

# WASHINGTON TIMES SPORTS



## CLARK GRIFFITH HANDS FINE BOOST TO FORMER GRIFFMAN NOW WITH SOX

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"If Boston asks for waivers on Frank O'Rourke, I'll claim him. That's what I think of him. I'll take him just to have him around. He has the most ideal temperament for a ballplayer I've ever seen."

And that's what Clark C. Griffith, president of the Washington club, thinks of the shortstop he sent to Boston along with Joe Dugan to land Roger Peckinpaugh. Griff likes to relate anecdotes about Blackie, each tending to show his gameness and his diamond intelligence. Give him rope enough and the Washington magnate will take a whole hour extolling the good qualities of the player now warming the Red Sox bench.

O'Rourke is unfortunate to an extreme in having an uncertain throwing arm. If he could have tossed true to the mark with speed he would now be playing shortstop for the Griffmen. His hitting was good enough in the concluding weeks to have made him a regular. He had a knack of pouncing out his hits when most needed, a saving grace in many an ordinary player.

His bad wing bothered O'Rourke all last year, though he was not inclined to whine about it. He is, on the other hand, one of the best fighting ball players ever in a major league uniform. His spirit, whether in victory or defeat, cannot be bettered.

Griff likes to talk of how Blackie threw his slender form in between Babe Ruth and second base only to be knocked flying half way into the outfield. He likes to tell of Blackie's gameness in staying in the game when suffering from severe spike wounds. He can't say enough of Blackie's athletic virtues.

"I was greatly disappointed when O'Rourke failed to throw for us last year," says President Griffith. "I had picked him myself and I felt he would just fill the bill. He did everything but pitch."

"Frank O'Rourke, lame arm and all, is worth two ordinary players to almost any ball club. Just to have him on the bench is a tonic. He never knows when it's quitting time. He believes in sticking to the end, and there is no dust on his brains. He is thinking all the time and he knows baseball from every angle. He's worth his salary to Hughie Duffy, even if he sits on the bench all summer."

"I had to send him to Boston last winter, but if Boston asks for waivers on him, I'll grab him just to have him on the bench. He might be able to put some of his fighting spirit in some of the others who have not been showing any too much this spring."

This lack of winning spirit attracted some attention in New York last week. It led Frederick G. Lieb, president of the Baseball Writers' Association, to write a piece in his column in the Evening Telegram:

"We can't say that we think much of the spirit of the Washington team. This club started the season as a half prospect, yet a half dozen defeats seem to have knocked the starch right out of them."

"When Peck was at the bat in the ninth all of the Washington bench hands were outside of their dugout ready to sprint off the field the moment Roger was retired. They didn't seem to think much of Roger's ability to come through."

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"Had the score been 18 to 2, or something like that, we should not have blamed the players, but the score was 1 to 0. Clark Griffith and Clyde Milan should put a more aggressive, optimistic spirit into their forces."

Fred Lieb, of the New York Evening Telegram, is known as one of the most conservative baseball writers in the country. A less careful writer might have torn the hides off the Washington players for their apparent lack of the fighting spirit during the series ending Sunday. He merely sided with a fighting, winning spirit would have been tossing bats around and shouting words of encouragement to Peck. As a matter of fact, Peck did get on. The Washington subs then sat down to await happenings on Brower. He ground out, when they were able to start their belated dash."

Every one of Washington's eleven runs came after two were out, which may or not be some kind of a record.

The Red Sox are due for two more games here, which ought to give the home boys a good chance to get out of the cellar.

Carl Smith appeared to have beaten Pittenger's throw in the fourth inning when Umpire Wilson erased him. He kicked, but that's all.

When Al Walters had a passed ball in the seventh, everything possible in ball game has been contributed to the official box score.

When it comes to drawing fine decisions, award the gunmetal engagement ring to Speaker's Indians. After trailing the White Sox nearly all the way they pulled out a tenth-inning victory by singles by Wood, Nunamaker and Jamieson.

The Cincinnati Reds are fast qualifying as the official doormat of the National League, with the welcome sign displayed in large, neat script. The Reds lost their tenth-inning eleven starts, the Cardinals winning.

Ken Williams evidently is out to annoy the Hon. B. Ruth as much as possible. Ken got his fifth homer in three days and played a prominent part in the Browns' defeat of the Detroit Tigers.

## Indoor Sports



The Above Cartoon in Animated Form Produced by International Film Service and Distributed by Goldwyn.

## Probable Line-Ups When Griffmen Face Red Sox

RED SOX	GRIFFMEN
Collins, cf	E. Smith, lf
Menck, cf	S. Harris, 2b
Pratt, 2b	Rice, cf
J. Harris, lf	Judge, cf
Dugan, 3b	Brower, rf
Burns, 1b	Peck, ss
Pittenger, ss	Gharriy, c
Ruel, c	La Motte, 3b
Walters, c	Bluege, 3b
Mattes, c	
Russell, p	Phillips, p
Pennock, p	Courtney, p
Karr, p	Brillheart, p
Collins, p	Gleason, p
Ferguson, p	Ericsson, p

Game at 3:30 o'clock.

## League Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W. L.	Pct.	W. L.	Pct.
New York	22	11	.667
Cleveland	22	11	.667
St. Louis	17	16	.515
Philadelphia	16	17	.485

## NEWSPAPER MEN TO GET ACTION IN TOURNAMENT

Washington's newspaper golfers formed into the Washington Newspaper Golf Club, with William E. Brigham, of the Boston Transcript, as president; Walter McCallum, of the Evening Star, as vice president, and Col. James D. Preston, superintendent of the press at the United States Senate, as secretary-treasurer. Questionnaires are being sent to fifty and more members asking details of their ability so that handicaps may be allotted.

## WALTER TRAGRESSER IS WITH BENDER'S OUTFIT

READING, Pa., April 25.—Catcher Walter Tragresser, the former Philadelphia National League catcher, purchased by Reading from the Buffalo Internationals during the past winter, and who has been a holdout, came to terms yesterday and reported to "Chief" Bender.

## OWNER DENIES MORVICH LOOKED BAD IN TRIAL

NEW YORK, April 25.—Denial of a report that Morvich had shown poor form in a secret trial was made today by Benjamin Block, owner of the Derby favorite.

## Table of Runs

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	S	M	T
New York	10	10	10
Cleveland	10	10	10
St. Louis	10	10	10
Philadelphia	10	10	10

## COLUMBIA BOWLERS LEAD, ARCADES SHOOT TONIGHT

By R. D. THOMAS.

Ten teams, ten doubles, and twenty singles shoot tonight in the city tournament at the Grand Central. It is "Arcade Night," designed so to honor bowlers of the Arcade League.

Columbia Lodge, with an unpretentious set of 1,549, leads the field in Class B teams. The opening night was productive of nothing sensational.

J. Claude Keiper, first honorary president of the Masonic League, rolled the first ball.

Glenn Wolstenholme, intercity Royal star and anchor man of the Lafayette team, Class A, got a fine start in the all-events competition with a 339 set.

Doc Rice, dentist, of Harmony Lodge, is the first bowler to win a prize in the tournament. Doc made two strikes in succession.

W. H. Briscoe, of the city association executive board, will be in charge tonight.

A Class C bowler, Ebersole, of the Albert Pike Consistory team, shot the biggest score of opening night, 134. During part of the season his team was the most consistent loser in the great Masonic League.

Brown, of Washington Centennial, rolled 339 and tied Wolstenholme for high-set honors of the night.

Columbia, with 541, and Washington Centennial, with 540, had the biggest team scores.

Few of the 135 teams competing at the National Capital League, totaled 209 doubles and 300 singles entered, a vast majority being in Classes B and C.

Brightwood is the only Class A team on tonight's schedule.

The Curb Cafe bowlers, champions of the National Capital League, will have two teams in the tournament. The league will pay off Thursday night at the Kathakeller.

Nearly a third of the spectators were women. Billie Williams, president of the Washington Ladies' Duckpin League, were prominent among them. She and Miss Rawlings, secretary, were busy for a while signing new members.

The Brunswick Balke, Collender representative of this district, was there, and the fair one named him for a cup for their tournament, to be held starting May 15.

Peyton B. Fletcher, who broke away from the Brunswick job here several years ago, and who was one of the most effective boosters bowling ever had in Washington, dropped in to see the sport. It was Fletcher's first appearance in a bowling alley in a number of moons.

## Stickers Stick

BOSTON		WASHINGTON	
AB	H.P.O.A.	AB	H.P.O.A.
Collins, cf	1	E. Smith, lf	2
Pratt, 2b	1	Rice, cf	2
Dugan, 3b	1	Brower, rf	2
Burns, 1b	1	Peck, ss	2
Pittenger, ss	1	Gharriy, c	2
Ruel, c	1	La Motte, 3b	2
Walters, c	1	Bluege, 3b	2
Mattes, c	1		
Russell, p	1		
Pennock, p	1		
Karr, p	1		
Collins, p	1		
Ferguson, p	1		

Totals: 21 14 11 11. Totals: 15 14 27 11. (Batted for Fullerton in sixth. Batted for Lamotte in seventh.)

Runs—Collins (2), Pratt, Earl Smith, S. Harris (3), Rice (2), Judge (3), Brower (3), Peckinpaugh, E. Harris (2), Dugan (2), Burns (2), Walters (2), Ruel (2), Mattes (2), Russell (2), Pennock (2), Karr (2), Collins (2), Ferguson (2).

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## LINWORTHS ARE READY TO TACKLE MORE FOES

Stirred by the licking they received from the Warwick, the champion Linworths want to play somebody and play 'em quick. Mrs. L. Rock, phone Franklin 3160, is booking week-day and Sunday games for both Linworth teams, junior and senior.

The seniors started well by wallowing the Parks, 7 to 3. Lefty Jones showing his class on the mound for Linworths. Tomorrow the younger Linworths will play the Griffs at 8 p. m. on the Sixth and E diamond.

## Bethesda Wins

The Bethesda team of the Montgomery County League triumphed over the Ballston A. C. yesterday by the score of 12 to 3. Business Manager Harry Hunt, of the Bethesda team announces that the Brookmont A. C. will meet Cy Cummings' charges at Bethesda at 8 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, and also advises that Bethesda is booked up to July 2 for games with some of the strongest teams in the District of Columbia. Bethesda challenges Rac, Knickerbocker, Shamrocks, Dominican Lyceum, Dreadnaughts and Quantico Marines. Address H. J. Hunt, Chevy Chase, Md., for games.

## Thursday They Rest

Thursday is an open date for the Griffmen. They are due to rest, unless an earlier postponement will keep them busy with the Red Sox.

## RACES TODAY

AT HAVRE DE GRACE SEVEN RACES DAILY. Special Penna. R. R. train leaves Union Station 12 o'clock noon—direct to course. Special B. & O. train leaves Union Station, 12 o'clock noon. Parlor and dining cars.

## LOANS HORNING

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY South End of Highway Bridge

## FRANK WOODWARD IS OUT; GRIFF BEGINS CLEAN-UP

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

President Griffith has begun his grand clean-up. Frank Woodward is the first to fall by the wayside, being sent back to the New Haven club in the Eastern Association. It is not likely that he will ever again become a member of a major league club, as he is no longer a youth and is not expected to improve. At Tampa Woodward looked like the best of all the right-handed fingers and he had earned a place among the regulars when the camp broke up. Now, two weeks after the season opened, he is on his way to New Haven.

There are other releases coming, too, among the Griffmen. President Griffith is greatly disappointed in those players who have failed to stand the gaff. He will in all probability choose among those to be retained only the courageous, the lads who never quit and who really want to play ball. All who have to be coddled in order to make good showings will have to be coddled by some other club than Washington.

Jack Quinn, the aged spitballer, has looked like Hughie Duffy's best pitcher this spring, which explains why he was sent out for the first game here. He failed to endure for two full frames, the Griffs bumping him off the slab with a perfect storm of bingles.

Looking at the Red Sox in a single game which may not be enough to provide an honest test, we would say they lack pitchers, have too many slow men in the line-up to make for fast fielding or base running, but that they sure can hit the little old on.

Turkey Brower, heralded as a home-run clouter when he joined the Griffs late in the season of 1920, came into his own yesterday against the Boston Red Sox. He connected for his first home run in a Washington uniform, a clean drive over second base that rolled out to the cool, green wall.

Brower's personality makes him a favorite with his fellow-players, and with the right pavilion bugs. These latter are for him—first, last, and all the time. When he wallowed that ill out to the garden wall in center field with a lively little knot of bugs in right field went mad with their cheers.

In all, Brower drove in five runs, crossing the plate twice himself. He kicked Judge over in the first frame with a single to left. His double to right up against the scoreboard in the second sent Judge over again. His home run in the sixth sent Bucky Harris and Joe Judge over ahead of him. Turkey will receive an ovation today when he takes his right up against the scoreboard in the second sent Judge over again.

Joe Judge, who has been hitting in fine form this spring, was slipped out of first place in the batting order and put where his aunts could do some good. He is now the first frame, scoring Rice, and singled in the second, scoring Harris and Rice. So Manager Milan's decision to place him in fourth position in the batting order looked good to the fans.

President Griffith was especially pleased with the support given the slumping team yesterday. Close to 3,000 fans paid their way through the gates to welcome the Griffs home after dropping four games to the Yankees in New York.

"That's testimony enough to me," said Griff today, "that Washington is standing behind the ball team and, once the weather brightens and some Griffs come along, the fans will be out there as of yore. Furthermore, with the fans standing behind them, the players are bound to show the effect. They'll soon pull themselves out of their slump. Then watch 'em go."

The Griffs climbed all over the Red Sox yesterday, stunning them, 11 to 3. George Moez was hit for a dozen safe knocks, but he did not have to exert himself, and didn't. Wise George was satisfied with a victory, knowing that it will be a long summer.

Jack Quinn was knocked into the clubhouse in the second inning, seven runs having been charged against him. Curtis Fullerton came in and lasted until the sixth, when Eddie Foster struck out for him, bringing in Elmer Myers. The tall one had nothing, and so Sam Dodge finished the pastime. Fullerton looked more like a pitcher than did any of the others flinging for the Red Sox.

The fans got a peek at Ossie Bluege for a short while at third base. The Peoria kid hit for LaMotte in the seventh and then played third base for the last two innings, having absolutely nothing to do.

## Bagby In Form

Jim Bagby is apparently in old-time form. This means much to the Cleveland Indians.

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