

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

YANKEES ARE FEARED

Manager of White Sox Says They Are Most Formidable Team.

Young and Peppery Team Representing New York Will Cause Leaders More Trouble Than Any of Others in Pennant Race.

Clarence Rowland declares the New York Yankees appear to him to be the most formidable team in the American league holds—aside from the White Sox. He believes that if his team gets away to a league championship this year it will be done with the Yankees trailing them into the home stretch.

Strangely, Rowland does not count the Red Sox formidable in the least. The early season ride they had at the top of the American league, he holds, was merely a flash. He shares the opinion of other managers in the American league in declaring that when double-headers begin to tear into the Red Sox the pitching staff of the Hub representatives will begin to falter.

The loss of Bill Carrigan is also going to have an effect, Rowland believes, and he declares a change in ownership can't possibly have improved the team's chances. Carrigan, he maintains, while not the best catcher in the world, was the one man who could get sterling results out of Dutch Leonard's work and do it consistently. He has plenty of praise for Jack Barry as a manager, but inclines to the belief that a baseball club at its best always must have associations with its manager for several years as a manager before things can run exactly right.

The team that represents New York in the American league, young and peppery, Rowland declares, will cause more trouble than any of the others. Bill Donovan's young pitchers, mixed in with plenty of excellent veterans, added to the fire and spirit of a young outfield and infield, is going to get results. The hitting of Frank Baker and Wally Pipp, he points out, is exceeded by only a few clubs and will cause the loss of more than one ball game for the opposition clubs.

LESSON IN TRAVELING LAWS

Harry Heilman, Tigers' Outfielder, Not Likely to Leave Pullman to Eat in Future.

Harry Heilman, Tiger outfielder, had an experience recently which will stick with him for a while and which will keep him glued to his seat in the Pullman when traveling about the country.

The Tigers were going from Boston to Baltimore to play a Sunday exhibi-



Harry Heilman.

tion game. The train hesitated at New London, Conn., and Heilman jumped off to get some sandwiches, running out of the Pullman car without coat and hat. While he was purchasing the grub the whistle blew and off went the rattle minus Heilman.

Harry had the change from a five-spot and a couple of sandwiches to last until he could catch up with his ball club, and when he reported, wearing a coat and hat he had bought from a pawnbroker, he came in for a kidding that got his goat—hoofs, horns, whiskers and all.

BATTERS DON'T START RIGHT

Modern Hitters Do Not Get Away From Plate Fast Enough, Says Billy Keeler, Old-Timer.

Billy Keeler, who surely knew something about batting, says that the modern hitters do not get away fast enough from the plate, and seem to lose speed on the way to first.

"There were lots of players in my time," said Billy, "who could beat out any grounder that took more than one hop. Infielders, to get these fellows, had to come in fast, pick up the ball without one hesitating move and send it to first without stopping to take aim. In those days we chopped sharply at the ball and then went to first without stopping to see where the ball was going. Now the batsmen don't seem to start as they hit—they hit and then get under way, thus losing the little fraction of time that means everything when you are racing against the infield."

MAJOR MANAGERS MISS OLD ASSISTANTS



GEORGE STALLINGS

JOHN MCGRAW

FRED MITCHELL

WILBUR ROBINSON

While Fred Mitchell was assistant to George Stallings the Braves won one pennant, finished second once, third once and fifth. Now, in 1917, without the services of Mitchell, the Braves are floundering around, while the Cub team, which Mitchell is leading, is breezing along in fine shape.

When Wilbur Robinson was acting as lieutenant for John McGraw the Giants won three pennants and finished second on another occasion. Then, Wilbur went to the Robins, whereupon the Giants finished second in 1914, last in 1915 and fifth in 1916. Meanwhile the Robinson crowd over in Brooklyn finished fifth in 1914, third in 1915 and won a pennant in 1916.

How much credit was given unduly to Stallings and McGraw and how much should have been given to Robinson and Mitchell, the "men behind?"

BACKSTOP BREAKS HIS LEG

Accident to Lou McCarty of Giants May Put Him Out of Game for the Balance of Season.

In the game of June 7 Catcher Lou McCarty of the Giants, sliding back to first base in the fourth inning, broke a bone in his right leg. It is feared he will be out for the rest of the season.



Lou McCarty.

McGraw has Rariden, Gibson and Kreitler to fall back on for backstopping, but none are equal to McCarty, either as a catcher or a hitter, and there is gloom in New York.

LAY-OFF WILL HELP MINORS

Suspension of Schedules Is Probably Best Thing That Could Have Happened to Them.

The suspension of schedules by a number of the minor leagues is probably the best thing that could have happened for them under existing conditions.

Population in the minor league cities is comparatively small if you count the baseball fans alone, and in war time the tendency to conserve finances is greater in the small cities and towns than in cities of the first class. In addition to this, the baseball population in the larger cities is large enough to keep a ball club running at a small profit.

For the lack of this the minor league magnate is always up against it when times become panicky, and without baseball for the remainder of 1917 and probably throughout the season of 1918, if the war continues, the minor league fans will have time to recover their balance and will be baseball hungry when the parks are opened once more.

EDDIE LANGDON WILL WAIT

Penn College Pitcher Not in Shape and Will Not Report to Cardinals Until Next Spring.

Eddie Langdon, the Penn college pitcher signed by the St. Louis Cardinals, and who was supposed to report at once, concluded that he wasn't in shape, so notified the Cardinal management that he would lay off for the rest of the season, but would join the team next spring if still wanted. Branch Hickey expects to make the young man change his mind.

ORIGIN OF BASEBALL

Real Home of Our National Game Is Hoboken, New Jersey.

Knickerbockers Defeated New York Cities in Four-Inning Contest, June 14, 1846—First to Formulate Playing Rules.

Several cities have claimed the honor as the birthplace of baseball. Boston says that a game called "New England" was the forerunner of the game as it is known today. Philadelphia says no, "town ball" is the parent of baseball. The latter game, it is said, was played by an organized club, the Olympics, as far back as 1833. The early game of "rounders" was an earlier phase of the same game.

The real home of baseball, when all is said and done, is—hold on a minute—Hoboken, N. J.

It was there that, 71 years ago, the first bona fide baseball game between clubs was played. The contenders were the Knickerbockers and the New York Cities, and the game was played on the Elysian fields, near Jersey City. That was on June 14, 1846. The Elysian fields are now the site of Hoboken. The Knickerbockers were organized in New York in September, 1845. They were the first to formulate playing rules.

The New Yorks organized a little later and adopted the same code. Both of those clubs played several games with scrum teams picked from among the spectators before they faced each other on that June day in 1846.

Under the rules that obtained at that time, the first team to make 21 runs was the victor. The game lasted four innings, the Knickerbockers winning, but history does not record the score of their opponents.

The Knickerbockers found their first real rivals in the Gotham, organized in 1850, and the Greenpoint Eckfords and the Morrisania Unions, organized in 1855. The Olympics of Philadelphia early adopted the New York game, and the Athletics, Keystones and Quaker Cities later fought for supremacy, while in Boston the Olympics were organized in 1854, and a little later the Elm Trees disputed honors with the pioneers.

But heavens! Just think of it! Twenty-one runs in four innings.

DEVORE RETIRES FROM GAME

Veteran New York Giant Outfielder Now Running Milk Route in Chillicothe, O.

Josh Devore, former Giant and well known as a player on the National league circuit, has retired from baseball and is running a milk route at his home town, Chillicothe, O. Josh played on two Giant pennant winners and made a catch in the 1912 world's series which put thousands of dollars into the New York and Boston treasuries. But for a catch by Devore in the third game Boston would have won the series in four games, one of them being a tie. As it was the series stretched into eight games, and after the fourth game all goes to the clubs.

Devore, Ames and Groh were sent to Cincinnati in the Fromme deal in 1912.



Josh Devore.

but after being released to Philadelphia Devore landed with the Boston Braves in time to get a \$4,000 slice which went to the individual Braves for lending the Athletics in the world's series of 1914.

BASEBALL DURING WAR TIME

Suggested to American People That Game Is Likely to Be an Incongruity Next Season.

For the present it may be all right that baseball continue. At least it is not mandatory that it cease, and that the healthy bodies on the field and the healthy bodies in the stands and bleachers go about some other business, but it may be just as well to suggest to the American people that professional baseball is likely to be an incongruity next year.

An American newspaper will sacrifice a great deal of self-respect if it has to print, or does print, box scores and casualty lists in the same issue, says Chicago Tribune.

Baseball already is getting on the nerves of a great many people who know that catastrophic times are ahead or who fear that they may be ahead. It is fiddling while Rome is burning.

HUGH JENNINGS WOULD PENALIZE STARS



TRIS SPEAKER

WALTER JOHNSON

TY COBB

Hugh Jennings is one person who believes that it is a bad thing to have players like Speaker suspended unless they indulge in some extraordinarily bad action. He figures the thing from the standpoint of the club owner and the fan, but admits that the only suggestion he can make is that the player be handed a stiff fine, and that the club owner take it out of the offending player's salary, instead of making good from his own pocket.

"Take a player like Speaker out of the lineup," says Hughie, "and you can figure that the receipts of the Cleveland series at Navin field will be lessened 25 per cent. The stars draw people, as well as win games. Cobb does it for us. Watch how much larger the crowds are when Johnson is announced to pitch for Washington than on other days."

RECOVERS HIS BATTING EYE

Lee Magee, \$22,500 Star, Has Started Hitting Ball After Slump of Long Duration.

Lee Magee has found his lost batting eye. He has started hitting the ball again after a slump that practically extended over all of the 1916 season and the first two months of the present season.

No one was able to understand why this \$22,500 baseball star was unable to hit. Magee could not explain it himself, but he never gave up hope. The other day Lee told the writer that he was getting "hold of 'em better." Shortly after that he commenced hitting again, and by the time the season rolls along to July 4th, Lee should be back in the old-time stride.

"I'll never tell you what's the matter," said Lee, "because if I knew I wouldn't be sitting on the bench without trying to remedy the trouble. The pitchers haven't any more stuff than they've had for years, but they've been throwing 'em by me. Bill Donovan thinks it's because I needed a rest. Well, I've got the rest now and when I get back in there I'm going to hit 'em or know the reason why."

Lee is hitting them.



Lee Magee.

In Walter Johnson another of the great ones may pass along without the glory of a world-series game.

Hans Wagner, a Pittsburgh institution, is the only ball player owning stock in a major league club.

The great pitching of Carmen Hill has been a leading factor in the advance of the Birmingham Barons.

Cleveland is accusing Walter Johnson of using the "slime ball." Cleveland always has to find an excuse for losing.

SEYMOUR CALLED "IRON MAN"

Former New York Giant Pitcher Performed Most Remarkable Pitching Feat Back in 1896.

"They called Joe McGinnity the 'Iron Man,'" says John J. McGraw. "Joe was a glutton for work. But the real iron man of them all was none other than Cy Seymour."

"Seymour, you know, used to be a pitcher. When I first saw Cy he was a southpaw twirler with the Giants. I was with Baltimore then. Seymour was really a good pitcher."

"He performed the most remarkable pitching feat I ever witnessed. It was back in 1896 or 1897, when Bill Joyce was managing the Giants, Baltimore was playing a series at the old Polo grounds. Seymour pitched the last game, and it happened that I beat him with a triple to right in the last inning, 2 to 1.

"The next day the Giants were scheduled to play us a double-header in Baltimore. Much to everyone's surprise, Seymour came out to pitch the first game. By a strange coincidence he worked so well that the score was against us 1 to 1 in the ninth inning. Once more it fell to my lot to beat Cy with a triple to left center.

"After the usual short intermission we came out to play the second game of the double-header. The batteries were announced, and to our astonishment and that of the crowd Seymour was again the Giant pitcher.

"This sounds unbelievable, but it is true. Cy started his third game against us in two days, and what is more remarkable still, he shut us out and won the game, 6 to 0.

"Joe McGinnity was indeed an 'iron man.' He was no more entitled to this title, however, than was Cy Seymour 20 years ago, although most fans forgot that Cy ever was a pitcher."

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave.
Bohemia Club—3659 Douglas boulevard.

Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st.
Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg.
Chicago Athletic Association, 12 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute.

Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue.

Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st.
City Club, 315 Plymouth court.

Cliff Dwellers, 416 S. Michigan ave.
Colonial Club of Chicago, 444 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.

Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue.
Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 38d st.
Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st.
Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel.

Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st.
Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard.

Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st.
Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor.

Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave.
Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building.

Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st.
Saddler and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.

Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street.
Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street.

Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1256 La Salle avenue.

Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.

University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

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