Washington Splits Double-header with St. Louis---Johnson Is Hit Hard

Griffmen Whack Up With the Brownies

Nationals Win Opening Game of Twin Sketch, but Johnson Is Pounded Hard in Final—Mike Mitchell Plays Good Ball.

Special to The Washington Herald.

St. Louis, Mo., July 26.—The Nationals and Browns broke even in their double-header here this afternoon. Griff's charges captured the opening battle, 2 to 0, through some great twirling by Joe Engel and Doc Ayers. In the closing contest, the Brownies chased Walter Johnson, the greatest of all hurlers, off the hill and were returned the victors, 4 to 1.

Both games were virtually decided in the opening frame. The two tallies for the Nationals in the first game came in the initial round. After that big Carl Wellman settled down to his task in great style, and held the Capital City outfit safe.

Clark Griffith nominated Joe Engel to start the fracas. "My Poy Joe" did well, keeping his pitches away from the Brownie bats, but he was very wild, and in the fourth round, with the bases full and two out, he was derricked and Doc Ayers went to the hill. Doc held the Brownies helpless for the remainder of the battle.

Joe Engel Wild.

In the three and two-thirds innings Engel worked, he passed six batters and hit another. Nary a bingle did he allow though. When Ayers came to the hill, Wellman, the first man to face him, hit a nasty bounder down the third base line. Eddie Foster made a neat stop and stepped on third, forcing Wallace for the final out.

Branch Rickey's hustlers made only one hit in the first game. This was a double by Bert Shotten and came in the fifth inning. Without Mike Mitchell, the Nationals might have lost the contest in this very round. With two gone, Clarence Walker, ex-National, whaled a liner to left. Mitchell came in on the run, but could not quite get the ball. The ex-Pirate stuck out his bare hand and the ball stuck. Had the drive gotten away it would have gone for a home run and the score would have been tied.

Mitchell Makes Good.

This same Mitchell, who Fred Clarke let go for the waiver route, and upon whom other leaders in the National League waived claim, is going to prove a very valuable asset to the Nationals. Mike is one of the best outfielders in The game, hits hard and owns a strong arm. He may not be as fast as several others, but just the same he is going to prove a very handy man to have around with Clyde Milan out of the running for a month.

It looks very much as though Clark Griffith picked up a live meadowman when he secured Mitchell from the Pirates.

Mitchell, besides playing a great fielding game in the opening contest, had a lot to do with bringing home the victory. In the first inning, with Danny Moeller on third, through a single and an error by Wellman, Mike plunked a double to center field, which scored his mate. Then Mike counted a moment later on Gandil's bingle.

From the first until the final man was retired Wellman, who was on the hill for the Browns, was never in any real danger of being counted upon. After the opening session five hits were made off him, but they were all widely scattered, no two coming in one round. The score:

ST. LOUIS.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Howard, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Shotten, cf	4	0	1	5	0	0
Pratt, 2b	3	0	0	1	2	0
C. Walker, lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Leary, 1b	4	0	0	8	2	0
Williams, rf	3	0	0	2	0	1
Wallace, ss	1	0	0	2	5	1
Agnew, c	2	0	0	3	1	0
Wellman, p	3	0	0	2	5	1
*E. Walker	1	0	0	0	0	0
†Rumler	0	0	0	0	0	0
‡Crossin	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	0	1	27	16	2

WASHINGTON.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Moeller, rf	4	1	2	1	0	0
Foster, 3b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Mitchell, lf	4	1	1	5	0	0
Gandil, 1b	3	0	1	7	0	0
Shanks, cf	3	0	1	3	1	0
Morgan, 2b	3	0	2	2	3	1
McBride, ss	3	0	0	1	2	0
Henry, c	2	0	0	8	0	0
Engel, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ayres, p	2	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	30	2	8	27	7	1

*Batted for Wallace in ninth.
†Batted for Agnew in ninth.
‡Batted for Wellman in ninth.

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Two-base hits—Shotten, Mitchell, Morgan. Stolen base—Howard. Sacrifice hits—Morgan, McBride. Bases on balls—Off Engle, 6; off Wellman, 1; Ayres, 1. Double plays—McBride to Morgan to Gandil. Time of game—2 hours. Umpires—Messrs. Connolly and Dineen.

One game will be played tomorrow, Earl Hamilton, who beat the Nationals, 1 to 0, in Washington, will probably oppose Joe Boehling.

SECOND GAMT.

Walter Johnson was not the same Walter Johnson that has faced the Brownies on other occasions this year. And because of this the Brownies landed their first victory over him in something like two years. In former battles he always has been hit hard by the local entry, but they never have been able to beat him.

Rickey's charges, who were Rickeyless, as Branch does not come near a ball park on Sunday, got after him before he was well warmed up. Ivan Howard, the first man to face him, lined a single to center. Shotten whiffed, and then Pratt singled. Walker's long fly scored Howard, while Pratt came over when Leary popped a double to left.

The next outburst off the king of all pitchers came in the third. With two strikes on him, Pratt lined a triple to center. Walker hit between short and third, with the infield playing in, and Pratt came over.

A wild pitch by Johnson was responsible for the Brownie's final tally in the sixth. Walker singled, was sacrificed to second, went to third on a hit, and planted his spikes into the rubber when Walter uncorked a wild heave.

Bill James, who was nominated by acting Manager Wallace to twirl the second game, pitched one of the best contests he has uncorked this year. Only four hits were made off him. The lone run off him came in the eighth. A wild pitch also had a lot to do with it.

Mitchell opened the frame with a single and advanced to third when one of big Bill's pitches went past Agnew. Gandil's long fly scored Mike. In the ninth, Bill struck out McBride and Acosta, who batted for Bentley, and forced Williams to pop to Pratt.

The Score.

ST. LOUIS.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Howard, 3b	4	1	1	0	2	0
Shotten, cf	4	0	2	4	0	0
Pratt, 2b	4	2	2	3	5	0
C. Walker, lf	3	1	2	0	0	0
Leary, 1b	3	0	1	11	0	0
G. Williams, rf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Wallace, ss	2	0	0	0	0	1
Agnew, c	3	0	0	8	2	0
James, p	3	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	28	4	7	27	11	1

WASHINGTON.	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Moeller, rf	3	0	2	2	0	0
Foster, 3b	4	0	1	1	1	0
Mitchell, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Gandil, 1b	2	0	0	10	0	0
Shanks, cf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Morgan, 2b	3	0	0	1	1	0
McBride, ss	4	0	0	0	2	0
Ainsmith, c	1	0	0	2	0	0
Johnson, p	2	0	0	1	2	0
A. Williams, c	3	0	0	4	1	0
Bentley, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Schaefer	1	0	0	0	0	0
†Acosta	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	24	7	0

*Batted for Johnson in seventh.
†Batted for Bentley in ninth.

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St. Louis 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 x—4

Two-base hit—Leary. Three-base hit—Pratt. Stolen base—Williams. Sacrifice hits—Walker, Leary, Gandil. Bases on balls—Off James, 4; off Johnson, 1. Struck out—By James, 3; Johnson, 4; Bentley, 2. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes. Umpires—Messrs. Dineen and Connolly.

NOTES OF THE DOUBLE BILL.

Manager Clark Griffith had not intended to use Walter Johnson in the series here, but St. Louis fans are glad that he did. They also are very glad that Walter was not in his usual form. Truth is, Walter was anything but himself when he went to the hill. He did not possess the same confidence he has on other occassions. Time and again when facing the locals Walter gets the bases full with none or one out and crawls out of the hole. He was unable to do this yesterday, though. It seems as though the only pitches that got by the batters were called balls. That was the way it was in the first few innings at least.

St. Louis fans are ready to pronounce Doc Ayers just about the best young pitcher that has come into the league in a long while. Doc worked a little more than five innings, and in that time he whiffed seven batters.

His greatest work was done in the final round, when he whiffed Gus Williams, landed Ernie Walker, who hit for Wallace, on strikes and then wound up the game by forcing Crossin to miss the third one.

A funny feature about the two games was that both of them ended in the same maner. Ayers whiffed a pinch hitter to finish the opener while big Bill James struck out Acosta, batting for Bentley, to wind up the second.

How Mike Mitchell ever got out of the National League is more than the local fans can understand. Mike pulled some of the greatest plays that ever have been seen on a local ball field at the expense of the Browns.

In the fifth inning of the first game Pratt hit a fly to Mitchell with Shotten on second. Bert was only a few feet off second, but by a hurried throw, which was on a line, to Morgan, the ex-Pirate almost caught the local speed merchant asleep. Then his catch on Walker, the very next batter, is hard to beat by any outfielder, and this includes Speaker, Oldring and all of them.

Joe Engel was very wild. He walked Pratt in the first inning, Williams and Wallace in the second, Howard in the third, Wallace and Agnew in the fourth, and also hit C. Walker in the fourth chapter. That was the reason Griffith yanked him. Just the same, Joe wins the game, and the drinks are on Joe's daddy.

Bobby Wallace may be old, but he is still a fielding marvel. In the first round of the opening contest he raced over to second, grabbed Foster's bounder with his bare hands, and chucked to Leary for the out. He made many other good plays during the game.

Pinch hitters had very little luck in the two games. E. Walker and Crossin, for the Browns, in the first, struck out, while Bill Rumler grabbed a base on balls, the only pass issued by Ayers. In the second, Griff used Schaefer and Acosta and both whiffed.

Bill James crawled out of a tight hole in the fifth inning when he forced Mitchell to fly to Shotten with the bases packed and two down.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

Providence, 5; Montreal, 1.
Second game—Providence, 1; Montreal, 2.

Louisville, 9; Kansas City, 1.
Second game—Louisville, 2; Kansas City, 4.
Columbus, 6; Minneapolis, 8.
Second game—Columbus, 13; Minneapolis, 2.

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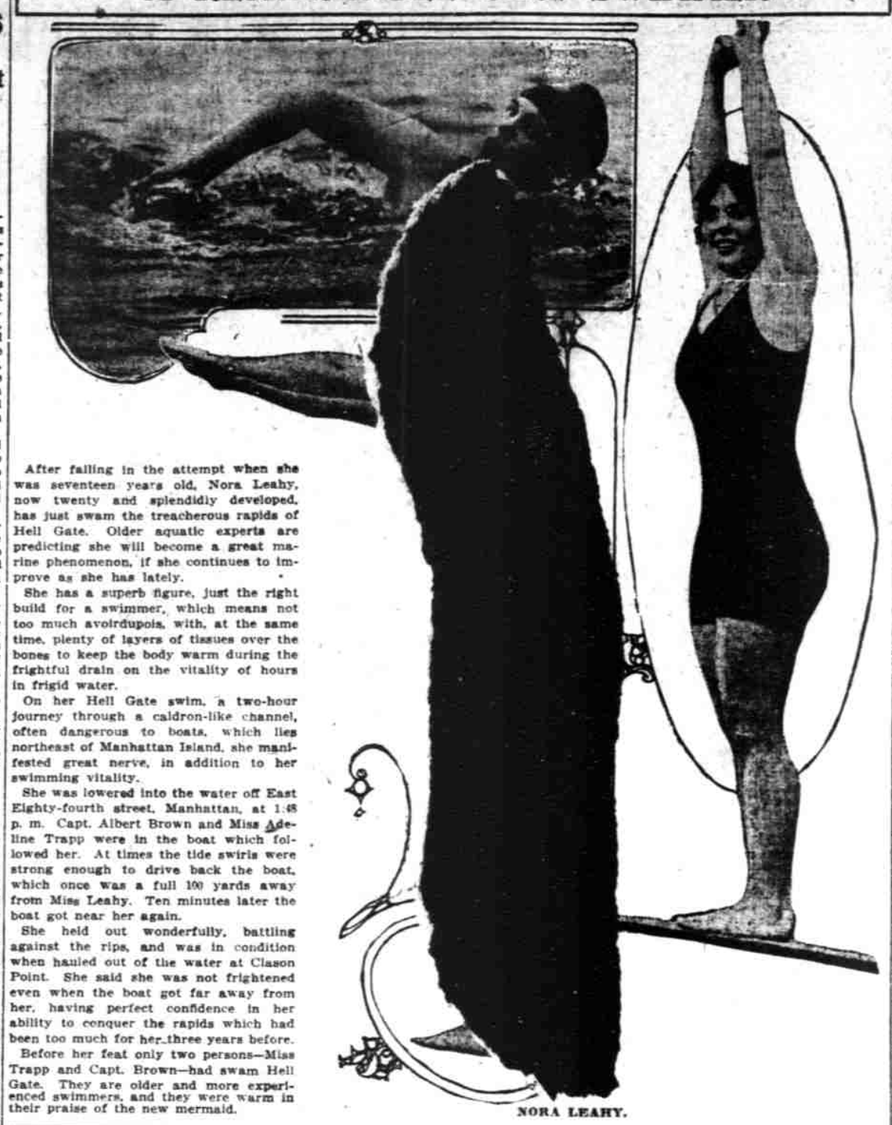

NORA LEAHY.

After failing in the attempt when she was seventeen years old, Nora Leahy, now twenty and splendidly developed, has just swam the treacherous rapids of Hell Gate. Older aquatic experts are predicting she will become a great marine phenomenon, if she continues to improve as she has lately.

She has a superb figure, just the right build for a swimmer, which means not too much avoirdupois, with, at the same time, plenty of layers of tissues over the bones to keep the body warm during the frightful drain on the vitality of hours in frigid water.

On her Hell Gate swim, a two-hour journey through a caldron-like channel, often dangerous to boats, which lies northeast of Manhattan Island, she manifested great nerve, in addition to her swimming vitality.

She was lowered into the water off East Eighty-fourth street, Manhattan, at 1:48 p. m. Capt. Albert Brown and Miss Adeline Trapp were in the boat which followed her. At times the tide swirls were strong enough to drive back the boat, which once was a full 100 yards away from Miss Leahy. Ten minutes later the boat got near her again.

She held out wonderfully, battling against the rips, and was in condition when hauled out of the water at Clason Point. She said she was not frightened even when the boat got far away from her, having perfect confidence in her ability to conquer the rapids which had been too much for her three years before.

Before her feat only two persons—Miss Trapp and Capt. Brown—had swam Hell Gate. They are older and more experienced swimmers, and they were warm in their praise of the new mermaid.

ATHLETICS CAPTURE TEN-INNING GAME

Mackmen Secure Verdict from Detroit Tigers in Overtime Contest. Score, 8 to 6

MAKE IT ELEVEN STRAIGHT

Detroit, July 26.—The Athletics won a ten-inning struggle from the Tigers today, the score being 8 to 6. Seven Tiger errors practically handed the game to the visitors, six runs being the direct result of blunders by the locals. Shawkey was hit freely and at opportune moments. It was the eleventh straight victory for the Athletics. Score:

Detroit	AB	H	O	A	E	Philadelphia	AB	H	O	A	E
Bush, ss	5	0	4	6	2	Murphy, rf	5	2	1	0	0
Moriarty, 3b	4	1	1	3	0	Walsh, cf	5	1	4	0	0
High, rf	4	1	0	0	1	Collins, 2b	4	0	1	2	1
Crawford, rf	3	1	1	0	0	Baker, 3b	5	2	2	2	0
Veach, lf	2	0	1	2	0	McInnes, 1b	5	2	11	0	0
Kavanaugh, 2b	4	1	0	2	1	Oldring, lf	4	1	4	0	0
Burns, 1b	4	3	15	0	1	Barry, ss	5	0	2	3	1
Stanage, c	3	0	1	2	0	Schang, c	4	2	5	1	0
Dauss, p	4	0	0	0	0	Shawkey, p	5	1	0	0	0
Coveleskie, p	3	0	0	3	0	Bush, p	0	0	0	0	0
McKee, c	0	0	1	2	0						
*Dubuc	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals	37	7	30	22	7	Totals	41	11	30	12	2

*Batted for Stanage in ninth.

Detroit	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	—	6
Athletics	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	—	8

Runs—Moriarty (2), High, Crawford, Kavanaugh, Burns, Murphy, Collins (2), Baker, McInnes, Barry (2), Schang. Two-base hits—High, Crawford, Baker, McInnes. Three-base hits—Kavanaugh, Burns, Schang. Sacrifice hits—High, Walsh, Shawkey, Crawford, Veach, McKee. Stolen bases—Burns, Collins, Baker. Double play—Barry to McInnes. Bases on balls—Off Coveleskie, 4; off Shawkey, 5; off Bush, 1. Time of game—2 hours and 25 minutes. Umpires—Messrs. O'Loughlin and Sheridan.

HOW GRIFFMEN ARE HITTING DAY BY DAY

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SH.	Pct.
Harper	5	2	1	1	0	0	.500
Schaefer	17	14	4	5	3	1	.357
Milan	82	311	49	93	28	5	.299
Williams	42	86	4	25	1	1	.291
Acosta	16	28	3	8	1	0	.286
Foster	89	340	41	94	19	4	.277
Gandil	80	280	25	77	14	12	.275
Moeller	85	318	48	86	18	13	.270
Morgan	89	293	33	76	15	6	.259
Mitchell	7	8	2	2	0	0	.250
Shanks	89	312	29	78	8	16	.249
Boehling	24	63	8	15	0	2	.238
Shaw	22	35	3	8	0	2	.229
Smith	39	45	4	10	1	3	.222
Johnson	31	82	11	16	1	1	.195
Ainsmith	27	67	1	13	1	0	.194
McBride	89	271	37	52	8	14	.192
Ayers	28	47	2	8	0	2	.170
Henry	57	172	11	27	4	5	.157
Bentley	13	7	0	1	0	0	.143
Engel	21	15	3	1	0	0	.067
Neff	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000

PIRATES RELEASE KELLY.

Pittsburgh, July 26.—Additional changes in the line-up of the Pittsburgh National League club were forecast here today, when official announcement was made that James R. Kelly, outfielder, had been released to the Jersey City club, of the International League.

ORTH STILL NEEDS CRUTCH.

Philadelphia, July 26.—In a letter received from Umpire Al Orth from his Lynchburg home he said that his knee, injured by a fall on the Phillies' grounds, was getting better daily, although he was as yet unable to walk without the aid of a crutch.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

NAPLANDERS DROP GAME TO RED SOX

Boston Captures Its Tenth Straight Contest by Trimming Cleveland, 4 to 1.

HURLER POUNDED IN THE NINTH

Cleveland, Ohio, July 26.—The Red Sox won their tenth straight game from the Naps, 4 to 1, today. The game was tied until the ninth, when recruit Morton lost control and passed Speaker and Gardner. Singles by Henriksen and Hobby followed, scoring two runs, and Cady's fly brought in another score. Score:

Cleveland.	AB	H	O	A	E	Boston.	AB	R	O	A	E
Graney, lf	4	1	2	0	0	Hooper, rf	7	0	3	0	0
Chapman, ss	3	0	4	3	0	Wood, ss	4	1	3	7	0
Jackson, cf	4	3	1	0	0	Speaker, cf	3	1	3	0	0
Lajoie, 2b	4	1	1	2	0	Lewis, lf	3	0	1	1	0
Kirke, rf	4	1	1	0	0	Gardner, 3b	3	0	0	0	1
Olson, 3b	4	0	1	2	0	Janvrin, 2b	3	0	0	2	1
Johnston, 1b	3	1	12	0	0	Yerkes, 2b	0	0	1	1	0
O'Neill, c	3	2	5	4	0	Hoblitzell, 1b	4	2	9	2	0
Morton, p	3	0	0	2	0	Cady, c	3	1	6	1	1
						Shore, p	1	0	1	3	0
Totals	32	9	27	13	0	Henriksen*	1	1	0	0	0
						Totals	30	8	27	17	3

Cleveland	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—1
Boston	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3—4

Runs—Jackson, Scott, Speaker, Gardner, Henriksen. Two-base hits—Speaker (2). Three-base hit—Jackson. Sacrifice hits—Lewis, Cady. Stolen base—Jackson. Bases on balls—Off Morton, 4; off Shore, 1. Struck out—By Morton, 5; by Shore, 4. Double plays—Shore to Scott to Hobby, Scott to Yerkes to Hobby. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes. Umpires—Messrs. Egan and Evans.

LOSE IN THE NINTH.

Fort Washington, Md., July 26.—An interesting game between the Rex Athletic Club, of Washington, and the team of this place, the Soldier Boys won out in the ninth inning. Score, 2 to 1. Clemens and Dunn both pitched air-tight ball, each allowing two hits, but the support of Clemens' infield was ragged in the ninth. Each pitcher gave one base on balls, Clemens' coming in the ninth and later became the winning run. Score:

Rex A. C.	AB	H	O	A	E	Ft. Wash.	AB	H	O	A	E
Brosnan, ss	4	1	3	2	1	Weir, c	4	0	12	0	0
Smith, cf	4	0	0	0	0	Hart, ss	3	1	0	1	0
Doughton, lf	4	0	2	0	0	Dowling, 2b	4	0	0	1	0
D. Hurd, c	4	0	6	3	0	Colledge, cf	3	1	2	0	0
Long, 1b	3	0	9	0	0	Schaus, lf	3	0	2	0	0
Hastlip, rf	2	1	1	0	0	Dunn, p	3	0	0	3	0
Seltzer, 3b	3	0	1	3	1	Cole, 3b	3	0	1	3	1
Fletcher, 2b	3	0	3	1	0	Wilhelm, rf	3	0	1	0	0
Clemens, p	3	0	0	2	0	Buchler, 1b	3	0	9	0	0
Totals	30	2	25	11	3	Totals	29	3	27	8	1

Rex A. C.	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—1
Fort Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1—2

Runs—Brosnan, Dunny Hart. Earned runs—Rex A. C., 1. First base by errors—Rex A. C., 2; Fort Washington, 3. Left on bases—Rex A. C., 3; Fort Washington, 3. First base on balls—Off Clemens, 1; off Dunn, 1. Struck out—By Clemens, 7; by Dunn, 11. Home run—Brosnan. Stolen bases—Hastlip (2), Doughton, Dunn. Umpire Mr. J. Burd. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.

LANDS SERVICE TITLE.

The Marine Corps team from Norfolk captured the service championship of this section of the country by defeating the Marine Corps team from the local barracks yesterday on the Potomac League grounds, 13 to 1. Lefty Denman, who did the hurling for the visiting team, was in the best of form, allowing but three hits and striking out eight. The Fairlawn team, of the Potomac League, handed a beating to the victorious Norfolk Marines in the second contest of the double-header, winning by a 4 to 1 score.

YANKEES TRIM JUNIORS.

The Yankee A. C. defeated the Congress Heights Juniors yesterday on Congress Heights field in a heavy hitting game, 7 to 2. The feature of the game was the all around fielding and batting of the Yankees. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Yankee A. C.	0	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0—7	12	1
Congress Heights	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0—2	3	2

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DISGRUNTLED FAN HAS TIP ON MATTY

Three of the 20,000 were filing out of the Polo Grounds Saturday. Matty had just ended the game by fanning Wagner and Kelley.

"Well, that's eighteen victories for the Old Marster," said the first.

"How did he lose four?" asked the second.

"I tell you," offered the third. "It's too much golf. McGraw wants to watch him. How does he expect a man's going to pitch when he spends his spare time chasing a pill around the links? Too much golf, I tell you."

MORRIS GETS EARL BREWER

Fast Eastern Club Outfielder Signs with Martinsburg, of Tri-City League.

OTHER LOCAL COMMENT

Amateur Association to Meet Wednesday to Fix Post-Season Dates. Printers Are Off.

By JOHN A. DUGAN.

Earl "Polly" Brewer, the heavy-hitting left fielder of the Eastern club, of the Potomac League, has signed a contract with "Country" Mirris' Martinsburg club, of the Tri-City League, and will join the West Virginia outfit early this week.

Brewer gained quite a name for himself as a fence buster with the Steel Plant team, of the Potomac League, last season, and he was given a try-out by Manager Robert Emmett Kelly, of the Eastern outfit, early this season, and but for one week layoff, due to an injury, he has been one of the mainstays of the Navy Yard club and is clouting the ball in the Potomac circuit for a .464 clip.

The fast outfielder is a sure hitter and can cover any amount of ground in the outer garden, besides being a finished player on the bases. Earl is a brother of "Big Six" Brewer and has had but two years of amateur baseball experience. Besides playing with the Potomac League club this season, Brewer has been taking care of left field for the Reformation club, of the East Washington Sunday School League.

Brewer attracted the attention of Morris when he was with the Eastern club team on its recent tour of the Tri-City League, and as the Martinsburg club is greatly in need of a heavy-hitting outfielder since Johnny Blair has been signed by the Nationals, the directors of the West Virginia outfit jumped at the chance of securing the services of the fast Potomac League fielder.

The local directors of the Amateur Leagues met the directors of the Richmond association yesterday in the office of President Robert Young, in the Southern Building, and have all but settled on August 29 and September 5 as the dates for the inter-city clashes.

W. X. Seamaux and R. J. Crowder were the members of the Richmond association which met the local governing body, and as the series in the Virginia city will be ended about the middle of next month it was their idea to get the inter-city series under way as soon after August 15 as possible. The Northerners, Richmond Grays and the Richmond Blues are three teams in the Southern city which are having a great battle for the honors of representing Richmond in the coming series and with a heavy schedule for and between these three clubs during the next two weeks a verdict is soon assured.

Because of the early dates desired by the Richmond delegates the local commission will have a meeting of this association next Wednesday night at Spalding's and definite arrangements for the post-season and the inter-city series will be made.

Frank Greer, the Eastern High School's star center and one of the best football players that the local high schools have ever seen, is slated for Yale. Greer will enter the Hotchkiss School this fall and prepare for the big New Haven university. It was rumored during the early spring that Greer would cast his lot with either Dartmouth, North Carolina or Catholic University and the story of his preparing for Yale comes as a big surprise to his many friends and followers.

The Washington Printers, Columbia, 101, will leave here next Friday night for Cincinnati to compete in the seventh annual tournament of the Typographical Union Baseball Association.

Columbia, 101, won the cup last year and hope to repeat this season. The team has been playing consistent ball this season in the Central League, although it has not been winning many games, as the other teams in the league have strong teams. They make it their ambition to win the cup in their annual tournament, not caring so much about the pennant in their local league.

Columbia will carry ten men besides the manager, John Luitich. The tournament will open Sunday with a double-header and continue through the rest of the week. Two games will be played each afternoon till the champion is declared, and the cup will be awarded Saturday night at the banquet given the visitors by the Cincinnati printers.

Gerry Herrmann, of the National Commission, will give the visitors a trip on the river one night while they are sojourning in that city, and several side trips will be taken before the boys return home.

Washington expects to play its first game on Monday, but as the drawing of lots has not been given out it will not know whom it is to play till it arrives Saturday afternoon and is assigned its place in the play-off.

WAR TRIMS SOLDIERS.

Fort Hunt, Va., July 26.—The Coast Artillery War Department team defeated the Fort Hunt team here in a long-drawn-out but well-played battle by the score of 5 to 2.

Kelley, on the mound for the visitors, was master of the situation at all times, allowing only three hits and fanning fifteen of the Artillerymen. Large, who twirled for the home team, pitched a fine game, allowing six hits and with nine strike-outs to his credit. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
War Dept.	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0—5	8	3
Fort Hunt	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2	3	6

Batteries—Kelley and Murphy, Large and Grote. Umpires—Messrs. Long and Daly. Time of game—2 hours and 5 minutes.

Predicted Catastrophe Fails Thus Far to Arrive

Globe-Trotting Giants and Sox Appear to Be Playing Good Ball Despite Early Opinions to Contrary. Gossip and Comment.

By WILLIAM PEET.

If memory serves a number of our leading managers, player-authors and others freely predicted last March when the Giants-White Sox globe trotters returned from their extended tour of Europe that the players themselves would never be able to stand the long summer campaign; furthermore, that the New York Giants could never expect to land a pennant.

The season is more than half over, and a glance at the National League standing shows the Giants well on top and going strong.

The Chicago White Sox also seem to be playing first-class ball, while Tris Speaker, Sam Crawford, and members of other major league clubs who accompanied the globe trotters are putting up about the best ball of their careers.

Harry Sparrow, who was a member of the Sox-Giants combination last winter and who had charge of the printed program during the trip, was in Washington for a few days last week, the guest of Chick Green, one of our leading fans and loyal rooters.

Sparrow declares that instead of injuring the ball players the trip did them a world of good, and cites the case of Sam Crawford, the Detroit Tigers' slugging outfielder.

According to Sparrow, the voyage, although attended with the dreaded sea sickness, worked wonders with Crawford, who was a bit run down physically after a long summer campaign. The trip acted as a tonic and Crawford returned to the United States improved both physically and mentally.

All of which would indicate that baseball twelve months in the year with a sea voyage sandwiched in will not hurt the average player, and augers well for future trips of this nature.

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Mike Mitchell, the Nationals' new outfielder, certainly got away to a good start yesterday in the double-header against Branch Rickey's Browns.

Griffith claims that Mitchell should be good for at least three more years in fast company, and had been trying to land him ever since last winter.

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The New York Sun hands the Yankees the following boost:

The improvement of Frank Chance's New Yorks during their long stay at home was one of the most astounding features of a season of baseball surprise, not even excepting the sensational sprint of the Boston Braves.

The answer is not difficult to find. The addition of Cree and Mullen added hitting power, a thing that was sadly lacking previously. Lute Boone proved just the second baseman Chance figured him last spring, while Doc Cook finally made good the predictions of the peerless leader with some fancy hitting, base running, and throwing.

None of these men, however, had more to do with the general uplift than Charlie Mullen, who is here from Lincoln, Neb., on one month's trial. Mullen is the shiftiest first baseman seen in these parts since Hal Chase was at his best. He didn't show much in the hitting line at first, but he has improved steadily, and the last week at home batted with the best of them.

Mullen was always a pretty fair sort of ball player from the time he was able to toddle. He played first base for the celebrated Seattle High School team, which toured the country several years ago. Later Mullen went to Washington State University, where his general excellence was rewarded by the team captaincy.

YANKEES GET EVEN BREAK WITH SOX

New York Club Wins Opening Game, 1 to 0, and Loses Nightcap, 7 to 3. King Cole in Form.

Chicago, July 26.—White Sox and Yankees divided honors in the double bill today, the New Yorkers scoring a shutout, 1 to 0, in the first game and the locals winning the final, 7 to 3. Cole had a shade on Walsh in the opening contest, Sweeney's double, Maisel's single and a fly scoring the only run of the game. The Sox drove Brown to the bench early in the second affair and clinched the game in the third inning when the first five men up hit safely. Scores:

New York.	AB	R	O	A	E	Chicago.	AB	R	O	A	E
Boone, 2b	3	1	2	3	0	Weaver, ss	4	1	2	3	0
Hartzell, lf	4	0	2	0	1	Blackburne, 2b	3	0	3	4	0
Cook, rf	4	0	1	0	0	Demmitt, lf	2	0	4	0	0
Cree, cf	4	0	2	0	0	Collins, rf	3	0	2	0	0
Mullin, 1b	3	0	11	1	0	Fournier, 1b	3	0	4	1	0
Peckinpaugh, ss	3	0	1	5	0	Bodie, cf	2	0	2	0	0
Sweney, c	3	1	1	4	0	Schalk, c	3	0	5	1	0
Maisel, 3b	3	1	1	0	0	Alcock, 3b	3	0	3	2	0
Cole, p	3	0	1	3	0	Walsh, p	3	0	1	3	0
Totals	29	3	27	16	1	Tot