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Griffmen Defeat Dodgers By 6-4

Nationals Land Hard on Schmutz in Fourth and Bat in Six Runs.

ENGEL AND GALLIA TWIRL

By WILLIAM PEET.

By tossing half a dozen perfectly good hits into the fourth inning after two had gone, the Nationals scored five runs and beat Wilbert Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers, 6 to 4, in an exhibition game at National Park yesterday afternoon.

The combat itself was freaky, with Washington profiting by the breaks of the game. Two were down in Brooklyn's half of the third when Pick muffed a ball which struck fairly in both hands. This error netted the visitors two runs. In the Nationals' fourth, with two hands down, McBride sent Schultz an easy grounder. The ball slipped out of Schultz's hands as he was about to make the throw, the result being that the Griffmen proceeded right then and there to sew up the game with five clean hits almost in a row.

Bert Gallia and Joe Engel did the flinging for Washington. Four hits were obtained off each hurler, also two tallies, but only one run of the four was earned.

Schmutz, a big spitball flinger, started in the box for the Dodgers. Schmutz was a puzzle until the third, when Moeller drew a walk after two had perished and scored on Foster's double to left center.

The Griffmen bated all around in the fourth, scoring five runs on six hits, further aided by Schultz's "foozle" and the muff of a foul fly on the part of McCarthy.

After Schmutz and McCarthy had been retired in the Nationals' third, O'Mara singled and Schultz walked. Cutshaw lined to Pick in left field, who dropped the ball, permitting O'Mara to score. Hummell singled past Morgan, sending Schultz home.

Joe Engel, who relieved Gallia when the visitors came to bat in the sixth, escaped injury until the eighth. Schultz's single, followed by a wild pitch, a triple by Hummel, and Myers' sharp grounder to McBride, netted two runs before the side could be retired.

Appleton, a big right hander, replaced Schmultz in the Nationals' half of the sixth, and allowed the Griffmen but two scattered hits. The score:

WASHINGTON.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Moeller, rf	3	2	1	0	0	0
Foster, 3b	4	0	2	0	1	1
Milan, cf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Gandil, 1b	4	0	1	14	0	0
Morgan, 2b	4	1	1	5	5	0
Pick, lf	4	0	0	0	0	1
McBride, ss	5	1	1	4	6	0
Ainsmith, c	2	1	1	3	1	0
Williams, c	2	0	0	4	1	0
Gallia, p	2	1	1	0	0	0
Engel, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	9	27	14	2

BROOKLYN (N. L.)	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
O'Mara, ss	5	1	1	0	2	0
Schultz, 2b	3	2	2	1	3	1
Cutshaw, 2b	3	0	0	3	6	0
Hummel, lf	4	1	3	2	0	0
Myers, cf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Zimmerman, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Getz, 1b	4	0	0	11	0	0
McCarthy, c	2	0	0	2	0	2
Miller, c	2	0	0	3	0	0
Schmutz, p	2	0	0	0	1	0
Appleton, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
*M. Wheat	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	8	24	12	4

Washington	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	x—6
Brooklyn	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—4

*Batted for Appleton in ninth.

Earned runs—Brooklyn, 1. First base by errors—Washington, 1; Brooklyn, 1. Left on bases—Washington, 6; Brooklyn, 7. First base on balls—Off Schmutz, 2; off Gallia, 1. Innings pitched—By Schmutz, 5; by Appleton, 3; by Gallia, 5; by Engel, 4. Hits made—Off Schmutz, 7; off Appleton, 2; off Gallia, 4; off Engel, 4. Struck out—By Schmutz, 2; by Appleton, 2; by Gallia, 3; by Engel, 3. Three-base hit—Hummel. Two-base hit—Foster. Stolen bases—Morgan, Gandil. Hit by pitcher—By Gallia, Cutshaw. Wild pitch—Engel. Passed ball—Miller. Time of game—2 hours.

Prospects Bright In Amateur Ranks

Sandlot Moguls Show Enthusiasm at Meeting of City Association.

FIVE LEAGUES IN LINE

Prospects brightened in amateur baseball circles last night.

Five leagues from last season's roster of the local amateur association were represented at a meeting at A. G. Spalding's, and from the enthusiasm shown by those present everything gives promise of another banner year for the sandlotters.

The five circuits present vouched that they had filled their roster and were ready for action. The leagues represented were the Departmental, Government, Potomac, East Washington Sunday School, and Railroad Y. M. C. A., while the Home Club League of the Interior Department was also present and made application for admittance.

J. J. Le Cuyer, of the E. B. Adams Company, made a few remarks in regard to organizing a commercial league, and seeked information on the governing rules and the running of the affairs of the association in general. Guy L. Shipps, of the department of recreation of the District government was present and told the local sandlot moguls that the playground committee stood ready to help amateur baseball in any way that the leagues see fit to demand.

Walter F. Hewift, at one time a director of the Washington baseball team, introduced a proposition to the association to furnish a pamphlet with the constitution and by-laws of the association and the schedule of each league free of charge, but because of two of the leagues running schedules of their own this matter was laid on the table until the next meeting.

Owing to the fact that a definite line had been obtained on the four remaining leagues from last season, and on the prospects of the new circuits, the election of officers for the coming season was postponed until the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday night.

The Potomac League offered the proposition of joining the National Amateur Association of America, but no action will be taken on it until the full roster is present.

FAVORITES WIN AT BOWIE TRACK

Public Choices Run to Form in Four of Six Events at Maryland Course.

Bowie, Md., April 7.—The largest crowd of the present meeting turned out today at Prince Georges Park to witness the running of an excellent card. Favorites were in evidence, four out of six being first home. The best thing of the meeting was put over today when Willie Martin's Rustling Brass at 15 to 1 cantered home an easy winner over a fair field. The stable connections were down on this horse, and the ring received a scorching that will long be remembered.

He was played from 15 to 1 to 8 to 1 at post time, at which figure he closed.

Irrawadda captured the opening event by a head from Mustard, who in turn beat Ataka two lengths. The second number was easy for Pied Piper, who won in a gallop. He was under a restraint the entire distance. Chaser was second and Norus third.

Cliff Haven toyed with his field in the third race, winning by half a dozen lengths from Primafy, while Dancing Master was third. Yodeling was much the best in the fifth number, winning by five lengths. Canter was second and Castor third.

After winning the fourth race Rustling Brass was boosted to $700 and sold to Sam Lewis.

The track was in excellent condition and good time was made throughout. thirty books drew in and a thriving business was done.

Washington society was in evidence again today. The card offered for tomorrow is an excellent one, and no doubt a large crowd will be present.

Summary as follows:

FIRST RACE—Maiden 2-year-olds; four furlongs. Arrawaday, 109 (T. McTaggart), 11 to 5, 9 to 10, 2 to 5, won; Mustard, 112 (Butwell), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second; Ataka, 109 (Metcalf), 3 to 1, even, 1 to 2, third. Time, 0:50 2-5. Jerry, Jr., Prohibition, Candie, and Lewis Opper also ran.

SECOND RACE—3-year-olds and upward; six and one-half furlongs. Pied Piper, 102 (Haynes), 6 to 5, 2 to 5, 1 to 4, won; Chaser, 109 (Nicklaus), 12 to 1, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, second; Norus, 105 (Lilly), 18 to 5, 7 to 5, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:22 4-5. Miss McGiggie, Irish General, Subject, and Jack Hanover also ran.

THIRD RACE—3-year-olds and upward; six and one-half furlongs. Cliff Taven, 105 (Buxton), 7 to 10, 1 to 3, out, Primary, 102 (J. McTaggart), 3 to 1, 8 to 5, 1 to 2, second; Dancing Master, 111 (Warrington), 20 to 1, 7 to 1, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:22. Lady Butterfly, Ingomar, Balder, Early Riser, and Tamerlane also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Rustling Brass, 110 (Turner), 8 to 1, 4 to 1, 2 to 1, won; Pharaoh, 115 (Doyle), 3 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, second; Sir Fitzgerald, 107 (Louder), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:29. Miss Barn Harbor, Chilton Squaw, Free Trade, Stentor, and Rolling Stone also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; seven furlongs. Yodeling, 110 (Ambrose), 4 to 5, 2 to 5, 1 to 6, won; Canto, 113 (Turner), 9 to 2, 8 to 5, 4 to 5, second; Castara, 108 (J. McTaggart), 5 to 1, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:28 4-5. Mollie Richards, Theima J, Deduction, Blackford, and Duquesne also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; one and one-sixteenth miles. El Oro, 118 (T. McTaggart), 8 to 5, 3 to 5, 1 to 4, won; Abbotsford, 107 (Haines), 7 to 1, 5 to 2, even, second; Weyanoke, 115 (Mathews), 8 to 5, 3 to 5, 2 to 5, third. Time, 1:22 1-5. Margaret Meise, Ben Uncas, Afterglow, and Billie Baker also ran.

BOWIE ENTRIES.

FIRST RACE—Selling; 2-year-olds; four furlongs. *Gentle Woman, 109; Increase, 105; Bob Redfield, 107; Irvia, 109; Greetings, 108; Cincinnati, 109; Miss Phillisa, 109; Glomar, 110; Zamballo, 112.

SECOND RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds; six furlongs. *Babe, 100; *Best Bib and Tucker, 101; *Pair Helen, 102; Energetic, 103; Meelleka, 103; *Toothy Rock, 105; Rebecca Moses, 111; St. Lazarain, 111.

THIRD RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; five and one-half furlongs. *The Urchin, 100; *Orbix, 100; *Priwer, 102; *Capt. Elliott, 102; *Garter Knight, 102; Madge's Sister, 103; *Faithful, 104; Esther Blues, 105; Top Rock, 105; Hearthstone, 107; Dewdrop, 107; Ben Galore, 107; Anavri, 107; Eli Maidi, 108; Blue Jay, 109. Also eligible: Panama, 102; Deborah, 105.

FOURTH RACE—Selling; 4-year-olds and upward; five and one-half furlongs. *Joe Knight, 104; *Toddling, 104; Carbureter, 105; Palm Leaf, 105; Venata Strome, 106; *Viley, 106; Ancon, 107; Bunch of Keys, 107; Sir Dyke, 109; Martin Casca, 109; Richwood, 109; *Brandywine, 108; Al Bloch, 110; Henrietta, 111; Uncle Mun, 112.

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; mile and twenty yards. *Laird of Kirkoaldy, 101; Tom Hancock, 101; *Mycenae, 104; Brian Boru, 104; *Heartbeat, 104; Battling Nelson, 109; Ravenal, 109; Lazuli, 110; Love Day, 112.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; 3-year-olds and upward; mile and twenty yards. *Devilitry, 93; *Trovato, 104; *Zodiac, 104; *Col. Holloway, 107; Mollie S., 107; Little England, 112; Richard Langdon, 112; Cockspur, 115; Paton, 115.

*Apprentice allowance claimed.

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Will Play Cardinals.

The Trojan A. C., of Southwest, will cross bats with the strong Cardinal A. C., of Alexandria, on the latter's grounds, Sunday, April 11, at 2:30 o'clock. The Trojans have been greatly strengthened by the acquisition of Naples, the youngster who created such an enviable record with the stick in the Rosedale League.

The teams will line-up as follows: Trojans, catchers, Fitzgerald or Maggio; pitchers, Patterson or Harmon; infielders, Riston, J. Gerardi, F. Gerardi, Naples and Roache; outfielders, Wright P. Gerardi, Braund and Metelitz.

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Churchmen to Practice.

The Central Sunday School team will hold its first practice this afternoon on diamond No. 2, on the Monument Grounds. Among the candidates for the nine are Reynolds, Ford, Cudmore, Eikor, Evans, Strobecker, Selden, Huntross, Harrison, Folger, Earl, Jones, Hardy and Lloyd. Manager Seabook is an effort to have his boys ready for the championship race in the Northwest Sunday School League would like to arrange games with other nines. All applications for games should be sent to J. V. Lloyd, 1739 U street northwest, or phone North 332.

Signs with Lawrence.

Boston, April 7.—George Brickley, brother of Charley Brickley, the noted Harvard football player, has signed a contract to play with the Lawrence club, of the New England League, during the coming season. Brickley was formerly a member of the Athletics.

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Georgetown Beaten In Second of Series

Hilltoppers Are Defeated by Holy Cross in Pitchers' Battle by 3 to 2 Count.

Holy Cross made it two straight from the Hilltoppers on Georgetown Field yesterday, winning a pitchers' battle, 3 to 2.

W. McCarthy was in prime form and kept the Blue and Gray batters fanning wildly at the atmosphere and he came through the trying eighth and ninth innings practically unscathed. Brennan, of Georgetown, also pitched a creditable game an received gilt-edged support, but his team mates were unable to hit the ball when hits meant runs, and as the game progressed the two-run lead of the Massachusetts collegians loomed up like an English warship.

McCarthy's slab work furnished the only feature of the afternoon, his twirling being about the best seen here this year. While he did not strike out many, he seemed to be able to keep the ball where Georgetown could not hit it successfully and deserves much of the credit for the victory.

Coach John D. O'Reilly made a last-inning effort to wrest a victory from the visitors when he sent in five new men to bat in the ninth. One run was gained and when the contest closed two Georgetown men were on the sacks, due to the fact that the hit needed to win was not forthcoming. Score:

Georgetown.	A	H	P	A	E	Holy Cross.	A	H	P	A	E
Shugrue, lf	4	2	3	0	0	Long, cf	2	0	1	0	0
Cusack, 2b	3	0	1	3	0	Griffin, ss	4	1	1	3	0
T. McCarthy, cf	3	1	1	0	0	O'Neil, 1b	3	1	2	4	1
Calinan, cf	0	0	0	0	0	Carroll, lf	3	0	2	0	0
Connolly, ss	4	0	1	9	0	Norton, 3b	4	2	3	2	0
Barron, rf	2	0	0	0	0	Devlin, 2b	4	1	1	7	0
Weems, rf	0	0	0	0	0	W. M'Carthy, p	3	0	0	6	0
Spillane, 1b	0	0	1	0	0	Murphy, c	4	0	5	1	0
Turner, 1b	3	0	12	1	0	Hastings, rf	3	0	0	1	0
Giacomo, 2b	0	0	0	0	0						
Irwin, c	3	1	5	1	0	Totals	29	5	27	18	1
Brennan, p	2	1	2	6	0						
Fass*	1	0	0	0	0						
Toomey†	1	0	0	0	0						
Beraden‡	0	0	0	0	0						
Nora§	1	1	0	0	0						
Totals	30	6	27	18	0						

*Batted for Irwin in ninth.
†Batted for Cusack in ninth.
‡Batted for Calinan in ninth.
§Batted for Brennan in ninth.

Georgetown	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—2
Holy Cross	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	—3

Runs—Shugrue, Connolly, Griffin, O'Neil, Norton. Earned runs—Holy Cross, 2. First base by errors—Georgetown, 1. Left on bases—Georgetown, 10; Holy Cross, 4. First base on balls—Off Brennan, 4; McCarthy, 3. Struck out—By Brennan, 4; by McCarthy, 4. Three-base hit—Norton. Two-base hits—Devlin, Brennan. Sacrifice hits—Turner, Brennan. Sacrifice fly—Giacomo. Stolen bases—Griffin, O'Neal, Hastings, Long. Double plays—Norton to O'Neal to Devlin, Brennan to Connolly to Gormey. Hit by pitcher—By W. McCarthy, J. McCarthy, Shugrue, Cusack. Passed ball—Murphy. Umpire—W. Handiboe. Time of game—2 hours and 5 minutes.

Young Stars to Play.

The Young Stars will meet the Boston Braves at the Monument Lot this morning. Samuel Ernesto will pitch for the Young Stars. Any team wanting games address Herman Cheeu, 1115 Massachusetts avenue.

SECOND GAME TONIGHT.

Basket-ball Teams Meet for District Title.

The second game of basket-ball for the championship of the Capital City will be played tonight between the National Guard team and the former Y. M. C. A. team at the Guard Armory gymnasium at 8:30 o'clock. The first game was won by the National Guard and the "Y" team is out for revenge.

The "Y" team will line-up with Hoppe, center; Frazier and Colley, forwards, and McKay, Duncan, and Allstine, backs. The Guard team will have Hall, Varala, and Schlosser, forwards; Lambert, center, and Keegan, O'Lone, and Warner, backs.

Joe Engel Has Prize Dog In Kennel Show

Joe Engel, baseball player and dog fancier, has entered his prize beagle, Senator, for exhibition at the Washington Kennel Club's dog show, Monday and Tuesday, and if Joe can get leave of absence from Manager Griffith Tuesday afternoon he will show the dog himself in competition with the canine aristocrats of the beagle tribe.

Engel is not the only prominent figure in the sport world to be represented at the dog show, which will be held at the old Walker-Hughes Market, in Connecticut avenue. Roy A. Rainey, wealthy turfman; Raymond Belmont, son of August Belmont, and a noted amateur whip; F. Ambrose Clark, gentleman jockey, and many others whose names are well known in the sporting world will exhibit various breeds of valuable animals.

Rainey and Belmont will attend the show, and the latter will compete against Engel for honors in the beagle class. Belmont's beagles are at present on the big Belmont estate of his father, in Babylon, Long Island, but will be shipped here in a special express car Saturday night.

Engel is not worried over the outcome, however, as he believes his beagle will take the prize from all comers.

"If Senator doesn't cop the first prize I'm going to train him to retrieve baseballs," chirped Long Joe last night. "That ought to win him a prize, eh? Baseball retriever? How does it sound?"

Welsh Goes West Tonight.

New York, April 7.—Harry Pelkie and Freddie Welsh leave tonight for Toledo, Ohio, where Welsh fights Billy Wagner, of Chicago, before the Toledo A. A. Friday night. Wagner is a brother of Charley White, whom Welsh has fought twice. Matt Hinkel is rushing from Cuba to be on hand to referee the bout.

Joe Jackson Is Lost.

Chattanooga, April 7.—Speculation as to the whereabouts of Joe Jackson was rife in the camp of the Cleveland Indians here this afternoon. Jackson, with his wife, was supposed to have arrived here last night from his home, but no trace of him has been discovered. Jackson left the club in New Orleans.

Hopkins Is Beaten By the Brooklanders

Catholic University Triumphs Over Baltimore Rivals by Score of 3 to 1.

Catholic University came near shutting out Johns Hopkins in its game yesterday on Brookland Field in a hard fought contest. The score was 3 to 1.

Coach Moran chose Croaker to do the mound duty. Croaker was opposed by Defandorf, of local high school fame, who pitched a creditable game and who might have brought home the bacon if his team could have hit a little behind him.

Croaker started well, but toward the final innings developed a wild streak, and it was hard for him to locate the plate. The only run the Baltimorians scored was a gift by the pitcher, who walked Nokle in the ninth, also passing Ewing and Egerton in succession and uncorked a wild pitch.

C. U. scored in the first inning. Lynch opened with a hit to right and scored on Donnelly's three bagger. Both teams were blanked for the next six innings. C. U. scored another run on hits by White and Chevers, and again in the eighth on Rogers' single and Caffrey's two-base hit. The score:

J. Hopkins.	A	H	P	A	E	C. U.	A	H	P	A	E
Porter, 2b	4	0	1	3	0	Lynch, lf	4	1	2	0	0
Werth'ton, ss	2	0	2	4	0	Rogers, 1b	4	1	9	2	0
Nokle, c	3	1	1	1	1	Donnelly, cf	4	2	0	0	0
Ewing, cf	3	1	0	0	0	Fahey, rf	4	0	1	0	0
Egerton, 3b	2	0	3	1	0	Caffrey, 3b	4	2	1	4	0
Doner, 1b	2	0	10	0	0	White, ss	4	2	0	1	0
Gorman, rf	2	0	0	0	0	Chevers, 2b	3	2	3	2	1
Taylor, rf	2	0	0	0	0	Ringrose, c	1	0	9	1	0
Pfirrhman, lf	3	1	3	0	0	Croaker, p	3	0	2	4	0
D. Def'dorf, p	2	1	2	0	0						
Totals	27	3	21	16	1	Totals	30	9	27	14	1

J. H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1
C. U.	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	x	—3

Runs—Lynch, White, Fahey, Nokle. First base by errors—J. H., 1; C. U., 1. Left on bases—J. H., 4; C. U., 6. First base on balls—Off Defandorf, 1; of Croaker, 6. Struck out—By Defandorf, 2; by Croaker, 7. Three-base hits—Donnelly (2), White. Two-base hit—White. Sacrifice hits—Ringrose (2). Stolen bases—Nokle, White. Double plays—Caffrey to Chevers to Rogers, White to Rogers to Caffrey, Croaker to Rogers. Hit by pitcher—By Croaker, Worthington. Wild pitch—Croaker. Umpire—Mr. Woodward. Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes.

MEMPHIS TEAM LOSES BY SCORE OF 4 TO 3

Giants' Colts Take Second and Last Game of the Series.

Memphis, Tenn., April 7.—The Giants' colts won the second and last game from Memphis, 4 to 3, today. The game was fast and evenly matched all the way, the colts winning out in the ninth, mainly through a three-bagger by Wendell. Cook pitched out of several close places and had good control. Excellent fielding and good base running saved the game for the visitors more than once. McDermott, of the home club, hit a home run in the fifth. The colts leave for Nashville tonight.

Will Return to France.

La Porte, Ind., April 7.—Ted Rice, the jockey who has been riding at Juarez, Mexico, is spending several days on his father's farm near this city before going to Havre de Grace, where he has a twelve-day contract to ride for Amos Turney. Rice expects to return to France as soon as the war is over. He says many of the jockeys on the European courses have been killed in battle and declared that American jockeys will be in demand when racing is revived.

Tennis Matches Go by Default.

Boston, April 7.—Owing to two defaults, only one match was played in the national court tennis championship tournament at the Tennis and Racquet Club. C. S. Cutting, of New York, eliminated Philip Stockton, of Boston, in straight sets.

BREVIERS LAND TWO IN HERALD LEAGUE

Agates No Match for Circuit Leaders in Final Games of the Season.

In the last games of the season between the Breviers and Agates in The Washington Herald Printers' League the former captured two out of three.

Capt. MacMaster was not in his usual bowling stride and just rolled what is usually given the dummy when some member of the team does not put in an appearance for the match. The Agates took the first game by thirty-two pins, while the Breviers took the last two by good margins.

Anderson was high man with an average of 102. S. Lynch was second with 101.2, and Cahoon and F. Allen brought up in third and fourth positions, respectively. Anderson had the highest individual score, as he toppled 117 pins in his first game.

Breviers.				Agates.			
Busins	81	85	73	Fleishell	84	123	87
Cahoon	80	113	108	Johnson	81	81	81
J. Allen	81	100	105	S. Lynch	108	107	92
Scheer	87	93	83	Meals	102	96	96
Anderson	117	101	88	F. Allen	102	96	101
Switzer	82	108	92	MacMaster	85	85	86
Totals	528	609	550	Totals	589	584	541

Schedule Makers to Meet.

Auburn, N. Y., April 7.—The schedule meeting of the New York state League of Baseball Clubs has been called to be held in Albany tomorrow night, it was announced here last night.

Jack Coombs Is Still Puzzled As to Why Mack Released Him

"Why Connie Mack gave me my unconditional release last winter is still a mystery to me.

"He treated me so finely during my illness that I can't quite figure why he let me go.

"I wasn't a high-salaried player and it seems to me that he might have taken me South with the Athletics this spring—just to find out whether or not I would have been of any use to him this season.

"Of course, I am not 'kicking,' for Brooklyn has given me a chance to come back, and I feel that I still have a few more years of baseball left in me. I would like to have repaid Connie Mack for his kindness to me when I was bed ridden in the hospital."

Jack Coombs, one time "Iron Man" of the Athletics and regarded as one of the foremost pitchers in the American League until two years ago when he injured his spine and was forced to undergo a delicate operation, is in our midst again. This time with the Brooklyn Dodgers. His statement to the writer, printed in the foregoing, was in answer to the question as to why Connie Mack let him go.

Manager Robinson, of the Dodgers, stated that he believed Coombs would do a real sure enough "come back."

"Of course," said Robby, "I have not worked him much this spring, just the lightest kind of exercise, but I really believe he will be able to pitch good ball for us a little later, when the warm weather arrives."

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Charley Schmutz, the big pitcher who worked five innings for the Brooklyn Dodgers yesterday, has played ball in the Capital before, yet few of the crowd on hand yesterday probably recognized him as the lanky youth who was here in the late spring of 1901 with the Seattle High School team, of Seattle, Wash., which opposed Western High School and won from the local nine. The Seattle boys presented a fast aggregation, and Schmutz twirled them to victory.

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Griff yanked Howard Shanks and substituted Charley Pick in left field yesterday. Pick looked mighty good on ground balls, but muffed an easy line drive. He failed to connect safely out of four times up, although he hit the ball each time.

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For the game against Brooklyn this afternoon, Griff will more than likely use Joe Boehling and Shaw or Hopper. Dell, Ragan, or Atchison will be in the box for the Dodgers.

WILLIAM PEET.

Western A. C. Elects Officers for Season

At the meeting of the Western Athletic Club held yesterday the following members were elected officers for the year: Ben A. Buscher, president; Conrade Schroeder, vice president; Bernard S. Buscher, recording secretary; Richard Curtin, financial secretary, and James Curtin, sergeant-at-arms.

This club was formerly the Wiener Social Club, Inc., and among its members are some of the most prominent business men of Georgetown. It is the aim of the club to promote athletic sports in all its branches.

The club gave one of the most successful smokers and entertainments ever held in this city on the night of March 18. The baseball team of the club will have its first work-out Sunday, April 18.

MACKS WIN FIRST.

Trim Phillies in Opening of Spring Series, 2 to 0.

Philadelphia, April 7.—The Athletics defeated the Phillies by the score of 2 to 0 in the first game of the spring series at Shibe Park this afternoon. Bush held the Phillies to one hit, a two-bagger by Bisey, while the Athletics made nine hits off Bisey. The spring-like weather enabled both clubs to play excellent ball.

Herndon, 6; Fairfax, 3.

Fairfax H. S.	A	H	P	A	E	Herndon H. S.	A	H	P	A	E
Bauer, c	4	1	9	1	2	Detwiler, lf	5	1	3	0	0
C. Birch, ss	4	0	1	2	0	White, c	5	0	7	2	1
Alder, 3b	4	0	2	4	1	W. Aud, ss	5	2	1	2	1
R. Hollis, p	4	2	0	0	0	D. Aud, 1b	4	1	11	0	1
C. Myers, 2b	4	1	0	0	1	Long, 2b	4	1	4	2	0
A. Birch, lf	4	0	0	0	0	Gibson, p	4	0	1	2	1
Mickelson, cf	4	0	0	0	0	Hanes, 3b	4	1	1	0	0
Milligan, 1b	4	1	9	0	1	VanSickler, rf	4	1	0	0	0
J. Adams, rf	4	1	1	0	0	Stephens, rf	4	1	1	0	0
*Totals	34	6	27	16	5	Totals	39	6	27	10	4

Fairfax H. S.	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—3
Herndon H. S.	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	—6

Earned runs—Fairfax, 2; Herndon, 4. Bases on balls—Off Gibson, 3. Hit by pitched ball—Gibson, J. Birch. Struck out—By Hollis, 8; by Gibson, 7. Stolen bases—Myers (2), Hollis (2). Left on bases—Fairfax, 8; Herndon, 5. Time of game—2 hours and 20 minutes. Umpires—Mason, Jones and Dyer.