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CLARK GRIFFITH BEGINS QUIET INVESTIGATION OF GALLIA'S CONDITION NOW

Young Pitcher May Report to Griffen Next Month. After All. If He Is Found Ready to Pitch—Harper or Bentley May Twirl Against Tigers Tomorrow.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

DETROIT, Mich., June 18.—Clark Griffith today started a quiet investigation of the case of Bert Gallia. When the pitcher was sent to Kansas City it was with the understanding that he could be recalled should his work in the American Association justify such action.

When Gallia started out on a winning streak, Griffith sent in a recall for the pitcher to report in Washington in thirty days. Immediately from Kansas City came the information that Gallia had badly injured his arm. Since then Gallia has pitched sensational ball, so Griffith's present plan is to learn exactly what is the trouble.

While Washington has canceled its original recall, the order may be allowed to stand and the twirler brought to the Griffmen next month.

BENTLEY OR HARPER MAY FACE TIGERS.

If Johnson wins today, Boehling will probably be allowed to take his regular turn tomorrow; otherwise Griffith may pitch Harper or Bentley.

For the first time in the modern era of baseball—that is, since Griffith has been in command of the Washington team as it is at present constituted—the Nationals are today recovering from the atone of having been whipped in a complete series of four games. The ignominy and humiliation are intensified through the fact that the star pitcher was delivered by Irvy Cleveland.

The last reverse was the worst of the outfit, outplayed, outgassed, outpitched, outgeneralized, and, of course, outscored the Nationals looked like a band of trailers going down in defeat at the hands of the brains of a championship club.

Once more the club may remain leashed for three or four days, but the success which overcame the Nationals when they crossed the Alleghenies has not been forsaken, and in the last eleven starts the team has been eight times beaten by all odds in the miserable country since the days when Washington was the proverbial best of the loop.

An even dozen or three the services of Johnson were held into safe territory, and, although the Griffis held on fairly well half of the distance, the Naps drew away toward the close and converted an ordinary defeat into a severe rout. True five of these setbacks were drawn away toward the close and converted an ordinary defeat into a severe rout. True five of these setbacks were drawn away toward the close and converted an ordinary defeat into a severe rout.

The successive victories over the Griffmen acted as such a powerful stimulant to the Naps that before leaving Cleveland the Washington players heard numerous predictions that Birmingham's band is about to make a rush that will speedily hit them from the dunces.

As a matter of fact, the Naps, with Chapman at short, look like a much improved ball club, and one that is entitled to higher rank than one of the Nationals have encountered in the present ill-starred journey.

"There has not been a single time since we left the East that we have shown our real form. There's no use trying to alibi. There has been a weakening all along the line, particularly in the hitting when there have been men on."

This was the candid confession of Griffith today as he meditated upon the most disastrous day he has ever known since he has been in charge of the Washington team.

Larry Lajoie was in the preliminary practice of the Naps. He showed plenty of life for a man suffering from tonsillitis.

In the second inning yesterday the Nationals put on a double play, that was a work of art in which luck was the most conspicuous fact.

With a man on second and one on third, one out, three balls and no strikes on the batter, Morgan dashed over to second to try to get a runner napping. Shaw pitched and the ball struck on a sharp hop to Morgan's right, touched Chapman off second and threw out O'Neill at first.

It was a freak play and probably saved the Nationals a couple of runs.

Griffith today issued an ultimatum to his first four pitchers: "Unless they immediately get back into the form expected of them, we will inject Harper and Bentley."

Shanks overlooked an excellent chance for a triple yesterday when he hit the ball against the right field wall and drew up at second. He could easily have reached third. He was all but tripped out at the plate a few minutes later on Morgan's single.

In the sixth, the Griffis got men on first and second with none out. Not a man reached third, Shaw making the first out when he was the first victim of strikes of the afternoon.

For making a violent protest on a strike decision, Birmingham was ejected from the field. He went only as far as the bench, and when Dinsen was called.

Methodists Remain in First Position

PALM BEACH, Fla., June 18.—The Southern Methodists defeated the Baptists in an exciting game yesterday by a score of 3 to 1.

Frank Moran Confident Of Defeating Champion

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