

need to strengthen their teams.

The Federal League will draw wonderfully well in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Indianapolis at the start. What they will do in the East I cannot tell, not having had a chance to sound the temper of the fans. I heard one wager made that the Feds, in St. Louis, will outdraw the American and National Leagues combined up to June 15, and I immediately offered to make the same wages as to Chicago.

What they will draw after June 15 depends entirely upon the kind of baseball they deliver. If they furnish first-class baseball they will continue to draw well.

But to the teams. Knabe of Balti-



Tom Seaton and Ad Brennan of the Chifeds.

more appears to have the most consistent and best constructed team in the circuit, although not as strong in the pitching department as some others. Brooklyn is still in the making, having only the frame work of the real team. Pittsburgh, hampered by lack of funds at first, was delayed and lost the chance to strengthen, so it appears the weakest team on the list at present. Gessler has two major league stars promised him.

Weeghman and Tinker deserve a lot of praise. They had the chance to

pick the best of the league and cinch the pennant. They played fair with the other clubs, sacrificed some of their own strength to aid others, and hooked up a lot of weak players where they might have had stars. It was good for the league, but not for the club. The club is spotty, strong in some places, weak in others. Its strong asset is a trio of great pitchers—Brennan, Seaton and Hendrix, who ought to keep the club



Hartley and Crandall.
Rollie Zeider and Aleck Zwilling.

right up with the leaders, regardless of the weaknesses in other places.

Mordecai Brown proved the wisest of the managers. He picked only men he can use to advantage. He can use every player on his team, even if he fails to get added strength. He has