jurisdiction rule if Rock Island attempts to secure a place in a new league. Rock Island is just across the river from Davenport and within the territorial limit, as is also Moline.

The Southeastern League club that will operate at Bessemer, a suburb of Birmingham, instead of at Decatur, plans to get big crowds from Birmingham, and in building his new park provides a seating capacity of 3,000, which is some size for a Class D league club.

John H. Gruber has been appointed official scorer for "The Pittsburgh club." This is a noteworthy news item when it is mentioned that this will be Mr. Gruber's twentieth year in that capacity. He is still able to tell a hit from an error to the satisfaction of everybody but the players concerned.

Lew Smith, the Indian recruit shortstop picked up by Chance on the Coast, has been dubbed "Casey" Smith to designate him from Charlie Smith, the pitcher. Johnny Evers thinks it is a better name than the usual "Chief" stunt attached to Indian players.

TRAINING CAMP NOTES.

Manager Griffith has not as yet completed arrangements for coming back here next spring. In the first place, he wants to see for himself just what condition his players are in when the big league season starts and how the Nationals compare physically with the club who have trained farther South.

What Griff likes about the Charlottesville athletes more than anything else is the big house for his players. He said: "I'm not having my men all together in a house is much better than lodging them in a hotel. Ball players are clannish, and soon form cliques. They can get away with it in a hotel, but when everybody is together, and the men are brought in such close contact, there is little chance. It is just like one big happy family, the men become better acquainted and everybody is treated alike."

Paul Musser, the former Canton, O. & P. League) twirler, speaks a good word for Red Alnoworth, the Youngstown pitcher whom Griffith turned back to Youngstown without a trial. "Alnoworth has the makings of a dandy pitcher," says Musser, "and I would like to bet that some big league club picks him up before the season closes."

Tom Long, the Gadsden sprinter, is just hitting his stride. In the game against the Regulars Tuesday he collected three hits, and followed this up with a couple more Wednesday morning. Long's recent spurt has opened Griff's eyes and set the manager thinking.

Leonard Chick and his partner, Dolan, both from Washington, who are playing a short engagement at one of the Charlottesville moving picture houses, called on the boys Wednesday noon and gave a little impromptu entertainment that was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Chick sang several of his famous song hits and Mr. Dolan made the piano do everything but talk. Messrs. Chick and Dolan were invited to eat again.

Eddie Almsmith has changed his style of hitting, upon the advice of Germany Schaefer, with Manager Griffith's full consent. Germany is the tutor and calls it "Sam" hitting the ball. Almsmith has such a powerful pair of shoulders that it is believed he can put plenty of smash behind the bat with very little swing. He is being taught to stand up to the ball with his legs wide apart, like Crawford.

If Eddie could only wallop the ball as Sam does—well!

Umpire Rigler likes the looks of Carl Cashion. "Unless I miss my guess, that boy will win a lot of ball games for Griff this season," asserted the ump. The hard work seems to agree with Cashion, and he appears to have improved more than any of the other young twirlers.

During each practice session, morning and afternoon, the little grandstand at Lambeth Field is comfortably filled with Virginia's students and Charlottesville citizens, who enjoy watching the Nationals' follow out Boss Griffith's instructions.

Everybody inquires for Walter Johnson. They all seem to have heard of the Kansas Cyclone, and Walter is one of the drawing cards here as in every other ball park the Nationals visit.

Buck Becker looks as if he had taken on a little weight during the short time the Nationals have been in Charlottesville. Just as soon as Becker's arm gets acting right he will show Griffith a good curve ball and plenty of smoke.

"Spartacus" Walker is in addition to being a ball player, is a telegraph operator. He dropped into the Western Union office in Charlottesville the other night and during a conversation with Manager Robinson said: "Washington is calling you on that wire over there."

The manager was greatly surprised. "That's right, I reckon you know something about the Morse code."

Walker admitted that he could read the wire and also send a few hundred words any time he didn't have a lame arm.

"Telegraphing doesn't pay quite as much as major league baseball," admitted Walker. "That's why I gave up punching brass in favor of pounding out base hits."

BRIDES TO COACH.

Will Head System at Massachusetts Agricultural College Next Fall.

New Haven, March 21.—Dr. Arthur E. Brides, Yale Medical School, 1902, has just signed a three-year contract as football coach at Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

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JOHN KILONIS, Greek wrestler, who clashes with Joe Turner, mid-weight title holder, at the Gayety tonight.

REGULARS.

	AR	H	PO	A	E
Milan, c.....	4	0	0	2	1
Schaefer, rf.....	3	0	0	1	0
Moeiler, lf.....	3	0	0	1	0
FDH, lb.....	4	0	0	2	0
Unruhshagen, 2b.....	2	1	1	0	0
McBride, ss.....	3	1	1	0	0
Foster, 3b.....	4	1	1	1	1
Henry, c.....	2	0	1	1	1
E. Walker, p.....	1	0	0	0	0
Akers, p.....	1	0	0	0	0
Hughes, p.....	1	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	30	2	6	11	2

YANNIGANS.

Long, rf.....	4	1	1	0	0
Walker, lf.....	3	0	0	0	0
Shanks, lf.....	3	0	0	4	0
Spencer, lb.....	3	0	0	1	0
Almsmith, c.....	3	0	0	1	0
Williams, c.....	3	0	0	1	0
Morgan, 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0
Gagner, ss.....	3	0	0	0	0
Schermer, 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0
Cashion, p.....	1	1	0	1	0
Johnson, p.....	1	0	0	0	0
Groom, p.....	1	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	29	1	1	11	0

*Two out when winning run was scored.

Yannigans..... 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 3-2

Regulars..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0-2

Earned runs—Regulars, 1; Yannigans, 1.

First base by error—Yannigans, 1. Left on bases—Regulars, 4; Yannigans, 5. First base on balls—Of Cashion, 1; Johnson, 1; Groom, 2; E. Walker, 1; Hughes, 1; Innings pitched—By Cashion, 2; Johnson, 2; Hughes, 2; E. Walker, 2; Akers, 2; Groom, 2. Hits made—Of Cashion, 1; Johnson, 2; Groom, 2; Walker, 2; Akers, 2; Hughes, 2. Three-base hit—Cunningham. Two-base hits—Schaefer, Cunningham, E. Walker. Sacrifice hits—Shanks, Stolen base—Moeiler. Double play, Foster to Flynn. Umpires—Messrs. Ryan and Rigler. Time of game—One hour and 50 minutes.

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OLYMPIC FUNDS COMING IN SLOWLY

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New York, March 21.—The number of athletes that will constitute the American team in the Olympic games at Stockholm, Sweden, next July depends entirely upon the amount on hand when subscriptions for the Olympic fund close on April 1. The American Olympic committee is at present making an effort to collect \$25,000. This sum will defray the expenses of about 100 athletes. It is now a certainty that the subscriptions will exceed that amount; whereas a few months ago it was questionable whether such an amount would be raised. The contributions now amount to \$9,360.

James E. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the A. A. U., and secretary of the American Olympic selection committee, declared to-day that it is up to the public to decide how many athletes shall represent America in the greatest of athletic classics. Mr. Sullivan said that if \$20,000 to \$25,000 could be raised 150 or more athletes will make up the American roster against the pick of the world's athletes at Stockholm. The appeal for funds has been nationwide, and prominent officials in A. A. U. affairs are making personal canvasses with a view of increasing the fund.

Jimmy Burke has stilled some alarm at Indianapolis. On his showing at Hot Springs in the practice games the Indiana fans feared he would be inclined to play third base for his Indians, and they preferred that he manage from the bench. Burke has told them he did not mean it; just wanted to show them, that was all.

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WORLD'S TITLE STAKE FOR BOUT

Joe Turner and John Kilonis Clash for Middle-weight Belt at Gayety To-night.

When Joe Turner, claimant of the world's championship in the middle-weight class, faces John Kilonis, the Greek titleholder, at the Gayety Theater to-night in a finish wrestling match, the fans of the Capital will witness one of the fiercest and hardest fought bouts of the season, as it is for the entire purse of \$300 and a side bet of \$50, winner take all. The championship belt is also posted for this bout.

Kilonis defeated Louis Montana Wednesday night in a bout that fairly bristled with speed, and if Kilonis continues to show the same speed and endurance, Turner will have his hands full. A great deal of money has been wagered on the bout, and the fans are assured of a good, fast match from start to finish.

Joe Turner has a just claim on the middle-weight title, and should he defeat Kilonis to-night Henry Gehring, the Cleveland grappler, will be compelled to meet him, as Turner has challenged Gehring time and again, and the Ohio wrestler refused to agree to terms. Kilonis wanted a draw with Gehring, and on the strength of that, should he win, Turner will make up the American roster against the pick of the world's athletes at Stockholm. The appeal for funds has been nationwide, and prominent officials in A. A. U. affairs are making personal canvasses with a view of increasing the fund.

Pelleus Win from Naps.

New Orleans, La., March 21.—The Pelleus won a dull, uninteresting game from the Naps to-day, 4 to 2. The intense heat seemed to sap the pep from the Naps. There will be no practice to-morrow. Manager Davis has announced a vacation for his men. He will go with Manager Frank, of the New Orleans club, to Gulfport to look over a training site.

GEORGETOWN FIELD GREATLY IMPROVED

Groundkeeper Fitzgerald, of Nationals' Park, Puts Hilltop Diamond in Fine Shape.

Groundkeeper Fitzgerald, of the National ball park, deserves the greatest praise for the manner in which he has overhauled the Georgetown diamond.

Manager Hagertry, of the baseball team, knew what it meant to have his team work on a field like the one used by last year's squad, and realized that something should be done to improve the condition of the diamond. His first step was to secure the services of Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald at once advised an entirely new diamond, and Manager Hagertry instructed him to carry out his own plans for the improvement.

Every one connected with athletic affairs at Georgetown is highly pleased with the work accomplished by Fitzgerald, and his efforts should give the Hilltoppers a field that will compare favorably with other college diamonds.

BIG SALE FOR OLYMPICS.

Entire Seating Capacity for Huge Games Sold.

Stockholm, March 21.—The 25,000 seats for the Olympic games from June 29 to July 21, have all been sold and the committee on arrangements has decided to add another grand stand with a further seating capacity of 10,000.

Following the example of the American athletes, the Russian team is endeavoring to charter a steamer to serve as their home while here.

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