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GRIFF SATISFIED WITH NATIONALS' SHOWING THUS FAR SPORTS

NATIONALS OPEN 1912 SEASON HERE THIS AFTERNOON

Champion Athletics, with Coombs in Box, Will Be Attraction.

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 We'll tell you why: The session opens here to-day's GORDON MACKAY.

By WILLIAM PRET.

Auto

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All that is necessary for one of the greatest openings the Capital has ever known is good weather, and more than one prayer was offeced last night that old. Jup. Pluv. would have mercy and withheld from kicking the sprinkling pot around.

"Jack Coomba will be in the box for the Athletts."

for the Athletics."

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One week ago to-day Griff's Nationals opened in Philadelphia before a crowd which numbered at best 15,00 persons. This new conjects collectm and left field bleachers will seat by actual measurement 15,000 persons, and if the weather holds good every into of space will be taken and the overflow roped off behind center field.

The gates at which tickets to the bleachers and id-cent stands may be obtained will be opened at 12 o'clock non-while the sale of grand stand seats will not begin until 1 o'clock p. m. Pistorio's hand has been hired to play an attractive programme of popular airs before game, and the unprice will call "Piny" at 1 o'clock sharp.

Presideen Taft may threw out the first ball.

first ball.

Connie Mack's champions, with their until moon to-day, following out their ugant custems, and consequently it could not be learned just who would oppose Walter Johnson in the box, but Mack intimated to the Quaker City arribes yesherday that Jack Comba would be nominated, as the "fron man" is in the best shape of any of the twifers. Coomba was able to beat the Nationals in the opening conflict, but he had his troubles, and as Griff's hopefuls are hitting the best these days, it is a good, even-money bet that Washington will win.

in. Frenchy will be there with bells

the Nation's Capital, a club which is at last a credit to the fown, due which is will dight to the last dich. The world's few during the early exhibition games, will dight to the last dich. The world's champions. Counte Mack's Athletics, are the attraction.

"Come cit, hoys, who's the hitter?"

Follitics will furnish more than the usual quadrennial concern for many persons, but the number will be few kind words, and Foster has been the compared with the baselad multitude. Many men will study the market pages and the ticker as to stocks, creips, and and the ticker as to stocks, creips, and after things that releas to trade and day that releas to trade and any that releas to trade and any that releas to trade and day that he could be depended upon to

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GRIFFITH, IN STATEMENT TO HERALD, SAYS CLUB WILL FIGHT TO LAST DITCH

"I am making no first division claims for the Nationals. I would not offer to bet that my club will finish any higher up than it did last year, but I will say that the boys are giving me the best they have in them and that at present we are in good enough shape to give any team in the American League a stiff battle. No ball game is over until the last man has been retired in the ninth, and we will be beaten then and only then.

"I sent Johnson home from New York Monday with instructions to rest up, as I expected to work him during the opening game here with the Athletics, but Walter was forced to pitch a hard game against New York, and unless he feels equal to the task I shall not ask him to go in the box, but will use Dixie

"You can tell the readers of The Washington Herald for me that the Nationals are out to fight for every game to the last ditch. Each man will do his best. All we ask is that the fans give us a square deal. I will be at the head of the club here for three years and if our youngesters do not pan out as I hope this season, I can only try again next year. Rome was not built in a day and the same goes for a major league ball club."-Clark Griffith, manager of the Nationals made the foregoing statement to the Sporting Editor of The Herald when interviewed at his home late last night.

"Who's the batter, boys-kurry

Eddle Gagnier is bitting and fieldin like a fiend in the American Associa-tion. He is considered the best Indian apolls ever had.

NATIONALS ARRIVE; ALL FEELING FINE

Griff's Band Disgruntled Because Weather Kept Them from Third Victory.

The Nationals returned from New York last night, arriving at Union Sta-tion at \$24 o'clock, where a big throng of Washington fans awaited to bid them

welcome.

Manager Griffith was the happiest one in the bunch. He was asked: "It must have neamed good to win those two games from the Highlanders, didn't it?" and be replied with a smile: "You know it did."

The Nationals' boss said he was satisfied with the showing made thus for

fied with the showing made thus far by his charges, and added that every

by his charges, and added that every man was its good shape physically. Clyde Milan, the speedy little outfielder, when asked how he fait about the shift in the hatting order, whereby his place as lead off man was numped by Dan Moeller, replied that he was perfectly satisfied, and believed he would be of more value to the club hatting third. Notwithstanding the favorable predictions of the weather man rain fell in New York yesterday and Griffith's band mitsed the chance of cleaning up the series, which would have been some record.

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The Yankees are shot to pisces, and with Dixle Walker to good form there would have been rothing to the property of the present of the prese

BATTING ORDER TO-DAY.

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Ump Sheridan Puts Over Good One on Blackburne

Russell Blackburne fell a vic-

Blackburne's physician had advised an operation on his knes.

While unable to play, Blackburne, when Sheridan gave an
Sheridan was working the baser,
and a number of close decisions
had gone against the Sox on the
paths early in the game. Blackbourne, when Sheridan gave an
unusually close decision against
the team, yelled: "That specialist
made a mistake, Jack, when he
looked over you. He should have
pronounced you stone blind."
Sheridan, quick as a flash, reteried: "Yes, and if that surgeonknews his business he will operate on your head instead of your
knes." And Blackburne hiked
back to the bench as fast as his
lame knes would let him.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

GAMES TO-DAY. Cleveland at Detroit.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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PAST PERFORMANCES Stahl to Clark Griffith

she boy, as happened two years ago when he was trying for a position with the Yankeet.

When Foster and Knight, the quomdan Highlanders, broke our Tiesday's game it was too much for the fans. 'He ain't was too much for the fans. 'He ain't done right by our slater Nell.' came from the bleachers.

Five hits in two days for Milan; did yen get sem?

Schaefer is sure popular with the New York fans, and his antice were the one course of by to the sandersed multitudes. His bump-hug and jelly-wobble damos on second with Nationals resting at the other two stations in Tuesday's bout was senough to upset any twirler, not to speak of a businer like McConnell.

Manager Wolverton, of the Highlanders at least has a precedent that he can follow. In 1870 be started with Oakland, of the Pacific Coast circuit, when the sam was a bad list and the game on the afternon of the Fourth of July put the nine in first place.

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GIANTS VANQUISH BOSTON BRAYES

Wiltse Twirls in Superb Form. Chief Meyers Raps Out Home Run.

sion, April II.—The Giants defeated Doves in a fast game here to-day, 1. The pitching of Wilter and the mg of Mayers were the main fes-in the Giants' victory. One of

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Bits of Baseball.

Another Hobby Wallace will soon be in the big ring if the reports that come from Sax Antonio can be believed. This shortsupper with the Texas Leaguers is declared by those who have seen him work to be fully ripe. Of course, Connie Mack has eyes on him.

Capt George Tiernan, member of Cen-tral League cluis for ten years, has been suspended by Dayton because he refused to sign a contract at a cut in salary of 550 from what he received isst year.

san players on reval cause agure use Bostom Red Hex have been strengthened above any club in the race. Jake Stahl plugs a big hole at first, while adding both batting and fielding strength to the team, and Buck O'Brien teamed up with Joe Wood is a certain sign trouble is out of the way.

With three home runs, a double and a base on balls, "Hickory" Johnson, this year's Cardinal recruit, gave the De-catur Three-I League team fourtern runs-one Sunday last summer. The pear robbed him from getting the world's record with the bickory.

base on balls, "Hickney" Johnson, this year's Cardinal recruit, gave the Description of the Cubic Cardinal recruit, gave the Description of the Cubic Charles Webb Murphy, of the Cubic at it again. He has prompted a report that a deal is on which he may secure Ruskey, Barger, Wheat, Daubert, and Erwin, of the Brooklyns, President Ebbeta decent relies such pokes. He said yesterday he wouldn't trade these men for the entire Chicago team, with Murphy thrown in.

"Wolverton is a fighter," declares one of the critica. That may be true, but he isn't a rowdy. Aggressive basehalf is a delight, but senseties kicking is dapopular, Wolverton knows where to draw the line.

Detroit baseball critics have interposed an objection to the praises savished an objection to the praises savished an objection to the praises savished.

Detroit baseball critics have interposed an objection to the praises lavished upon Ty Cobb by outsiders, who give the Georgian credit for the Tigers showing in recent years. In Detroit, Sam Crawford, the veteran outfielder who has pounded the ball so hard and consistently for many years, is just as much of a kere as Ty.

The Columbus club will have no field captain this year. The Senators have not had one for the last eight years, and Bill Friel is not going to break the rule this season. They are simply a matter of form, anyhow." Is the way he puts it.

Nationals, says a veteran who saw the Quakers the other day. Manager Doop has developed a spirit of hustle and con-flection of the same of the same of the beautiful to the same of the same of the beautiful to the same person of the the same person of the same of the the same person of the same person of

JAMESTOWN RESULTS.

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CHARLESTON RESULTS.

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Coming back two all looks pretty good.

and if they keep this up Charley Langley will have to be struit-Jacketed, for his beloved Hig Mavages will set a trouncing.

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Chicago, April 17.—Detroit has Chicago, April 17.—Detroit has not lost drawing powers on the road. In four games played in Cleveland last week the total attendance was 43,024. The largest crowd came on the opening day. With fair weather on Friday the total number of people would have been near 55,000 for the astrice.

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Johnson-Flynn Bout Scheduled to Go Forty-five Rounds-Champion's End Will Be \$31.110.

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Chicago. April II—Jack Curiev announced this evening that the Johnson-Flynn fight will take place on July 4 at Las Vegas, N. Mex. The contest is scheduled to go forty-five rounds. Under the conditions of the match, Johnson is to receive for his services the fat aum of ELSO. Irrespective of the result of the contest. Eleven hundred dollars of this will be turned over to Stakeholder Al Tearney, of this city, before May I, this to go as Johnson's training experience.

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Jim. Flyss is signifug under a per-centage propestion of what is left after all expenses of the context are paid out of the gate money.

The expenses of staging the context, including Johnson's financial end and the building of the areas, will total at least \$6,000.

Ty Cobb started playing ball when he was thirteen years old. This is an awful blow to those people who are continually declaring thirteen is an unlucky

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