

# New Griffs Look Good To Fans--Red Sox Are Weak--Cleveland Ready

## GRIF'S NEW PLAYERS LOOK AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THOSE OF 1919

President Griffith said at noon today that he would not call off the Griffs-Reds game until the last moment, as the diamond was in good condition and needed only an hour or so of drying to put it in shape for play.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.  
"A big improvement, a big improvement," murmured the Ancient Fan as he meandered his way from the Georgia avenue ball yard after witnessing the victory of the Griffins over the world's champion Cincinnati Reds, 2 to 1.

While it is much too early to form conclusions, nevertheless one must admit ungrudgingly that Clark Griffith has surely bettered his infield where it was weakest in 1919, at second base and short. Neither Stanley Harris nor Jimmy O'Neill had much to do in yesterday's contest, but both lads displayed a confident sureness about their work that bespoke better things for the Griffins, once the regular season is under way.

Against the Reds the home boys seemed in better physical condition. There was small difference in the pitching. The Reds wanted to fight the umpire, but the Griffs sailed right along without complaint. Griffs' team should be able to open the season next week in Boston with flying colors.

The victory was decided in the afternoon, the Griffs scoring a run in the first frame, the Reds tying it up in the second, and the home boys going ahead in the third. Thereafter there was no scoring, though the Reds threatened in the fifth, when Duncan opened with a double and the Griffs three times made offensive gestures.

Adolfo Luque, the little Cuban pitcher, looked good in his six innings on the hill, though he was reached for the necessary runs to win. Jim Shaw was a bit unsteady, but escaped serious trouble. Al Schacht gave but one hit in four frames, showing how good he was.

**Sam Rice Comes Over.**  
Sam Rice, who received an enthusiastic welcome from the fans when he came to bat in the first inning, had the honor of ringing up the first tally of 1920 for the home team at Georgia avenue. Two boys had perished when Sam scratched a hit past Meyers, the long first sacker of the Reds. He then stole second before Roth got the lone free pass of the afternoon and scored. Maurice Shannon's clean single to left. Roth was killed off trying to reach third on the blow, but the run was over.

Ed Rousch, champion batsman of the National League, opened the second with a double, advancing on Duncan's sacrifice. Shannon leaped high in the air for "Greasy" Neale's vicious liner, but barely knocking it down, but he could not get in time to get Rousch at the plate. Meyers' liner into O'Neill's mitt doubled up Neale and checked off the Reds.

Milan opened the third for the Griffs with a single, but he was sacrificed by Shannon. Roth's single to left put Zeb on third. Luque threw out Shannon, but Meyers dropped Groh's toss of Harris' roller and Milan was over with the deciding tally.

**Neale and Judge Star.**  
Neale, the big right sacker, and Judge, the Griffs' first sacker, contributed two fine fielding plays. In the fourth Judge screamed a long fly to right. It seemed headed for the fence, and Neale set all sail in the direction of the ball. He was about to pass over his head the Reds' gardener reached up and brought it down. Some few years ago we saw him do that on the Georgetown gridiron, reaching up and getting the forward passed with amazing ease.

Judge looked especially good in the field for his team, handling fourteen putouts and one assist without a bunt. His assist was the real thing. Luque, who had been in the line of fire, seemed to be a bit off his balance, but he was not. Judge, who hopped upon it like a frog, grabbed it, turned and got the Redlander with a pretty toss to Shaw. O'Neill and Harris, with a light day, impressed the fans with their speed on the hoof. Both lads got over in front of the ball.

Sam Rice gave the bugs heart failure with his method of taking flies at full length. The high south wind seemed to bother him a bit.

After crashing a long foul to the corner in left field in the second, J. Grunting Shaw obligingly whiffed. But the usual stunt under such conditions.

**Witan Gets Some Cheers.**  
Zeb Milan, long running catch of Meyers' foul, the eighth was a bright bit and earned him much applause. Zeb has many friends in the Capital.

Tim Jordan has splashed the right field wall with a varied assortment of blues and green and yellows, several shades of yellow, and a clock will decorate the fence this season, adding to the woes of the fans.

That the Griffs are not yet working smoothly was indicated in the fifth when Wingo raised a foul between third and the plate. Gharrity galloped over after it and Shannon came in. Neither got it. Card Thoner, the Times' demon camera man, came near being spiked on that play, barely prying out of Gharrity's path.

Both the Griffs and the Reds depart tonight for Richmond, where they are due to perform tomorrow. Portsmouth, Danville, Roanoke and Parkersburg, Va., will then be visited, with Cincinnati being reached for games next Saturday and Sunday, ending the 1920 spring tour.

**OLSON IS IN SHAPE.**  
Ivan Olson, veteran big league infielder, is in fine shape this spring, and is playing second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers in high class fashion.

**COOLEY A MAGNATE.**  
Dick Cooley, former National League, is backing the Western association team in Okmulgee, Okla., this year.

**LOANS**  
**HORNING**  
DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY  
South End of Highway Bridge

## Judge Rummy's Court



## 'SPOKE'S' PITCHERS ARE NOW IN SHAPE

Four Right-Handers Are Ready For Bell, With Boehling Coming Up Fast.

NEW ORLEANS, April 4.—Manager This Speaker now has four right-handed pitchers in shape to go a full nine innings. They are George Uhle, the Cleveland sandlotter who looked so good last season; Ray Cowles, the veteran who pitched the only no-hit game of the 1919 campaign in the American League; Stan Covaletsk, the Indians' star performer, and Sgt. Jim Bagby, the slowball pitcher.

"Now let me get one or two left-handers ready," says "Spoke," "and we'll be ready for the going. Boehling ought to be in shape by April 14. He is coming along nicely and should pitch some good ball this year. With Stan Covaletsk, Chapman, shortstop; Spraker, centerfield; Wood or Smith, rightfield; Gardner, third base; Wamby, second base; Johnston, first base; O'Neill, catcher; Covaletsk or Caldwell, pitcher.

**ART REYNOLDS BACKED BY SMASHING BAT WORK**  
Georgetown University Lads Score Win Over Holy Cross at the Start.

Georgetown lads are making much of their 7-to-3 win over Holy Cross today. The Worcester lads have been beaten twice in two years ago, yesterday's defeat was administered by the Hilltoppers.

**JOE BURMAN MAY LAND CHANCE AT BANTY TITLE**  
Pete Herman, the bantam champion, has been offered a guarantee of \$10,000 to fight Joe Burman twenty rounds in Denver. The conditions call for a champion and make 15 pounds ringside—which is his usual weight.

**LONGEST GOLF COURSE IS CLAIMED BY DENVER**  
Denver advances the claim for the longest golf course in the United States, if not in the world. The new municipal links there, recently completed, measures 6,767 yards and occupies eighty-eight acres of ground, forty of which belong to the State of Colorado.

**SUNDAY SPORT WINS.**  
In the State primary elections in North Dakota the voters by a majority of four to one decided to repeal the law against Sunday sports and Sunday theatrical amusements.

**HINCHMAN IN SQUAD.**  
Bill Hinchman, the Pirates' veteran is with the squad. He is booked for utility outfielding and first basing, with pinch hitting on the side.

**HAS BROKEN NOSE.**  
Joe Lynch, the New York featherweight, is out of the game with a broken nose.

**EDDIE POOLE DIES.**  
Edward J. Poole, a pitcher with Pittsburgh in 1901, Cincinnati in 1902 and 1903, and Brooklyn in 1904, is dead at his home in Carrollton, Ohio, a victim of diabetes, at the age of forty-three.

**BUDS WANT GAMES.**  
Eastern Buds have organized and want games with boys averaging from fourteen to sixteen years of age. Address J. J. Gavin, 912 Third street, northeast.

**Here It Is**  
The Sage of Rock Creek says, "The secret of a happy life is to keep on wanting it after you've got it."

## Red Sox Have Wide Gap Where Ruth Once Stood



## PENN STATE HERE TO PLAY C. U. MEN

Bezdak's Nine Opens Easter Week Festivities for College Baseball Nines.

Hugo Bezdak's Penn State baseball team, which has been around town idle for a couple of days, will meet Catholic University at Brookland tomorrow afternoon, providing weather conditions are right. This contest, the first of the Easter week program, opens up a fine schedule for college teams here.

**Sports Cut Short**  
William T. Tilden, III, is indoor tennis champ. He defeated Vincent Richard, former titleholder, by 10-8, 6-3, 6-1. Tilden and Richards won the doubles title from Hardy and Voishell by 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 and 12-10.

**Will Shift Menosky.**  
Hendryx has been playing center field and Menosky left field since Marsans departed. If Eibel is used, he will be placed in left field and Menosky shifted to the center garden.

**Has Been Hitting Well.**  
Hendryx has been hitting the ball hard; in fact, he's one of the few Red Sox players who has shown much of a punch when at the bat. Hendryx, however, is not a great outfielder like Hooper, and many balls will get away from him which a man of the Californian's fielding ability would get.

**SHAMROCK III TO SAIL WEDNESDAY FOR AMERICA**  
SOUTHAMPTON, England, April 4.—Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock III, which was built to act as a pacemaker in the trial spins of the Shamrock IV, was launched yesterday and will sail for New York on Wednesday without any escort. Seven members of the crew are from one family.

**Willie Lewis Believes Carpenter Has Chance**  
Former Ring Marvel Says Frenchman Can Hit Just as Hard as Champion.

Willie Lewis, well known a few years ago as a clever boxer, is one man who is sure that Carpenter has a royal chance to whip Dempsey. "I know Carpenter and his points better perhaps than any man in the world," said Lewis recently. "He is a tricky, heady fighter, and if Dempsey imagines he's going to walk in and slap THIS boy over he's got another thing coming."

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## CARPENTIER MADE DEBUT AS AN AMATEUR AND LOST

By JACK VEJOCK.

Carpentier made his debut in the ring as an amateur, rather than as a professional, as some writers have recorded. In 1907 he was entered in the amateur championship in France and lost in the final bout on points to a boxer named Mazoir. But he gave away weight in this tournament, and prior to being outpointed by Mazoir he defeated Bourgeois and Wetnick. In face of the fact that Mazoir became one of the best amateur champions of France, Carpentier's initial setback at his hands was anything but a disgrace. And at this time he was scarcely more than twelve years old.

**Mrs. Dempsey Won't Be a Witness**  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—Mrs. Maxine Dempsey, divorced wife of the world's heavy-weight champion, will not be a witness against him in his trial on a charge of dodging the military draft, unless he waives his right. He is not expected to do that and, as a result, the Government's case will be greatly weakened.

**Thought It Was a Joke.**  
When Carpentier, slim and pale, stood up to announce that he would meet the terrible slugger the ballyhoo man protested that he would believe that Carpentier had knocked him out. He was sure some one must have dropped a brick house on him.

**Palace Team Comes From Roanoke, Va., With Lead, to Tackle District Men.**  
Royal duckpin bowlers have quite a ways to go to defeat the visiting Roanoke, Va. Palace duckpinners, who will be here tomorrow to play five games at Sherman's.

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