

Nationals Play Double-Header in New York Today—Sports in General



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GRIFF'S BEST MEN WILL PITCH TODAY

Johnson and Ayers to Work in Double-Header Against New York.

CHANCE'S TEAM IS GOING AT A VERY FAST PACE

Yankees Have Been Improved Considerably Since They Last Met Nationals.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

NEW YORK, August 17.—Realizing the Yankees are much improved over what they were when the Nationals tackled them last, Manager Griffith purposes to use his two most effective pitchers—Johnson and Ayers—in the double-header slated for today.

Just which pair of Chance's twirlers will be used is hard to tell, but there is some consolation in the fact that Caldwell will not be one of them. The star of the local twirling staff has mysteriously disappeared. He jumped the traces in Boston last week, and it is understood that after being fined he suddenly disappeared, and rumor has it that he is jumped to the Federals. Whether this is true is not known, but the fact remains that he is not apt to pitch against the Nationals in either of the games today, which will materially increase the chances of the Griffins.

Despite the fact that Ayers was not effective in his last appearance at Philadelphia, he is quite sure to show to advantage here. The doctor has never shown his best against the champions, Baker being the stumbling block on most occasions, but he has pitched some splendid ball against the Yankees. Johnson has been beaten by the New York team on but few occasions in his career, and while he will have had but two days' rest since beating the Athletics, he is pretty sure to give a good account of himself.

While it is true that the failure of several members of the Nationals to play up to their standard this season has been a serious handicap, Manager Griffith does not intend to make any material changes in his line-up next week. He is convinced by the work of the recruits that they will try to do some of them are superior to those now holding down positions. It is a week from Monday that Griffith will have his first test in the new lineup, when he will have to face the Yankees.

Whether Joe Boehling will ever be the pitcher he was last season is conjectural. The injury to his knee was a more serious matter than was first believed. The loose cartilage is not easily healed, and Griffith should not be used in any game. His failure to live up to last year's performance has been a disappointment to the Nationals, and this year as the unexpected failure of Walter Johnson to show his usual form.

Those who have noticed the rapid strides of the Boston Braves are convinced that Stallings' team stands a chance to land the flag this year, in which event there will be no more interest in the next world's series than there has been in several years.

Stallings has done wonders with the Braves. He has now turned the hard-hitting, intelligent ball team, which was the tail-end of the league, into the team of the future. The Braves are now a team of the future. The Braves are now a team of the future. The Braves are now a team of the future.

Stallings deserves a world of credit, regardless of the fact that he has never won a pennant. Conditions have never been favorable for Stallings, for the reason that he has been forced to change players just at times when he has been making progress. Not a single failure is charged against him in his managerial career, and he would be a fitting climax to have him win a championship with a team which was picked to finish last in the race.

For the last two weeks Rucker has been undergoing a heroic barking process in the hopes that the muscular traction he is suffering with will be cured. Naps says "the old soup bone seems to be loosening up," but the doctor will not yet allow him to throw the ball. Several times in the last two weeks Naps' arm apparently came around into shape, but each time he suffered a recurrence of the trouble.

Friends of the wonderful pitcher, and Rucker will be remembered as one of the greatest southpaws of the game, fear the Albatross marvel never again will be able to throw the ball with that wonderful form he displayed up to last season.

While, of course, Pittsburgh has but a very remote chance to be prominent in the present race, Fred Clarke and crew

STANDING, SCHEDULES AND RESULTS IN BIG BASE BALL LEAGUES

Teams.	W.	L.	Pct.	Win. Loss.
Athletics.	69	35	.664	.667 .657
Boston.	59	47	.557	.561 .551
Nationals.	56	49	.533	.538 .528
Detroit.	54	54	.500	.505 .495
Chicago.	55	56	.496	.500 .491
St. Louis.	52	54	.491	.495 .486
New York.	48	59	.444	.454 .444
Cleveland.	37	76	.327	.333 .325

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New York.	58	48	.574	.578 .569
Boston.	54	46	.540	.545 .535
St. Louis.	57	53	.528	.527 .518
Chicago.	54	51	.514	.519 .509
Brooklyn.	48	54	.471	.476 .466
Phila.	48	55	.466	.471 .461
Pittsburgh.	47	56	.461	.466 .456
Cincinnati.	47	57	.452	.457 .448

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CLOSE COMPETITION MAY BE EXPECTED

Intersectional Amateur Base Ball Series Should Be Best of the Year.

TWO TITLES MAY BE WON IN CONTESTS OF TODAY

Section A and Section C Honors Are at Stake—New York Writer Comments on Tennis Matches.

BY H. C. BYED.

The final series in the post-season schedule should be well played. There seems little doubt that the arrangement of the clubs in the different sections is such that the winners will be the most capable in the city, and these are sure to give an interesting account of themselves. Also the best base ball of the amateur season is likely to be seen.

Just which club will be in this series is not definitely known, but the chances are good that Ninth, Treasury and Eastern will be the contenders. Of course, the events of the last few days would seem to indicate the impossibility of making predictions with any degree of certainty as to the outcome of the sectional games, but these are the organizations that ought to finish on top, according to all conditions.

The championship may be decided in two of the sections today. The Tenleytown club will have the title in section A if it wins from Eastern, while Treasury will be the holder of honors in section C. The other game scheduled for this afternoon, that between Brookwood and Union Station, will have little bearing on the title.

The prediction made at the beginning of the series that the teams would battle along on pretty even terms seems to have been fulfilled. Cricket Club, in Boston, against the English team, and Brookwood and its partner, after clin