

Boston Red Sox Here for Four-Game Series--Expect Hard Fight

DONOVAN PRAISES PLAYING OF CONNIE MACK'S TEAM

Boston Manager Says Athletics Are Going Better Than Any of Their Rivals. Considers Nationals a Tangled Proposition.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Pat Donovan and twenty members of the Boston Red Sox arrived here late this morning to open a four-game series with the Nationals. Donovan's team is in no more good shape for its struggles with the Nationals because of injuries and illness to several of its players.

Second Baseman McConnell is not with the team. He has gone to his home in Utica to recuperate for an injury to his side, and French will play in his place here. Catcher Madden is out of the game with water on the knee, while Myers is suffering with tonsillitis. It is also likely that Hooper will replace Niles in the outfield.

Donovan is not discouraged with his team's showing, but he is loud in his praise of the Athletics' playing. "Connie Mack's team is going better than any team in the league, and if we keep up the pace it should finish in front," said he. "We are not going to let them get away from us. We are not coming here with the idea of cleaning up. We expect hard games if McEwen's team plays here as it did on our grounds. It was as tough as any team we have tackled."

Capt. Harry Lord insists that the Red Sox will hit their stride before long and that they will make the showing that is expected of them. "The strange part of it is that our pitching has been good, and that is where we were supposed to be weak. Think of us getting twelve hits and two runs. Why, that is normal, and it just shows that we are getting all the bad breaks that can come to a team in base ball."

Either Arrellanes or Collins, the college southpaw, will pitch for Boston this afternoon.

Even umpires get mixed on the rules now and then, and Billy Evans was the guilty party yesterday. In the first inning while Elberfeld was at bat he was hit by a pitched ball. Evans would not allow him to take his base, and when Acting Cap. Schaefer protested Evans called out in a loud voice: "It was a foul ball; he can't get a base on that."

That is where Mr. Evans erred. The rule says that if a ball is pitched into the strike zone and it strikes the batter, he is entitled to his base whenever his person or clothing is touched by a pitched ball unless he plainly makes no effort to get out of the way of the ball.

Elberfeld tried to avoid the ball, but couldn't, and Evans ruling was not in accordance with the rules.

When a ball team is hitting as did the Nationals in the third inning yesterday it always looks good. There was nothing crasy about the hits made off of either Manning or Frill in this inning. Every ball was hit full on the seam, and perhaps the hardest one of the lot was McBride's drive which Austin turned into a double play.

tively few points separating most of the clubs and the Nationals are but 125 points behind the leaders, which is only a short step at this season of the year. The most encouraging feature of the team's work is that it is hitting well and will win a lot of games if the pitchers once get to going right. The trouble with the twirlers seems to be that they have not rounded into form, but should improve from this out. When a team gets runs as have the locals this spring it is a good indication that it has strength. But, of course, no team can win unless it has good pitching.

Lovers of hitting had a gala day up to the ninth, when the visitors did too much of it to suit the crowd.

Boston at 4 o'clock today. Gray is to be on the slab for the Nationals.

Ban Johnson has raised McAber's suspension, and if weather conditions are favorable he will probably be in uniform this afternoon.

The double steal which Wolter and Chase pulled off in the ninth and which put the game in peril was made possible by Unglaub's playoff of the bag. No effort was made to hold Chase on, which should have been done, for when Chase recognized that he was being lead he signaled Wolter to steal? This made it possible for a base hit to tie the score.

Walker should practice covering first. A pitcher as fast on his feet as Walker should help himself out of many holes by running over to first whenever the ball is hit to his left. There were two occasions yesterday when Walker failed to cover, and while these oversights did not affect the score, the time may come when it will lose him a ball game.

Walker's trouble yesterday was that he was wild. He wanted to get the ninth inning over with as soon as possible, and so as not to waste time started to aim them over. Three sharp clean singles followed. Then came Schaefer's boot and two runs scampered over the plate. Roach, who was sent up for Warlop, tied to Leivelt, and Hemphill, who tried to sneak in a bunt, was also thrown out. But Leivelt dropped Wolter's long wily and another brace of runs came home. Then Walker bot with steam, with the result that he could not locate the plate and Chase walked. Unglaub played back, thus giving Chase a long lead and a double steal was made possible. With second and third occupied and two out Cree faced Walker. Say, and he looked dangerously for Cree is some hitter. Carefully he did not get it safe. A sharp throw from Schaefer on which the latter took no chances resulted and the game was over.

Good, clean, hard hitting gave the locals their big lead. They got one in the first when Milan walked and stole, and Leivelt singled. Schaefer's long wily moved Milan over to third with a sacrifice.

In the third there were fireworks. With Street out of the way, Walker bunted safely. Milan and Schaefer followed with clean hits. Walker scoring. Then Leivelt was hit by a pitched ball, filling the bases, and Elberfeld came along with a beauty through the box which sent two more home. Schaefer making a great slide ducking Sweeney at the plate. But the fusillade did not cease here. Geesler got in at this stage with a ripping triple, which brought Leivelt and Elberfeld home, and Schaefer's long wily followed by McBride's long double, gave the Nationals their final runs.

New York scored in the fourth on a base hit by Wolter, Chase's hit, which sent Wolter to third, from where he scored.

THE SMILE OF VICTORY.



"DIXIE" WALKER.

While a double play was being made by McBride, Schaefer and Unglaub.

What happened in the ninth has been told. Here are the figures. Score:

WASHINGTON	A. B. R. H. O. A. E.	NEW YORK	A. B. R. H. O. A. E.
Milan, cf	2 3 1 0 0 0	Hemphill, cf	4 1 1 0 0 0
Schaefer, 2b	3 1 0 0 0 0	Wolter, rf	4 1 1 0 0 0
Leivelt, lf	3 1 3 2 1 1	Chase, 1b	4 0 1 6 0 0
Elberfeld, 1b	4 1 1 1 1 0	Cree, lf	4 1 1 2 2 2
Unglaub, 2b	4 0 1 13 0 0	Laporte, 2b	4 1 1 2 2 2
McBride, ss	4 0 0 3 4 1	Knight, ss	4 1 1 2 2 2
Manning, p	4 2 1 5 0 0	Austin, 3b	4 1 2 5 2 0
Walker, p	4 2 2 0 2 0	Sweeney, c	4 2 2 1 3 0
Totals	31 9 27 15 3	Frill, p	0 0 0 0 0 0
		Warlop, p	1 0 0 0 0 0
		Roach, c	1 0 0 0 0 0
		Totals	35 7 9 24 11 0

*Batted for Warlop in ninth. Washington... 1 0 6 2 0 0 0 0 3-9 New York... 0 0 9 1 2 0 9 4-7 Two-base hit—Geesler, Leivelt, Wolter. Three-base hit—Geesler. Hits—Off Manning, 4; Frill, 3; off Warlop, 2. First base on error—Schaefer. Stolen bases—Wolter, Chase, Milan. Double plays—Austin to Chase; Schaefer, McBride to Leivelt. Left on bases—Washington, 4; New York, 5. Bases on balls—Off Walker, 4; off Manning, 1; off Warlop, 2. First base on error—Schaefer. Struck out—By Walker, 3; by Warlop, 1. Passed ball—Street. Umpires—Nears, Evans and Egan. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

SPORTING COMMENT.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

With the Jeffries-Johnson fight more than two months off there is really no need for alarm because of the condition of these two fighters. There has never been any doubt expressed as to Johnson's ability to fit himself so as to be able to give the best possible account of himself, and the present trouble which Jeffries is having with his condition is not of a very serious nature.

There is no reason why the former champion should not be able to get in fighting trim in six weeks or even less. In fact, it would have been a serious mistake for him to have continued the pace in his training that he set for the first two weeks. It must not be overlooked that Jeffries has virtually been in the league for a year, and all he should need is a month or so to get himself as ready to fight as it is possible.

The complaint against Johnson is that he is overweight, and it is not sufficient to get off what surplus weight he may want to rid himself of, though it seems certain that he will enter the ring weighing more than a stone, and when there is Jeffries. One thing is certain, there is no danger of the fight being declared off, for there is too much at stake to let such a course be followed, regardless of what the condition of the fighters may be.

Jim McGuire seems to have come to the conclusion that the line-up which the Naps have presented to date is not satisfactory, and he has made a switch, bringing Lajle back to second and placing Turner in his old post at short. This change, together with one in the lineup for the pitcher, is expected to strengthen the team's batting. By a deli batting strength is not all that is needed for more satisfactory material wrong with the spirit of that team for several years. On paper it has always looked up to the best of the best, but it never came up to the expectations of the experts. There was a time when the Naps were the hardest hitting bunch in the league, and the present lineup which compared favorably with that of any of its rivals, yet the team was not a winner because it wasted most of its hits by its failure to play for runs.

STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES.

American League.			
Teams.	W. L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Philadelphia	5	3	.625 .967 .506
Detroit	5	3	.625 .967 .506
St. Louis	3	2	.600 .967 .500
New York	4	3	.571 .625 .500
Boston	4	5	.445 .500 .400
Cleveland	4	5	.445 .500 .400
Washington	4	6	.400 .455 .364
Chicago	2	4	.333 .423 .288

National League.			
Teams.	W. L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Philadelphia	7	1	.875 .880 .778
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833 .857 .714
New York	6	3	.667 .700 .600
Chicago	4	2	.667 .714 .571
Cincinnati	3	4	.429 .500 .375
Boston	2	6	.250 .333 .222
Brooklyn	2	7	.222 .300 .200
St. Louis	2	7	.222 .300 .200

AMERICAN LEAGUE RESULTS.

Washington... 9 New York... 7 Philadelphia-Boston-Rain. Chicago-Cleveland-Rain. Detroit-St. Louis- Wet grounds.

Today's Schedule.

Boston at Washington. Philadelphia at New York. Detroit at St. Louis. Chicago at Cleveland.

National League Results.

New York... 9 Brooklyn... 8 Baltimore-Cincinnati-Rain. Philadelphia... 5 Boston... 4 St. Louis-Cincinnati-Cold. Chicago-Pittsburgh-Rain.

Today's Schedules.

New York at Philadelphia. Pittsburgh at Chicago. Brooklyn at Boston.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

Virginia State League.

HOW THEY STAND. W. L. Pct. Lynchburg... 2 1 .667 Norfolk... 1 1 .500 Richmond... 3 2 .600 Danville... 1 3 .250 At Danville-Danville, 2; Roanoke, 0. At Richmond-Lynchburg, 5; Norfolk, 4. At Portsmouth-Portsmouth, 7; Richmond, 5.

American Association.

At Kansas City-St. Paul, 5; Kansas City, 7. Minneapolis-Milwaukee game postponed; rain. Indianapolis-Columbus game postponed; rain.

Southern League.

At Memphis-Chattanooga-Memphis game postponed; rain. At Atlanta-Atlanta, 4; Nashville, 1. At Montgomery-First game: Montgomery, 4; Birmingham, 2. Second game: Montgomery, 5; Birmingham, 0. At Mobile-First game: New Orleans, 7; Mobile, 5. Second game: New Orleans, 5; Mobile, 1.

South Atlantic League.

At Augusta-Augusta, 7; Jacksonville, 1. At Savannah-Savannah, 10; Columbia, 1. At Columbus-Macon, 9; Columbus, 6.

NEW LEADERS AT BOWLING.

Washington Pair Rolls High Score in Two-Man Class. BALTIMORE, April 27.—A new team took its place at the top of the two-man class in the fourth annual tournament of the National Bowling Association here yesterday, when George Burdine and J. A. Eckstein of Washington rolled 1,305. This was only thirteen pins below the world's championship, made by Grady and McArthur of Paterson, N. J., who scored 1,318 at the tournament in Rochester, N. Y., in 1909.

BIG SCRAP ON TONIGHT

KETCHELL AND LANGFORD MEET IN QUAKER CITY.

Both Fighters Confident of Winning and the Betting Is at Even Money.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—Rarely has there been such a division of opinion over the probable outcome of a contest as there is over this meeting between Ketchell and Langford, and that, too, despite the poor showing made by Ketchell in his bout with Klaus at Pittsburg. So far as the general public is concerned it looks like a case of even money and take your pick. It may be that many of those who are inclined to take the Ketchell end are influenced by racial prejudice, but they stoutly deny it, and point to the young Michigan's showing with Johnson as a justification of their judgment. Some of them go so far as to say that the champion won that fight on a fluke, and as they do not figure Langford as being in Johnson's class they hope Stanley to be a sure winner tonight. They lay particular stress upon his hitting ability. They argue that the punch which came within an ace of costing Johnson the championship will put the Boston Tar Baby out for the full count and then some if it lands.

Those who are inclined to take the Langford end do not underestimate Ketchell's ability, but they seem to think that he was made to order for a boxer of the type of Langford. They point to Stanley's open style as being a sure invitation to trouble from a man as clever as Sam. Then they are not altogether satisfied that Ketchell can assimilate much punishment, particularly about the body, and are convinced that he cannot afford to swap punch for punch with the black man. Unquestionably Langford is the ruggedier proposition, and should be able to withstand the stiffer lacing, but Ketchell's gameness, which has been proven on more than one occasion, may offset that physical advantage of Sam's. When it comes down to the purely boxing end of the meeting Langford will have the edge, there is no question about his cleverness. He will never do anything foolish in a defensive way. If he gets a foothold it will be because he could not help it. He will never walk into it. He is the very embodiment of caution as compared with Ketchell, who in his anxiety to get his haymaker across is likely to leave an opening of which a boxer of the skill and quickness of Langford is bound to take advantage.

There is another element which will doubtless help to make this meeting the most memorable ever pulled off here. Neither has got the other's goat. Ketchell's confidence in his ability to lick Langford is sublime, and it is not the confidence born of bragadoogie. He has simply got a hunch that he can trim Langford, and that is all there is to it. If he doesn't win out tonight he will be the most surprised man in the house. And it is the same way with Langford. His confidence is no less pronounced. Ketchell's, although he is less inclined to give expression to it. But right down deep in his boots he believes that he will be retained the winner tonight, and that, too, before the end of the sixth round.

MUCH GLOOM AT HARVARD.

Track Team Cut to Pieces by Injuries and Illness. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 27.—Stories of misfortune continue to come from the Harvard varsity track team. To top the loss of S. C. Foster, last year's intercollegiate 100 and 220 yard dash champion, came the statement today that J. H. Storer, winner of the short dash at the spring track games, who had been looked on to fill in part Foster's place, had, like him, strained a tendon, which will prevent his running during the season. W. H. Lacy, of whom much was expected in the one-mile run, is in the hospital suffering from scarlet fever, while Capt. C. C. Little has been forced to abandon the shot-put, at which he won the intercollegiate championship last fall, owing to a bad writ.

J. L. Barr, winner of second place in the pole vault, has been forced out of competition for the same reason, and Herbert James, the track one and two-mile runner, is just recovering from an illness.

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