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RALSTON NOT TO BE PLAYED REGULARLY THIS SEASON

McAlier Refuses to Break Up a Winning Combination—Akrone Recruit Reports for Duty—Every Effort Being Made to Finish Fifth.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

"Doc" Ralston, the Akron recruit, who is expected to report to Manager McAlier some time today, will not be played regularly this fall. In fact, it is doubtful if he will be used at all for anything more than emergency purposes. McAlier wants to finish fifth. His present combination has been a successful one and he does not propose to break it up to give any youngster a trial.

Ralston will be used if there should be a slump and he will be sent to hit in pinches now and then, but he will not jump into the game with a regular position.

"I will not break up the present combination," said McAlier, "and Ralston will not be used regularly unless it becomes absolutely necessary to do so. I figure that I can get a pretty good line on him just to see him in action in practice, and that is my intention. The team is going as well as could be expected now, and it might be a serious mistake to make a switch. We want to retain our present position, and it is an old rule in base ball never to break up a winning combination, and for that reason we will not make any changes in our line-up."

Ralston arrived here this morning and reported to Manager McAlier. Ralston is a clean-cut, husky youngster, who appears to be very confident of his ability to make good in fast company. He is ready to break into the game at a moment's notice, but is not apt to get a chance for some time, because of Manager McAlier's determination not to break up a winning combination.

Nor is McAlier certain that he will allow Cunningham to break into the game when he reports early next week. The same argument which will keep Ralston out of the line-up will hold good with Cunningham, so that it is not likely that local fans will get much of a line on either of these recruits. In fact, most of the experimenting will be done next spring.

McAlier will get an early start south and will get a good line on his new material before the season opens. The new line-up of the line-up will hold good with Cunningham, so that it is not likely that local fans will get much of a line on either of these recruits.

Ordinarily a ball club would try out its new material in the fall after the pennant race has been settled, but where there is a chance for Washington to finish higher in the race than any team representing this city in the American League, the club work for the youngsters is not likely to be broken up by reason of experiments, and the youngsters will have to wait for their chance to break into the game this fall by reason of some unforeseen circumstance.

No team in the race has been so troublesome for the Nationals this year as the New York Highlanders. On but few occasions this year have the locals scored victories over George Stallings' team. There are still seven games to be played between these two, and the first series of three games will open here this afternoon.

Walter Johnson is carded to twirl for the Nationals, while Vaughn will probably be the pitcher for the Highlanders. It should be a sterling battle, for Johnson is a right-hander, and Vaughn is a left-hander.

son has displayed his very best form of late. Connie Mack's team is not going at much of a pace these days. The coming champions deserved to win but one game here, and lost two out of three in New York. There is a lack of hitting on the team, which no one has been able to do for them.

Of course, the team may only be in a temporary slump, but there is no doubt that it is losing its portion of its following, which predicted its victory over the Cubs in the coming world's series.

Manager McAlier will pitch Johnson today, Walker tomorrow and Gray Friday against the Highlanders. He figures this his strongest pitching trio, for Groom has been going so poorly of late that he cannot be depended upon.

Fifth place is by no means clinched by the Nationals. They have but a two-game lead over the Naps, and after the series here with New York must go on the road for almost a three-week trip, while the Cleveland team will be playing at home most of the time. But there may be an advantage in that the Nationals will be up against a weaker lot of teams in the west than the Naps will be up against in facing the eastern teams. It will require hard work on the part of McAlier's men from now to the end of the season to land at the top of the second division, and yet if the team can keep up the pace it has been setting there should not be any trouble in beating out the three teams it now leads.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon. Nothing travels faster or is given credence quicker than a rumor involving some ball player.

If all the deals and trades that one hears about during a season were made or even contemplated, about every team in the league would have a new line-up. Of course, most of these rumors emanate from some Chinese laundry, and yet they go the rounds and find those who believe in them.

The best news of the season now is that McAlier intends to trade Street for Larry Lajoie. The hope is that the new line-up will be a better one than the old one. Street is a clean-cut, husky youngster, who appears to be very confident of his ability to make good in fast company. He is ready to break into the game at a moment's notice, but is not apt to get a chance for some time, because of Manager McAlier's determination not to break up a winning combination.

Fitcher Bryant of Ashburn, Va., a big pitcher who looks not unlike Walter Johnson, and who has not lost a game this year, has reported to Manager McAlier for a trial. He is being worked against the batters in practice and gives promise of some day developing into a most valuable twirler. He probably needs experience.

Walter Johnson has struck out 265 men this season. He has but to average five per game for eight more games to beat all records, and he should have no trouble doing this. If Johnson shows up well today and feels ready Saturday he will probably lead against the Athletics in Philadelphia.

COLLEGE CHESS.

Pennsylvania Team Defeats University of Amsterdam.

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STANDINGS, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
Philadelphia	85	40	.682	675
Boston	72	51	.589	592
New York	72	52	.581	584
Detroit	72	54	.571	567
Washington	58	70	.453	450
Cleveland	44	70	.386	440
Chicago	46	75	.380	387
St. Louis	37	87	.298	304

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Chicago	82	38	.683	678
Pittsburgh	73	49	.599	602
New York	69	52	.570	574
Philadelphia	63	61	.508	512
Cincinnati	64	63	.504	508
Brooklyn	49	73	.401	407
St. Louis	48	73	.396	401
Boston	44	83	.347	352

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
New York	3	2	.600	3-2
Philadelphia	2	3	.400	2-3
Detroit	6	2	.750	6-2
Cleveland	2	3	.400	2-3

SCHEDULES.

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MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
At Petersburg	6	0	1.000	6-0
At Norfolk	6	0	1.000	6-0
At Danville	6	0	1.000	6-0
At Richmond	6	0	1.000	6-0

Southern League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
At Atlanta	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Nashville	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Chattanooga	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Birmingham	2	0	1.000	2-0

American Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
At Toledo	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Louisville	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Kansas City	2	0	1.000	2-0

Eastern League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
At Buffalo	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Rochester	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Syracuse	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Albany	2	0	1.000	2-0

Tristate League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss
At York	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Lancaster	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Williamsport	2	0	1.000	2-0
At Johnstown	2	0	1.000	2-0

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LANGFORD GIVES JOE JEANNETTE A BEATING

Laces Old-Time Foe for Fifteen Rounds, But Fails to Floor Him.

BOUT NEARLY CAME TO END IN SIXTH

Battle Was Hard Fought From Start to Finish—"Tar Baby" Had Much Worst of Weight.

BOSTON, September 7.—Sam Langford, the short, dusky gladiator, defeated his old-time rival, Joe Jeannette, in a fifteen round battle last night at the Armory A. C. From the second that Referee Charley White called "fight" it was a real fight. The men have met so often before that this was about the last time the public would "fall" so they wanted to make it a decisive struggle.

Jeannette had thirteen pounds advantage over his short opponent, but that made no difference to Sam. He went after his tall rival like a wildcat, and gave him the worst trimming he has received in many years. Langford repeatedly shot over his terrible left to Jeannette's kidneys and then shifted his right to the jaw. Jeannette often broke ground under the onslaught, he was game enough to come up looking for more. Langford really got tired slamming Jeannette.

In the tenth he caught Jeannette off his guard, and let loose both fists. Like a platoon rods, they kept boring in on Jeannette's body, and the crowd expected to see the big fellow topple over. He wobbled around the ring with Langford right after him.

Joe Stays on His Feet.

"Bang!" would go Sam's right and Jeannette's head would jolt back. Then the terrible lunge would reach the stomach and Jeannette began to hang out the distress signals, but kept on his feet. He took a terrible beating in this session, and all the time he was lacking from his punches in the next few rounds.

When they took the mark Langford opened hostilities by a lightning left jab that reached the mark. Jeannette retaliated and both got war. In the next round Langford started his play for the body. He got in some deadly wallop and riled Jeannette so much that Joe missed with half a dozen husky swings.

For the next second Jeannette kept up his pitiless body punching, while Jeannette played mostly for the face, with a stomach lead thrown in now and then. After Jeannette got his beating in the tenth he merely fought to stay the distance. At every opportunity he grabbed hold of Langford and clung on until the referee was forced to separate them.

Furious Mix in Twelfth.

In the twelfth Langford started out to finish his man. Jeannette seemed to get a new lease of life, and for a minute they mixed up in furious fashion. Jeannette was the first to quit, and as dashed into a clinch. The thirteenth and fourteenth were all Sam's. In the latter he caught Jeannette flush on the jaw and the big fellow rocked for a moment. But he held back and managed to stay the limit.

The final mix was a corker. Langford got both hands on Jeannette, and his gloves beat a steady tattoo. Jeannette's head and mid-section. From face to body they moved in lightning style, while the beaten man was doing his best to save himself from punishment. A second before the bell rang Langford smashed Jeannette once more on the jaw and the big fellow slowly tottered. But he clung, his seconds jumped into the ring, who looked to be a possible knockout was averted.

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