

Washington No Longer Beaten When Enemy Gets Good Start

Finishing Qualities After Discouraging Errors Most Hopeful Sign—Clymer's Baserunning a Feature—Burns Lives Up to Touting.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Washington won from Boston, 6 to 4, by a batting rally in the eighth inning. The two features to make the Capital fan feel like life is worth living were that it was the second demonstration that there is at least one team in the American League Washington can occasionally beat, and that the home-folk have finishing qualities.

Of these features, the latter is the more important, and has been conspicuous even in the games that have been lost. It has been many a long day since Washington had a ball club that got so many runs and created so much excitement in the last three innings as has the 1938 aggregation. Heretofore when the other fellows were two or three runs ahead it was but seldom they had any further baseball troubles on their minds. All they had to do was to see that the bus was ready for them to make a quick getaway for the hotel dining room.

Are Full of Fight.

Now it is different. The present club is a constant menace and has been scoring what, for Washington, has been a phenomenal number of runs with two hands out.

Yesterday presented ideal conditions for an old-time Washington defeat. Bill Burns, the new southpaw from the wilts of Texas, pitched grand ball and had two runs made off him in the fourth round which should never have been scored. Warner dropped a foul on Gessler with two out, after which Gessler hit a homer to center. Then Delehanty threw Laporte's drive into the bleachers for a free circuit. The brace of errors discouraged many a score of fans at the yard, for it tied up the exhibition, and in days gone by when the visitors evened the score through Washington's pun work in the field that was the signal for the homefolk to stampede.

Kind the Fans Like.

Then in the eighth inning, although with one out, came the triples by Street and Milan, that made it 4 to 4. Pruitt succeeded Clotte in the box, for Boston, and Ganley, who in the two preceding turns at bat had died on an infield out, poked a single to center, scoring Milan. Delehanty, who has been Cantillon's most reliable batter, accidentally got out, but advanced Ganley to second. Two out, Otis Clymer came to the rescue, with the sweat that put Washington two to the good when Ganley crossed the plate.

It was the kind of baseball to make a man go home and talk to his wife to death, and it is the kind Washington will play many times this season, for it has done something on that order in nearly all the American League games in which it has figured to date. Jim McGuire again showed his finishing possibilities, when he took Burchell out of the box after the fifth inning, although Washington was only one run ahead at that time and going none too strong, and substituted Clotte. It was a wise move for awhile, as Clotte had been leading the batting average in the sixth and seventh innings, but glory be, he got the gaff in the eighth, for those triples by Street and Milan.

In both the opening game and that of yesterday, the baserunning of Clymer has been the feature. Also in both he was on the job with timely taps. On Wednesday he went all the way home from second on an easy force play at second, noting that the Boston infielders had folded their hands for a little sleep. Yesterday, in the seventh round, after doubling with no one on, he was third in sensational fashion. He was suddenly changing his course and sliding inside, instead of outside of Lord on the bag, which completely befuddled that athlete. It was as clever a bit of swiping as will be seen for many a long day.

Let a fan who signs himself Joseph E. Goodkey, of the Government Printing Office, comes to the front in a letter to The Times suggesting that Ganley be put in right, Milan in center, and Pickering in left. Where he gets this dope is hard to see, as Clymer's arm is still no better than last year, but he has begun hitting at something like his normal rate since the major league season opened, and should do even better later on. His base stealing has not been surpassed in the league this year, and it is no sudden spur, for he has always been a wonder on the bags. His fielding on fly balls has been splendid, and he has made a number of sensational catches, besides knowing what to do with the ball after he gets it.

On this dope, therefore the clamor to sidetrack Clymer. Mr. Goodkey also gives the answer right away by pronouncing McBride a failure at short, although he has seen the new man in but two games. If he can size up a player that fast he should

quit sticking type and travel around the country in Pullmans scouting the minor leagues for phenoms. It isn't a bad job when the summer sun is flirting with the asphalted streets of our beautiful city.

McBride has no medals for hitting, but he has not yet demonstrated that his major league sticking is bad enough to offset his good fielding, and he is a fielder, despite Mr. Goodkey's mature opinion.

Freeman's future is on the knees of the gods. He is shy many points on Frank Chance's form at first and at bat, but, despite his many serious blunders to date, he was universally pronounced a high-class man by the players and newspaper critics of the cities in the American Association visited by the Washington club this spring, and while he may not be a wonder, he is undoubtedly showing improvement. Manager Cantillon has noted the change for the better and is going to give him a thorough trial.

It has been predicted in these columns ever since Bill Burns got the preliminary kinks out of his arm at Galveston that he would deliver the goods in fast company. His deeds before the local fans gave cause for changing his opinion. The ex-punisher was the real article, and went through all his paces, just as advertised. He showed himself a first-rate fielder, a cool proposition in tight places, had lots of brains in his maneuvers, gave only one base on balls, had plenty of reserve speed, and bore out his reputation as a hitting pitcher by cracking a clean single to right.

Washington has long needed a left-hander to work with Patten, and now that problem seems solved in Burns.

Ganley has been touted as the man on the team who could come nearest to doing what he was told with the bat in an emergency. He is living up to that tip. He has made five sacrifice hits in the eight games played so far. In addition he beat out another tap that was intended for a sacrifice, and twice reached first on errors by the pitchers on his teases laid down to advance runners. That is going some for eight appearances, and he has done it in eight days when there was ice in the grandstand buckets and the snows wore sweaters under their overcoats.

Jim Delehanty made two errors yesterday and one on Wednesday, but they were mechanical miscues, and no player ever lived who was not subject to lapses. None of his bad playing has been due to his headwork, and the fact remains that James is one of the best second sackers now in the league.

The score:

Washington	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Milan, cf.	4	1	2	5	0	0
Ganley, lf.	4	0	0	2	3	2
Delehanty, 2b.	4	0	0	2	3	2
Clymer, rf.	3	1	2	1	0	0
Freeman, 1b.	4	1	1	6	1	0
Warner, c.	2	0	0	7	0	1
McBride, ss.	3	0	2	4	1	0
Alizer, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shiple, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Burns, p.	3	0	1	0	2	0
Hughes, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Street, p.	1	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	12	27	10	3

*Batted for Burns.

The score:

Boston	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Thoney, lf.	5	0	2	3	0	1
Lord, 1b.	5	0	1	1	0	0
McHale, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Laporte, 2b.	4	1	0	1	4	0
Wagner, ss.	4	0	0	4	2	0
Huglaub, 3b.	4	0	1	13	0	0
Criger, c.	2	1	2	2	1	0
Burchell, p.	2	0	0	0	4	1
Clotte, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pruitt, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
McConnell, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cravotte, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	4	9	24	13	2

*Batted for Criger. *Batted for Pruitt.

Earned runs—Washington, 4; Boston, 2. First base by errors—Washington, 2; Boston, 2. Left on bases—Washington, 11; Boston, 6. First base on balls—Off Burns, 1; off Burchell, 4; off Clotte, 2; off Hughes, 1. Home runs—Gessler, 1; by Burchell, 1; by Clotte, 1; by Pruitt, 2; by Hughes, 1. Hits made—Off Burns, 7; off Burchell, 7; off Clotte, 3; off Hughes, 1. Home runs—Gessler, 1; by Burchell, 1; by Clotte, 1; by Pruitt, 2. Two-base hits—Ganley, Clotte, Street, Milan. Two-base hit—Clymer. Sacrifice hits—Ganley, Warner. Stolen base—McBride. Hit by pitcher—By Burchell, 1. Wild pitch—Pruitt. Passed ball—Criger. Umpire—Mr. Connelly. Time of game—2 hours and 5 minutes.

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Western-Business Battalion Team Captures Times Trophy

**L. N. PEALE,
Who Holds Record Score in Individual
Medal Competition.**

BERWYN BEATEN BY HYATTSVILLE

BERWYN, Md., April 24.—The Hyattsville Independent baseball team defeated the Berwyn team here yesterday in a pitchers' battle by 4 to 2. Both pitchers were in fine form and the fielding was good. Hyattsville's runs were results of bunched hits in the fourth and fifth innings. Two singles followed by two wild throws gave Berwyn its only runs. McFarland made a fine catch of a line drive in the sixth, cutting off a hit.

The score:
Hyattsville R H O A E Berwyn R H O A E
Whitings 1 1 0 0 0 W. Baker 0 1 0 0 0
Evans, lf. 1 0 0 0 0 J. Tolbert 0 0 0 0 0
Galt, c. 2 2 0 0 0 M. Gregor 0 0 0 0 0
Maloney, 3b 0 1 0 2 1 E. Burch, 1b 0 0 0 0 0
McFarland, 2b 0 1 1 0 0 F. Tolp, 2b 1 2 0 1 0
Frazier, cf. 0 1 1 0 0 A. Burch, 3b 1 1 1 1 1
Wood, dh. 0 0 1 0 0 Gossif, p. 0 0 0 0 0
A. Baker, rf. 0 0 1 0 0 Wilson, rf. 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 4 5 18 6 2 Totals 2 6 18 7 1

Earned runs—Hyattsville, 2. Left on bases—Hyattsville, 1; Berwyn, 5. First base on balls—Off Farnall, 1. Struck out—By McGregor, 10; by Darnall, 9. Two-base hits—Galt, McGregor, A. Burch, Darnall. Sacrifice hit—Maloney. Stolen bases—Whitings, Evans, F. Tolbert, McGregor (2). Double play—Frazier to Maloney. Hit by pitcher—By Darnall, McGregor. Wild pitch—McGregor. Passed ball—Green. Umpire—Mr. Fink. Time of game—1 hour and 20 minutes.

The Washington Times trophy cup entered in the battalion match of the Schoolboy Rifle Shooting Tournament at Convention Hall, was won last night by the second team of the Second Battalion by a score of 450, after the closest possible competition.

The Technical High School team made 450 points, but lost the match because Davis scored only two points on one of his standing shots, when five were possible. The contest was decided on "timers" and "outers," and went to the Business-Western team, because none of the members made as low as two points on any shot.

Presentation Tomorrow.

The handsome silver cup, mounted on a heavy ebony base, will be presented to the winners tomorrow evening, when the successful tournament is brought to a close.

The members of the team and their scores follow:

Name	School	Standing	Points	Total
J. Keane, Co. G, Bus.	45	45	90	
P. E. Schmidt, Co. G, Bus	44	47	91	
J. H. Weber, Co. H, West.	41	44	85	
J. T. Henkel, Co. G, Bus.	42	46	88	
W. L. Heap, Co. G, Bus.	47	48	95	
Totals	229	239	450	

Close Runners-Up.

The first team of the Third Battalion, consisting of J. S. Zebly, L. C. Cecil, H.

M. Davis, F. S. Chamberlain and W. M. Hutterley, tied the score of the winners, but lost owing to the presence of the two in the string made by Davis standing.

The other teams finished as follows: Second Battalion, first team—D. McRae, J. C. Dulin, A. L. Haycock, C. E. Gordon, and A. Kause; score, 429. Third Battalion, second team—N. M. McKernan, W. G. Wells, J. T. Hutchinson, E. M. Wedster, G. L. Kraft; score, 422. First Battalion, first team—R. F. Couch, C. P. Barrett, J. N. Poole, E. H. Mistretta, and B. Read; score, 421. First Battalion, second team—R. Hospital, T. D. Elgin, P. V. Rogers, J. Puntney, and J. R. Webb; score, 415.

Scores Run High.

Twenty shots were fired by each contestant. Ten were fired while the contestants were standing and the others shot while the boys were prone on a platform. The officials of the tournament were highly gratified with the scores and the close contest because this is the first tournament every participated in by the cadets, and they made just fifty points less than the possible 500.

The winners were jubilant because the Tech team was sure it had won the match with 450 points. In the face of this score, Capt. A. L. Haycock, of Company G, took the men to the firing line in high spirits and with great confidence. After the match individual

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UNION LEAGUE LID IS OFF TOMORROW

UNION CARD TOMORROW.

Washington at Reading.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
Baltimore at Elizabeth.
Paterson at Wilmington.

The lid will be off in the outlaw circuit tomorrow.

Four games mark the opening of the regular season of the Union League. Although all of the cities in the west have had a chance to see their home clubs play in exhibition games, the formal opening of the season was delayed in order to give the American and National League clubs time to complete their overtures and start on their out-of-town games before the curtain was raised on the new clubs.

This morning Manager Irwin and his charges went through their paces for the last time before they embark on the digit for the outlaw pennant. They will leave at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Reading, where they play the opener tomorrow with the club from that city. Monday will mark the opening of the season in Washington, when the Unions play the second of the series of three games with the Readings here.

Manager Irwin will only take twelve men with him for the one game at Reading. Speer will pitch and Burke will be at the receiving end of the battery. The rest of the probable line-up, as announced by the manager this morning, follows: Hubert, center field; Wallace, right field; McDermott, third base; Shingnessy, left field. Catcher, first base: Clark, shortstop; Lynch, second base.

The game in this city will be preceded by an automobile street parade. Irwin's crew will head the procession in a sight-seeing size auto, the Reading club will be in line, a band will be on hand, and several local labor organizations will shatter precedents by appearing in a procession of hard-working young men who have no connection with the National Commission's Baseball Union or any other form of organized baseball or labor, despite the misleading name of the league.

Murray, the local southpaw, whom Manager Irwin "discovered," will probably lead in the opener here. The game will be called at 4:20 o'clock.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Washington, 6; Boston, 4.
New York, 5; Philadelphia, 2.
Detroit, 5; St. Louis, 2.
Cleveland, 5; Chicago, 0.

Today's Games.

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

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W	L	Pct.
New York	6	1	.857
St. Louis	6	2	.750
Cleveland	4	4	.500
Boston	4	4	.500
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Chicago	4	4	.500
Pittsburgh	3	5	.375
Washington	3	5	.375

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Yesterday's Results.

Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 0.
Brooklyn, 4; New York, 1.
Cincinnati, 5; St. Louis, 1.
Pittsburg, 1; St. Louis, 1.

Today's Games.

Philadelphia at Boston.
Brooklyn at New York.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh.
Cincinnati at Chicago.

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	7	1	.875
New York	6	2	.750
Pittsburg	5	2	.714
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	3	3	.500
Boston	2	4	.333
St. Louis	1	7	.125

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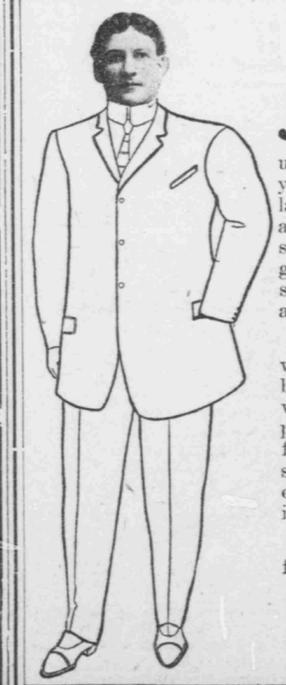
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