# Amateur Managers Have Last Opportunity to Strengthen Teams for Final Spurts

# MORE THAN 300 IN AMATEUR BASEBALL CHANGES ON BOOKS

Secretary Shurtleff Opines Surprises Due Following Many Shifts Recorded.

TERMINAL TITLE DECIDED

Southern General Office, Managed By Parker, Wins From Car Department.

By BRYAN MORSE.

Many surprises in the personne! of amateur baseball teams in line for the pennants in the Amsteur Association are in store for the fans, judging from the number of contracts and releases in the hands. of Secretary Harry V. Shurtleff. Today is the last day in which amateur managers can sign players, according to the A. A. constitution.

Within the past forty-eight hours Secretary Shurtleff has received the names of something like 300 players who have been released and resigned or released outright to make room for other players who would strengthen the teams in line for the various league pennants.

League leaders or those close to top have made preparation for the run to the finish by lopping away the weaker players, signing others who have demonstrated strength, and not a few surprises can be looked for when the rosters are printed on Friday.

There are but seven amateur leagues under the association. Secretary Shurtleff is of the opinion that something like 2,000 players were listed with the association at the start of the campaign. There are, of course, as many playing independent baseball, and while only a rough estimate can be made it is likely that 3,500 are now playing amateur bal

in the CMY.

In the Amateur Association managers are allowed to release and sign at will and play those signed, provided the written contracts are in the hands of the secretary of mailed before the players participate in the games. July 15 there is always a scramble by managers of teams in line for pennants in the various leagues, and this year is no exception.

Secretary Shurtleff believes there will be more than 350 changes in the seven leagues judging from the heavy mail in the past two days. Many players will probably be claimed by more than one manager and it is not unlikely one manager and it is not unlikely that several good men will get into difficulties if their releases and contracts are not according to regula-

The fans may look for many changes in the Northwest Sunday School cir-cuit, the Departmental League and the Government League.

C. T. Parker, manager of the Southern General Office team of the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. League, is receiving the congratulations of teammates and friends today on account of the win in the evening section of the league. General Office defeated Car Department by 13 to 5.

The contest was 5 all up to the eighth when the General Office team got 8 runs across. General Office scored first in the second inning. rushed 4 runs over in the third and led until the seventh when Car worked 5 runs in. McBride's triple and single had much to do with the scoring for the winners.

St. Teresa fattened batting averages in the Potomac League by defeating the luckless Fairlawn team 13 to 2. The Terese players banged out fourteen hits, McClay getting the worst of it on the slab for Fairlawn. 'Lefty' Clayton, "Yellow" Meyers and Palmer Steemers each got three hits for the Stearns each got three hits for the

Treesury put up a fine article of ball in defeating the Printers in the Departmental League yesterday, by a 4 to 3 score. Chester Lyons, pitching for the Money Counters, allowed three hits, walked one, and fanned ten batters. Treesury had nine men stranded on the bases waiting for hits. While Bennett allowed ten bingles, they were scattered to a great extent.

The straights way hardly reached.

New York always was premature, it it weren't, it wouldn't be New York; but some one has to set the pace for the rest of America, and Gotham seems to have had that distinction ever since one aborignee who signed the hotel register, "Tammany" set foot on Manhattan Isle. to a great extent.

The Government League had a layoff The Government League had a layoff yesterday but will come back with the Navy-Commerce game today. Navy has been shot to pieces recently, while Commerce has been strengthened. Bureau defeated Commerce on Tuesday, due chiefly to the fact that the Commerce players suffered from nervous-

Traffic, of the Southern Railway League, nominates Crymes as a no-hit pitcher today. Traffic walloped Tele-graph by 14 to 2, although no hits were made off the Fraffic pitcher. Crymes fanned eight and walked three batters.

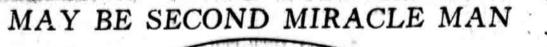
Keller got a setback at the hands of the St. Agnes team in the East Washington Sunday School League by a i-te-1 score. S. Rector pitched a creditable game for the losers. He allowed eight hits and struck out cleven batters. Fleischman allowed but five hits for St. Agnes and re-ceived better support, but two errors being made behind him, while Keller players made ve.

Trinity and Holy Name were the winners in the Holy Name League winners in the Holy Name League over St. Stephen's and St. Margaret's. Trinity won by 13 to 6 getting a start in the fourth inning and scor-ing heavily for three innings. Holy ing heavily for three innings. Holy Name took its battle by 8 to 6 mainly through a five-run lead obtained in the first round.

Saturday at 2:36 the Marines of the Government I cague, and the fast Lincoln Independent team will hook up in what is expected to prove an interesting game. Eastern Rotary will stage a battle with Palais Royal. Sunday at 10;1h. This should prove a good game also, as both teams are evenly matched. Both games will be played at Fastern Rotary Park, Fifplayed at Fastern Rotary Park, Fifteenth and H street northeast

## Wins Doubles Match.

R. Hume and E. Gordon defeated





WILBUR ROBINSON, Manager of Brooklyn Dodgers.

One of the most remarkable spurts witnessed in the baseball world is that of the Brooklyn. Nationals. During the past two weeks, by virtue of their wonderful playing, they have reached third place. Should Brooklyn keep on as it has been going, Wilbur Robinson, formerly of the Giants, but now manager of the Brooklyns, will have accomplished what no manager for years has done, and that is to make Brooklyn, a winning team.

# New York Money Begins to Back Brooklyn for Pennant

Furthermore, Giants Are Picked to Finish in Second Division of National League.

By KIRK C. MILLER.

Shall we begin? No, wait 'till September comes!

Betting on the outcome of baseball scrimmages pastime for us staid Washingtonians. and just because crazy little old New York has already begun to place foolish wagers that the Brooklyn Dodgers will win the National League pennant, is no cue for us to jump over the traces and try to pick a winner with the straightaway hardly reached.

hattan Isle.

True, Brooklyn had a great losing slump. Eight victories in a row is calculated to boost the pennant stock of the worst of them, and only yesterday in Schumm's, oh, we all know where that is, \$100 was laid alongside of \$600 to the effect that Wilbur Robinson's Robins would pocket the N. L. awning. Furthermore scandalous, my fans. \$300 was permitted to screech fans. \$300 was permitted to screech loudly at \$200 that these same Dodgers would finish in the first department or also rans. And now the pity of it! These same sporting gentlemen who in former years, played McGraw off the boards, are permitting their coin to insinuate that he will not bring his team up to first division standard 'ere September

30 is here. Century notes, even, are being wagered along that theory. Fame is fleeting, indeed, also men are fickle creatures, especially when baseball affection is at stake. Shakespeare noted that "all the world loves a lover." but had he been a sporting writer he would have penned, "all the world loves a win-

Thirty-five points separate the first four teams in the community of National League teams, and it is this tight race which has set New York city to gambling. We remember too well how G. Stallings and his Braves plowed through the circuit a year ago, and then lassoed and hog-tied the Athletics in four straight. Shall we begin betting? No, wait 'till September comes!

Brooklyn grunted real earnestly yesterday afternoon, and eased itself igto third place where it bids fuir to stay

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#### Big League Biffers Of a Day

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	Whitted, Phils	2	2	2	1.000
П	Schweit, Yanks	1	1	2	1.000
П	Nunm'ker, Yanks.	1	1	2	1.000
11	Davies, Athletics	1	1	2	1.000
H	Murray, Cubs	1	1	2	1.00
Ш	Henry, Griffs	4	3	5	.750
Ш	Luderus, Phils	4	3	3	.75
11	Snyder, Cards	4	3	3	.750
11	Gainer, Red Sox	4	3	7	.750
11	Lewis, Red Sox	4	3	3	.750
	Maisel, Yanks	3	2	2	.66
11	Bush, Tigers	3	2	2	.66
Ш	E.Collins, W. Sox.	3	2	3	.667
	Saier, Cubs	3	2	2	.66

Red Legs. After ten thrilling innings. Duke of Wellington Robinson reported a general advance all along the front, score 2-1. The advance places his army 7 points ahead of the Cards and within 28 points of the league leaders. Part of this ascent is due to the defeat of the Cards by Philadelphia, but none of the credit is to be taken away from the Dodgers, as the Phillies went as much further in the lead as the Cards dropped

back.

Zach Wheat won the game for Brooklyn. Myers had singled and advanced to third on O'Mara's out and a pass to Daubert. It was then that Wheat inserted his timely wallop and the required tally trickled across.

Few ball games abound in so many home runs as did that little exhibition in Philadelphia when the St. Louis Cardinals were the guests of dishonor. Dishonor, because they lost 3 to 6. Snyder, Cravath and Bancroft all homed. In the eighth Neihoff led off with a double. Perdue then succeeded Meadows. After Whitted got a pass Sallee took Perdue's place. Singles by Luderus, Burns and Demaree then sent in three runs.

The Cubs were not lerked very far out of their orbit, which has been so near to the zenith of the league, when they got an even break with the Giants at the Polo Grounds. New York copped in the opener, 6 to 5, while victory went the other direction in the second, by statistics of 3 to 1. Mc-Graw tried out Stroud. Schauer, Schipp, and Tesreau to find that winning combination in the opener. Jeff ning combination in the opener. Jeff attempted to twirl the second, but was

## **DUTY CALLS**

Humanity demands that prompt attention and proper treatment be given any person suffering from human allment or uncontrollable habit. This duty falls upon no particular class, but upon The Kin-Po Institute, Seventeenth and L streets northwest, offers a way by which alcoholics and drug addlets

Chicago White Sox Continue to a downward shoot like the old Jrop-American-Red Sox Split.

retired under shrapnel. Chency s ed not to mind the fire at all, and de served the game which he won Fate was kind to the Braves, and sent showers to Boston, where the Pir-ates were scheduled to win a game.

That American League scamper is changed little as the days fit by. Chicago is winning consistently, 6 to 4 yesterday, from the Athletics. Boston broke even with the Indians, Detroit won from New York, and Washington required eleven rounds to drop the

required eleven rounds to drop the to be a prevalent idea that the drop Connie Mack stalled around in an attempt to let the rain interfere after it looked as though he would lose, and as a result his team got what it deserved.

Toad Ramsay's drop-curve was the biggest ever seen, but Ramsay had

New York's 3-to-12 defeat at the hands New York's 3-to-12 defeat at the hands of the Tigers came so near being a shutout that the Yanks are almost ashamed to have the game talked about today. Caldwell and King Cole were not in form, while Boland was. That's all. Cleveland bunched five hits in the first irning of the innitial game at Somers' Park. Cleveland, and three runs resulted. Boston could get but two runs in the fifth, and Joe Wood's winning streak of nine was shattered. Collins was exceedingly stingy when he allowed was exceedingly stingy when he allowed but two hits in the second game, while four Cleveland twirlers were assaulted continuously, losing by 1 to 7.

## A Rare Offer.

Speaking of blood-thrist-as who is not?-the Orpheum Theater program, by thus changing, could get a wide Denver, carries this ad: "Don't Kill slant for either right or lefthand hit-

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# Rickey Hails Sisler As Baseball Wonder

Versatility of Player Makes Him Valuable to St. Louis Browns. Former University of Michigan Star Can Pitch, Play

ST. LOUIS, July 15.—Did you ever tests against Michigan's foremost base-ear a proud father rave about his ball-rivals. Invariably he was returned a proud father rave about his first born? Well, Manager Branch Rickey, of the Browns, gloats over George Sisler, his new pitcher-first aseman-outfielder, in that manner. To hear Rickey discuss the wonderful ability of the former University of Michigan star leads one to believe that the Browns have acquired a combina-tion of Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Ray Schalk, Walter Johnson, Hans Wagner, and a few other topliners in the exand a few other topliners in the ex-

Other players of the Browns and baseball men not connected with the St. Louis ciub are less enthusiastic about Sisler's ability, but admit that the former Michigander is not an ordinary ball player, but an exceptional player. Sisler, as early as three years ago, when he first started in his baseball career at Michigan, was eagerly sought by a half dozen major league clubs who had been tipped off to his ability. Since then he has improved greatly.

At that time the Pittsburgh club was fortunate in procuring Sisler on its reserve list. However, he decided not to play with the Pittsburgh club, preferring to finish his course in engineering

at the Ann Arbor institution.

Later he was declared a free agent by the National Commission. In freeing the Wolverine, however, the National Commission suggested that in
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When it became known that Sisier had decided to turn to baseball for a livelihood, President Dreyfus, of the Pittsburgh club, called on the young collegian three times and discussed terms. His offers, however, did not prove tempting to Sisier. That's the reason he is with the Browns today. Sisier halls from Akron, Ohio. In 1912 he entered the University of Michigan, and, although he had won a reputation as a school boy pitcher in his home town and on the sand lots of Akron, he was not eligible to play with the Wolverines until the year following.

He has made rapid strides since then. He has figured in all of Michigan's games for the last three years. He was regarded as the team's regular pitcher and hurled the important con-

First, or the Outfield Creditably.

When a series of three games was city the center battleground in its war played on as many successive days, Sis- against organized ball. ler, despite the fact that he was listed

for that reason couldn't be kept on the bench.

He would often pitch the first game of the series; show at first base or in the outfield in the second, and in the third game would start at first or the outfield, and if the other hurler weakened he would often go to the mound and finish the game.

Although a left-hander, Sisler's wonderful control probably is what has made him a great pitcher. He seldom has passed more than four batters in one game, and against college teams he had a poor afternoon when he failed to strike out fewer than ten or twelve batters.

Chicago to New Tork in a located at New York and this, with the proposed bail by placing a club in New York will necessitate the removal of the offices.

"This is no slam at Chicago," said Gilmore. "It is a good town and the league was given its birth there, but the purposed entrance of New Tork into the league next year will entail a lot of detail work which must be handled speedily in New York, so I thought it best to move."

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He also possesses great speed and a curve ball that is baffling. It is because of his versetility that Manager Rickey regards him as a real find. Until Rickey finds four or five other members of his pitching staff to take regular turns on the mound, Sisler will likely pitch every fourth or fifth day.

On other days he will play first base or in the outfield, depending on Rickfirst baseman or another hard-hitting

## TWO FAMOUS BALLS | LEE MAGEE IN FIST FIGHT WITH UMPIRE NO LONGER IN USE

What Has Become of Those Intense Feeling Between Brook-Deceptive Drops and Cross-Fire Deliveries?

What has become of the drop-ball that our daddies used to throw? It seems to have passed out entirelyat least, you never see the strange. down-shooting curve that was a specialty of great pitchers years gone The spitball, so they say, takes Scintillate At Head of the ball, but, viewed from the press box, it doesn't seem to have quite the same arch to its fall.

> Bufinton and Ramsay were two of the best drop-ball men that ever lived; Terry had a good drop curve, and at least half the pitchers of twenty-five years back could put in an occasional drop-shoot when they felt like trying it.

> The drop-ball was extremely fective, and some of the greatest strikeout records were made by using

Just how, when, or why it passed out is hard to state, but the pitchers seem to have given it up. There used injured the arm-but that idea was

biggest ever seen, but Ramsay had peculiar, freakish physical advantages such as few men now in the game posses. He had been a bræklayer, and the grip required in his trade proved exactly what he needed to give force, speed, and a somersaulting hop to his delivery. When Ramsay was "right," he was almost unhittable, and his equal in that style of pitching may never be in that style of pitching may never be

seen.

Another delivery that has gone, but mainly through the change of rules, was the cross-firing, Kid Carsey's best stock in trade. When a man's foot is glued to a small slab, he can't do much cross-firing. But when the pitchers had a box to rove in, several of them could get a delightful angle to their deliveries by changing from one corner to the other

It can easily be seen that a pitcher Your Wife. Let the Western Columbia Laundry Do the Work."—New York on that style of foxy pitching.

## feds and Terrapins Comes to Head.

BALTIMORE, Md. \July 15.-Intense feeling between the Terrapins and the Brookfeds was brought to a head in the second game yesterday when Lee Magee, manager of the visting team, got into a fist fight with one of the umpires, "Spike" Shannon. Timely intervertion by Owens, catcher, stopped hostilities. The trouble occurred in the fourth inning when Magee was caught at the plate on a close play.

#### Play No-Score Game Through Sixteen Innings

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, July 15. Pitchers Seibold, of Cedar Rapids, and Garrett, of Mason City, divided hono.s in a 16-inning scoreless pitchers' battle in the Central Association game. Seibold allowed eight hits. Garrett held his opponents to five and did not issue a single pass throughout the game. In addition he fanned twelve men. Selbold fanned six.

## Among the Minors

New York State League. Elmira, 15; Troy, 10. Binghamton, 8; Albany, 3. Scranton, 6; Utles, 0. Wilkesbarre, 2; Syracuse, 1 (first game, 15

nings). Wilkesbarre, 4; Syracuse, 3 (second game) New England League. Lowell, 6; Lawrence, 3. Fitchburg, 2; Lewiston, 1. Worcester, 0; Portland, 0 (514 innings).

Colonial League. Brockton, 6; New Haven, 4 (first game). Brockton, 5; New Haven, 4 (10 innings, econd game). Pawiticket, 8; Hartford, 7.

Pawtucket, 8; Hartford, 7. Springfield, 4; New Bedford, 0. American Association.

Kansas City, 5; Cleveland, 2. Louisville, 10; Minneapolis, 5

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# FED GUNS TRAINED ON NEW YORK CITY

League Offices Will Be Removed From Chicago to Manhattan

CHICAGO, July 15.-The Federal league today is training its guns on New York, preparatory to making that

James A. Gilmore, president of the as a pitcher, always appeared in the box score. He was a great hitter and for that reason couldn't be kept on the Chicago to New York in a few weeks.

#### Hendley Wins Hotly Contested Tennis Match

A. J. Hendley, of the Bureau of Mines, and C. B. Withauer, of Land Office, furnished the feature of the second day's play in the Home Club tennis championships yesterday, when the former won, 8-6, 6-1.

Only four matches were played. In these, J. B. Deadle, of Reclamation, defeated B. 6 McGarvey, of Land Office, without any trouble, 6-0, 6-0; J. K. Mannock, of Mines, won from B. Webester, of Patent, 6-0, 6-1, and D. M. Greene, of Land, defeated J. W. Myer, of Reclamation, 6-2, 6-4.

#### Amateur Games.

Potomac-Drillery vs. Machinists. N. W. S. S .- Central vs. Whitney E. W. S. S .- Advent vs. Reformation

E. W. S. S.—Advent vs. Reformation.
Terminal—Shope vs. Transportation; Audio
tors vs. Station.
Rosedale—Rosedale vs. Columbia.
C. C.—St. Peters vs. St. Joseph's.
Holy Name—St. Martin's vs. St. Joseph's!
St. Stephen's vs. St. Peter's.
Congress Heights—Randall vs. Steel Plant,
Aggies Interbureau—Arlington vs. B P. L.
Southern—Bookkeeping vs. Real Estate.
Government—Navy vs. Commerce.
Department—Wavy vs. Aggies.

Yesterday's Results. C. C.-St. Dominic's, 5; St. Vincent's, 1, S. R. R.-Traffic, 14; Telegraph, 2. Rosedale—Crescents, 6; Telegraph, 2.

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Holy Name—Trinity, 15; St. Stephon's, 61

Holy Name, 8; St. Margaret's, 6.

Terminal—General Office, 15; Car. 5.

Congress Heights—Congress Heights, 10;

Oxon Hill. 5.

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