

BROWNS HAVE MEDIOCRE TEAM; DESPITE THEIR GREAT MATERIAL

Fielder Jones Had Wealth of Good Players From Whom to Choose, But it Seems He Was Obligated to Retain the Cheaper Players and Sell Those With High Salaries; Now Browns Are in the Basement.

By FRANK G. MENKY.

NEW YORK, May 25.—The fizzle of the highly touted Brownies surely stands out as the greatest upset of the baseball year. They were doped by every critic to have at least an outside chance for the bunting. Some enthusiasts went so far as to vote them a split of the world series medal without requiring them to finish out the season.

But the Browns are in a deep, deep rut. They are fighting it out with the down-trodden Athletics for subway alms, and unless they pull themselves together very shortly, the Fielder Jones crowd may win out and land last place with a half dozen games to spare.

When the 1915 Browns and St. Louis pads were merged it put under the leadership of Jones a mighty choice assortment of baseballers. He had a flock of great outfielders, a fine catch-

ing staff, an army of good pitchers and at least six crack infielders to choose from. It seemed to the Brownie fans that Jones could make a selection with his eyes closed and still have a great outfit.

But Team is a flivver. But the team he has put into the field has been wallowed ingloriously. It has been beaten by the strongest and the weakest. It seems to lack the punch. The team, as it is made up at present, is a flivver.

It will be noticed that in the regular Brownie lineup Federal Leagueers prevail. They monopolize the regular berths, despite the fact that Jones had under his control when the merger was effected a number of 1915 Brownie players who seemed far superior to those who now are cavoring in Brownie uniforms. Why didn't he keep them?

Well, there's the story, in the opinion of St. Louis fans who have become disgusted with the showing of the club. They claim that Phil Ball, owner of the club, has sacrificed the pennant chances of his team by selling or releasing 1915 Brownies and keeping the bulk of the 1915 St. Louis Feds.

Has Kept Mediocre Team. "Practically all of the 1915 St. Louis Feds were under iron clad contract for another year or two with the Browns," it is told. "Ball had to assume the contracts of the Brownie players as well as those of his 1915 Feds. Many of the Brownie contracts called for more money than those of the St. Louis Feds. Instead of retaining the best players of the bunch, Ball has let go the players whose contracts called for the biggest salaries. That means he has kept, in the main, only the low priced players, as a result, the team is mediocre."

True, the Brownies have some good pitchers and they have lost several games because the breaks were against them. But they lack the wallop. They kept a few of the men they had they would have had a far better team.

Jones Showing Favoritism? The fans also charge that Jones is showing favoritism in playing his men. Charley Deal is cavoring at third regularly, despite the fact that he isn't hitting with much gusto nor fielding with any special brilliancy. Meanwhile Jimmy Austin, of the 1915 Brownies, is doing bench duty, despite the fact that Austin is ranked everywhere as the peer of Deal.

Jones kept on playing Tobin in the outfield, although Tobin's hitting power was a joke, declared one critic. "Tobin is speedy. There is no doubt of that. He probably can circle the bases as fast as any man in the game. But what good does his speed do when he can't get on the bases? Ward Miller, a veteran, is being played in the Brownie outfield regularly. He's a good fielder but he isn't doing any real hitting. Yet he was a slouter in 1915 and therefore it seems he must be a regular.

Martinez was a great outfielder—once upon a time. But he isn't starting now. Yet he is a regular. What's the answer?

KILBANE AND WALLACE FIGHT 10 ROUNDS; DRAW Montreal, Ont., May 25.—Johnny Kilbane, champion featherweight pugilist, and Eddie Wallace of Brooklyn, N. Y., fought a fast ten round match here Wednesday night. According to a newspaper decision, the bout was a draw.

In the fifth round, following a clinch, Kilbane hit Wallace when the latter bent over the ropes and the Brooklyn boy went through, striking his head on the floor. He was given three minutes rest to recover. Kilbane weighed in at 123 and Wallace at 114.

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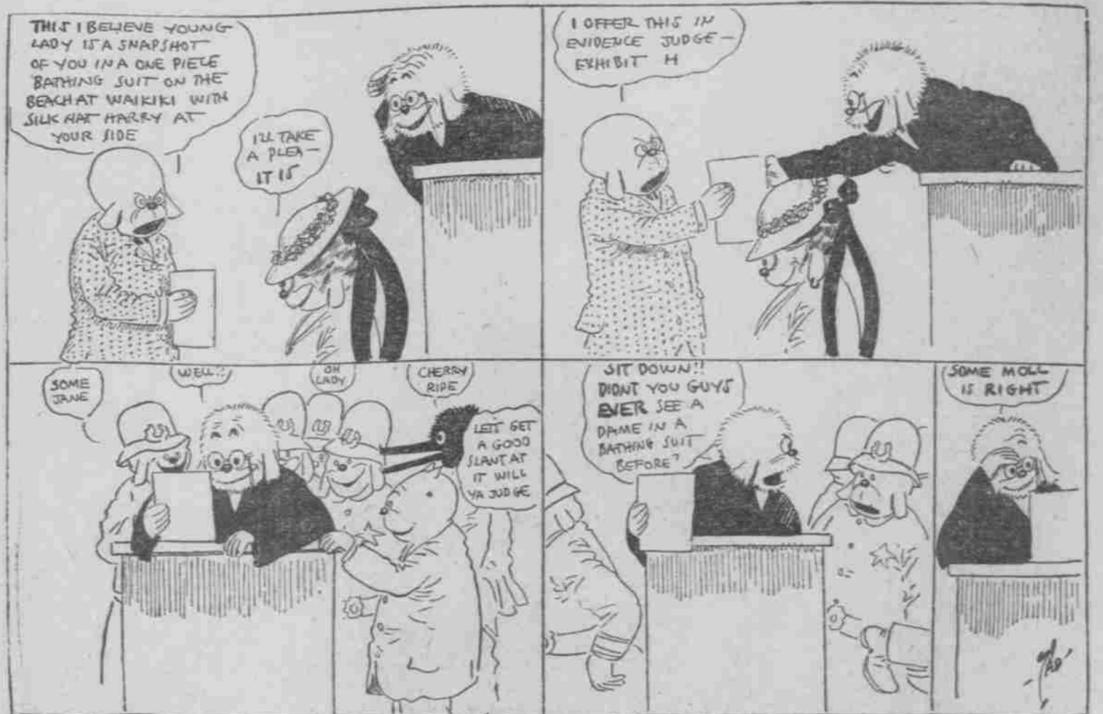
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BASEBALL RESULTS WEDNESDAY'S GAMES.

League Standings.			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
American League.			
Cleveland	23	12	.657
Washington	21	12	.636
New York	12	26	.316
Philadelphia	12	18	.400
Chicago	12	19	.388
Detroit	12	19	.388
St. Louis	11	18	.379
National League.			
Brooklyn	17	9	.654
Philadelphia	15	12	.556
Boston	14	14	.500
New York	12	17	.412
Chicago	12	17	.412
Pittsburgh	11	16	.406
Texas League.			
Waco	10	16	.385
Fort Worth	10	17	.366
Galveston	10	17	.366
Shreveport	9	18	.333
San Antonio	9	18	.333
Dallas	8	19	.296
Beaumont	7	24	.229
Pacific Coast League.			
San Francisco	10	12	.455
Los Angeles	10	12	.455
Oakland	9	13	.409
Portland	8	14	.364
Western League.			
Lincoln	17	11	.607
Wichita	17	11	.607
Des Moines	15	13	.538
Omaha	14	14	.500
Topeka	14	14	.500
Stock City	13	15	.464
St. Joseph	12	16	.431
Denver	9	17	.346
American Association.			
Minneapolis	10	12	.455
Columbus	10	12	.455
Indianapolis	10	12	.455
Louisville	10	12	.455
Dayton	10	12	.455
Kansas City	10	12	.455
Milwaukee	10	12	.455
St. Paul	10	12	.455
Sioux Falls	10	12	.455
Southern Association.			
New Orleans	10	12	.455
Nashville	10	12	.455
Atlanta	10	12	.455
Birmingham	10	12	.455
Chattanooga	10	12	.455
Little Rock	10	12	.455
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