

SPORTS REDS HAND NATIONALS ANOTHER DEFEAT, SCORE 6 TO 5—PLAY VIGILANTS TODAY BROCKTON BOWLERS READY FOR CLASH WITH ALL-STARS—CENTRAL LEAGUE FORMED

These are Biggest Losers By Invasion of Federals

Matty Says with Veteran Hurlers, Doolin Might Have Won Pennant.

BOOSTS BOSTON BRAVES

With the opening of the season drawing near, it is time to get a line on the teams in the National League as they will stack up in the coming race. The turbulent events in baseball during the winter have made many changes in clubs that looked on their showing when the season closed last fall as if they should be up in the race this year. But trades, injuries, and the Federal League have practically dissolved the chances of some clubs in both the American and National Leagues.

The Philadelphia Nationals have been the biggest losers all around. Doolin's team was a strong contender all the way last season, with a little more application to duty and the training rules on the part of some of the players, it might have brought the Philadelphia club to the wire. The club hit well, and the team was evenly balanced in both the infield and out, but the weak spot was the pitching staff. Doolin had to depend largely on two twirlers for all his box work, Seaton and Alexander, and these two stars could not stand the strain the constant pitching put on them at the end of the season. Doolin grabbed Camnitz in a trade with Pittsburgh, and the addition made his staff look better for this season. Now, with Philadelphia at the end of the season, Doolin has shown some flashes of class that indicated he might be a steady boxman for a southerner this season.

With Seaton, Camnitz, and Brennan left to be Federals, Doolin has nothing left of his pitching staff of veterans with the exception of Alexander, Riey and Chalmers, and neither of these latter two showed any great amount of class last season. But the Philadelphia club last summer was not altogether satisfied. Camnitz is a shrewd pitcher and has many a good game left in him yet. He would be very valuable to Philadelphia this year.

At the present writing, the Pirates strike me as being a fairly strong team, but not better than last season. In fact, a shade less effective. I do not see that much strength was added by the trade with St. Louis, because no speed was brought to the team with the better and speed in what Pittsburgh needs most. Kenethy is a fine player and a good hitter, but he is not fast. Harmon is a better pitcher than last year, but it is not fair to say that the Pirates are better than last year. Harmon was pitching for a losing club with little amateur baseball experience, whereas Robinson had a much stronger team behind him. Harmon will make a good showing with the Pirates, as he is an excellent pitcher.

The teams which are going to be the toughest for the Giants to beat, according to my dope, are the Chicago, Boston, and Brooklyn clubs. Now, I am not coming out with the prediction that Boston is a championship winner or anything like that, but I would go so far as to say that the Braves will be the dark horse of the season. I know the ability of George Stallings as a manager, and I realize how much pepper and hustle he put into the team last year. As soon as he left, every man thought he was shaping his men more after the fashion he likes. He has a very fair pitching staff, and he has a very good infield. He is going to hurt it some, unless George has turned up a lot of recruits out of the bush league and he has been cutting down on his roster.

The question of the Cubs' success is largely one of managing. Can "Hank" O'Day manage the team to get results? The Cubs have been a hard team to lead ever since Chance relinquished command, because the big fellow did his best with his domineering personality. As soon as he left, every man thought he was shaping his men more after the fashion he likes. He has a very fair pitching staff, and he has a very good infield. He is going to hurt it some, unless George has turned up a lot of recruits out of the bush league and he has been cutting down on his roster.

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Griffmen Lose Again To Cincinnati Reds

Wildness of Johnson, Coupled With Errors of Foster, Give National Leaguers Final Combat of the Series.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 5.—The Reds trimmed the Nationals with a ninth inning rally that netted two runs after two were out and after it looked as though Griff's gang was going to pull out with an even break in the two-game series. The score was 6 to 5.

Walter Johnson worked the first five innings, and although his team was behind when he went to the shower bath, Joe Engel is charged with the defeat. Engel saw his club take the lead and was on the way to a win when he let up for a while in the ninth and was handicapped by an error by Foster.

The Nationals led in the hitting, as in the Saturday fray, but again the Reds, by good work on the bases, made a smaller number of hits count for a greater number of runs. The Reds are running the bases more than ever this season as a result of the style of attack adopted by Manager Herzog who had been with a base-running club, "the Giants," for the last six years.

Cuban Catcher Stars. The Nationals tried to work their way around the sacks by the steal route, but were nipped by Miguel Gonzalez, the Cuban catcher, who worked for the Reds. Gonzalez owns an arm that looks to be the equal of any in the major leagues, and he grabbed off three Nationals who tried to pilfer, at times when a steal would have counted.

Eddie Foster had a bad day at third and his work was costly, but it must be said that he did not make a mistake. Twice the little third sacker had to stick his hands in front of Reddy spikes and grab balls, and in each case he muffed his error. He was out on a foul fly. The muff led to the scoring of three runs. Foster was in the games here on his first day, but he was suffering with a bad leg, but made an exhibition of his round out a regular club and to get the benefit of the other leaguers.

The day was none too warm for base ball and Johnson did not lose all his steam. He hopped the ball across at a lively clip though, and used a puzzling curve. He would have pulled through with a score of runs, but for a foul ball and not even the wildness would have been costly without Foster's muff of a fly.

Reds Get Three Hits. Johnson held the Reds to three hits in the five rounds and he allowed only one in the fifth, the inning in which the Reds scored three tallies. Herzog, first up, was hit, Gonzalez filed out, and Door Miller, batting for Rowan, walked. Foster muffed Moran's foul, which would have been the second out, but the third out would have come on "Bates" roller.

Johnson, but Foster's muff gave a life and he walked, hitting the sacks. Herzog was forced, the play on Foster's grounder to Johnson. Groh was passed, forcing Yingling, who ran for Miller. Wally Smith made a great one-hand stab at Berghammer's grounder, but failed to Foster had Bates, going from second, beaten, but the ball got through Foster allowing Moran, who had been on third, to score. Herzog, who had been on first, scored. Smith's sacrifice forcing Randall and Morgan. Almsmith forced

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Two Teams Start in Uniform Race. Regents and Brookland Recruits Enter Contest for Herald's Free Baseball Suit.

Yesterday's edition of The Washington Herald was no sooner off the presses than two of Washington's leading boys' baseball teams began recruiting votes in The Washington Herald's free baseball uniform contest. The Regents and the Brookland Recruits were the first to enter the contest, each to come in with a large number of votes.

Manager Haslip, of the Regents, is confident his team will win another year. "My team was given a set of uniforms by The Herald two years ago and they were certainly great uniforms. They were the best I have ever had and now that The Herald has started another contest, I am sure we'll win again."

The Brookland Recruits will also win a set of uniforms, according to George Barnholt, captain of the team. "Watch us go," said Capt. George last night. "I am sure we will win."

A meeting of those interested in forming a new league to play on the Potomac diamond will be held tonight at the residence of P. Stewart, 429 Eighth street, northwest, at 8 o'clock. At least seven clubs will be represented, but Manager Stewart, who piloted the Potomac team to the championship of the Federal League last season, would like to have as many more represented.

Managers of clubs desiring to enter this league are requested to be on hand at 8 o'clock.

CARDS NOSE OUT ST. LOUIS BROWNS

Crowd of 25,000 Sees National Leaguers Triumph Over Richey's Lads.

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Final Week of Practice Starts for the Griffmen

Nationals Will Face Oliver's Vigilant A. C. in the Local Park Today.

Eight days more remain for Clark Griffith to put on the finishing touches for the near approaching American League campaign, and during these eight days some strenuous work will be in order.

To begin with the Nationals are still in need of batting practice, while the field received a temporary setback last week when Eddie Foster and George McBride, on account of injuries, were forced to knock off work.

The chances are that Capt. McBride will get back to the game by tomorrow or Tuesday as he reports that the strained ligament which has been bothering him is nearly healed up.

Foster played yesterday and Saturday in Cincinnati, so that the team will be intact once more, and while the practice games looked here during the next four days will be against local colleges and athletic club teams, the Boston Nationals, a hard club to beat, will be in our midst Friday and Saturday. Griff takes his squad to Providence, Pa., for two games next Sunday and Monday.

Warm weather, a scarce commodity this time of year, is greatly needed. The Washington club, however, complained bitterly of the cold during the past week. Jim Shaw, on Saturday, was unable to do his best work because of the chilly breeze which blew over the Nationals park, while Cashion, who twirled against the Newark International Leaguers here, said that he could not get himself warmed up properly and feared to cut loose at any stage.

The Nationals are not as far advanced in the matter of training as he has been at this time last year, but a few warm days during the present week will help wonderfully.

At National Park this afternoon, the Griffmen meet Joe Oliver's Vigilants, and the chances are that Schaefer's team will be forced to bear a greater burden, as the Nationals do not reach the Capital from Cincinnati until noon, and if Griff starts his first team he will hardly keep them in the game more than an inning or so.

Both Becker and "Big Six" Brewer, both of whom are competing for the National several years back, will be the battery for the Vigilants at the start of today's game.

Mr. Ober was in Charlottesville a few days ago this spring and was greatly impressed with the looks of Griffith's young pitchers.

While the Nationals dropped both exhibition games to the Cincinnati Reds in the Ohio city, the team made good showing and incidentally bottled against major league pitching, all of which helps some, yet this team of capable players to have grabbed off those games even though they were but practice contests.

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Brooklyn Stars Ready to Bowl

Quintet of Massachusetts Duckpin Spillers Clash with All-Stars Tonight.

ROLL AT ROYAL ALLEYS

Visitors Have 738 Pin Lead on Local Outfit—Big Crowd to See the Match.

Brooklyn has invaded Washington! Yesterday afternoon, Capt. Dan Smith, leader of the Bijou No. 1, duckpin team, piloted his forces into the National Capital, and while he did not start hostilities at once, his battle will wage tonight.

The Royal Bowling Alleys on New York avenue will be the scene of the combat, which is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock, and the Washington All-Star duckpin team will oppose the Brooklyn sharpshooters.

This will be the final half of a ten-game duckpin match, Brooklyn leading by the count of strikes-outs and in the matter of bases on balls given opposing batters in comparison with the whiffed batters falling victims to their pitchers. They are Walter Johnson and Vance Wooten Ayers.

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Lincolns Defeat Spartan Clubmen

Northeast Team Drives Mike Cantwell from Mound, Winning Game by 13 to 6 Score.

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Brookland Recruits Win 2. The Brookland Recruits beat the Sheppard Athletic Club yesterday, 6 to 5. Ned-field pitched a good game for the winners while McCann worked well for the losers. McBeth and H. Bean's hitting was the feature of the game. Scores: Brookland Recruits 6 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 11 2 Sheppard Athletic Club 5 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 11 2

Probable Line-up for Today's Game. VIGILANTS: Hayes, ss; Davis, 3b; Howard, 2b; Schickel, 1b; Rawlings, cf; Green, cf; Heck, rf; Platt, c. NATIONALS: Moeller, rf; Acosta, cf; Foster, 3b; Williams, 2b; Misan, c; Gandil, 1b; Morgan, 2b; Shanks, 1b; Smith, ss; Brewer, c; Williams, c; Giovannetti, p; Kelly, p; Schwatke, p; Musser, p.

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