

ATHLETICS PLAY WYANKEES TODAY—COLLINS' STORY OF SERIES REPEAT THURSDAY

FAMOUS SECOND BASEMAN TO VIE FOR HONORS IN SERIES

Collins and Evers Meet For First Time in Annual Baseball Classic—Collins Has Edge On His Rival In Batting and Base Running

"Eddie" Collins and "Johnny" Evers, the winners of the Chalmers trophies for 1914, will stage an individual battle in the world's series games which will be as keenly watched as the results of the games. By winning the automobiles this year on the recommendation of the Chalmers Trophy Committee, these stars of the second base position have shown that they are not only two of the world's greatest players, but that without their respective clubs would have had a difficult time in winning out in the race for the major league flag.

Neither the Braves nor the Athletics are "one-man" teams in any sense of the term, yet they are in another. Other members of the Boston and Philadelphia squads are extremely valuable to the success of the team's successful play on the diamond at the same time, either Collins or Evers had been out of the game during the entire season. It is to be noted that Collins' batting average for the season was .340, while Evers' was .320. Collins' batting average for the season was .340, while Evers' was .320.

These things being true, it is easy to see that the contest will be so closely watched and commented upon. Which of these wonders of the diamond will carry off the individual laurels is difficult to forecast because of the shortness of the series. However, judging them on the basis of their play during the last few years, it is not hard to see that Collins has a big advantage over Evers in many ways.

In the first place, Evers was never the hitter that Collins has proved himself to be. Neither during a league race nor in a world's series has Collins ever fallen down. He has hit over .300 in every season since he became a regular member of the Maclagan tribe in 1908. In 1909, 1911 and 1912 he played brilliantly in the world's series. He has hit over .300 in the Giants. His work last season in the annual classic was so extraordinarily wonderful that John McGraw paid him the tribute of being "the world's greatest" baseball player. It is indeed doubtful if there ever was a player in the game who had every department of play worked so thoroughly as Collins. During the "pure" days of Frank Chance in Chicago Evers was as high as Collins in batting, but it is extremely doubtful if Evers was as brilliant a performer as Collins. At the fielding end of the game and in headwork Evers came nearest to approaching the high standard of play set later by Collins. But at the bat and on the bases Evers was never the man Collins is today.

Another thing that must be taken into consideration is that Evers is no longer at the height of his career. He has passed the zenith of his career, despite the fact that his batting average is now at the age when he is just beginning to do his greatest work on the ball. Both Collins and Evers have been in three world's series. Evers, at the high stakes of those events have a detrimental effect on their play. On the contrary, both Evers and Collins have pitched at other times, for the reason that both of them are endowed with remarkable nerve, a steady playing ability to make the best of any situation.

Temperamentally, Collins and Evers vary widely. Both are in the game fighters—that is, they are in the game always doing their utmost to win, no matter how far in front or behind their club happens to be. Evers has been out of games repeatedly for remarks made in the heat of passion to an umpire or to a member of the high ball club. Collins, on the other hand, has never been in a fight on the ball. Collins never jeopardizes the chances of his club by doing or saying anything that will lead to a suspension. This means that Collins is a more dependable man than Evers, even if their playing ability is not so great. However, to season's play, for there is no doubt that Evers will this year, as he did in the three other series in which he took part, conduct himself in such a way that there will be no cause for his removal.

The meeting of Evers and Collins in the series which begins today at Shibe Park Friday will be the first time their work has ever been compared in this post-season engagement between the champions of the major leagues. The Athletics met the Cubs, but Evers was unable to play, hence this desire on the part of fandom to witness the two great second-basemen in action. Collins and Evers are both firm in the belief that their respective clubs will be victorious in the coming series. Collins does not believe that he can be defeated by the Braves. He does not go so far as to say that the Braves will not get a game, a belief which many members of the Athletics hold, but he does believe that there will be no great difficulty winning the world's title for the fourth time.

Evers, likewise, is confident that the Braves will win. Just how much confidence Evers has is shown in the appended statement which he gave out recently: "I've played on a good many champion teams, and worked through three world's series, and I never saw a team that looks ahead to it like the Braves do. Most players begin to get nervous when the time rolls around. I know I do myself. But I'm the only man on the whole outfit who feels that way. Of course, none of the others have been through it like I have and they don't know just what they're up against. "But even so, confidence is half the battle, and the Braves are chock full of it. In fact, they're anxious to have the series come around so that they can measure wallops with the other champions. "When a team goes into any series such as this, and without the slightest fear of the result, as the Braves will against the Mackmen, that team is a mighty good team to trail along with. "The old Chicago White Sox, who beat the Cubs in 1906, had something of the same feeling, though not nearly so much as our team has at present. "The odds against them were four and five to one before the series, yet they beat us, and just at a time when that grand old team of ours was going at its best. "Our pitchers have proved themselves again and again during the past couple of months. It takes a mighty stout-hearted bunch of twirlers to hold up against the wind of opposition we have had to face, but the Braves' hurlers, even the youngsters, have sailed along gloriously. "Don't you forget the Athletics, with



TWO REASONS FOR WORLD'S SERIES INTEREST

Gridiron Gleanings From Leading Colleges

Pennsylvania's Defeat at Hands of Franklin and Marshall Eleven Is the of the Fans.

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

Pennsylvania, Cornell and the Indians now comprise a select group of the supposedly "big" teams in the East which have been humbled by eleven usually referred to rather derisively as the "minor colleges." Cornell has been beaten in two out of three preliminary games, Pennsylvania and the Indians once each, of the three defeats that of 1914, which Franklin and Marshall administered to Pennsylvania on Saturday, was the most unexpected and the most difficult to explain. It was known in advance that Pittsburgh had more than an even chance to beat Cornell, and that, given a break in the luck, Colgate was equally likely to beat the Indians. The steady rise of Lehigh among the minor colleges and the fact that this year's Indiana team has at no time approached the usual Indian standard prevented one from being much surprised over the Redmen's defeat at South Bethlehem.

But none of these conditions existed at Franklin Field nor explain the decisive victory of F. and M. over Pennsylvania. It was the first time since the Lancaster collegians defeated Pennsylvania or even outplayed the Red and Blue. There have been teams from this little college which gave the Quakers troublesome afternoons, but it can be said with all fairness to Franklin and Marshall, and without detracting one iota from the credit they deserve, that their play in no way resembles that of the team that represented them last year. Even Coach Mayer would confirm this.

How, then, can this amazing defeat be explained? The Pennsylvania coaches and players all had different explanations for it Saturday night, and there isn't much chance of harmonizing their differences. Therefore, the observant critic has to form his own conclusions. Those who write presents herewith are based on a careful study of the team during the preliminary season, the daily practices and the two games to date. Against Franklin and Marshall, Pennsylvania exhibited two fundamental weaknesses. One was a non-existent and feeble attack, the other was the inability to execute such rudimentary football as catching and holding a football, tackling and providing interference. This analysis is not meant as criticism of the players, the coaching staff or the methods of the coaches. It is simply a plain statement of facts. The condition of the team and its lack of assorted talents were due to the determination of the coaches to develop the team slowly and withholding a variety of plays from them until later in the season. All of this may yet be corrected.

Fumbling and misunderstanding of signals were at the bottom of the troubles on Saturday, but even without these important aids to Franklin and Marshall, Pennsylvania didn't show an attack which was consistent and the team on more than one occasion showed signs of demoralization when Franklin and Marshall's stiff defense stopped every attack. The fact is that Pennsylvania used very few plays, but they employed practically everything they had been taught, though interference was poor and the plays themselves were poorly executed. Their attack might be classified as follows: A line plunge, with Moffett usually selected to batter the line. A double pass with a run around end. The forward pass. The forward pass gained 25 yards on its one success in nine attempts; the double pass didn't gain at all, as it did against Gettysburg, and even Moffett wasn't so consistently successful as a weak ago.

The Pennsylvania team now has a big problem ahead of it, to crown the fundaments into their candidates in the short, possible time, and to teach them enough new plays to give them a varied attack. They will need it on Saturday against so strong a team as Lafayette, even if the Easterners were held to a 7-0 score by Urquhart. Then next Saturday comes the Navy, with Szwarcmore, the

BASEBALL CONDENSED

AMERICAN LEAGUE YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Chicago, 5; St. Louis, 1. Detroit, 11; Cleveland, 5. TODAY'S GAMES. New York at Philadelphia. Washington at Boston.

TOMORROW'S GAMES. New York at Philadelphia. Washington at Boston. CLUB STANDING. W. L. P. C. Athletics 97 52 951 St. Louis 71 82 464 Boston 80 60 100 New York 69 82 457 Detroit 70 67 100 Chicago 70 83 528 Washington 70 72 525 Cleveland 51 102 333

NATIONAL LEAGUE YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Cincinnati, 5; Pittsburgh, 4 (second game). Philadelphia, 11; Cincinnati, 4 (second game). Chicago, 4; Chicago, 3. St. Louis, 4; St. Louis, 4 (second game). TODAY'S GAMES. Philadelphia at New York. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (2 games). Boston at Brooklyn (2 games). Chicago at St. Louis. TOMORROW'S GAMES. Philadelphia at New York. Boston at Brooklyn.

CLUB STANDING. W. L. P. C. Boston 91 58 911 Brooklyn 74 75 508 New York 82 69 144 Philadelphia 78 78 484 St. Louis 71 81 525 Pittsburgh 68 84 447 Chicago 71 74 524 Cincinnati 50 99 359

FEDERAL LEAGUE YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. St. Louis, 1; Chicago, 5. Indianapolis, 6; Kansas City, 0 (second game). TODAY'S GAMES. Brooklyn at Buffalo. Kansas City at Chicago. Pittsburgh at Baltimore. St. Louis at Indianapolis.

CLUB STANDING. W. L. P. C. Chicago 83 63 508 Brooklyn 74 75 508 Indianapolis 84 65 104 Kan. City 68 81 449 Baltimore 79 67 141 Pittsburgh 68 82 423 Buffalo 70 68 528 St. Louis 62 80 422

INDIAN, Michigan, Dartmouth and Cornell following in the order named. There won't be any results then, and hardly enough time to build up new plays. The forward pass may be a success in the hands of some teams, but it has yet to prove its worth this fall on Franklin Field. The Quakers used it nine times.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM, Pa., Oct. 5.—Except for a few minor injuries, all the Lehigh team came out of the struggle against the Carlisle Indians, Saturday, in good shape. Resident Coach Keady is satisfied with the work of the men in their second contest of the season, although he realizes that the Indians are woefully weak this year.

ROPER ARENA NOTES Interest in the "Jack" Blackburn-Tommy Coleman match, which is to be decided at the Roper arena, is at fever heat. No match among colored pugilists have aroused such a widespread interest as this one. Blackburn and Coleman have reported to Manager Lehigh that they are in the form and both are confident of victory. The result will be one of the most interesting and profitable of the season. Blackburn has posted a substantial record with each of his opponents. He has won three of his four fights. Blackburn is the champion and "Young" Fulton, of New York, is the challenger. Blackburn has not fought the Olympia several weeks ago and his work is not so good as that of his opponent. Blackburn is the favorite and is expected to win. The other bouts will be Tommy Coleman vs. "Knockout" Baker vs. "Charlie" Collins. Tuesday—Frazier, Norris vs. Young Jack O'Brien vs. "Eddie" McAndrews. Young Tompkins vs. "Jimmy" Toland vs. Harry Smith. Friday—Kinsinger, "Young Jack" O'Brien vs. "Eddie" Kelly.

CUSKEY, OF MUEHLBERG This football player is halfback on the Muhlenberg squad and has already made a fine impression by his speed and dash on the gridiron.

MACK WILL SEND REGULARS AFIELD AGAINST YANKEES

Men Getting On Edge to Open Series With Braves Friday—Phillies Meet McGraw's Giants.

This afternoon Connie Mack's team will begin to get on edge for the world's series. The regulars will be back in the line-up against the Yankees, and it is likely that most of them will work throughout the three games of the series, which will be continued through Wednesday. Today's affair at Shibe Park will begin in a couple of hours.

The entire band of Mackmen met this morning at Shibe Park, where they held their daily meeting. Just what went on in the meeting is not known, but it is a safe bet that they were not discussing plans of attack for the Yankee series. All of the men were in good shape and most of them think that this series with the Yankees will put them in perfect condition to meet the Boston Braves on Friday afternoon.

Mack's players assume the verbiage of a claim when they are asked whom they think Connie Mack will choose to pitch the first game or whom he will choose in the following game. Nevertheless, it is not difficult to "dope out" that Chief Bender will begin and that Eddie Plank will start the second contest. Of course, this arrangement may be reversed, but Bender's ability to quickly recuperate and be ready to go back in the box, he is almost sure to draw the opening assignment.

While the Athletics are playing the Yankees today, the Phillies begin their final series with the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds. As the Phillies are now moving for the fifth place, there is practically no local interest in that series.

PERSONAL TOUCHES IN SPORT In snailshot games since baseball's birth the kid who copped the pitcher's berth has been the kingpin guy. A wind-up man a roundhouse out—they make kids stars without a doubt in any schoolboy's eye. Joe Connolly was one of these who made the batters fan the breeze back in his barefoot days. Until he joined the Zanesville team he didn't shake his pitchin' dream or drop his backlist ways.

It is generally admitted that the Yankees' second-string men are stronger than the Braves' second. Also the Athletic regulars are somewhat more experienced than the baseball habits than the Boston substitutes, which is more to the point, as the latter will doubtless be called upon to do a little duty before the series is over.

Ex-Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, is the leading rooster of Boston. In the series of 1912, when the Red Sox defeated the Giants, Fitzgerald, who was then the city's chief executive, headed the Royal Roosters at each of the games played at the Polo Grounds as well as those played at Fenway Park. This year the same fan has banded together 300 roosters. He is leading them to Philadelphia for the first two games and return for the fifth game, if one is played. Fitzgerald's enthusiasm in Boston has been a big boost for baseball in the Hub.

A new and what seems to be a splendid method of developing football players has been put into practice at Harvard by Coach Percy Houghton. Instead of allowing 10 or more seniors to stand on the side lines, a regular schedule has been arranged for these teams, and the winning eleven will be presented with the Percy Houghton Cup. The individual members of the winning team will receive smaller cups as permanent trophies.

Just why Chief Meyers should have crushed his finger this year we cannot see. The Giants are not going to play the Athletics. It was a big surprise to ring-side followers to hear that "Joe" Mandot outpointed "Joe" Rivers in New Orleans yesterday. Mandot, who for some time has been decidedly out of the limelight, but his stock has jumped within the last 24 hours. However, whether it was Mandot's good work or Rivers' inferiority in fighting that gave the New Orleans lad the victory is a question. Rivers has not been in the best condition for some time.

EDDIE COLLINS WILL FORECAST SERIES WINNER

Athletics' "Inside Man" to Write Ante-battle Stories for Evening Ledger On Thursday and Friday.

One of the biggest features of the approaching world's series will be the daily stories written by "Eddie" Collins, reviewing the play of the day before and these articles will appear exclusively in the Evening Ledger. Only the readers of this paper will have the opportunity to get the "inside story" from one on the inside. Collins' stuff has always attracted the attention of the favorable comment. Besides the daily reviews of the games, "Eddie" has agreed to write two advance stories on the world's series. The first one will be published in the Evening Ledger on Thursday. In that story, "Eddie" will tell which club he thinks will win the world's championship and why. That article will be followed by one Friday in which the Athletics' great second baseman will tell something very interesting about the pitchers who are to be worked in the series.

During the past week, Collins has been taking things easy on the ball field. He has not been in any of the games, although he has worked out early in the afternoon. WESLEYAN RETAINS HUNTER MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Oct. 5.—Billy Hunter, who has coached track teams at Wesleyan for seven seasons, has been offered a position as coach at the University of Connecticut. He has announced he could not return as coach without a substantial increase in salary. The student body of this fall unanimously voted to support the athleticletic tax by \$1 for each man in order to provide for the increase.

Herbert Reed says that Yale needs the right man to fill three places. Some other teams might substitute the figure eleven. Out-of-town papers persist in repeating the story that "Jimmy" Walsh, of the Athletics, has agreed to split his world's series money with "Pete" Daley, of the Yankees. "Pete" was traded for "Jimmy" about midseason, and that fact seems to be ground for the story of their world's series money. The fact is that Connie Mack, in behalf of the Athletics owners, not players, will give "Pete" a sum amounting to half a share of the Athletics' series money. This money will be paid to him in installments, not all at once, but will come out of the coffers of the American Baseball Club, of Philadelphia.

Reports from Cambridge lead us to understand that there will be little work for Harvard in the early days of this week. The probable means that Drickley is taking a rest. You cannot convince St. Louisans that the Chalmers Trophy Committee was right in selecting "Johnny" Evers as the most valuable man to his club in the National League. When the Braves defeated the Cardinals at St. Louis, allowing but one hit, the Missouri scribes to a man awarded the "most valuable" title to a certain umpire.

This is the open season for the open game. The Braves plan to workout in Shibe Park Thursday. The first thing Manager Stallings intends to do is inspect that right field wall. After doing that he is going to lead James, Carter and Rudolph thence and show them the exact spot where Frank Baker must not knock the ball.

With Apologies One tackled hit him high: One hit him low. One pushed him in the eye. One grabbed his toe. Wrapped in his football suit. Haul him away. Send in a substitute. On with the play! Sister and brother and Father and mother and Sunday school are around. While each indifference feigns. Joy in each bosom reigns. As they hear Bill's remains cheered by the crowd.

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