Record of Players Banished From Parks Likely to Be Established by Nationals

NATIONALS FASTER THIS YEAR, SAYS ATHLETIC'S LEADER

Connie Mack Favors Griffith's Policy in Developing a New System.

PLAYERS SHOW FIGHT IN ARGUING POINTS

Hour Is Spent Each Day in Discussion and Study of Game.

By "SENATOR."

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 13.—Though the Nationals have yet to win their first game in the campaign of 1912, they give every sign of being an improved outfit over last year's aggregation. Connie Mack, astute leader of the world's champions, is favorably inclined toward them on what he has seen.

"Manager Griffith has a better team this season than McAleer had in 1911," said Mack today. "If nothing more the team has gained in speed a very desirable quality in baseball as it is played these days. Of course, there are many weaknesses in the team yet, but I appreciate the position in which Griffith is placed. He is experimenting hoping to find a team to suit him. I had to do that a long time before I got together my team of today. However, Washington ought to be glad that a manager is in charge of the team who is radical enough to cut out the old system and attempt to build from the ground up. I wish Griffith all the success in the world."

The Nationals are going to school in earnest, too, each morning there is an hour's session in the manager's room, where plays are studied and the weaknesses of opposing players discussed, the members of the team are urged to offer their own original explanations of plays and the freest possible discussion is held.

Griffith is putting a lot of life into his team in every way. They are fighting for every point, every ball, and every strike. No more has Washington a weak, inoffensive outfit, willing to take anything and say nothing. A record is likely to be made this season for the number of players banished from the park or the game. Captain McBride, long a quiet player, is now the leader in all these arguments with the umpires.

Yesterday he came close to being fired out of the game by Umpire Westervelt.

"You don't get anything without fighting for it," says Griffith, "and I want my team to be fighting all the time."

A cold, steady rain started last night and continued all morning, but Connie Mack refused to call the game until the last moment. If there is sufficient time, the Nationals will leave at 4 o'clock today for New York.

Though there were some startling fielding plays by Dan Moeller and Eddie Foster in juxtaposition with admirable twirling by Dixie Walker, the Mackmen flogged their way to glorious victory a second time over the Nationals yesterday to the tune of 3 to 1.

A Doleful Story.

As long as the Griffithites can collect as few hits as they have started to collect this season in their daily conflicts upon the turf, this will be the tale from sunrise to sunset, and no amount of alibis will change the doleful story. Yesterday they might have copped the honors with a few well-placed bingles, for Dixie Walker had but one bad inning. But "Cy" Morgan, the spitball hurler, was weaving a marvelous spell upon their wagon tongues, and it wasn't any use for Moeller to rush around to the fence for a long fly or for Eddie Foster to stop everything shot at him, or for Jack Flynn to develop telescopic arms and legs and nail the fleeting pellet. Runs are not scored against any team these days, particularly the world's champions, except with a few bingles to help along.

Morgan was in perfect condition. His spitter was working beautifully, and his control could not be beaten. He made the heaviest hitters pull away from the pan or dive foolishly after his wide ones. Eleven of the Washington lads swung like gates at the delivery, and only Dan Moeller was credited with making a safe drive. There just wasn't any hope for the Nationals, even though they played great ball in the field and shrieked and scratched like a bunch of wildcats from first to last. That isn't the way runs are manufactured.

Baker Gets a Hit.

In the sixth, with J. Franklin Baker, hero of Trappe, Md., and future constable of that flourishing burg when his baseball days are done, prancing about on first base, Danny Murphy cracked a resounding drive between Moeller and Milan. It seemed out of the reach of either noble young athlete and the frigid fans jumped to their feet with yells and screams. They wanted even more runs than the three already scored. But "Daredevil Dan" Moeller was up and away, runnng for the little grade leading to the barrier. Baker had reached third in his made plunge and Murphy was well set for second when Moeller got under the sphere and made a neat catch of it. This Moeller person is some fielder.

Morgan had the Nationals dining off his digits from the opening of the battle to its very end. In the third he passed Dixie Walker, but got the fleet-footed Milan for the last death However, his mound supremacy suffered a partial eclipse in the fourth and the Nationals were quick to fall upon him. Schaefer waited around until given free transportation. Moeller hammered one on the ground to Barry's right and the crack shortstop knocked it down, but couldn't get either runner. This went as a hit, to become the one lone hit made by the Nationals during the melee. Morgan appeared flustered at that, too, and a weird wild heave to the boxes sent both lads up a peg.

Here is the bitter pill:

WASHINGTON.

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E
Milan, cf.	0	0	0	0	1
Sch'fer, 1b	1	0	1	0	0
Moeller, rf.	0	1	3	0	0
Flynn, 1b.	0	0	10	0	1
Knight, 2b	0	0	1	2	0
Foster, 3b.	0	0	4	5	0
M'Bride, ss	0	0	1	4	0
Henry, c.	0	0	3	2	0
Will'ms, c	0	0	0	0	0
Walker, p.	0	0	1	2	0
*Cashion	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	24	15	2

PHILADELPHIA.

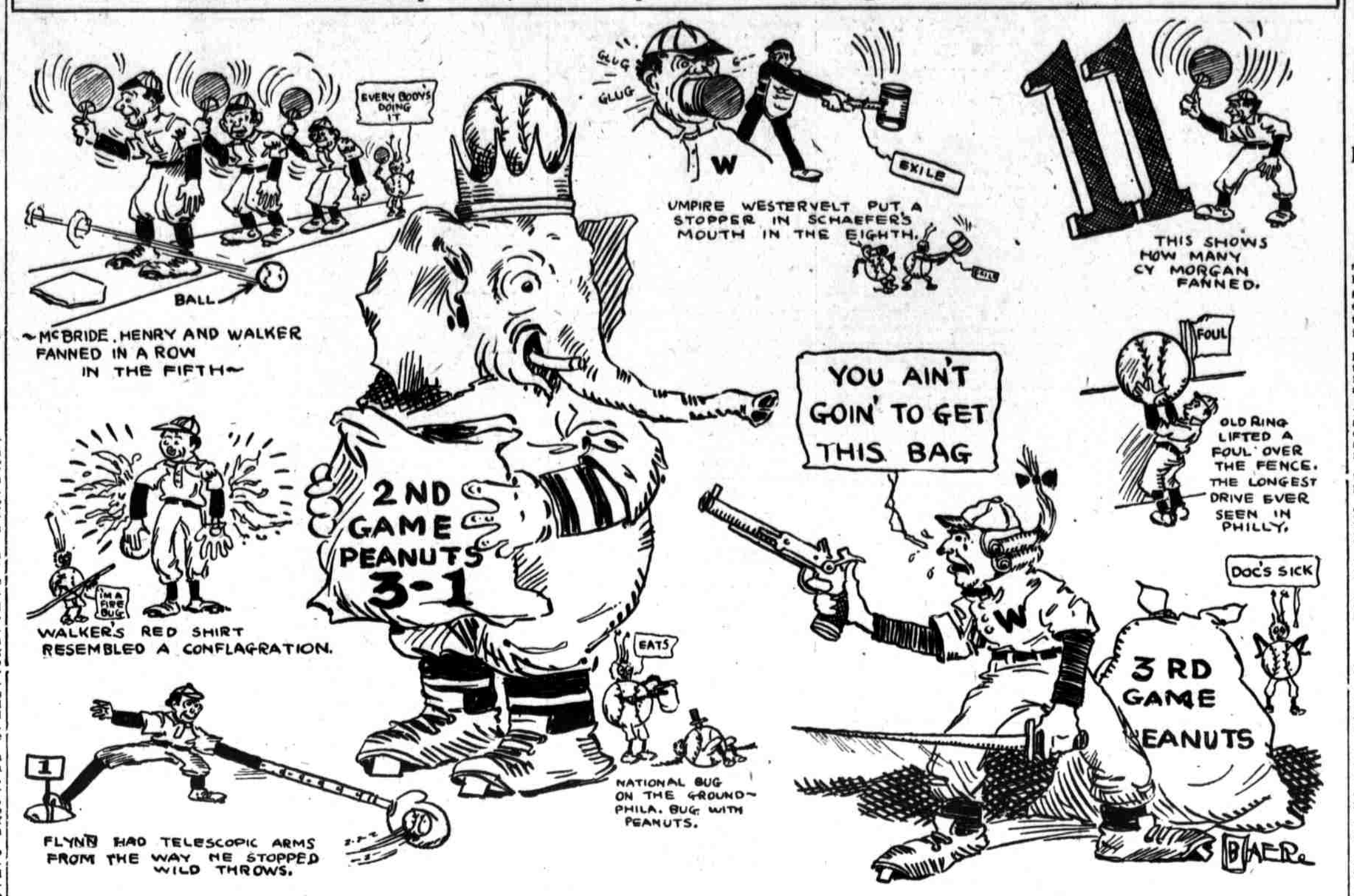
	R.	H.	O.	A.	E
Strunk, lf.	0	1	0	0	0
Oldring, cf.	1	1	3	0	0
Collins, 2b	1	1	0	1	0
Baker, 3b.	1	2	1	0	0
Murphy, rf	0	0	0	0	0
M'Innes, 1b	0	2	10	0	0
Barry, ss.	0	0	1	1	0
Thomas, c.	0	0	12	0	0
Morgan, p.	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	3	7	27	7	0

*Batted for Henry in eighth.

Washington	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—1
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x—3

Sacrifice hit—Barry. Sacrifice fly—Knight. Double play—Foster and Flynn. Left on bases—Washington, 3; Philadelphia, 3. First base on error—Philadelphia, 1. Wild pitches—Morgan (1); Walker (1). Balk—Walker. Umpires—Westervelt and O'Loughlin. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.

Nationals Drop Two, But Hope to Go Through and Win Today



BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Boost."

One lone measly hit.

A scratch infield single made by Moeller, was all Griffith's team could get off the "Minstrel Man" Morgan yesterday. Johnson and Walker have both pitched good enough ball to win, but it was the old story. Let's have a little more application with the stick. Slumps are all right and can be explained, but that's what we have had pretty much all during the ante-season games.

Jackson, .556; Cobb, .000.

Schaefer's wholesome, though somewhat boisterous, comedy did not meet with umpire Westervelt's approval in yesterday's game. "Shafe" is funny and inoffensive and attracts attention all over the circuit. Fans have their favorites for peculiarities in many instances, and the popular German is a drawing card wherever he goes.

Jake Stahl got four.

Joe Jackson is certainly going after Ty Cobb with a vengeance. In the two games played, the Cleveland player has gotten five hits out of nine trips to the plate. Jennings' star has failed to register in the bingle column out of seven attempts. Cobb is reported as suffering from a severe cold and is in every way a sick man.

Schoolboys run today.

Lilie Foster, at third for the Nationals, is coming in for a lot of praise for his work in the two games. The youngster got nine hard chances yesterday and beat out Eddie Collins by a great throw to first. Moeller's fielding, too, saved Walker in yesterday's game and his work in the opener was well thought of by the Philadelphia critics.

Georgetown is idle.

The Washington fencers are going out after the championships to be held in New York, April 26 and 27, with a will, and are putting in work every day in hopes of being returned winners in the foils, dueling swords and saber bouts. The foremost experts in the country will be competitors in the events and the winners will be selected to represent this country in the Olympic games.

Harvard comes Monday.

President Robert H. Young, of the Amateur Baseball Commission reports everything as being in good condition for the opening of the season two weeks hence and expects the best season yet experienced in amateur baseball in the city. Certain it is that the president is deserving of the commendable things said about his efforts for the many players and clubs coming under his direction.

Turner defeates Greek.

The crack swimmers of the Nautilus Swimming Club, of the Y. M. C. A., are today in receipt of their entries for the A. A. U. swimming championships to be held in Baltimore tonight, having had them returned on account of the fact that the A. A. U. suspension still holds. The right spirit is being shown in sending a second squad of eligible swimmers to compete.

With the two track meets at Charlottesville and the Harvard annual track games in the last two days, activities in this branch of sports will boom from now on with the Olympic tryouts in mind. East and West will bend every effort in developing men to make up the team to represent this country in the international games. Incidentally Mel Shepard will run in New York tonight.

BINGLES AND BUNTS

By Grantland Rice.

Where He Is.

Sir—What has become of the old-fashioned fan who used to clamor, "Take 'im out," every time they got two or three hits off the pitcher in any single inning?

PAT 11.

He's still there, twenty thousand strong,
Attuned to proper gear;
He's still there with the leather lungs
And vocalistic smear;
From Matty to the Fort Wayne "rook,"
Athwart the campaign's play,
"It isn't what he used to have,"
But "wot's he got today?"

Washington has no further interest as to who will succeed when Mr. Taft leaves off—provided, of course, Mr. Taft leaves off. They spiked Walter Johnson opening day and the rest of it doesn't figure nor call for an answer.

Joe Wood of Boston.

Early this spring, in discussing slabmen, Russ Ford named Joe Wood, of Boston, as one of the game's greatest and a pitcher too much overlooked in summing up the Main Guns of the firing line.

We agree with Ford. Among the first three slabmen of 1912, Smokeball Joe will almost surely find a place. Wood has a lot, knows a lot, and probably no slabman in the game forms a better fielding and batting combination beyond the technical art of pushing the pill over the pan. Wood's fast ball has a hop attached which a kangaroo would envy. His curve ball is equally potent; his control is above par and but few fluttering duck fits beset him at work. As an all around toiler on the top of the hill, Joe Wood's place is second to none in the sweep of the pitching fray.

The Gilead of the game still carries this balm for those teams which opened with defeat—the two clubs which fought for the world's championship last season were both trimmed on the opening day. If this be worth seizing on, reach out and grab it while the grabbing is still there.

Mack's club drew a moth-eaten start in 1911 and then won a pennant and a world championship. Connie should consider this hunch before taking the early hurdles with too much speed. What's his hurry, anyway?

Another Upset.

For four years Hub Purdue, the untamed Son of Grand Old Sumner, hung around Nashville, Tenn., waiting to be drafted or purchased higher up. Nothing doing. Finally, as a forlorn hope, Boston hung out the grapnels and Hub was annexed to plug out a bad gap. Few figured he would carry a fortnight. And now he starts in 1912 by stopping the slashing Phillies, beating Alexander, and showing enough stuff to make him a factor for the rest of the trail.

Hub outlined his philosophy of pitching to us last fall. "They all look alike up there at the plate. The only thing to do is to stick over all you've got and leave the rest of it to the bloke with the bat. What happens after that is his fault—not yours."

Plato's at its best was no sounder.

Who was it that first spoke of "fickle fans?" "Aw, h—l, another pennant gone," remarked a Yankee rooter as Harry Hooper cantered over the plate with the first run of the first inning of the first game of the year. And there were only 153 games with eight and one-half innings left before the wind-up.

We note that several experts in figuring up the odds, lay off the Browns at 100 to 1. We'll take all they want at this range—playing the rest of the field—and no one need mail us his check before the middle of June. Or if this doesnt' suit, 200 to 1 finds us quite as eager.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000
Boston	2	0	1.000
Cleveland	2	0	1.000
Chicago	2	0	1.000
Washington	0	2	.000
Detroit	0	2	.000
New York	0	2	.000
St. Louis	0	2	.000

Games Today.

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

Yesterday's Results.

Philadelphia	3	Cleveland	4
Washington	1	Detroit	2
Boston	5	Chicago	3
New York	2	St. Louis	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
STANDINGS.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	2	0	1.000
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000
St. Louis	1	0	1.000
New York	1	1	.500
Brooklyn	1	1	.500
Pittsburgh	0	1	.000
Philadelphia	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000

Games Today.

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

Yesterday's Results.

Brooklyn	4	Cincinnati	3
New York	2	Chicago	2
Boston	4	St. Louis-Pittsburgh—Rain.	
Philadelphia	2		

MARYLAND AGGIES SLIGHTLY CRIPPLED FOR C. U. CONTEST

Loss of Third Baseman Shipley Handicaps College Park Nine.

Maryland Agricultural College comes to Washington today to meet the nine of Catholic University at the Brookland diamond. The College Park outfit comes here somewhat crippled by the absence of Shipley, who has made a reputation for himself as a third-base performer. This loss has severely handicapped their infield machinery, but it is expected that a suitable substitute will be obtained.

Hoffecker is expected to be sent to the mound by the Aggies, Coach Edmonston having no better man on his entire staff. Hoffecker's performances this year have been eminently satisfactory, and he is the first choice to start against Catholic University.

Ryan, Clancy, and Flynn are the twirlers from which the Brooklanders have to choose. "Chief" Green will be held in reserve for the Harvard game on Monday. Today's game will be called at 4 o'clock.

Baseball Results

Tech, 7; C. U., 6.
Business, 6; A. and N. Prep., 3.
Cathedral, 15; Rutgers Prep, 8.
Prep Reserves, 7; Tech Reserves, 6.
Virginia, 8; Trinity, 5.
V. M. I., 4; Washington College, 3.
Washington and Lee, 4; South Carolina, 2.
Burlington High, 6; Raleigh High, 5.
Montreal, 10; Roanoke, 0.
U. S. S. Louisiana, 9; Norfolk, 5.
Montreal Yannigans, 4; Lynchburg, 1.
Winston-Salem, 7; Danville, 2.
Wofford College, 5; Citadel, 2.
Rochester, 11; Richmond, 5.

O'Brien Outpitches Ford And Boston Is Winner

NEW YORK, April 13.—Boston made it two straight over the Highlanders today, winning by 5 to 2, Buck O'Brien outpitching Russell Ford. The feature of the game was the batting of Stahl, who in five times at bat made four singles and drew a pass. Boston won the game in the first inning, when they scored three runs on two passes, Speaker's home run, and Lewis' double. Rain fell during the latter part of the game.

Boston	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0—5
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0—2

Battery—Boston, O'Brien and Carrigan; New York, Lord, Warhop, and Street.

HARVARD VARSITY LEAVES TOMORROW FOR TRIP SOUTH

Georgetown and Catholic University Will Be Crimson's Foes Here.

Sunday the Harvard varsity team leaves for this city. Monday the crimson will play the Catholic University, and Georgetown will be met the following day. Both these teams are fast, especially the former, and Coach Sexton expects the Harvard team will get its first real try-out of the season in these games. That this trip will not resemble in a way a pleasure jaunt is shown by the fact that morning practice is scheduled for every day.

After the game with Georgetown the squad will return to Baltimore, where Jack Dunn's Baltimore team, of the International League, will be played Wednesday. The next game on the schedule is with Annapolis Thursday, and the trip will wind up in New York Friday after the Columbia game. The squad will leave New York Friday night, and will be back practicing at Soldiers' Field Saturday afternoon.

The following men will be taken: Potter, Reeves, Young, Bartholf, Clarke, Desha, Wingate, Babson, Wigglesworth, Raynolds, Coon, Tomes, Hitchcock, Felton, Gibson, Coach Sexton, and possibly Hardy.

Friday afternoon the Harvard varsity baseball squad will start on its spring training trip. A special car will take the team from Harvard square to the Back Bay station, where the men will board the 3:01 train for New York. The team will not stop in the metropolis, but will go straight through to Philadelphia, arriving in the Quaker city at 11:04 p. m. They will be quartered at the St. James Hotel for the night, and will go to Baltimore early Saturday morning, where they will play their first game with Johns Hopkins University that afternoon.

Georgetown Preps Play M. A. C. Reserves

The Georgetown Preparatory School nine will play the Maryland Agricultural College Reserves this afternoon on the Hilltop diamond in the second game of their schedule and judging from the past performances of both aggregations, the battle should be warmly contested.

The Aggie Reserves have been putting up a nice article of ball since the opening of the season and although they have suffered defeat at the hands of one of the local high schools, they are confident that with the line-up of the team slightly changed, they will be able to hold the embryo collegians from the Heights to a low score.

In yesterday's game with Jim Sprigman's charges the embryo collegians suffered an attack of stage fright and gave one of the weirdest exhibitions of fielding seen on the Hilltop in a long time. For four innings they dropped or booted everything that came in their direction. Biddulph and Martin particularly being unable to handle their chances, each fozzling about four times.

The line-up for the Preps today will probably be Martin, shortstop; McCarthy, leftfield or pitcher; Biddulph or Drury, second base; Marum, catcher; Farrell, first base; Fennell third base; Cusack, centerfield; Deutsler or Nordlinger, rightfield; Corbett, pitcher or leftfield.

McIntyre Signs.

CHICAGO, April 13.—Matty McIntyre, outfielder of the Chicago Americans, who has been holding out all spring, signed his contract today.

ILLINOIS STARTS WAR ON AMATEUR SUMMER RULING

Evidence of Professionalism Against Chicago, Purdue, and Wisconsin Players.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 13.—University of Illinois students today took a hand in the summer baseball game by giving out a list of "Big Eight" players on whom they declared they hold the "goods" for professional ball playing.

Purdue, Chicago, and Wisconsin are hit by the information, which was given to Prof. G. A. Goodenough, Illinois conference representative, who will probably tender it to the other schools.

Iowa's declaration of a "clean-up" was greeted enthusiastically, and the students here don't care if they lost every man on their own team if they show the absurdity of the rule. Today's revelations are:

Perdue—Kelly played on teams at Attica, Ind., and Oxford, Ind.; Elylens played with Battle Brown, Ind.

Wisconsin—Captain Horner participated in baseball tournament between Tiskilwa, Princeton, and Eureka, Ill., in 1909-10; Moll tried out with Winnipeg, Canada, in 1910.

Chicago—Freeman played with Woodlawns, Chicago; Boyle played at Gary, Ind., and with Joliet Standards.

Shafer's Errors Help Brooklyn to Even Up

BROOKLYN, N. Y., April 13.—Brooklyn evened up matters with New York yesterday, winning 4 to 2, mainly on the poor work of Shafer at short. He had three fielding chances and foozled them all. The bungling offset Tesreau's good pitching, the youngster allowing only three hits. Kuetzer pitched well up to the seventh, when two passes and a single filled the bases. He gave way to Schardt, who blanked the side, and then struck out three men in the eigth, when play was stopped by darkness.

									R.	H.	E.
New York	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0—2	6	4
Brooklyn	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	x—4	3	3

Batteries—New York, Tesreau and Meyers. Brooklyn—Kuetzer, Schardt and Erwin.

Naps Register Again Against the Tigers

CLEVELAND, April 13.—Cleveland defeated Detroit yesterday 4 to 2. Delehanty was put out of the game for arguing with Umpire Perrine. In the third Easterly was safe on Bush's error, stole and came home on Butcher's single. In the sixth Jackson doubled, Lajoie was passed purposely and Ryan singled, scoring Jackson. In the eighth Olson singled, Jackson doubled and Lajoie singled, producing two runs. Detroit's first run was the result of hits by Gainer, Stanage and Vitt. The other was scored by Perry on his double, a passed ball and Gainer's fly.

Cleveland	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	x	—4
Detroit	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	—2

Batteries — Cleveland, Baskette and Easterly; Detroit, Willett and Stanage.

White Sox Win in Tenth Over Browns

CHICAGO, April 13.—Chicago made it two straight from St. Louis yesterday, winning an extra-inning game, 2 to 1. The game was a pitchers' battle between Scott and Powell, and the winning run resulted from a double, a sacrifice, and a single.

										R.	H.	E.
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1—2	7	2
St. Louis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—1	11	1

Batteries—Chicago, Scott and Block; St. Louis, Powell and Kritchell.

Three Giants Released To Buffalo Outfit

NEW YORK, April 13.—Three Giants have been released to the Buffalo club of the International League, according to an announcement here today. They are third baseman Arthur Bues, formerly of the Seattle club; Shortstop Milton Stack, who was purchased from the Fond Du Lac team of the Wisconsin-Illinois League, and Pitcher Ed Munsell, last year with the Dallas, Tex., League team. Bues led the country in home runs last season, getting twenty-seven to his credit.

Notes of the Game.

Cool weather and a small crowd.

Morgan had the Nationals buffaloed with his control.

Eddie Foster looks more like big timber the oftener he works.

Dixie Walker was in good condition and pitched a good brand of ball, but excellent support without bingles seldom brings victory.

The crowd watched intently the bulletin board in left field and seemed downhearted when the Phillies dropped another game to the Boston Braves.

The betting is still 8 to 3 that Clark Griffith will be banished from the field before the trip is over. He had a narrow escape again yesterday.

Dixie Walker's balk was a movement of the shoulders with Eddie Collins at the bat in the fourth. Westervelt cautioned Walker several times about his delivery.

Captain McBride came near being banished from the field on Walker's balk, Umpire Westervelt waiving him back to his position and declining to enter into any discussion of the decision.

The Nationals showed plenty of spirit at every stage of the game and Herman Schaefer was sent to the bench for loud coaching at third in the ninth with no one on the corner.

When Cashion hit for Henry in the eighth, it necessitated the first appearance of the theatrical battery in the last session, Williams and Walker.

Morgan pitched good ball and deserved his victory. His control, barring a couple of wild pitches, was excellent and his judgement could not be bettered.

Cashion and Hughes warmed up in right field in the fifth for it looked for a moment as if Dixie Walker might have to be relieved. However, the big fellow steadied down and finished strong.