

DID YOU EVER HAPPEN TO NOTICE THAT IT IS MIGHTY DIFFICULT FOR A SATISFIED MAN TO BE PROGRESSIVE?

Washington's Baseball Season
Is Off Tomorrow At Augusta

THE TIMES' COMPLETE SPORTING PAGE

Fred Fulton May Agree To Give
Jack Dempsey Chance For Fame

WASHINGTON'S BATTERY CANDIDATES WILL BEGIN THEIR GRIND TOMORROW

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Washington's baseball season of 1918, starting faintly and far away, will begin tomorrow when "Uncle" Nick Altrock, assisted by Mique Martin, starts his battery candidates hustling at Sally Park, Augusta, Ga. For about a month the athletes will toil in preparation for the coming campaign in the American League. Some will succeed in winning places. Some will fall by the wayside. Those who stick will be the best, in the experienced opinion of Clark Griffith. He will vouch for what they do against the seven other clubs in the league.

When Walter Johnson arrives at Augusta next week ten pitchers will be in training. Out of that number six are certain to be retained. Four will be dropped. Just who the four will be will be seen from what they fail to do between now and April 15, when the curtain goes up.

Johnson, Harper, Ayers, and Shaw seem certain to be retained, but the remaining six will have to fight for two places.

Because he is a southpaw with experience, Earl Yngling may be kept for relief purposes and for pinch-hitting, as he is used to be a capable swing bat when with Brooklyn and Cincinnati. However, he did not play except occasionally last year and may find the going too strong for him in the American League.

George DuMont lacked physical strength last season. He seemed unable to go a full nine innings. If he shows improvement, his year's experience should aid him in holding his job.

The rest of the squad is composed of youthful, inexperienced flingers. They will be worked hard at Augusta, but hardly more than one seems destined to hang around Georgia avenue after April 15.

Manager Griffith saw his first squad off from the Union Station at 7 o'clock last night. Doc Ayers goes directly to camp, as did Adrian Lynch, from Lawrence, Iowa; George DuMont, from Minneapolis; and Earl Yngling, from Cincinnati. All have been ordered to be on the job tomorrow morning. In the party leaving Washington were Eddie Ainsmith, Ed Gharrity, and Bob Berman, catchers, and Jim Shaw, Mollie Craft, and Al Waldbauer, pitchers. Harry Harper has been at Augusta for a week.

Harold Thompson, the rookie from Toronto, was not with the first squad last night. Manager Griffith has

Morgan Is Coming For Coin Talk

Ray Morgan will hear "cold turkey" today from Manager Clark Griffith, for the Washington infielder is due for a contract conference at the Southern building. If he fails to accept terms he will be allowed to get out of the game.

Morgan's war-time contract ended last October. His new salary is considerably lower than he expected. He threatens to stay out of organized baseball unless granted more money, spending most of his time attending to his saloon in Baltimore and playing independent baseball whenever the opportunity comes.

heard nothing about him. If Thompson fails to come to life with a signed contract, he will not go to Augusta, nor will he play any baseball this year. However, the Old Fox believes he may sign in a day or so.

Red Sox Expect Another Pennant.

BOSTON, March 10.—The Red Sox vanguard is on its way to Hot Springs for the annual training stunt, and Hub fans are sure that Ed Harrow and his players are correct in expecting another American League pennant.

"Though many of the team's leaders have enlisted under the colors, President Frazee has opened his

Yankee Fans Will Support Huggins.

NEW YORK, March 10.—With the Yankee battery candidates due to begin work at Macon, Ga., tomorrow, New York fans are already looking forward to the 1918 campaign. Miller Huggins has a task ahead of him to stop the White Sox, Red Sox, Tigers, and Indians, but the manager is assured of plenty of support. The Yankees will have close to the best and steepest infield in the major leagues, with Pipp, Pratt, Peckin-

paugh, and Baker playing regularly. Ping Bodie will add batting strength in the outfield. Behind the bat the team looks stronger, and with Ray Caldwell taking a solemn oath to be good, the mound staff looks better than that of 1917.

"I hope Huggins makes good," says Colonel Ruppert, the millionaire owner, "for nothing will please Captain Huston more over in France than to know that his club is in the race."

White Sox Regulars All in Line.

CHICAGO, March 10.—With every one of his regulars in line, Manager Clarence Rowland is looking forward to winning the American League pennant this season.

"Some of the wise ones laughed at us, if you recall, last spring," said "Pants." "They felt sure that the Red Sox would win out. But we fooled them all, didn't we? We showed we had the hitting, the fielding, and the pitching all down the line and through the world's series."

Connie Looking for Pitchers.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—Connie Mack is now on a still hunt for pitchers. He is satisfied with the team he has now in line, with the exception of pitchers. If he can land two or three capable men, he is willing to try his luck against all the other teams in the league.

Yean Gregg, Harold Seibold, Elmer Myers, and Rube Schauer are the only men known to be due at Jacksonville, Fla., for trials, but he says little about them. He knows that, at best, they will be green and likely to be flingers. Philadelphia fans, peevish at the winter happenings in both of its baseball families, are saying little or nothing. They are waiting to see how the Mackmen look on the field.

Speaker Begins Work Friday.

CLEVELAND, March 10.—Manager Lee Fohl, now at New Orleans with his battery candidates, is due to greet Tris Speaker and the Indians' infielders and outfielders next Friday when the squad will begin real work.

President Jim Lunn did not sit back and weep when the draft took eight of his players. He spent some money for new ones, and local fans will see strange faces around League Park this season. Gus Getz, Johnny

Brownies Begin Practice Tomorrow.

ST. LOUIS, March 10.—Pleider Jones and his Brownies are due to begin work at Shreveport, La., tomorrow afternoon. While baseball is most uncertain, Mount City fans look forward to having better performances at Sportmen's Park this summer than they had last year.

The addition of Bert Gallia, from Washington, and Geddon, Mailel, Shocker, Culp, and Nunamaker from the Yankees, has worked up

"Pitching It" With the Junglers.

DETROIT, March 10.—It's the same old "pitching it" with Jennings' Junglers this year. If the pitchers deliver the goods the Tigers will be pennant contenders. If the pitchers do no better than they have for several years, the team will make a great fight and lose the greatest honor of all, getting into the world's series. Manager Jennings will have his pitchers and catchers at work this

Oh No, Geraldine

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By TAD



JACK DEMPSEY AND FRED FULTON MAY MEET IN RING YET

CHICAGO, March 10.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, and Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, will meet here next Tuesday or Wednesday to discuss prospects of a match between the two heavy-weight title contenders, according to announcement made today by Kearns.

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May Decide Mat Honors



Here you have three of the most prominent wrestlers now in the game. At the top on the left is "Strangler" Lewis, who is to meet Wladek Zyzanski, shown here on the right at the top, in a finish bout at Madison Square Garden next week. At the bottom you see Marin Plestina, who challenges the winner, offering \$1,000 that he can defeat him.

OPPOSITION TO SEVERN FOR REGATTA IS RISING

NEW YORK, March 10.—Opposition to the choice of the Severn for the national intercollegiate regatta on May 18 continues to develop everywhere. Just why the Severn was chosen nobody outside of the committee that made the choice seems to know. The courses at Annapolis are eminently unfitted for a regatta. It is full of crooks and turns for the crews, and too far away from anywhere for the public.

Philadelphia wants a change to the Schuylkill. Race followers would like to see the races rowed at Poughkeepsie, but if the Hudson is out of the running by all means let there be a shift to Philadelphia. The Schuylkill course is so far better than that on the Severn that there is no basis for comparison. From the standpoint of transportation facilities Annapolis is absolutely impossible. It's one of the worst places in the world to get to.

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Billy Sunday's Daily Sermon

Written for The Times by the Famous Evangelist

What's Your Batting Average?

Just before the White Sox and Giants started to rip into one another in the World's Series, the Dopesters got busy giving them the Up and Down and Trying to Figure Out their Chances in advance of the Merry Muss.

One Sharpshooter, in Particular, had the stuff Down Fine. By his own little Fancy System, he could tell you that Eddie Collins on a Sunday Day would be worth sixty-three more Points on Defense than Charley Herzog, or that Joe Jackson, in the Fourth Game, was liable to bat eighty-one Points better than Bennie Kauff. Old Mr. Henry K. Arithmetic, who wrote the Book, had nothing on this Seer when it came to Juggling the Decimals. He came near Telling You just what Every Pitch was Going to Be, a Week before the Show Started.

This Doping System doesn't make Much of a Hit with me, when Applied to the Grand Old Pastime. You can't put a Ball Game under the Microscope—before it is Played—and Get Any where in the Way of Result. Past performances, not Futures, are the Doings to Apply the Acid Test to.

But a little Doping Out of Ourselves, once in a While, will do None of us Any Harm. Suppose You Get out the old Pad and Pencil, and Give yourself a Once Over to see how you're Getting Along in this World's Series you're Engaged in Every Day.

Maybe You Think you've been Batting One Thousand in your business, just because you've Managed to Hang on to the Job you've Got.

But Are You Hitting that well? Are You Getting Along better than you were this Time Last Year? Have you Pushed Along as Far as the Guy you Started Even with Five Years Ago? Put down the Figure that you think Really Represents your Present Gait. Isn't it more like Five Hundred than One Thousand? It's Five Hundred if You are Just Holding your Own. And maybe you're Slipping Some, and only Belting them Out at about a One Hundred and Twenty-three clip.

That's your Offensive Form you've been Slanting At. Let's have a Lamp at your Defensive. Have you Got on, or Stayed on, the Water Wagon since the last time you Checked Up on Yourself? Have you Taken Care of your Health, both physically and Morally, or are you the Same old Boob that you were—Falling for the Boogie, for Gambling, for the Up-all-night stuff, and just simply Getting Older and not Moving Forward at all? Are you Making Errors every day—Booting the Pellet all over the Field for an average of about Six and Seven-eighths?

Give yourself a Close-Up! You're not such a Star, are you? Maybe you Never will Be, but, having Doped Yourself Out, you can Discover where your Weaknesses are, and you can Become some Sort of a Big Leaguer instead of remaining a Buzzer throughout the Whole Series.

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DON'T MISS RILEY SUNDAY'S SERMON TOMORROW.

EXPECT FAST ACTION AS MIDDLEWEIGHTS TUSSELE

BALTIMORE, Mar. 10.—When Tom Gibbons, of St. Paul, and Silent Martin, of New York, square off for their fifteen-round bout to a decision next Wednesday night before the Pickwick Athletic Club, at Albaugh's Theater, fight fans will be afforded the opportunity of seeing in action the best middleweights who have appeared here since the days when Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and Young Peter Jackson were battling each other in the local ring. The meetings of this pair of middleweights are well remembered, and even faster action than they supplied can be looked forward to next Wednesday.

Gibbons and his stable partner, Billy Wholan, the lightweight, are under the management of Eddie Kane, of Washington, D. C., who says that a big crowd of sports are coming over from the Capital to see Wednesday night's contest.

CHET THOMAS MAY QUIT.
LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Chet Thomas, the Red Sox catcher, traded to Philadelphia, is not likely to play for Connie Mack. He is thinking of remaining here and retaining his job with a moving picture company.

CARDS GRAB MARVEL.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 10.—Branch Ricker added another pitcher to the Cardinals' staff in the Rube Kotelnick from a semi-pro team in Illinois, where he is reported to have specialized in no-hit games. He has a record of tossing out seventy men in six straight contests.

MCLEOD TAKES THIRD.
Fred McLeod, Columbia Country Club pro, playing at Bellair, Fla., succeeded in landing third honors yesterday in the west coast title event, won by Jack Hutchinson, of Glenview.

PENN LOSES FIRST.
PRINCETON, N. J., March 10.—With Sweeney and Peck under the weather Pennsylvania dropped a 27 to 22 game to Princeton here last night in the final battle for the intercollegiate basketball title. It was the first loss in the league for Penn and the second this season. Lon Jourdet, who is coaching both the varsity and freshman teams at Penn, has lost but two games this season. The Freshmen won eighteen straight.

CAPTAINS ARE CHOSEN.
Frank Foster has been chosen captain of the Central High School basketball team for next winter. He is slated to graduate with the mid-winter class. Carl Challen, center on the football team, was selected to replace Harry Garry, who has left school. Garvey Argo, of Western, was elected to captain the track team.

MORNINGWEG HONORED.
Maryland State has signally honored Fred Morningweg by electing him to two captaincies. Morningweg will captain both the football and basketball teams at State.

TECH A WINNER.
Technical High School basketballers returned from Warrington, Va., with a 31 to 19 win over the school team there.

BOB MAXAM RUNS TWO GREAT RACES AT MEADOWBROOK

Mack, Yale Track Coach,
Praises Maxam

"There goes the greatest quarter-mile runner in the country today, bar none," said Johnny Mack, Yale's veteran track coach, at the Meadowbrook games in Philadelphia last night, when Bob Maxam, the Washington crack, finished up a whirlwind race against Darnell, of New York, in the intercity event. "I have watched them all for two years," said Mack, "and I consider that had almost unbeatable. I have watched him for two years, and have never seen him defeated, although he has always been up against the fastest men in the colleges. Maxam's action is perfection. He is the cleanest runner I have seen for many a year in the quarter. I would look for big things from him in the quarter if it were not for the war."

Maxam not only walked off with the "Meadowbrook 600," the banner event of the night, but succeeded in taking the place of the great Ted Meredith, three times winner of the classic. Maxam was unbeatable, went to the front at the crack of the gun, and literally tore the hearts out of Andy Ward, Jack Sellers, Charles Darnell, and Thomas Campbell, a quartet of first rank runners.

Maxam Not Extended.
After the first furlong Maxam was not extended to win. He finished with thirty yards to spare, and had been pushed, as in the final relay in the New York-Philadelphia event, he would have shattered Meredith's mark of 1:21.2. As it was, Maxam's time was three seconds slower than the world's record.

The Washington lad further gained the plaudits of the big crowd by taking up the final relay in the intercity event. After losing the lead to Darnell in the final furlong, Maxam opened a sprint that brought every spectator up standing, and finished twelve yards ahead of the New York men.

Gains Second Place.
Dorsey Griffith, Georgetown's track captain, gained second place in the invitation scratch race for the "Philadelphia Record" trophy. The Georgetown lad won his heat in the fastest time of the night, 4:3. Bill Gates got fourth in the final after defeating Gansmuller, intercollegiate champion, in his heat. In the final the Penn State star won after jumping the gun.

It remained for Jole Ray, the Chicago distance crack, to make the Philadelphians almost forget Johnny Overton's record-breaking race of a year ago in the "Meadowbrook Mile." Ray was hotly pushed by E. H. Fall, the Ohio record holder; Mike Davany, John Ryan, and A. C. Dresser, the Cornell sensation.

Cut Out Hot Pace.
Ray and Fall cut out a hot pace from the crack of the gun. Fall led for the first quarter, which was run in 61 seconds. The half was clocked in 2:10, while at the three-quarter mark the time was 3:14.2. Ray loomed up in the last quarter and by a great sprint outdistanced the field, winning in 4:17.4, one and four-fifths seconds slower than the world's record.

Brooke Brewer, former Maryland State sprinter, who defeated Howard Drew two years ago for the Meadowbrook mile, was selected to run the running. Earl Priddmore, former St. Albans School sprinter, was also in the event.

In the 440-yard high hurdles, the Salvation of Bowdoin College, Maine, sprang a surprise by beating out C. R. Erdman, of Princeton, in the record time of 6 seconds. Erdman was the runner-up, and was selected to mark the night before in the handicap race.

"RUBBER GAME" TAKEN
BY C. U. BASKETBALLERS
Catholic University handed George Washington a 24 to 18 defeat at the "Y" in the "rubber game" for the benefit of the Red Cross last night and thereby saved its conscience for the loss of the District title a week ago.

The Brooklanders were better than the Hatchettians all the way, although the brand of basketball was not of the best. Failure to make anything of free tosses brought about the downfall of the Hatchettians.

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