

Make Your Own League and Trade Teams

LESS than two weeks all of the teams in the American and National leagues will be in the south training for the coming championship struggle, which begins simultaneously on April 15. By virtue of their great victory over the Chicago Cubs last fall the Chicago White Sox have attracted the bulk of attention to the doings of the American League teams this year. The White Sox, after a close race in which they were the pennant by a margin of a few games from the New York Americans, easily disposed of the Cubs in the world's series, after the latter had captured the National League pennant from the New York and Pittsburgh teams in a walk.

From top to bottom in the American League the teams will begin the coming race for the pennant with comparatively few changes in their composition. The White Sox, owned by Charles A. Comiskey and under the management of Fielder Jones, the old Brooklyn player, will stand out. Comiskey, one of the shrewdest and best men in the profession, knows when he has a really good team, and as a result he has refrained from tinkering in any way with the champions of the world. In the box the White Sox will have their former great strength with such veterans as Ed Walsh, destined to become, it is believed, a great workman as Mathewson, Russe or any of the famous men who have faced the batmen; Nick Altrock, a splendid left-hander; Patterson, a veteran; Doc White, Owens, Smith and others.

Behind the bat, the Sox have a remarkable catcher in Billy Sullivan, a man whose headwork and steady playing day in and day out did much to bring about the success of his team. Sullivan's side partner is McFarland, formerly with the Philadelphia Nationals, but who has not done much brilliant playing in the last two years because of Sullivan's marked superiority and capacity for work. Jiggs Donohue, according to Chicago critics, is the best first baseman in the business, even better than Hugh Chance of the Cubs and Hal Chase of the New York Americans. But this is not the only point at which the playing of both Chance and Chase, from an unprejudiced point of view, has never been excelled by the Sox's crack first baseman.

Donohue's Sudden Rise.
Leaving out an argument on this point, however, the fact remains that Donohue is a superb player, a quick, snappy, sure felder, together with being a hard and timely hitter, a swift base runner and a vigorous, plucky fighter on the ball field. Donohue's speed, and his ability to get that spurred the Sox to victory in the world's series. He had the other players on their toes by his caustic remarks and bitter criticisms, which were kept up until the honors had been won. So Donohue must be placed on a pinnacle, an example to a younger player, a player who can do in the way of leaping from practical obscurity to the very zenith of popular favor in a single year, for Donohue twelve months ago was regarded as just as good, ordinary, every-day player.

Frank Iseult, tall, long of reach and methodical, a clever batsman and a stickler for team play, will cover second base again. He is as steady as a rock, and while not a pyrotechnical felder, he has a way of getting there that is wonderfully effective. Leo Tannehill, a brother of the well known pitcher of that name, is the third baseman. He is a steady, reliable, good thrower and a fair batsman. George Davis, who came into the National League as a member of the Cleveland in 1904, is still at short field. It has been a remarkable feat about Davis that in spite of his long career he never played better ball than since he left the New York Nationals to become a member of the Cleveland. With Davis out of the team, the Sox have often resembled a ship without a rudder. A superb felder always, Davis has been a kingpin in the Chicago infield. He was never weak with the stick, his strongest point being an ability to hit when safe strikes were most needed, while he can strike the ball on the base paths as swiftly as a young colt.

With such a well balanced infield, Comiskey has three outfielders in Pat Dougherty, Fielder Jones and Eddie Pluh, who have proved a winning combination. Dougherty was not of much use after Frank Griffith got him from the Boston Americans, but he has since been in the Sox he appeared to take a new lease of life. In fact, in a Chicago uniform he played the best ball of his career. Powerful with the stick and a whirlwind on the bases, Dougherty more than made up for his frequent spells of erratic fielding, so that he has been a star in the hands of the world's champions unless, of his own accord, he should suddenly fall behind.

seasonal bid for the championship. If he falls, then Griffith will have to depend on the other boxmen to help Orlin shoulder the burden of the work.

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Forecasting Young Pitchers.
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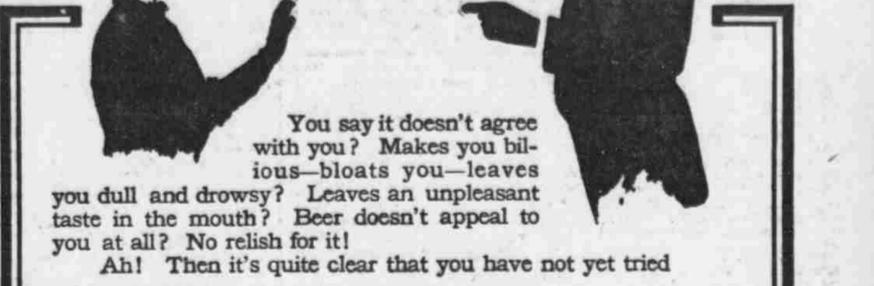
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Philadelphia team to work with. The pitching department includes Dougherty, Jones, Corcoran, Richey, Moore and McCloskey, all well tried and possessing skill. The catchers are Doolin and Donovan, who were the best in the National League last year. Kilty, Brannan is the first baseman, with the veteran Kid Gleason as second base. The outfielders are Miller, McGee, Thomas and Titus, who will be changed.

Hanon and the Reds.
Edward Hanon has taken the bull by the horns in Cincinnati. When he took charge of the Reds a year ago he did not have a chance to inaugurate his own ideas as to the makeup of the team. But before the season was half over he decided to make a clean sweep. As a result he got rid of the veteran players and brought in a new team. He is expected to be in the best of his form when he begins the season.

Pittsburg Claims the Pennant.
The fans in Pittsburg are comparing their team with Chicago and New York. They are expected to be in the best of their form when they begin the season.

New Owner in Boston.
With the Boston club passing from Roden and Co. to the hands of a new owner, a new attempt to build up the National League in the Hub. Fred Tenney, who will be the manager, is expected to be in the best of his form when he begins the season.

Carpenter's Letter.
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long to a bushel or so in the little store boxes on wheels hauled by donkeys, not much larger than Newfoundland dogs. The Algerian mule has an odd harness. The collar ends in three horns; two of them are as long as cow's horns and extend out from the shoulders, while the third is just over the neck and covers the side of the head. The mule is usually about two feet in length. These horns are hung with bells, which single as the animals go. I observe that the mules have leather blankets on their backs, these blankets are made of goat hair and are fastened to the mule's back by their hair slipped from their backs and

to the orient, a Spaniard wrote that Oms then had 6,800 houses, 102 mosques and schools equal to the colleges of Cordova, Grenada and Seville. Some time after this Oms was taken by Spain, but it was later recaptured by the Moors and finally acquired by the French in 1831.

Lead of Rich Farms.
During my stay in the province of Oms I have gone over a great part of it by rail. The country is wonderfully rich and much of it is covered with great fields of grain. It is now winter and only the stubble is to be seen, but there are straw stacks standing everywhere on the landscape, and the trains are loaded with wheat and other cereals. The wheat is handled in four-bushel bags, which are piled high upon freight cars and ditches covered with tarpaulins. The grain is brought to the railroad on big-wheeled carts with beds fifteen or more feet in length. They are hauled by mules hitched up tandem, four mules to each cart. The straw is carefully saved. Some of it is baled and sent to the Oms, where it is stored in great stacks to protect it from the weather. The stacks on the farms are plastered with mud, the earth here forming a kind of cement when mixed with water. This effectively protects them from the rains, and the straw keeps as fresh as though under cover.

I wish I could show you some of the Algerian country through which I have been riding for the past week or so. It makes me think of California. The sun here is just as bright and it is so strong that the clouds paint velvety blue shadows on the landscape. The sky is the same heavenly blue and the clouds snowy white. All sorts of fruits grow as well, and the crops look much the same.

In other respects Algeria is far different from any part of the United States. There are no fences and no barns. The people of the country live in structures of stone covered with stucco and washed with the brightest of colors. I saw a sky blue farm house yesterday, and stopped at a rose pink one the other afternoon. There are excellent roads, but no wagons upon them. Everything is of the cart variety and there are more mules and donkeys than horses. The mules are used largely for plowing. Now and then one sees an ungainly camel strolling sunnily onward and not infrequently a caravan of mules or a drove of dog-like donkeys loaded with grain.

Among the vineyards.
Among the vineyards of the landscape are the vineyards. They spot every part of the Tell, and prosper in the worst lands and on the burning soil. The Algerian climate and soil are just right for producing all kinds of the vines, and it is said that there is not a spot in the three provinces that cannot be made to raise grapes.

Algeria is now sending to France something like thirty million dollars worth of wine every year, and it will eventually export wine to all parts of the world. There are 2,800 vineyards already in work, and there are acres of those cover many acres. Wine is to be seen everywhere. Long lines of teams haul it over the roads and almost every train carries cars loaded with bogsheads.

Algeria is now producing more than enough wine every year to give two gallons to every man, woman and child in the United States, and her grape-growing lands have as yet barely been touched. I see vast areas of vacant lands among the vineyards and new vines are being set out. I have never seen grapes grow so luxuriantly and produce so abundantly anywhere else. The vines are cut back every year, making their trunks knotty and gnarly. The main stems are not as high as your knee. From these stumps long branches come out from season to season, and these bear the grapes. Some of the grapes are of a rich sapphire blue color, but full of juice and sweetness. Others are crimson and others white. The latter are as big as damson plums and surpass in flavor and color the French of the Malaga.

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