

WASHINGTON, D. C., SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 13, 1913.

Athletics Win Another Close Game From Boston—Griffith on Pennant Race

THIS IS THE QUARTET WHICH HAS PROVEN A STUMBLING BLOCK FOR NATIONALS IN FORMER YEARS

RAIN DISAPPOINTS BOTH MANAGERS

Failure to Complete Series With New York Considered Blow to Both Managers

ATHLETICS COME FOR THREE GAMES MONDAY Dent and Drohan to Be Given Trial Against Baltimore Today.

BY J. ED GRILLO. The postponement of the two games scheduled for Friday and Saturday with the New Yorks was a great disappointment to both Managers Griffith and Chance. Griff figured on giving his team a fair lead during the sojourn of Frank Chance's men, and when he found yesterday that the final game had to be called off he was not in his usual good mood.

At 5:35 yesterday afternoon Chance and his players left here for Boston, where they are scheduled to play three games next week before opening the season at the Polo Grounds Thursday, when they will have the Nationals as their guests. Chance was disappointed because but one game had been played here. Because of the good showing of his team in the game which Johnson pitched he figured that he would have a good chance to win one, if not both, of the next two games, which would have been a splendid showing for his team.

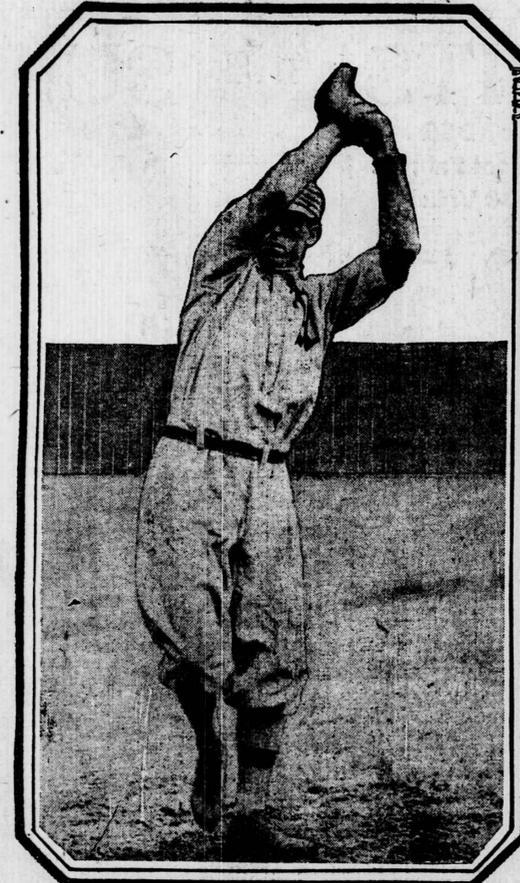
Incidentally he figures that his team has better chance against the Nationals now than it will have later in the season, for he admits that Griffith's team is bound to improve. Chance is anxious.

Institutions in one of the New York papers that Chance was stalling about having an injured leg, and that he could have played if he wanted to, did not worry him in the least. He laughed at the report and said: "It matters not what they say about me. I want to play in the game just as soon as I can. I am confident that when I break in I will hold my own. I know that I am in better shape this spring than I have ever been in recent years, and if I can't play I will get out of the game in a hurry."

Griffith was anxious to play the games because he postpones them means double-headers later in the season, and according to the Nationals' manager double-headers are a hardship on any club which has pennant aspirations. Nothing is so hard on a pitching staff than to be forced to play two games in one afternoon, and it is the fact that these postponed games will be played in the way that Griffith did not speak kind words about the weather man.

The Athletics come here for three games. Fresh from a dual victory at Boston, Mack's players will be on edge for their struggles here. Though Griffith could use Johnson and his regular champions, he will not change his regular program, and either Grover or Hughes will be sent in against the visitors. Johnson will then be pitched either Tuesday or Wednesday, while it is not unlikely that either Engel or Gallia will be used in the opening game at New York Thursday. Griffith figures on using his pitchers in regular rotation, so far as it is possible. He realizes that this is going to be a long, hard season, and that the team which can keep its pitching staff intact the longest will stand the best chance at the finish.

Though it was impossible for the players to indulge in practice on the field yesterday, they put in a couple of hours warming up under the grandstands, where they were protected from the weather. The pitchers were put through a sharp workout for half an hour or so under Griffith's direction, and all of them were benefited by the work. Griffith figures that his team has not suffered by reason of the enforced idleness of the field, for he has given them enough work of the right kind to keep them on edge.



EDDIE PLANK.



CONNIE MACK.



EDDIE COLLINS.

TIGERS MISS COBB

Absence of Georgia Peach Has Weakening Effect on Team.

JENNINGS IS HELPLESS

Any Negotiations With Hold-Out Must Be Conducted by Club Owner.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 12.—The loss of two successive games to the heretofore lowly Browns apparently has caused Manager Hughie Jennings to issue no hurry-up call to Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the demon outfielder, who is balking because he has not received a contract offering for \$15,000. Even after dropping the second frolie to the Browns, Jennings said that the Cobb matter was up to President Navin of the Tigers, that whatever arrangements were to be made would have to be negotiated by the club owner and player.

Jennings stated, however, that Cobb would not be a member of the Tigers this season if he insisted on collecting \$15,000. In other words, Cobb will have to sign at a lower figure if he expects to play with the juncaguilers. The third scheduled game between the Browns and Tigers was called off today because of wet grounds and cold weather. If Cobb continues to be a hold-out there seems little chance for the Tigers this season, judging on what they showed in the two contests with the Browns. They were helpless against Southpaw Kae, Weiman in the opening game, and, although they pounded left-hander Earl Hamilton in the second show, poor hurling by Al Kautler, an ex-Giant, enabled the displaced Browns to land right side up. Jennings would like to see Cobb in the game of course, but he is also bemoaning the absence of Outfielder Bobbie Veach. Veach has been out of the pastime for a week with a sprained ankle. The Browns have made a surprising showing to date in the series with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Tigers. Sam Agnew, the catcher from the coast, looks as if he might prove the backstop sensation of the season, while to date Jack Johnston, the fly chaser from the Montgomery (Southern League) team, a giant for a few seconds in the springs of 1911 and 1912, has been cutting up great capers in left, besides getting more than his share of the blows.

New World's Record Throwing 35-Pound Weight NEW YORK, April 12.—In an indoor athletic meet at Battery D armory tonight Patrick Ryan of the Irish-Americans A. C. made a new world's record of 20 feet 9 inches throwing the 35-pound weight for height. The previous record of 19 feet 6 1/2 inches was made about three weeks ago by Cos Walsh, formerly a member of the New York Athletic Club, now of the Seattle, Wash. Athletic Club. Ryan and Matt McGee, the Olympic star, were tied at 20 feet, but on the throw of Ryan made the extra nine inches. In the 50-year low hurdles John J. Eller equalled the world's record of 9 1-3 seconds.

STANDING SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, Win, Loss. American League: St. Louis, 2 0 1.000 1.000 .667; Athletics, 2 0 1.000 1.000 .667; Washington, 1 0 1.000 1.000 .500; Cleveland, 1 1 .500 .667 .333; Chicago, 1 1 .500 .667 .333; New York, 0 1 .000 .500 .000; Detroit, 0 2 .000 .333 .000; Boston, 0 2 .000 .333 .000.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Table with columns: American League, National League. American League: Philadelphia, 5 | Boston, 4; Chicago, 13 | Cleveland, 3. National League: Pittsburgh, 9 | Cincinnati, 2; St. Louis, 5 | Chicago, 3.

SCHEDULES.

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Special Dispatch to The Star. RICHMOND, Va., April 12.—Thursday of next week will see the opening of the Virginia League season. President Boatwright has chosen his list of umpires, and the arrangements are perfected for starting out on what promises to be the best season in the Virginia League. There is no quarrelling, no bickering and no contention—a condition of affairs which has not obtained for some time. The elimination of a disturbing factor was a great relief to the league, and whereas for years the idea obtained that Richmond was to be plucked, the clubs now see that this city is the backbone of the league. Petersburg opens the season here, Newport News goes to Roanoke, and the usual hot time between Portsmouth and Norfolk will take place, with fights and the keenest rivalry for the first scalp of the season. Army Defeats Norwich. WEST POINT, N. Y., April 12.—Army, 11; Norwich University, 4.



FRANK BAKER.

GRIFFITH PREDICTS CLOSEST RACE IN GAME'S HISTORY

Believes Only Three Clubs Have Chance for Pennant, and Best Pitching Staff Will Win Out.

By J. ED. GRILLO.

According to Clark Griffith, the present race in the American League will be the hardest fought and closest in the history of the organization. Griffith does not believe it possible for any one to pick the winner of this year's struggle, based on anything more than a guess. He is willing to concede that Washington, Boston and Philadelphia stand the best chance to win the flag; in fact, he does not believe that any one of the other teams stands a chance to finish on top, but he would not venture a prediction as to what the actual outcome will be. "Mark the prediction, this will be a remarkable race," said Griffith yesterday. "I believe that every team in the league is stronger this year than it was last, but, nevertheless, I am confident that the question of which will win the pennant lies between Boston, Philadelphia and Washington. St. Louis, Chicago and Cleveland will make spurs. They are stronger than they were last year, but so are their rivals, not excepting New York, and it will be much harder to win this year than it has been in the past.

About the time that the season is half over, say July 4, matters will have so shaped themselves that it will be apparent who the con-

PIRATES OFF WELL

Hammer Three Cincinnati Pitchers and Win, 9 to 2.

ADAMS ALMOST INVINCIBLE

Viox Takes Wagner's Place at Short and Gets Two Doubles and a Single.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 12.—With Adams in mid-season form and the Pittsburgh team battling three Cincinnati pitchers hard the visitors won from the locals here today by a score of 9 to 2. A cold raw day held the attendance down for the opening of the season. Pittsburgh took the lead in the opening inning and practically had things its own way thereafter, getting hits when they counted for runs, while Adams was almost invincible in the pinches. Cincinnati tried out two youngsters, McManus, formerly of Ottawa and Smith, a local product, after Fromme had been hammered hard during the first five innings. McManus was wild, but Smith did fairly well. The hitting of Wilson, Butler and Viox was good, all of the nine safeties that were distributed among these three being timely and well placed. The score: PHIL. AB.H.O.A.E. Cin. AB.H.O.A.E. Carey,lf. 4 1 2 0 0 Bescher,cf. 4 2 1 0 0 Horn,cf. 3 0 0 1 Bates,cf. 4 0 2 0 0 Byrne,3b. 5 2 0 0 Egan,2b. 4 0 1 0 0 Viox,ss. 4 3 1 3 0 Hoblilr,b. 4 2 1 1 0 Miller,lb. 3 1 0 0 Baranau,rf. 4 4 1 0 0 Butler,2b. 3 2 3 0 Grant,3b. 4 1 0 1 0 Gibson,c. 3 1 0 0 Clark,c. 3 0 2 0 0 Adams,p. 5 1 0 2 0 Fromme,p. 0 0 0 0 0 McManus, 1 0 0 0 0 Smith,p. 0 0 0 0 0 McDonald, 1 0 0 0 0 Becker, 1 0 0 0 0 Totals. 36 15 27 10 Totals. 33 7 27 15

CARDS SURPRISE CUBS.

Hit the Ball Timely and Cleverly Defeat Chicago, 5 to 3.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The belated opening of the National League base ball season here took place today, when Chicago lost to the St. Louis, 5 to 3. St. Louis jumped into the lead when a base on balls, a sacrifice, a double and single netted two runs. Two more runs were scored in the fifth when the visitors bunched hits. The final run resulted for a pass, a stolen base and a single. The presentation speech was made by the mayor. A chilly damp air blew across the field and caused the small

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