

Griff Switches Rice From First Base to Right Field---Race Opening Big Success

SAM RICE TO PLAY RIGHT FIELD TODAY

Griff's Switch of Swatman Indicates He Has Failed as First Sacker.

JUDGE OR SHANKS ON FIRST Old Fox Plans Shake-up to Develop Stronger Hitting Combination.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

That Sam Rice has failed as a first baseman seems probable after the action of Manager Griffith today in putting him back in right field, according to before-game dope announced from the Griffmen's office.

"I expect to have Rice in right field," was the word of the Old Fox this noon, "with either Judge or Shanks on first base."

Manager Griffith declined to speak further about the shift.

Sam Rice, willing as ever, has said several times that he would be taken off first base only when his manager considered he had failed as a first baseman. He has all the nerve in the world and nothing but failure in a strange position can keep him off the first corner.

Changes Are Coming.

Many changes are coming to the line-up of the Griffmen before the season has advanced far. Manager Griffith wants to give his team all the offensive power possible. It is probable that in a few days Joe Leonard, who has not been hitting well, will be supplanted by Eddie Foster and that Ray Morgan will go back to second base.

Morgan is apparently a heavier hitter than Leonard, while Foster is a better fielder than either of them. Griff is seeking to bolster his infield as well as his outfield, and several more changes are coming.

Sam Crane is a clever fielder. If he can begin to show signs of hitting strength, he will be placed at shortstop, for McBride is not hitting the ball very hard, though fielding in wonderful fashion.

Has Plenty of Time.

The Old Fox has plenty of time to experiment with his team before the season gets under way. A whole week must elapse before the curtain is rolled up on the big show performance. In that time Manager Griffith will endeavor to find his strongest line-up, knowing that the competition will be strenuous from the very beginning.

"I know what I need most," said Manager Griffith today. "My team needs hitting to be in the fight for the pennant. Of course it needs a lot of other things, too, but hitting is the most vital thing it requires. Every change I shall make for a while will be to increase the offensive strength of the team."

Everybody Is Break.

It was an sad arrival of the Griffmen today. The train rolled into the Union Station at 8:40, though due at 7 o'clock. Something happened to the engine, or rather one of the two engines, shortly after leaving Cincinnati, suffered according to reports. Laundry bills were heavier than usual. Tips were needed on every side, and by the time the boys reached Cincinnati, they were cleaned. The failure to play the last two games in Redland kept Eddie Fowler from collecting any money and it was a "light" crowd that emerged from their private cars this morning at the Union Station.

Held Practice Early.

It was Manager Griffith's intention to hold a morning practice at 10 o'clock, but the late arrival killed that scheme. So the Old Fox ordered every player to be in uniform at 1 o'clock this afternoon for practice.

Up to noon Corp. J. H. Dean had not reported to Manager Griffith.

"If he doesn't show up today, I shall send for him," said the Old Fox. "I am all for this military drill first, last, and always. The country faces a crisis and it will first be very baseball player loyal to the core."

Bets Amount to \$105,000 On Opening Day at Bowie

Capacity Attendance, From All Parts of the Country, Indicates a Big Season for Racing in the East.

By JOE VILA.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Followers of thoroughbred racing taxed the accommodations at the Bowie track in Maryland yesterday, thereby making the opening of the Eastern turf campaign under the auspices of the Jockey Club a noteworthy success. Horsemen and bettors from all parts of the country were on hand when the bugle called the horses to the post for the first race. The racing was excellent, and the speculation livelier than usual, in spite of the fact that the public will not begin to unhook the bankroll until a better line on the form of the horses can be obtained.

Big Sum Bet.

Pari-mutuel machines supplanted the bookmakers at Bowie and the other Maryland tracks some time ago, with the result that the volume of speculation has gradually increased until the Maryland promoters are deriving unheard-of revenues. It was estimated yesterday that on the seven races decided at Bowie the public wagered at least \$105,000 in the machines.

The track management collected 84 per cent of this money in the shape of commissions and "breakage," which netted about \$8,800. This is equivalent to a take-off from sixty-

FLAG TO AVIATORS IN CLERKS' LEAGUE

Campbell Leads Team to Victory Over Southern Railway Duckpin Teams.

Auditors are the champions for 1916-17 of the Southern Railway Clerks' Duckpin League. The team consists of Campbell, Stanley, Smith, Ettingen, Hutchinson, Baras, and Lehman.

Gaining an advantage early in the season, the Auditors demonstrated their superior strength over the other teams of the circuit. They finished with 45 games won and 15 lost, with the Managers second at 33 and 27.

Campbell, of the Auditors, was the best bowler of the league. He averaged 121.4. Following is the final standing of the teams:

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.
Auditors	45	15	.750
Managers	33	27	.550
Law	30	30	.500
Van Timber	28	32	.467
Pasenger Traffic	26	34	.433
Treasurers	19	41	.317

The Royals, of the District League, may roll C. H. von Losberg's stars, of Baltimore, at the Royal Friday night. The Baltimore team has informed the Royal captain, Harry B. Halley, that he will endeavor to bring his rollers over on that date. Halley is expecting definite word in a day or two.

Tonight the Royals meet the Garritons, of the District circuit, and must win three games or leave themselves open to being beaten out for the pennant by the Continentals, with whom they are tied for first place. Although the Royals are more than likely to take the pennant, there is a possibility that they will not, and much interest attaches to the contest.

Friday night the Continentals roll the Resolute, who are considered dangerous. Next week the Royals take on the Resolute and the Continentals meet the Shermans. These matches will end the season for the two leading clubs.

BOWLING NOTES.

Sweet rolled a game of 133 with the Hiram quint, in the Masonic League, which stood out prominently among the duckpin scores rolled last night.

Harry Oscar Mose Krauss, the Royal anchor man, "found himself" after having rolled several poor sets, and did fairly well. His last night's scores of 132, 117, and 112 are not much above his average, but showed he is back to form.

Rose, of Cavalry, started when his team rolled the Aviators, in the Government League. His games were 107, 142, and 108.

LAST NIGHT'S SCORES.

CAPITAL CITY LEAGUE.		FRANKMANS.	
H. Miller, 78	98-114	Hallam, 123	98-79
Small, 82	121-51	Hartman, 128	101-71
D. Miller, 108	85-106	King, 97	100-120
M. Miller, 101	101-99	Logan, 87	102-78
Dunnigan, 83	87-87	Walt's "b.m.", 95	115-123
Totals	641-450	Totals	582-520

GOVERNMENT LEAGUE.		ARTILLERY.	
Downing, 86	93-106	Simmons, 118	92-99
Dunnigan, 107	104-98	Sumner, 102	82-86
Dunnigan, 85	85-85	Ray, 93	92-82
Ingram, 85	85-85	Baumgardner, 92	115-85
Zuber, 109	87-82	Carlin, 91	101-100
Ford, 92	90-104	Totals	601-502
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NATIONAL CAPITAL LEAGUE.		DUMBARONS.	
St. Johns, 106	100-100	B. B. French, 96	97-100
Loan, Connor, Latta, Nash and one of two others appear to be exceptionally good at the quarter mile. Howell, a novice at Central, has shown considerable progress.			
Totals	641-450	Totals	601-502

YARD LEAGUE.		MISCELLANEOUS.	
Morgan, 102	103-111	Fuller, 82	103-70
Hutler, 98	98-98	Sumner, 102	82-86
Leitzner, 84	80-107	McCall, 59	58-106
Nolan, 97	91-91	O'Malley, 88	88-89
Totals	497-637	Totals	411-427-485

WASHINGTON TENNIS LEAGUE.		DISTRICT LEAGUE.	
Waters, 87	109-127	Harwood, 77	111-114
Bunn, 109	117-182	Rosse, 119	176-174
McManamy, 107	105-105	Carroll, 112	115-115
Field, 104	113-181	McMahon, 115	115-115
Totals	621-561-501	Totals	561-582-524

WESTMINSTER LEAGUE.		MASONIC LEAGUE.	
M. Church, 103	99-89	Bright, 110	84-106
H. Buckley, 85	80-83	Robbitt, 89	100-86
N. Buckley, 91	91-98	Church, 91	73-86
Whitney, 82	82-89	Malinko, 82	80-91
McKillop, 106	104-91	Davis, 83	87-115
Totals	473-467-447	Totals	466-443-473

SOUTHEAST LEAGUE.		MASONIC LEAGUE.	
Mitnick, 97	101-101	Model Lunch, 101	97-123
Halley, 111	102-87	Rebach, 101	97-123
Leidy, 97	97-97	Harwood, 101	101-123
Shelley, 84	84-84	Cornell, 112	102-87
Shanks, 103	116-84	Scott, 106	123-87
Goldard, 112	112-112	Carroll, 96	101-82
Totals	509-523-509	Totals	612-520-500

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BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

Charlie Moran's Catholic University baseball team faces a good one on the Brookland field today, when Amherst College arrives. The Massachusetts lads have been campaigning at the university the better part of a week and are about right for a good battle. Moran has hardly had time to get his team settled. From indications the team is going to be one of the best that has ever represented the school.

High school pitchers, with one or two exceptions, have failed to show much this year. When it is taken into consideration that Eddie Tomlin, of Eastern, Dutch Peck, and Lester Peine, of Western; Carl Wassman, of Business, and Denby Hird, of Tech, all went out with the June class last year, there is no trouble locating the difficulty in the high schools at least. It is seldom that such pitching talent gets away in one year. Central is, indeed, fortunate in having Schafer and Gottlieb, two most dependable hurlers.

Chevy Chase will have the first scheduled tennis tournament under the auspices of the N. L. T. A. this year and there is strong likelihood of calling off the event following the which laid down by the N. L. T. A. oficers that all tournaments be canceled should war be declared. Attention must be taken by the New York body and then the clubs all over the country will fall in line.

The Griffmen returned today from their training season. We have taken

CHACONAS LEADING FOR DUCKPIN TITLE

Likely to Win Championship of Arcade League With Average of 110.

Nick Chaconas, of the leading Gaudin team, appears to have the individual championship of the Arcade League well in hand, although Guill, a teammate, has a chance to beat him out. Chaconas' average is 110 for 68 games and Guill has 107 for 61 games. Gaudin are considered probable winners of the team title. A meeting of the prize committee of the league will be held Thursday night. The league figures, compiled by Vince Guill, follow:

TEAMS.		GANDILA.	
Team	G. Pins.	St. H.O.	H.R. Av.
Gaudin	68	122	128
Phi Psi Sigma	34	201	107
Academics	69	200	107
Wash. Ry. A.	60	160	114
Bretelle	65	154	121
N. Y. Life	69	151	121
King's Palace	69	144	121
Benedict	65	132	121
Princeton	69	126	121
W. F. Roberts	59	122	121

PHI PSI SIGMA.		ARCADIANS.	
Morgan	54	100	107
Stimmons	54	100	107
McCambridge	54	100	107
Goff	54	100	107
Lavenson	54	100	107
Patterson	54	100	107
House	54	100	107

WASHINGTON RY. A. ASSOCIATION.		BRIKES.	
Gibson	45	100	107
Brookland	45	100	107
C. Noack	45	100	107
Thomas	45	100	107
Parsons	45	100	107
Trudewand	45	100	107
Gardner	45	100	107

NEW YORK LIFE.		KING'S PALACE.	
T. Jackson	58	105	112
M. Jackson	54	103	112
D. Bergant	50	100	112
B. Black	49	100	112
L. Stelman	48	100	112
King	48	100	112

RENEDETS.		PRINCETON.	
Keweenaw	42	100	107
Altoona	42	100	107
Nolan	42	100	107
Wilber	42	100	107
Allison	42	100	107
Johnson	42	100	107

W. F. ROBERTS.		DAVENPORT.	
T. Guill	42	100	107
Chell	42	100	107
Riddout	42	100	107
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BARNES DOES WELL IN WINNING PRIZE

Whitemarsh Professional Negotiates Columbia C. C. Course in 71.

As an indication of what may be expected today when the crack professionals play over the Columbia Country Club course, Jim Barnes, the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club professional, got a 71 for 18 holes in yesterday's tryouts, and took the cash prize offered.

Jack Hutchinson made 72 and Wilfred Reid, the Wilmington man got a 74. A corrected schedule of today's matches is as follows:

9-00, J. M. Martin, New York, and Jack Shea, New York; 9-05, Oscar McMinnie, Washington, and Dave Mackie, Fox Hills, N. Y.; 9-10, Walter Reckett, Richmond, Va., and J. M. Roche, Baltimore; 9-15, James Wilson, Grand Rapids, and Howard Beckett, Washington Golf and Country Club; 9-20, W. Entwistle, New York, and Jack Jolly, Pittsburgh, and Dave Burgess, Bannockburn.

9-30, George McLean, New York, and James Ferguson, Spring Lake, N. J.; 9-35, James Spencer, Town and Country Club, and George Pothering, Chicago; 9-40, James West, Philadelphia, and Arthur Reid, New York; 9-45, B. Nichols, New York, and Arthur Demaine, New York; 9-50, Clarence Hackney, Atlantic City, and Tom Skipper, Baltimore; 9-55, Jack Burgess, Chevy Chase, and Tom Kerrigan, Sivanoy, N. Y.

10, Charles Hoffman, Philadelphia, and Pat Doyle, Myopia; 10-05, Walter Hagen, Rochester, and James Barnes, Philadelphia; 10-10, Gilbert Nichols, Great Neck, L. I., and Fred McLeod, Columbia; 10-15, Mike Brady, Oakley, Mass., and Wilfred Reid, Wilmington; 10-20, Jack Hutchinson, Pittsburgh, and Alex Campbell.

BOYS GET LETTERS

Basketball and Track Team Members Honored at Western.

Letters and certificates were given out in general assembly today at Western High School. Members of the basketball team were awarded the letter as follows: Willard Johnstone, Harry Chamberlaine, John Davidson, John Groves, Donald Herron, Donald Wight, William Herron, and George King.

Members of the track team receiving letters were: Donald Wight, Willard Johnstone, R. W. D. Jewett, Harry Hout, Nevins Gardner, and James Littlehales.

Martial Von Schelle who recently broke two records in the B. A. C. interscholastic swimming meet, was awarded a letter for the first time at the school.

BENNETT GOES AWAY

Former Printer Hurler Signs with Lynchburg, Va., Team.

Luke J. Bennett, Jr., who has pitched for the Washington Printers the past two seasons, has signed up with Lynchburg, of the Virginia League and left yesterday. This is Bennett's first professional baseball. For the past two years Bennett has been rated as one of the best amateur hurlers in the District. Bennett has always played with the Printers and has a host of friends who will follow him in performance.

Bennett is twenty-three years of age, weighs 170 pounds and stands 6-feet. He is a right hander and a good hitter.

HOW THEY STAND.

Following are the standings of the various interleague series:		
Team	L.	Pct.
New York (National)	2	.500
Detroit (American)	2	.500
Boston (National)	3	.600
New York (American)	2	.400
Boston (American)	4	.471
Brooklyn (National)	3	.429

PHILLIES SCORE SHUT-OUT.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 3.—The Philadelphia Nationals' pitchers, Fortune and Fittler, held the Jacksonville team of the South Atlantic League to two hits here yesterday, and the Phillies won easily, 4 to 0. The big leaguers made six hits.

KID WILLIAMS WINS.

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—Kid Williams easily outpointed Benny McNeill, Canadian champion, here last night.

LOVE IS GENEROUS.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., April 3.—Slim Love, pitching for the Yankees against the Braves, passed four men in a row in the seventh inning and forced over Boston's winning run. The score was 4 to 3.

YALE TENNIS MEN DUE HERE FRIDAY

Harvard and Princeton to Come Later to Oppose Chevy Chase Clubmen.

Yale University tennis players will be here for their scheduled matches with Chevy Chase Club players on Friday afternoon unless something unforeseen happens. The Ell racqueters have accepted the date with the Chevy Chase men and are expected on time.

Later in the month, April 18, to be exact, Harvard's tennis team will be here on its annual trip to engage with the Chevy Chase men. Princeton has accepted the date of April 28, and will be here unless the colleges decide to opt out of all athletic activities and trips.

The date of April 28 coincides with the annual spring tournament held at