

GOSSIP OF THE DIAMOND

The Home Team Has Made a Pretty Fair Showing. CLUB HAS BEEN HANDICAPPED

Better Playing Is Promised With the Advent of Reitz, McHale and Wagner-It Is Thought That Donovan Will Develop Into a Star-Games Scheduled Today.

Games Yesterday. ST. LOUIS, MO. PHILADELPHIA, PA. CLEVELAND, O. LOUISVILLE, KY. CINCINNATI, OHIO. BALTIMORE, MD. BOSTON, MASS. PITTSBURGH, PA. WASHINGTON, D. C. NEW YORK, N. Y. CHICAGO, ILL. CINCINNATI, OHIO. CLEVELAND, OHIO. PHILADELPHIA, PA. BOSTON, MASS. PITTSBURGH, PA. ST. LOUIS, MO.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. Table with columns for Clubs, Won, Lost, and Percent.

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Notwithstanding the fact that the infield of the Washington team is an improved one, the club has been playing as pretty fair a game of ball, having taken two games from the heavy-hitting Brooklyn "boys."

"Jack" Doyle is playing a star game at second base, despite the handicap a change of position always imposes on a player. Doyle is a king at the initial sack, and his entrance playing at second weakens that position, although "Duke" Farrell is playing the position up to the general average.

The fitness of Wagner, who is to play third base, and the absence of Reitz and McHale, who, by the way, are expected at any moment, has seriously retarded the efficiency of the team. With these men in their respective positions, the expectations of Mr. Wagner and the loyal "fans" will doubtless be realized.

The pitching staff is showing up in excellent form, and justifying the judgment of Manager Brown. Gus Weyhing has taken a new lease on life, and is today in as good condition and as effective as at any time during his career on the diamond. He is an earnest and willing worker, thoroughly conversant with all the technicalities and fine points of the game. With a good assortment of slow, speedy and curved balls, and with splendid control of the sphere, there is no apprehension felt of his effectiveness this season.

Amale, the southpaw twirler, is fast growing into popular favor and gives promise of developing into one of the stars of the profession. He is a terror to the sack pitchers, and the way in which he catches them "napping" at first is always a delightful feature of the game in which he officiates.

McGulre and Farrell have been closely watching the work of young Donovan, and while they seldom remark enthusiastically over the prospect of a new pitcher, both unobtrusively say that he gives unmistakable promise of developing into the peer of any of the "phenoms" of the present day. He is large, robust, athletic and cool, and deliberate in judgment. He possesses the speed of a rabbit, and after the necessary seasoning and an acquired knowledge of the peculiarities of the hard-hitting hitters of the league, the old-timers predict that he will be one of the monarchs of the "rubber." He is also a good batter and a splendid fielder. An account of an accident which happened during the early practice session at Nationals has not been able to demonstrate his thorough ability as a box catcher, yet the players and the opinion is that he will be able to hold his own in that capacity.

Mercer is in splendid condition and will doubtless maintain the high standard of excellence which he has justly reached.

HEADQUARTERS FOR BLUE ARMY SHIRTS AND WHITE GLOVES.

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To judge a close decision. When a runner occupies first base the umpire should take a position directly back of the second base. From this position he will be able to decide with great accuracy, and in case the runner starts for second all he has to do is to step around and get on a line with first base. By doing so he is in a position to see when the second baseman whirls around to touch the runner, and can make his decision without any guess-work.

The anti-kicking rule which was so rigidly enforced recently at New York is not a new rule. It has always been included in the league rules that a player must not dispute a decision of the umpire. This rule, until taken up by the managers at New York, was never enforced, and in consequence led up to some very serious rows. This year, however, the umpire is given power to remove a player as soon as he disputes a decision or acts in a manner which will excite the spectators. In other words, the umpire has sovereign power, and unless he is rightly or wrongly in the wrong, he is able to fine or expel.

Gleson, of the Giants, was the first pitcher to fall under the ban. Everett, of Chicago, was suspended for one day for disputing a decision of Umpire Cushman in the game at St. Louis, Wednesday. Since then, however, everything has gone along smoothly. The good derived by the strict observance of the rule was shown in the game at New York a week ago last night. There were several very close decisions, but with the exception of Tenney, the players did not make any attempt to dispute them.

The showing which the New Yorks have made since the season began has been a great disappointment to the local adherents of the game. The experts are puzzled that a team which individually is stronger than the other teams in the field, with the exception of Boston and Baltimore, should begin the season so poorly. Doherty, Seymour, Meekin, and Rusie, who are considered the strongest combination of pitchers in the business, have been tried with but little success. Meekin and Rusie both show promise, but neither has been able to hold a game. Doherty and Seymour were more fortunate than Doherty in that he won a game from the Browns. Doherty pitched a better game than Seymour did, but he received no support and was also compelled to contend against Nichols, who is in rare form this season. The team's weakness seems to be the inability of the pitchers. Philadelphia worked two pitchers against the New Yorks, who had never before taken part in a league game, and the locals were completely at their mercy.

This afternoon the Giants and the Senators cross bats for the first time this season, and it would not be surprising if Joyce's hand got the worst of the contest. Joyce is a right-hander, quite likely that Gus Weyhing will be on the rubber, and that Reitz will cover second and McHale be seen in center field.

Hughes Pitched Effectively and Kept Pirates' Hits Scattered. ST. LOUIS, APRIL 24.—The Browns gained their first victory of the season today by defeating the Pirates through a defeat to the Pirates. Killen was hit out of the box in the fourth inning. Gardner succeeded him. Hughes, who pitched for the Browns, did so well that after the game President McCullough presented him with an order for a \$100 suit of clothes. The score:

ST. LOUIS. R. H. O. A. E. D. Table with columns for Runs, Hits, Outs, Assists, Errors, and Double Plays.

FRASER'S ERRATIC DELIVERY. It enables the spiders to win easily. From the Colonels. Louisville, April 24.—Fraser was kept in the box for six innings, though he gave nine bases on balls, had two wild pitches and twelve hits were made off him by Cleveland. Only nine runs resulted, owing to good fielding. The score:

LOUISVILLE. R. H. O. A. E. Table with columns for Runs, Hits, Outs, Assists, Errors.

DIAMOND DUST.

Doyle is a great favorite. Will we get three out of four? Is Rusie on the road to Hasbencville? Catchers and Base-runners play here this week.

Catcher Clifford has been released by Tim Hurst. Brown got the worst of it on that decision at second Saturday. Diener's first trial in the box was far from a success.

Reitz and McHale will probably take part in today's game. La Chance is putting up a fast game at short field for Brooklyn. Hughes and Reitzenstein have made the first record in the history of the first base decisions with great accuracy, and in case the runner starts for second all he has to do is to step around and get on a line with first base.

That second baseman who shows where the fault for rookism is in baseball—the crowd which has egged the players on. Baseball fans are the least sportsmanlike sports there are and New York evidently leads in the rank of sportsmanlike—Springfield Union. "If the Washington club keeps this young Snyder, the Canadian catcher that he was outplayed in the first round in the fight to Jeffries."

Now that the great second baseman will be on hand to knock down base hits around second sack there is little uncertainty about the result of the Senators' infield. Leahy will be moved up to third and then the inner circle will be composed of Doyle, Reitz, Leahy and Wright. The story has been that Leahy once had a twin brother who looked so much like Emerson that they could not be told apart, and that in order to distinguish between the two, Emerson was given a pink ribbon and the other with a blue ribbon—hence the name "Pink" that the initial P. stands for Pink—that Emerson Pink Hawley, and that the twin brother, who is now in the States, is named Elmer Blue Hawley. This is an interesting link added to the history of a great twirler—Cincinnati Post.

Freel, the Boston first baseman, says: "Pulling me from Boston is perhaps the worst fault that can be handed a batsman, and it's so hard to throw the ball that many players with a good natural eye have been spoiled by the nervousness and fear of being hit. If a batsman watches the ball closely on an inshoot, for example, he can figure out how to hit it, and he can break in order to give clear of a slow ball or how far to duck his head out of range of a high one on the inside. But when he is pulled from Boston, he shrinks away back clear out of the box and the pitchers will take advantage of his weakness and will crowd him away from the plate at every opportunity."

It is said that Oliver Peay Tebeau has instituted a new rule umpire drill. He gets O'Connor, Burkett, Powell and Childs up before him like a class of school boys, and says: "Now, boys, there are two strikes," says Tebeau, "there are two strikes," says Tebeau, "the pitcher has just tossed in one four yards wide. You have started to first, but the umpire says you are out on a strike. What do you say?" "No, you don't say anything of the kind; go to the foot of the class." "Now, boys, there are two strikes," says Tebeau, "there are two strikes," says Tebeau, "the pitcher has just tossed in one four yards wide. You have started to first, but the umpire says you are out on a strike. What do you say?" "No, you don't say anything of the kind; go to the foot of the class."

Ernest Roeder has fully recovered from the effects of the injuries sustained in his recent match with Yousoff, "The Terrible Turk." Roeder and Yousoff will meet again at the Metropolitan Opera House next Saturday night, and there will be no opportunity for the scene which characterized the last match. The ring in which the men will wrestle will be much smaller than that used at Madison Square Garden, and it will be circled with heavy ropes arranged so as to make it impossible for either man to fall out of it. Roeder and Yousoff have both begun training for the match, and as there is considerable feeling between them in consequence of the unsatisfactory result of the first match, a spirited contest may be expected.

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Jeffries Whips Everett. (From the Chicago Record.) The play for the American battalions is in the path of the Spanish fleet. This is a naval war. A blockade by ships of inferior strength will reduce the city if the warships continue to have pressing business elsewhere. First destroy the Spanish fleet. The rest is easy. A Diplomatic School Needed. (From the Wheeling Register.) As soon as this crisis war is over the Government should organize a school of diplomacy. We need it.

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Training for Relay Races. Central High School Boys Have a Strong Team. The candidates for the Central High School relay team of this city who will compete in the University of Pennsylvania meet have been finally selected, and outdoors since the Christmas holidays. Through the courtesy of Georgetown University Athletic Association the boys had the use of the college indoor track until the weather became suitable for outdoor work. Twenty-two candidates were taken to the University watchful eye of Trainer Foley. Several days ago it was thought best to reduce this number. Preliminary trials were held and nine boys chosen on time trials. While the times made were no so fast as had been expected, yet they were fast enough to justify the prediction that the Washington schoolboys will give a good account of themselves. The boys most likely to make the team are G. W. Curtis, '88; captain, C. D. Young, W. G. Stuart, '88; H. E. Wheeler, '88; P. Wilson, '89, and Jack Alden, '89.

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BASEBALL TODAY. NEW YORK vs WASHINGTON. GAME CALLED AT 4:30 P. M. AMMISSION, 25c and 50c. Next—New York, April 26, 27, 28.

FOR THE SICK AND WOUNDED. Patriotic Promenade Concert. By the MARINE BAND AT THE Old Corcoran Art Gallery, Monday Eve., April 25, At 8 o'clock.

Tickets, = = = 50 Cents. Include the Superb Loan Exhibition. Exhibition open Sunday 2 to 6. Tickets, 25 cents.

Runaway Girl Found. Katie Campbell, a pretty girl fifteen years of age, was arrested on Four-and-a-half Street southwest yesterday afternoon by Policeman Herbert. Her escort, James Goodwin, nineteen years old, demanded to know why she was being taken into custody. He became profane, it is alleged, and was also arrested and taken to No. 4 station. There the charge of being a fugitive from her parents was entered against Katie, who, it is said, ran away from her home several days ago. The girl's mother, Mrs. Mary Campbell, called at the station for her runaway daughter. Goodwin was charged with profanity and released on \$5 collateral for his appearance in the Police Court this morning.

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