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## GREAT CROWD TO SEE FIRST GAME

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### GRIFF WILL PROTEST TO BAN JOHNSON

Is Not Going to Allow Connie Mack to Send Egan to Baltimore.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.  
NEW YORK, April 17.—Under perfect weather conditions 30,000 people are expected to be at the Polo Grounds this afternoon to witness the opening of the American League season. It is the most auspicious inauguration that the American League has ever enjoyed here. All New York is on edge of excitement, and Frank Chance, the day is beautiful and while the field may be a trifle soft, it should not interfere with the play. Manager Griffith said this morning that if his team played to form while here it should win every one of the games from the locals. A clean sweep here, he said, would make up for the idleness the team has been forced to endure. It is not unlikely that Walter Johnson will be worked today. Griffith does not propose to make definite announcement until he has a chance to see his pitchers warm up. It will be between Groom and Johnson, that is certain.

If Chance's team can make any sort of a respectable showing here this year there is a good chance of the Americans becoming every bit as popular as the Giants. Chance is already in a fair way of becoming a great rival to McGraw in the matter of popularity, but of course he must develop a winner if he expects to become an idol here.

Griffith's team is in good shape. He does not believe that it has suffered in the least by reason of its layoff during the rainy spell and that it will play in its best form in the games here. A report from Baltimore this morning is to the effect that Connie Mack has sent Catcher Egan to Jack Dunn's club. Griffith says that he has never waived on Egan and that if the story is true that the catcher has been sent to Baltimore, he will protest to Ban Johnson at once. "I do not propose to let Egan get out of the league. I can use him and he cannot be disposed of without my consent," said Griffith.

Griffith also announced that he would carry Jim Shaw, the Pittsburgh recruit, throughout the season. He says that he has seen enough to convince him that Shaw will make a pitcher, and while he may not get into a regular game this season, he wants him around so that he can be developed. Shaw, Geddon, R. Williams and Egan are the only ones of the Nationals who have been left at home.

### WAGNER TO UNDERGO ANOTHER OPERATION

Pirate Slugger Is Bothered Again by His Sore Knee.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 17.—Manager Fred Clarke of the Pirates went to Youngstown, Ohio, last night with Hans Wagner, who must undergo another operation on his sore knee. This means that the Dutchman will not play in the opening game here today, nor is it likely he will be seen for another week at least. The crippling of Wagner is discouraging to Clarke. The mighty Hans is needed to steady the infield and to clout out timely hits. Wagner was very lame yesterday and was unable to continue practicing. He limped about the short field, but soon quit. The possibility of the permanent retirement of Wagner has the Pittsburgh fans just about as badly worried as it has Clarke. The operation today may fix him up temporarily, but it is feared the flying Dutchman will never be able to get wholly rid of the bad knee.

Gus Williams, the St. Louis Browns' husky outfielder, has developed into a big hitter. He showed a certain amount of skill last fall, when he made his debut, but has exceeded Manager Stovall's expectations this spring. Stovall says that Williams will hit well above the .300 mark.

## STAR'S SCOREBOARD WILL DESCRIBE GAMES NATIONALS PLAY ON ROAD

Beginning today, when the Washington team opens the season in New York, and continuing all through the season when the team is on the road, The Star's electric scoreboard, which shows every play of a game, will be in operation on the 11th street side of The Star building.

The board will show the plays simultaneously with those made on the ball field. No details are omitted, and the nearest thing to actually seeing the game is to watch the operation of the board.

J. Ed Grillo, The Star's sporting editor, will accompany the Nationals on their trips, and his description of the games will be reproduced on the board by means of a special wire from the various ball parks direct to The Star office.

## STANDING, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Athletics	2	0	1.000	1.000 .667
Washington	1	0	1.000	1.000 .500
Chicago	4	2	.667	.714 .571
Cleveland	3	2	.600	.667 .500
St. Louis	3	3	.500	.571 .429
New York	1	2	.333	.500 .250
Boston	1	3	.250	.400 .200
Detroit	1	4	.200	.333 .167

Teams	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Boston	1	0	1.000	1.000 .500
Brooklyn	2	1	.667	.750 .500
St. Louis	2	1	.667	.750 .500
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	.600 .400
Chicago	2	2	.500	.600 .400
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	.667 .333
Cincinnati	1	2	.333	.500 .250
New York	0	2	.000	.333 .000

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Philadelphia at Washington; wet grounds.

New York at Boston; rain.

Cleveland.....2|Detroit.....1

Chicago.....3|St. Louis.....2

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Cincinnati.....5|St. Louis.....0

Boston at Philadelphia; rain.

Brooklyn at New York; rain.

### SCHEDULES.

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

TODAY: Washington at New York; St. Louis at Detroit; Cleveland at Chicago; Boston at Philadelphia.

TOMORROW: Washington at N. Y.; St. Louis at Detroit; Cleveland at Chicago; Boston at Philadelphia.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

TODAY: Cincinnati at Pittsburgh; New York at Boston; Chicago at St. Louis; Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

TOMORROW: Cincinnati at Pittsburgh; New York at Boston; Chicago at St. Louis; Philadelphia at Brooklyn.

### MINOR LEAGUE GAMES.

#### SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At Nashville: Nashville.....8|H. E. 1

Chattanooga.....2|H. E. 1

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At Atlanta: Atlanta.....11|H. E. 2

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At Mobile: Mobile.....3|H. E. 2

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At Montgomery: Montgomery.....3|H. E. 2

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At New Orleans: New Orleans.....3|H. E. 2

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At St. Paul: St. Paul.....5|H. E. 1

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At Milwaukee: Milwaukee.....2|H. E. 0

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At Toledo: Toledo.....2|H. E. 0

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

At Cleveland: Cleveland.....2|H. E. 0

Batteries: Fidelity and Noyes; Troy, Starke and Street.

### GOOD SCRAP AHEAD.

#### Bud Anderson Matched to Fight Joe Mandot at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 17.—"Bud" Anderson of Medford, Ore., who knocked out "Knockout" Brown of New York Tuesday night in the fifteenth round of a twenty-round fight, was matched yesterday with Joe Mandot of New Orleans for a twenty-round light-weight battle here the night of May 20.

### GO TO EET, GRIFF!!

BY TONY CALLAO, The Washington Barber.



Clarka Da Griff com' cen for shave an' hair cut befora he go to New Yorka cit' to trimma da Yank; he hav' da grouch; he ees wat you call peeve. He say, "Tony, I am not stronga for da water stock; John Henn lika da water—he carry water on da knee-cappa. Da weather peep' are stronga for water; dey hav' water on da brain." Griff say nex' time eet rain he mak' arrange for play base ball gam' een beeg fruit market hall on K street. I thinka da rain ees gooda theeng for Franka Chance an' Conna Mack; eet postapone defeata for their teama. Tomatoe Hughsa hav' beeg deesapoint—he longa for sweeta revenge on Franka Da Bake". Griff say, "Wal, Tony, we play pretta good ball; we win evra gam' we play so far." Da Star newspape' ees stronga for base ball gode. Da editor say to me, "Tony, how you lik' to make trip weeth da teama?" I packa da grippa sack; den firsta theeng you know my wife Angela stampra down da foot; she raisa stiff klick; she wanta mak' trip to New York cit' weetha me. Gooda night!! I change da mind ver' queeck; I tal her I theenk I stay; eet I go I lose buncha good customer—Champa Clark, Calaneo Rudolfo an' Giffa Da Pinch. I talphone for my cousin Lopiano Vlenzo, da Alexanda barber; he say da barber biz ees no good een Alexanda; everabod' use safe raf' an' som' peep wear bush whisk'. Clarka Da Griff mak' reform for da teama; he mak' new rule to cutta da safe razor; he say eet makka da face too stiff. I mak' arrange for Lopiano to travel weeth da teama. Lopiano ha' to mak' beeg sacrifice heet; he hav' to cut out da garleek. Griff say da garleek ees stronga for heem but he ees not stronga for garleek. Even da speet ball pitch on da teama no can eet garleek. Som' peep say Walta Da Johnse eat garleek; Walta say eet he catcha hold da man who say decca, theeng he pinta hees head an' breenga suit for fifta thousand dol'. Today ees greata day een New York cit'. Wan hundred thousan' peep go to base ball gam'. Griff aska Walta Da Johnse eet he lik' to pitcha da firsta game. Walta say he hav' no theimb to pitcha da gam'. He say he theimb eet ees cinch for Bobba Groom da stronge bean pitch. Walta take trip to Concy Islan' weeth John Henn'. Frank Chance use sweeth for backstap an' Warhoppa for pitch. Billa Da Ev' umpire for da catch an' Mayor Gainer ees umpire for da pitch. Da Washington peep stay home; sava da mon'; watcha da Star basa ball board.

Jim Thorpe is trying to master the spit ball in private. The Indian athlete is pitching to Wilbert Robinson every morning and the latter believes that he will amount to something as a boxman in due time.

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## AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES.

### Chicago Beats St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 17.—Schalk's hitting and Rath's all-around work were the deciding factor in yesterday's game, Chicago winning, 3 to 2.

Cleto pitched excellent ball for Chicago, while Baumgartner weakened in the ninth, Chicago hitting him for four singles, breaking the tie.

Bodie led off with a single in the ninth, which, followed by Weaver's scratch hit, Schalk's third hit and Rath's single to center, netted them two runs.

Chicago scored in the third on Schalk's double, a sacrifice hit, a stolen base and a run.

Walsh's single. It looked like St. Louis would tie the score in the ninth, when they filled the bases with none out, but a fast double play by Rath, Weaver and Borton cut the rally short after one run was scored. Score:

Chicago.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2-2

St. Louis.....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1-2

Two-base hits—Schalk (2), Three-base hit—Lard. Sacrifice hits—Collins, Sacrifice flies—Rath, Pratt. Stolen bases—Austin, Double plays—Rath, Weaver and Borton (2); Agnew and Austin; Schalk and Borton. Left on bases—Chicago, 8; St. Louis, 3. First base on balls—Off Baumgartner, 2; Off Cleto, 2. Hit by pitcher—By Baumgartner (Collins); by Cleto (Walsh). Struck out—By Baumgartner, 4; by Cleto, 6. Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes. Umpires—Messrs. Hildebrand and Evans.

### Gregg Beats Mullin.

CLEVELAND, April 17.—Cleveland won yesterday, 2 to 1, in a pitcher's battle between Gregg, Cleveland's star southpaw, and George Mullin, whom Jennings sent in to pitch in an effort to take home today a record of more than one victory.

Detroit was held hitless until the fifth inning and not until the eighth did they have a chance to score. Manager Birmingham scored both of Cleveland's runs, the first on a squeeze play.

Bush, Detroit shortstop, gave a splendid exhibition of fielding. Score:

Cleveland.....0 0 0 1 0 1 0 2-3

Detroit.....0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0-1

Two-base hits—Chapman, Birmingham, Gregg.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE GAME.

### Cincinnati Blanks St. Louis.

CINCINNATI, April 17.—Cincinnati uncovered what appeared to be a promising recruit yesterday when Johnson, an Indian pitcher, held St. Louis to three scattered hits and the locals won for the first time this season, 5 to 0.

Johnson allowed only three bases on balls. On the other hand, Peritt, the St. Louis pitcher, was hit hard, as well as being wild. Hunt succeeded him after three innings of play and was effective, although somewhat wild.

Cincinnati scored two runs in the second inning. Dean tripled and Grant walked. Both scored, when in an effort to prevent a double steal Wingo and Oakes made wild throws.

In the following inning four singles, a base on balls and a balk added three more runs to the Cincinnati list. The game was called at the end of the seventh to allow Cincinnati to catch a train for Pittsburgh.

Cincinnati.....0 2 3 0 0 0 0-5

St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Three-base hit—Egan. Hits—Off Peritt, 7 in 3 innings (none out in the fourth); off Hunt, 2 in 4 innings. Stolen bases—Egan, Grant. Left on bases—St. Louis, 5; Cincinnati, 8. Balk—Peritt. First base on balls—Off Peritt, 3; off Hunt, 2; off Johnson, 3. Hit by pitcher—By Hunt (Clark). Struck out—By Hunt, 4; by Johnson, 1. Passed ball—Wingo. Umpires—Messrs. Owens and Gaultier. Time of game—1 hour and 45 minutes.

### Eastern High Freshmen Challenge.

The Eastern High School freshmen base ball team has organized for the season, and desires games with any teams in the District averaging fifteen years. Address all challenges to Charles M. Boteler, manager, Eastern High School, or 616 North Carolina avenue southeast.

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