

Nationals Are Showing Pure Grit Against League--Hal Chase Sulking

NATIONALS HAVE PROVEN A SURPRISE TO MACK'S MEN

Leaders Expected to Fatten Average at Expense of Washington--Gameness Has Told in Two Games Played.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 28.—These peppy, husky Nationals, who apparently never know when they are beaten, are welcome in this town as a gang of murderers, and if a stranger in Philadelphia should happen to say that he hated from Washington he would stand a good chance of getting a coat of tar and feathers.

It wasn't so bad to lose the first game of the series, that might happen to any club, but when a team in the second division comes along and makes two eleven-hour finishes and trims the leaders it is too much of a good thing.

Before Washington played the first game here the fans were wondering whether the Athletics could take three or four games, but now they will be thankful if they can make an even break on the series.

On form they will be lucky to do so, for no team in the American League has played grittier ball than the Nationals. They are expected to be beaten, but they were equal to the occasion and pulled out victories in the final spurt. Yesterday's game belonged to them beyond a question, and only for two or three lucky plays on the part of the White Sox would it have been necessary to have played the tenth inning.

To the impartial critic Washington is playing even better ball than the Athletics, and Jim McAlleer is smiling up his sleeve at the unrelenting surprise he has sprung on Connie Mack.

The two are the best of pals, but Connie is wearing a pained look when he speaks of McAlleer and he will be glad to see his chum take his aggregation of surprise packages out of this city.

Reisling deserved a lot of credit for winning the game. He easily outpitched Morgan, but things broke badly for him, and it needed lots of nerve to keep up the good work. Three times Washington had the bases filled, once with only one out, but the next batters could not bring in a runner. Still Reisling kept plugging away and finally he had his reward by having the good fortune to drive in the winning run in the tenth inning with a pretty two-bagger, which was as safe as houses.

If there was one man who outshone all others, it was McBride, the fifty shortstop of the Nationals. Next to Reisling he was chiefly responsible for the victory. He made three hits, one of them a two-bagger, stole a base, accepted eight chances without a mistake and scored the winning run. His two-bagger in the sixth inning also scored two men and evened up the score.

McAlleer is happy at the form displayed by his team and is optimistic about the future. "This is the first time that the team has shown its true form," said Jim, "and a continuance will soon put us at the head of the parade. Tomorrow I shall use either Groom or Johnson, and I shall be disappointed if I don't cop one more game. It is strange that the boys have struck such a streak when the team is so mixed up, but if they keep on winning in this formation I shall stick to it a long time before switching it back. No team in the league could have played better or pluckier ball than we have these two days, and I would sooner win these two games under a handicap than twice the number with our full strength."

The Athletics were feeling jubilant because of their win, but when they returned to Philadelphia on the same day, after a month's lay-off on account of injuries, but Barry is on the sick list and there is no telling when he will get into the game, although Connie Mack does not expect him to be out very long.

The chief trouble with the Athletics is the weakness in the pitching staff. Plank has gone bad, Dyett cannot cut out a full game, Krane is out for the remainder of the season and Bender is recovering from a heavy cold. Morgan and Bender are in the main-stays of the team in the box, but each has lost his lost few games, and unless

DEVELOPING INTO A STAR.



"RED" KILLEFER.

Other American League Games.

Naps Defeat Browns. CLEVELAND, July 28.—Cleveland defeated St. Louis yesterday, 2 to 1. Harry Fawcett, the Baltimore boy, made his debut in Cleveland and held St. Louis to four hits. But for an error by Lejole, he would have scored a shut-out. Rath played his first game with Cleveland and felled brilliantly. The home team made its two runs on doubles by Graney, Turner and Bemis. Score: R. H. E. Cleveland..... 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 5 1 St. Louis..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Pirates Win Hard Battle. CINCINNATI, July 28.—A fine run by Byrne from first to third on Leach's single to left was the deciding factor in yesterday's 14-inning game, Pittsburgh beating Cincinnati, 4 to 2.

Byrne scored on a squeeze play and Leach on Wagner's single. McLean's error gave Pittsburgh his first two runs and his hit in the fourth tied the score.

Cree Wins a Game. BOSTON, July 28.—Long hits by Cree off Hall won for New York from Boston yesterday, the final score standing 5 to 4. Boston had three on bases with one out in the ninth, but could score only one run. Score: R. H. E. New York..... 3 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 5 10 1 Boston..... 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 4 3

Mullin in Fine Form. DETROIT, July 28.—Mullin pitched invincible ball against Chicago yesterday and Detroit won, 2 to 0. The visitors repeatedly had good openings, but could not produce the hits needed to score runs. O'Leary's batting was the feature of the game, a triple and three singles going to his credit. Score: R. H. E. Detroit..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 8 3 Chicago..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Cy Barger Wins Out. BROOKLYN, N. Y., July 28.—Brooklyn beat Boston in an 11-inning game yesterday, 1 to 0.

Curtis, after pitching as effectively as Barger for ten innings, weakened in the eleventh, when Daubert's safe, a pass to Wheat, Hummel's double and Sharpe's run let in the only run. Score: R. H. E. Brooklyn..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 7 2 Boston..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Detroit Won't Bar Pictures. DETROIT, Mich., July 28.—Detroit will not follow the lead of Chicago in its efforts to put the ban on the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures. Police Commissioner Croul announced yesterday that he would have no objections to the fight scenes being shown here.

FIGHTER'S JAW BROKEN. Joe Thomas Forces Terry Keller to Quit in Twelfth Round. OGDEN, Utah, July 28.—Terry Keller gave up the fight with Joe Thomas, champion middleweight of San Francisco, at the end of the twelfth round last night. Keller's jaw was broken in the second by a left hook delivered by Thomas a few seconds before the gong sounded.

Up to the end the fight appeared to be even, but as Keller went to his corner he told his trainer that he could not continue, as his jaw had been broken. Examination proved this to be true, and his manager threw up the sponge.

McALEER'S TEAM IS WINNING ITS SHARE OF CLOSE GAMES

Nationals' Luck Seems to Have Changed. Instead of Losing by One Run the Shoe Is on Other Foot.

BY J. ED GRILLO.
Instead of losing games by a single run, as has been the custom of the Nationals for to these many years, they are just now inflicting defeats on their opponents by this margin. Luck seems to have changed, and the result is that the team is not only winning, but downing the leaders.

In the two games that have been played in Philadelphia by the locals ten runs have been scored, showing plainly that Mack's pitchers are far from being in form and this having an effect on the general playing of the team. The Nationals have shown grit in the games they have played against the leaders. They got a poor start in both, and yet lunged on and fought it out to the end. It has been the team tenacity that has told on the Athletics. They have been unable to shake off McAleer's men and then have come to a weakening themselves at the finish. It is all right for the Philadelphia critics to scoff at the Athletics against the charges of not being game, but there is no doubt that the team which can hang them and never give a desire to stop will win games from them.

The Nationals have caught Mack's team in a slump and there is no telling when the great out of form when the present series is over it must go west, and that is where it cannot look for any sympathy, but must fight its way.

If Doc Reisling had pitched yesterday's game in base ball it would have been a chance that he would never have finished the second inning, for the cry of "Take him out" would have gone up just as soon as a couple of hits were made off him. There is no doubt that these demonstrations against a pitcher have their effect on the manager, who, anxious to please the public, will make a change rather than let himself open to criticism. But, being away from home, McAleer was able to use cool judgment, and he figured that to substitute a pitcher meant to weaken his pitching staff for the day's games, and it is none too well fortified at present. So Doc was allowed to remain, and the result was that after the second inning but he was made of him in the remaining eight, and the result was that Doc was instrumental in winning the game with a two-bagger in the ninth.

If those who are always so ready to yell to have a pitcher taken out would only stop to consider that the man in charge of the team is more anxious to win than any one else, and that he is sure to do what is best for the team at all times, they would not be so hasty to break into a game with such idle remarks.

Now that John Henry is getting an opportunity to display his ability in a position with which he is familiar he is making the most of it. The fact must not be overlooked that Henry came here as a catcher, and yet he did not get a chance to show his ability until yesterday, until Beckendorf and Street both were injured. Yesterday he took care of every chance offered him, and what is more, he

pegged out three players who attempted to steal.

If there was such a thing as reliable hope in base ball it could easily be figured that the Nationals would win three out of four from the Athletics this trip. On the strength of victories scored by Gray and Reisling it makes Walter Johnson look like a 1 to 3 shot when he faces the leaders, and yet it may be just the big fellow's luck to have the team fail to make runs behind him and lose by a close score. That is the luck of the game. But even if the team should lose its next two games it will have done well to win two out of four.

After apparently making a runaway race of it, it would be a disappointment if Philadelphia fans to have the Athletics beat out at the finish. While the team still has a comfortable lead, it is not too far away to be caught, and the coming western trip is going to make a big difference in the standing. Detroit has a long way to come to catch up to the leaders, and yet it is not impossible that the Tigers will come with one of their famous rushes at the end and beat out their rivals in the Athletics.

Perhaps the most popular victory would be for Boston to cop the flag. Detroit is not popular for the reason that the team has won the pennant three years and has failed to make a good showing in the world's series, and on the other hand the players' attitude has created a prejudice against the Athletics because it is charged that it is the lowest salaried team in the league and because the fans has no use for anything that is cheap in base ball. There is every indication that this flag race is going to be a warm one before the finish. Any one of the first four teams has a chance to win it, and they will be drawn much nearer to it than to another another month is past.

Groom is scheduled to work today, while either Plank or Bender will pitch for the Athletics. As each of Mack's stars lost on the last appearance there is some doubt as to the ability of either to stop the Athletics' losing streak.

Base ball, as a rule, is not reliable, and yet the Athletics are playing consistent ball against the Nationals, based on their showing against Cleveland.

The Naps were the worst-looking team on their last trip here that has visited the local grounds this year, and when that aggregation could go over and get an even break with the Athletics the Nationals' fight for the pennant is better for there was no comparison in the work of the Nationals and Naps while here. But it is not always that these past performances give a correct line on a series.

If there is one feature of the game in which the Nationals have shown great improvement of late it is in base running. It was the successful pilfering of bases that has been the key to their possible. McBride's steal in the tenth really won the game. Early in the season there was a lack of base running. The players seemed to fear to take a chance. But it is different now, and the result is more runs are being scored.

HAL CHASE SAID TO BE SULKING AGAIN

Detroit Players Spread Rumor That There Is Trouble on New York Team.

IS SORE BECAUSE STALLINGS GETS CREDIT

Highlanders' First Baseman Has Been Known to Leave Team Before—Farrell's Hard Task.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
DETROIT, July 28.—Hal Chase is again on the outs with the management of the New York Highlanders. At any rate, reports to that effect are circulated by the Tigers.

Hal has not been in the game for some time, and it was reported that he had a severe cold. Few athletes get severe colds during the hot playing season, and if they are unfortunate enough to land one they generally go out to the park in the morning, put on some woollen underwear and a heavy sweater or two and work for an hour or so before the kind of treatment and soon depart.

The cold was evidently a new variety, for Hal has not shown up for several days. Some probing brought to light the fact that Chase is sulking.

It was not so many years ago that Chase did the same thing. He told them he was through. Not alone that, Hal packed his belongings and returned to his home in the golden west and joined an outlaw base ball organization. It was some trouble to return Hal to the good graces of the national commission, but they got him back safe and sound and reinstated him.

Not Given Credit. Things went along fairly well last year and Hal was made captain of the Highlanders. Not alone is he a great player, but he has a wonderful base ball mind. With part of the power to conduct the club in his hands and sole ruler on the field it was Chase who made the Highlanders what they are today and set them near the head of the American League.

But it is not Chase who is publicly credited with the showing of the New York club. It is Stallings who is handed the praise for the work of the Broadway team.

Big Job for Farrell. Since Chase does the work and Stallings gets the credit, no wonder that the young man rebels. He has practically been omitted from the management of the club for next year and he probably wants it now.

Owner Farrell of the Highlanders has a tough job on hand. Stallings' contract does not expire until next fall and Chase wants both captaincy and manager ship immediately. Without Chase the Yankees will be a weak club, and with Chase it seems impossible for Stallings, who is under contract, to be around.

Stop Betting at Salt Lake. SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, July 28.—An ordinance prohibiting pool selling and bookmaking within the limits of this city was passed by the city council last night. The fair grounds at Eugene have race tracks are both in the city limits.

SIGN-TIPPING PROBE STARTED BY JOHNSON

Proposes to Interview Manager Duffy and Other Players Regarding Charges.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 28.—President E. B. Johnson of the American League will have an interview tomorrow with Manager Hugh Duffy of the Chicago Americans regarding the sign-tipping story which emanated from the New York grounds.

I still am convinced there is nothing to this sign-tipping story, but President Johnson yesterday, "but the charges said to have been whispered around the league must be probed. I am for clean base ball, first and last all the time, and the persons who have set up such claims must prove their assertions. I have asked Manager Duffy of the Chicago Americans to appear in the league headquarters Saturday, and if at the conclusion of the interview I am warranted in further pursuing my investigation I shall summon Ed Walsh, the pitcher, into conference."

WANTS SIGN-TIPPING STORY DISPROVEN

Frank Farrell Offers \$1,000 if Charges Made Against Yanks Can Be Sustained.

BOSTON, Mass., July 28.—Stirred up by the comment here as to the sign-tipping at the Highlanders' Park in New York, Frank Farrell, the owner of the New York Americans, making an immediate offer to pay \$1,000 cash, the amount to go to some charity, if it can be proved that his club has in any way whatever attempted to steal the signals of any opponent that has played in New York this season.

George Stallings, the manager of the club, supplements this with the offer to get affidavits from his players, sworn to before a notary public, attesting to this fact.

"These lies have gone far enough," said Mr. Farrell in an interview at the Copley Square Hotel yesterday. "All the papers seem to be printing a statement of Chicago newspaper men, and I am recently accompanied the White Sox to New York, who asserts that he can prove the charges against the club for his possession in the shape of affidavits from four Chicago players and one player of the New York club."

"The writer charged San Johnson to appoint a committee to investigate the matter and promises to lay the facts before the public, and if the reward, \$500, offered by Johnson to the man proving the charges to some institution or charity."

"Now I will add another \$1,000 to the \$500 promise made by Johnson, and I will have the sign-tipping committee that the investigating committee be appointed. There is no tipping at our grounds, and simply because the club has upset calculations on the circuit, this method is taken to account for the exceptional work."

There is an odd story going the rounds to the effect that Stallings told his men to glance around the fences when they came on the field, as though on the lookout for a tip. It is said the ruse worked and the Chicago men changed the signals every game, and this gave every man of the team trouble, particularly the pitchers.

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Boston.	54 36 .600 .604 .593
New York.	52 38 .561 .566 .544
Detroit.	49 41 .544 .548 .538
Cleveland.	38 45 .458 .464 .452
Washington.	38 51 .427 .432 .422
Chicago.	35 52 .402 .409 .398
St. Louis.	25 58 .301 .310 .298

National League.	
Teams.	W. L. Pct. Win. Loss.
Chicago.	55 30 .647 .651 .640
Pittsburgh.	48 35 .578 .583 .571
New York.	48 36 .571 .575 .565
Cincinnati.	44 43 .506 .511 .500
Philadelphia.	41 44 .482 .488 .477
St. Louis.	39 48 .445 .453 .448
Brooklyn.	35 51 .407 .414 .402
Boston.	33 56 .371 .378 .367

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

American League.	
Washington.	6
Philadelphia.	5
New York.	5
Boston.	4

National League.	
Philadelphia.	3
New York.	1
Brooklyn.	1
Boston.	0

SCHEDULES.

American League.	
TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Washington at Philadelphia.	Washington at Philadelphia.
New York at Boston.	New York at Boston.
Detroit at Chicago.	Detroit at Chicago.

National League.	
TODAY.	TOMORROW.
Boston at New York.	Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.	Boston at New York.
	Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
	Chicago at St. Louis.

MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

Virginia State League.	
At Roanoke—Roanoke, 1; Danville, 0.	
At Richmond—Richmond, 4; Petersburg, 1.	
At Norfolk—Lynchburg, 6; Norfolk, 0.	

American Association.	
At Milwaukee—Milwaukee, 7; Toledo, 1.	

Eastern League.	
At Buffalo—First game: Baltimore, 7; Buffalo, 2.	
At Rochester—First game: Rochester, 8; Providence, 2.	
At Montreal—First game: Jersey City, 9; Montreal, 5.	
Second game: Montreal, 6; Jersey City, 5.	
At Toronto—Newark, 9; Toronto, 4.	

Southern League.	
At New Orleans—Memphis, 4; New Orleans, 1.	
At Mobile—Atlanta, 4; Mobile, 2.	
At Montgomery—Montgomery, 4; Nashville, 1.	
At Birmingham—Chattanooga, 7; Birmingham, 6.	

Eastern Carolina League.	
At Wilmington—Fayetteville, 1; Wilmington, 0.	
At Rocky Mount—Rocky Mount, 7; Wilson, 0.	
At Raleigh—Goldensboro, 3; Raleigh, 2.	

Tristate League.	
At Allenton—Allenton, 3; Harrisburg, 0.	
At Johnstown—Williamsport, 4; Johnstown, 2.	
At Reading—Reading, 1; Trenton, 0.	
At Lancaster—Lancaster, 4; York, 0.	

South Atlantic League.	
At Augusta—First game: Columbus, 11; Augusta, 4.	
Second game: Augusta, 4; Columbus, 3.	
At Savannah—Macon, 0; Savannah, 0 (nine innings; rain).	
At Columbia—Jacksonville, 5; Columbia, 1.	

Carolina Association.	
At Winston-Salem—Winston-Salem, 2; Greensboro, 0.	
At Greenville—Greenville, 3; Anderson, 1.	
At Spartanburg—Charlotte, 6; Spartanburg, 1.	

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Schlechter Holds Lead, While Marshall Loses a Game.	
HAMBURG, July 28.—The players in the international masters' tourney contested the ninth round yesterday according to the following schedule: Spelzer vs. Schlechter, Koehnlein vs. Salwe, Ghotimiri vs. Marshall, Leonardt vs. Tartakover, Spielmann vs. Forggaz, Duras vs. Yates, Niemzowitch vs. Alekhine, Teichmann vs. John, Tarrasch a bye.	
Spelzer of Holland had the distinction of drawing his game with Schlechter, who, however, maintained his lead, as Niemzowitch drew with Alekhine and the American, Marshall, lost to Dus-Chotimiski. Other masters in the leading section to win were Duras and Spielmann, who defeated Yates and Forggaz, respectively. Leonardt won his game from Tartakover, and Teichmann got the verdict against	

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