Federals Hold Holiday for Schaefer---Evers Tells Cobb Braves Hope to Repeat

CHICAGO FEDS HOLD BIG DAY IN HONOR OF FORMER GRIFF

Herman Schaefer Is Center of Attraction on His Birthday, Which Players Help Celebrate.

Semi-Holidays Have Become Habit With Clubs Which Wish to Stimualte Interest in the Team.

THE LINE-UP.

BROWNIES.	GRIFFMEN.
Shotten, lf.	Moeller, rf.
Austin, 3b.	Foster, 2b.
Howard, cf.	Milan, cf.
Pratt, 2b.	Shanks, 3b.
Walker, cf.	Gandil, 1b.
Leary, 1b.	Acosta, lf.
Lavan, ss.	Henry, c.
Agnew, c.	McBride, ss.
Severeid, c.	Gallia, p.
Sisler, p.	Boehling, p.
Lowdermilk, p.	

Game at 3:00 p. m.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Now comes Herman Schaefer with a baseball holiday in his honor. The former Griffman, now connected in a purely comic capacity with the Newark Feds, is today celebrating in Chicago. It is expected that some misguided gents will present him with safety razors, traveling bags, anud stock in the Comstock Lode when the Newfeds tackle the Whales.

Schaefer is very popular in Chicago, his home town. When with the Nationals he could always draw a laugh by merely walking across the field. He will hardly do more with the Newfeds, for Schaef's playing days are about done. But he will be right there when the boys show up with the gifts. Schaefer never loses out on one of those things.

Holding "days" is becoming chronic in baseball lately. So far the Washington club has carefully refrained from any such action. In order to rouse interest clubs everywhere are staging this semi-holiday stuff. It makes good here and there, but it is being overworked.

Sam Rice, the iVrginia Leaguer, is to be worked out today under the eyes of Manager Griffith. The Old Fox hasn't had a good look at the youngster in action and cannot pass upon his ability until he sees him pitching at top speed against the batters.

Dr. Yancey Wyatt Ayers is a lucky chap. Though he gave an excellent exhibition of twirling, good enough to win any ball game, he most certainly was assiated greatly by the diamond gods in that second frame, when the Griffs made all their three runs. Don't take anything away from Doc, but just remember that streak of luck showing in his behalf in that third session.

Chick Gandil started things by raising a Texas leaguer out in short left. Lavan and Shotton tried for it, and, as usual, neither got it. Gandil reached second on that mental lapse. Acosta followed with a perfect sacrifice, and Henry's safe whack to left brought Gandil across. McBride forced Henry. Pratt made a fine stop of Ayers' bounder, but tossed poorly to Lavan at second for a force-out, and two were on. Danny Moeller ended the rally with a healthy tripir to the jury box and its thirty-five occupants. McBride and Ayers raced around on the rap and were in before Foster whiffed, leaving Moeller stranded.

Barring that second inning, the clash was a fine exhibition of twirling, with Ayers more than holding his own against Carl Weilman. Four of the six blows off the Virginian were flukes, three bouncing off Ayers' glove too slowly to be snapped up by any of the inner quartet. Doc kept the enemy popping up puny flies.

With one gone in the second Howard tripled. Doc put on steam, fanning Lavan and letting Agnew shove up a foul fly for Henry. Again in the seventh the mountaineer had his troubles, squirming out of a hole by perfect flinging. McBride failed to hold Howard's roller, and Lavan singled. Shanks hustled outside the chalkline and gobbled Agnew's bunt pop. Weilman walked, filling the corners. Bert Shotton had a fine chance to make trouble, but the best he could do was to raise a weak fly for Gandil. Chick never has been known to drop anything illce that, not Chick.

All in all, that first battle between the Browns and the Griffs lived up to predictions, being close and hard-fought.

Nat'ls.	AB	H	O	A	E	St. L.	AB	H	O	A	E
Moeller, rf.	4	1	2	0	0	Shotten, lf.	5	2	1	0	0
Foster, 2b.	3	1	3	1	1	Austin, 3b.	3	0	0	4	0
Milan, cf.	4	1	0	0	0	Sisler, cf.	4	1	4	0	0
Shanks, 3b.	4	1	3	2	0	Pratt, 2b.	4	0	5	1	1
Gandil, 1b.	4	2	6	1	0	Walker, rf.	4	0	2	0	0
Acosta, lf.	3	1	3	0	0	Howard, 1b	3	1	9	1	0
Henry, c.	3	2	6	0	0	Lavan, ss.	3	2	2	2	0
McBride, ss	3	0	4	0	1	Agnew, c.	4	0	1	1	0
Ayers, p.	4	0	0	2	0	Weilman, p	2	0	0	4	0
						*Severeid	1	0	0	0	0
						†Walsh	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	9	27	6	2	Totals	33	6	24	13	1

*Batted for Weilman in ninth.
†Ran for Agnew in ninth.

Nationals	030	000	00—3
St. Louis	000	000	00—0

Runs—Gandil, McBride and Ayers. Bases on balls—Off Ayers, 2; off Weilman, 2. Struck out—By Ayers, 3. Stolen base—Milan. Left on base—Nationals, 8; St. Louis, 10. Three-base hit—Gandil. Sacrifice hits—Acosta, McBride, Austin. Umpires—Messrs. O'Loughlin and Hildebrand. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.

Most Versatile Star Here With Brownies

GEORGE SISLER,
Former University of Michigan star, can make good anywhere on team —Pittsburgh made losing fight to get him.

George Sisler, Former Michigan Collegian, Can Make Good in Any Field Position—Is Selected to Twirl Today's Game Against Griffs.

Today Washington fans have an opportunity of lamping the most versatile performer in the American League. He is down to twirl in the second clash with the Griffmen, but that doesn't interfere with the possibility of his going to first base ,or back to the outfield. George Sisler can play anywhere, except where a southpaw pegger won't fit, such as third, short, or behind the bat.

Sisler has been with the Brownies only a month, but in that time he has played good ball in four different positions and is generally considered the likeliest newcomer in the league. The youngster is a pretty good flinger, too, even if he does cavort generally in the garden. Among his triumphs was a victory while somewhat lucky, over the Griffmen when they appeared in St. Louis early in July.

Sisler's performances have been quite remarkable, considering the fact that he jumped from the college campus to a big league team. He never played with a minor league team, although at different times his name has been associated with the Akron, Columbus, and Pittsburgh clubs.

Sisler, when sixteen years old, signed a contract with the Akron team. The fact that he was a minor, and that the Akron club disbanded and transferred his contract to the Columbus club automatically made him a free agent. Later the Pittsburgh club endeavored to assume his Columbus contract.

Since then the National Commission has declared Sisler a free agent, but the Pittsburgh club, realizing that the ex-Wolverine is a valuable young ball player, is still making efforts to procure his services. The fight seems a hopeless one, however, inasmuch as the National Commission very plainly declared the former Michigan star a free agent.

KANSAS CITY CLUB RESTRAINS THE FEDS

KANSAS CITY, July 31.—A temporary injunction against President James A. Gilmore, of the Federal League, and owners of Federal League clubs, restraining them from tampering with players under contract to the Kansas City American Association team, was granted in the circuit court here yesterday.

Arguments on a petition for a permanent injunction will be heard in the circuit court today. The application asked that the injunction be effective against Fielder Jones, Phil Ball, the Ward Brothers, owners of the Brooklyn team; Hay Myers, C. C. Madison, Richard Hanlon, Lee Magee and James A. Gilmore.

The petition declares that the Federal League is disorganizing the local Association team; that the players are becoming dissatisfied and "listening to the call."

It is pointed that the season is well along and that it would be impossible to replace the present players if the team were disrupted.

The petition recites that although the association players are under contract, that fact is ignored in "secret persuasion." The application names fifteen players on the local association team which, it alleges, are now being persuaded to jump.

C. C. Madison, named as a defendant, is attorney here for Ball and the Wards. He declared today the injunction, even if granted, would not be of serious consequence.

CHICAGO, July 31.—President Gilmore, of the Federal League, said regarding the injunction suit filed by the American Association officials against the Federal League representatives:

"I guess we have got all the men we want from the Kansas City American Association team, so that the court action is not very important to us."

Interstate Wins Three From Woodley Players

Interstate tennis players of the Departmental Tennis League defeated the Woodley Park players yesterday at Woodley by takig three out of five sets.

The summaries:

Singles—Lyon, Interstate, defeated Cissel, Woodley Park, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; Ballinger, Woodley Park, defeated Bingham, Interstate, 6-0, 6-2.

Doubles—Thurtell and Stratton, Interstate, defeated Ballinger and Robinson, Woodley Park, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Johnson and Cash, Interstate, defeated Bridget and Wilson, Woodley Park, 6-0, 6-2; King and Brown, Woodley Park, defeated Fulton and Friedli, Interstate, 6-1, 6-3; Robinson and Bridget, substituting for No. 4 team of Woodley Park, defeated Rouse and Sweeney, Interstate, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1.

Crew in Baltimore.

The Potomac junior crew is in Baltimore today for a match race with the Arundels on the Patapsco river. Claude R. Zappoe, coach of the Potomacs, announces his eight as follows: Garner, No. 1; McKinney, No. 2; Duncan, No. 3; T. Farnsworth, No. 4; Wrenn, No. 5; Bebout, No. 6; Foster, No. 7; Clark, No. 8, and Kintz, coxswain.

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TY COBB SAYS---

it's a good thing for baseball that the Braves are showing more strength as race ages---Yanks should beat Griffs.

Johnny Evers Tells Georgia Peach That Champions Are Certain to Repeat This Year—Nationals Offer Interesting Sidelight Fight.

By TY COBB,
World's Champion All-around Player.

It is a mighty fine thing for baseball that the world's champion Braves have once more assumed a prominent position in the National League race. Otherwise the main point of a fine moral lesson might have been shadowed.

The fight of George Stallings' team through the second half of the 1914 campaign was one of the great wonders of diamond history. A most fitting climax for this sensational spurt was the overthrow of the vaunted Athletics in four straight games for the world's championship. Even yet there are any number of people who regard the great Boston drive of last year more in the nature of sheer luck than of exceptional worth. While Boston was in the rut this year the opinion grew that the success of a year ago was merely a fluke.

Boston right now seems bent on vindicating the reputation for gameness and stick-to-itiveness it earned last season and that is a mighty fine thing for the profession in general. Anything that spurs on hustling in a club in these unsettled times is a great boon indeed. There is altogether too much indifference in the ranks as the result of term contracts.

I saw Johnny Evers in New York a few days ago. The Braves had won consistently for a week or ten days and the Trojan was bubbling over with mirth and happiness. He was every bit as happy as a boy with his first pair of skates.

"The people are just beginning to give us a tumble," said John to me. "They never gave us any credit last year till we trimmed the Athletics. Everyone said in view of our bad start this season that we were a fluke champion.

"Now, Ty, we are no 'cheese' champion—and we will be in the next world series as sure as the sun will set tonight. There is more class to our outfit than there was a year ago and now we are in a far better position to make that class count. We have been winning games with small scores. You know as well as I that that is the real tip-off on any club's caliber."

CLOSE GAMES DECIDE THE TITLES.

There was clear reason in Johnny Evers' arguments. It takes far more grit and spirit and fight to win by one run than to win by five runs. The close, uphill struggles are the ones calculated to test real championship gameness. But I thought, as I parted with Evers, how extremely fortunate was George Stallings to have such a conscientious and earnest captain as the Keystone King. I wondered if I would be so enthusiastic and energetic after I had seen so many grueling seasons as little Johnnie Evers. He is a monument to the national pastime. The National League did well to overlook his irrelevant remarks about the closeness of the race and the incompetence of the umpires. Johnnie's tongue wags freely when he is under the excitement of a tense situation. But no one quicker than this same Trojan would resent the faintest breath of suspicion against the game. Evers' long career has been one glowing tribute to the honesty of the game and the profession in general.

To get back to my own league: the owners of the New York Americans are nobody's come-ons. If I am not mistaken Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston will have a real club for Bill Donovan before he is much older. It takes time to build up a club so badly shattered as the Yankees were but everyone connected with the New York Americans seems pulling together to simplify the task.

The men backing Donovan's team have been most liberal and generous in lending their strong financial support to the betterment of the New York situation. Their scouts have beaten other major league sleuths to half a dozen highly touted minor league prospects, among the number being Barney, Mogridge and Tipple.

"Donovan prefers youngsters that he can educate into his own theories rather than aging veterans who are set in their notions and style," Captain Huston said to me a short time ago. "I think he is right in that."

And I think the captain is right in thinking so. Donovan has the nucleus for a grand club. Fritz Maisel is a real third baseman—one of the very best. Pipp has made good at first. Boone and Peckinpaugh are adamant on defense, and could be carried to the best advantage if the outfield measured up to the standard of hitting efficiency. The club needs some real outfielders, a catcher or two and a couple of competent southpaws. And the only way to get them is to develop them from minor league material.

It is impossible nowadays to go out promiscuously and buy a champion by taking the pick of rival clubs. In the first place, practically no one operating a major team will part with anyone who could possibly be of value to himself, let alone any one else. The action of Connie Mack this year furnishes the exception which proves the rule.

Yet in this same connection is proven the fact that something is needed further than culling stars indiscriminately. Comiskey went out where others failed and plucked Eddie Collins and Eddie Murphy from the Athletics. But it does not follow that the White Sox will cakewalk home with any pennant. Chicago has a team that will be dangerous so long as it has a mathematical chance. Rowland is—or has been—strong on pitching and catching. But in spite of Collins' wonderful stick work and defensive skill, the team, collectively, does not pack such a punch as the Red Sox.

We Tigers are not worried over the White Sox. We never were afraid of them since early spring. But Boston commands our wholesome respect. That is the only outfield that could hope to match the Tiger trio. Our infields shape up about even in strength. Boston, I think, has more good pitchers than any other club in major league circles. Therefore, there is little likelihood of any battery collapse in the coming drive. We have four reliable performers, however, and three won the 1914 national bunting and a world's series emblem for the Braves. Detroit, I still feel confident, will be there at the finish with the Red Sox.

Our team realizes, however, that it will have to fight every minute to keep within striking distance of those sturdy pacemaking Red Sox. I have heard there was serious dissension in Carrigan's ranks early in the season, but this has all been smoothed over now. I was told recently that a clique had tried to undermine Carrigan, but that Tris Speaker's loyalty discovered the plot and afforded the chance of remedy in time. Whether this is so I do not know, for I have never been inquisitive in clubhouse politics.

The argument between Washington and New York for a place in the first division continues to furnish one of the interesting side lights of our race. We are all rooting for Wild Bill, of course, and I think he will make good. The other teams in the league—St. Louis, Cleveland and Philadelphia—seem to have resigned themselves to fate in so far as this season is concerned. They are beginning to experiment with recruits, a sure indication that the "wait till next year" alibi is ready for their patrons.

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League Standing

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Today Win.	Today Lose.
Boston	67	33	.633	.637	.626
Chicago	58	34	.630	.634	.624
Detroit	57	35	.620	.624	.613
WASHINGTON	46	45	.511	.516	.505
New York	43	47	.478	.484	.473
St. Louis	36	55	.402	.409	.395
Cleveland	36	56	.391	.398	.387
Philadelphia	21	61	.337	.344	.333

Tomorrow's Games.
No games scheduled.

Today's Games.
St. Louis at Washington.
Cleveland at Philadelphia.
Detroit at Boston.
Chicago at New York.

Yesterday's Games.
Washington, 3; St. Louis, 0.
Cleveland, 5, Philadelphia, 3.
Detroit, 7; Boston, 6.
Chicago, 6; New York, 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won	Lost.	Pct.	Today Win.	Today Lose.
Philadelphia	50	38	.568	.573	.562
Brooklyn	49	41	.544	.549	.538
Boston	47	45	.511	.516	.505
Pittsburgh	45	45	.500	.505	.495
Chicago	44	44	.500	.506	.494
New York	42	44	.488	.494	.483
St. Louis	44	49	.473	.479	.465
Cincinnati	37	52	.416	.472	.411

Tomorrow's Games.
New York at St. Louis.
Brooklyn at Cincinnati.
Philadelphia at Chicago.

Today's Games.
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.
Boston at Cincinnati.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.
New York at Chicago.

Yesterday's Games.
Brooklyn, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.
Cincinnati, 6; Boston, 3.
New York, 3; Chicago, 2.
Chicago, 4; New York, 0.
St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain.

Baseball Magnate Dead.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 31.—George M. Cameron, prominent in baseball in this State for years and owner of the New Haven franchise in the old Connecticut League and in its successor, the Eastern Baseball Association, died at his home here yesterday after a long illness.

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