ATHLETICS AND BOSTON RED SOX OPEN AMERICAN LEAGUE BALL SEASON AT SHIBE PARK

ATHLETICS LOOM UP STRONG COMPARED WITH RED SOX

Player to Player, Mack's Rebuilt Team Shows Favorably With Touted Leaders in American League Race. Three-fourths of \$100,000 Infield Out of Game.

Three-fourths of the famous \$100,000 infield of the Athletics are missing as the team opens its season with the Boston Red Sox today, and yet the men enter the race with absolute confidence that they will again win the American League pennant. Eddie Collins is gone, Frank Baker shows no signs of weakening in his determination to retire from the game and Jack Barry is recovering from an operation on his leg.

Collins and Baker will be missed just as Detroit would feel the loss of Ty Cobb and Sam Crawford, or Boston would miss Tris Speaker and Larry Gardner, but to count the Athletics out of the race is another thing.

One cannot help but admit that the Red Sox's chances look much better on paper, and, while we believe that Carrigan's team has the best chance to land the pennant, the Athletics must be reckoned with. Right now, with a fair fielding third baseman, one who can hit, the Athletics enter the race with what appears to be as good a ball club as the Red Sox.

Boston's Great Outfield-Infields Compared

The sensational finish of the Red Sox last season, together with the fact that the Mackmen were outclassed in the world's series, has as much to do with the belief that the Boston club is stronger than the field as the absence of Collins and Baker from the Athletics' line-up. One must remember, however, that the apparently weak finish of the Macks was due to an enormous lead amassed early in the season, which caused them to take things easy.

Boston has a great outfield. There is no denying that fact, but it is not beyond reason to expect this combination to start slipping back. Lewis is getting heavy and his legs are not what they used to be; Hooper also appeared slower last year and that wonderful arm was lofting the ball quite a bit, while Speaker's general work was not like that of the three previous seasons.

What would happen to the Red Sox without the outfield going at top speed? The best pitching could hardly save Carrigan's team. The infield is by no means a powerful combination: Had the "stove league" season lasted longer, some scribes would have been classing the Red Sox inner works with that of the Macks in 1914, if one is to judge by the continued boosting during the winter months. As a matter of fact, figures do not lie. They might deceive a bit, but, in the

that the Red Sox infield is not nearly so strong as it has been rated this winter. Who would compare Hoblitzel to "Stuffy" McInnis? Hobby hit fairly well after joining the Red Sox last season, but he has a weakness that is sure to be tipped off to American Leaguers, as it was common gossip around the National League circuit. Herzog is a shrewd manager, and he passed Hobby up because he realized that he could not hit National League pitchers.

long run, ball players run pretty true to figures, and figures prove conclusively

Lajoie and Barry the Choice

At second, Philadelphians will take Lajoie in preference to the youthful Spring Lake Golf Club Again Claims Janvrin. The latter is one of the best all-around utility men in the country, but, like "Runt" Walsh, formerly of the Phillies, he seldom looked good after being played regularly in any one position. The aged Larry is still able to hit the ball, and his knowledge of batsmen and great experience will more than offset the dash of Janvrin in a long race.

Jack Barry is admittedly one of the greatest shortstops the game has seen. He will go to Spring Lake at once to in years, and must naturally be given the preference over Scott. The latter is a prepare for the summer season. youngster who seems to have a mighty good future ahead, but all youngsters are more or less an uncertain quantity. There are innumerable instances of young players burning up the league for a year and then blowing up entirely. and this work has 'een carried out in his Scott appears to be too steady to disappoint entirely; still, one never can tell. Barry is a proven quantity.

The Red Sox have an advantage at third, and a large one unless Baker returns to the fold. Gardner is a strong man in all departments and one of the

best ground-covering third basemen in the game.

The switching of Rube Oldring or Eddie Murphy to third would give the resort on the New Jersey coast, although Macks a much /more powerful attack, as it would give "Shag" Thompson or Jimmy Walsh a chance to break into the outfield. Last winter Manager Mack lished last year will be continued. A July remarked that he did not see how his regular outfielders could keep "Shag" out | date is probable. of the game this season, and his work in the spring has borne out Mack's prediction. Thompson's work is no flash in the pan.

For some reason, the Athletics' outfield always has been underrated. Year after year it is pointed out as a weakling, but when the final reckoning comes one finds all of the men hitting up around the .300 mark and outrunning and outfielding outer-gardeners who are supposedly much stronger.

Red Sox's Pitching Staff Biggest Factor

In the catching department the Athletics again have the call, provided Schang is lucky enough to escape injury. In this event, Boston would appear to have the advantage. The main chance of the Red Sox lies in a wonderful pitching staff. The strength of the Red Sox pitching staff is enough to make it a favorite, particularly when it is shaped up against a young, though rather experienced staff, such as the Athletics possess.

There is no discounting the strength of the Red Sox in this department, and. as has been frequently cited, good pitching is half the battle. Nothing but surprising form by the young pitchers of the Athletics can swing the balance. The natural material is there, but whether the youngsters of Mack's staff will be able to stand the gaff without the help of the wily Bender and steady Plank to finish up games, time alone can tell.

Several other clubs are figured in the pennant possibilities, namely, Chicago, with its pitching staff and the addition of Eddie Collins; Washington, if Johnson is permitted to pitch and the youngsters show the expected improvement, and Detroit, which always must be considered a contender with Cobb and Crawford and good pitching. The latter club is the "dark horse" of the race. If Dauss, Boehler, Reynolds and Cavet improve as expected, the Tigers are going to be troublesome, with Covaleskie and Dubuc to carry the brunt of the pitching. . . .

Boston Braves Have Call in National

Under ordinary conditions, the addition to a ball player of Sherwood Magee's calibre apparently would cinch the pennant for a world's champion ball club, but the unusual circumstances which prevail in the National League this season make it almost a toss-up between the Giants and Braves, in the opinion of most of the leading baseball men of the Buntry.

Boaton naturally must be a slight favorite, after what that club did last season, but the addition of Lobert and Perritt has strengthened the Giants to such an extent that Gotham scribes contend the team is better than it was three years ago. The jumping back and forth of so many National Leaguers during the winter caused many trades and changed completely the aspect of the race.

Several clubs considered out of the running have been strengthened to such an extent by these trades that the race is almost an open one. The improvement in the Phillies and Reds has been noticeable. The Reds have beaten the Detroit Tigers and Boston Red Sox so easily in three-game series that Western fans are mystified. The much-abused Phillies have been whipped into a smooth-working machine. Chicago is strong, but lacking in the fighting spirit and speed,

St. Louis has the speed and pitching, but lacks attack, while Brooklyn has the batting strength, without the speed and pitching. A combination of these two teams would bring about a startling result, but, separately, neither appears to have better than a fighting chance to get up as far as third or fourth.

New Broad Jump Rule Is Not Practical

This spring and summer track and field athletes will have an opportunity of noting exactly what good the adoption of the International Federation rules by the Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the Amateur Athletic Union has wrought. The federation laws, as a whole seem to be fair, and many faulty points in the old A. A. U set have been corrected. However, it is believed the rule in the running broad lump has been doctored a bit too much. It is not practical, as will be found upon close study

The new rule for the broad jump is as follows: "In front of the scratch line over a width of 5.84 inches (10 centimetres) the ground shall be sprinkled with soft earth or sand, to make it slightly higher than the take-off joist. * * * If any competitor touches the ground in front of the take-off joist with any part of his foot, such jump shall not be measured, but shall be counted against the competitor as one trial."

It will be manifestly unfair to call a foul on an athlete if he touches the raised dirt in front of the take-off, as any one familiar with the form of an athlete in the broad jump will realize that there is a great chance of skimming the earth at the instant of take-off. The position of the leg at take-off is such that the athlete cannot regulate his rise at the instant of flight to avoid touching the earth lightly in front of the take-off. The judges are going to have trouble if they try to determine the good from the bad jumps by the movement of the earth at the joist. No matter how solid a rimber is buried for the jump, there is going to be some vibration, and this will technically be a foul.



THIS IS APRIL THE FOURTEENTH, 1915

GOLFER FERGUSON RETURNS FROM BAHAMA JOURNEY

Professional.

James C. Ferguson, professional of the Spring Lake Golf and Country Club, has returned from Nassau, in the Bahamas, where he has been located for the winter.

Before leaving last fall Ferguson designated the location of a number of traps, absence over the winter. Thus Spring Lake will be somewhat more difficult than As yet no definite decision has been

made with regard to tournaments at this it is likely that the open fixture estab-

The Inwood Country Club has arranged a schedule of competitions for this season extending from May 9 until Christman, Tournaments will be in order over Me-morial, Independence, Labor, election, Thanksgiving and Christmas days, quali-fying rounds with subsequent match play being carded. The club championship will begin on September 12.

Fox Hill golfers will start their season day thereafter competitions are down for ing the hot months Conditions governing the club champion-

ship call for 72 holes of medal play on a scratch basis, beginning on September 11. for a medal offered by George E. Armstrong. The spring tournament will begin on May 1, while there will be special tournaments during the season for cups offered by Colonel Hugh O'Donoghue, Frank V. Strauss, M. J. Grammont, W. J. Ellas, Joseph J. O'Donoghue, Jr., president of the club; Charles F. Branson, Hubert Gardner, Charles H. Hadloc, W. Barnhill, the captain, and Charles W. Sancke.

PENN OARSMAN MARCY BOWIE RACE MEETING MAY AGAIN STROKE

Quakers' Star Athlete Has Returned to Work After a Grip

Coach Nickalls, of Pennsylvania, plans to try out Scott and Butler, who may replace Pepper and Weil. He is making this change in an effort to get greater power than the crew showed against

Marcy, who has been laid up with grip, has returned and will probably go back to his position at stroke.

With L. R. Phillips and G. R. Ferguson, ex-Cornell oars, in the boat, the Union Boat Club, of Boston, looks to be Boat Club, of Beston, looks to be stronger than usual this season. The club crew will be entered in the American Henley at Philadelphia on May 22, where opportunity for revenge upon the Harvard second crew for the defeat on the Farsile. There is the Grand Club. the English Thames in the Grand Challenge race last season will await seizure.

Plans for an invitation rowing regatta open to college, club and schoolboy oarsmen, to be conducted by the Harvard next Saturday with an 18-hole medal play | College rowing officials, have been an-handicap in two classes, and every Satur-nounced. The regatta, which will be the first of its kind under Harvard auspices. will be held May 29 and 31 The program will include races for class eights, single sculls, octopedes, fours, interscholastic fours and eights, canoe and events, and college club and interdormi-tery contests. Princeton, Ysle, Massa-chusetts institute of Technology and Phillips-Exeter Academy already have

Welsh Bout Still in Air

NEW YORK, April 14.—Harry Policek has turned down the offer of George Engle, of Pittsburgh, of \$1500 for Freddie Welsh, light-weight champlen, to meet Young Brown in a six-round bout in the Smoky City on April 22. Pelicek demands \$2000.

IT'S LAJOIE DAY

The opening day of the American League series here is dedicated to Larruping Larry Lajoie, the Athletics' second baseman.

HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL

K. O. FARRELL IS BEATEN

Seesaw Kelly Refuses to Fight-Other

Results of Bouts.

Willie Lucas defeated Knockout Jack Farrell in the final bout at the Fairmount Athletic Club last night. Farrell took the lead in the first round and, rushing his opponent, scored with hard right and left hooks to the head. Lucas was content to let Farrell do the lead-

ng in the first two sessions, occasionally cut-

ting loose with a short left or right swing

Seesaw Kelly, who had been matched to box Young Cuban, waited until he and his op-ponent had stepped into the ring before he de-

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BY LUCAS AT FAIRMOUNT

Promoters' Fondest Hopes Have Been More Than Realized-Season Closes Today.

BALTIMORE, April 14.-The Bowie meeting, which is brought to a close to-day, has in all probability proved a bigger financial success than the promoters looked for. It is a known fact that the meeting conducted last fall in opposition o that of the Maryland State Fair at Laurel bordered on the spelling of ruin for the enterprise, but happily another happening of this sort will not be seen. happening of this sort will not be seen.

The meeting has been much better than
expected when one considers the early
beginning. Horses that had been racing

at different winter tracks were to compe

On some days the programs were a bit light in quantity, this in a measure being due to the fact that there had been an epidemic of influenza among the horses quartered at the course, and though there were no serious results the material that had been available at the beginning of the meeting was sadly reduced in size This made it necessary to split some races and declare others off. But this will

happen at any race track at any time. There have been three run-ups during meeting and all participated in by Sim to who on each occasion purchased the ho. The first one was Videt, then Rustling Brwhile on last Friday, after Pennyrock scope was bought for \$700. Though there many people who look with diafavor on methods used by Louis, his worst enemy cost say that he plays favorites.

The entries to the stakes which will be The entries to the stakes which will be run off during the Pimilco meeting will close to-morrow. These are the Preskness Handicap for 3-year-olds at a mile and an eighth, the Clabaugh Memorial Cup for 2-year-olds at four

MAYER DEFEATS CUTLER

Philadelphia Billiardist Defeats New Yorker in Second.

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NEW YORK, April 14.—Playing in much improved form, Joseph Mayer, of Philadelphia, defeated Albert Cutler yesterday in the second game of their series at 18.2 balking at Doyle's Academy. The Philadelphian gathered 500 points in the atternoon and night seasons, while Cutler was getting 494. A splendid finish by Mayer at night, when Cutler had what was apparently a winning advantage, gained a victory for the Philadelphian, Mayer-4 26 4 12 3 0 1 15 3 5 5 8 0 66 2 1 1 2 18 6 9 5 114 21 33 2 23 8 Total 500. High runs, 114, 66, 58 Average, 17 7-29. Cutler—43 14 16 2 0 3 8 6 5 20 4 5 8 1 0 1 5 6 3 8 30 6 2 7 18 3 6 0 0 2 Total, 494, High runs, 94, Ni, 58 Average, 17 7-27.

Sell Racers Tomorrow

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Lovers of light harness racking will come if for their share of the sport tomorrow when a collection of trotters and pacers, the got o some royal sires, will be offered at pintle saint one of the local baguars. Show winners will also be programed, and from reports, storting men from New York, Belawars, Maryland and ill parks of this State, will flock to the sale samuel P. Leeds, the prominent Atlantic it horseman will dispose of his ribbon winners some of the trotters and pacing prospects that will invite purchasers are: Leeman, 217, 5 ingham, 2144; Stena Artell, 2224; Belf Americus, 2168; Expedition, 2196, an many others.

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WOMAN'S TENNIS TEAM FORMING AT COUNTRY CLUB FOR TOURNAMENT

Mrs. Gilbert A. Harvay Misses Walsh and Norm in Lead for Selections Enter Interclub Matches This Week.

Tennis enthusiasts this week have fellowed a series of matches being held at the Philadelphia Country Club to pine a woman's team for the fortheom tennis tournaments, Particular interis added owing to the fact that the Comtry Club has never until this year to tered the tournament with the

Twenty-eight players have entered as of these ten will be chosen, the Mefive composing the first team and the remaining the second team. The matrawill close tomorrow, when the success contestants will be announced. The who have been following the matches & clare Mrs. Gilbert A. Harvey, Mrs. Phyllia Walsh and Miss Sophie B. No. to be the present leaders. Those who have entered include Mr.

Charles C. Harrison, Jr., Mrs. Ger Holsman, Miss Rachel Baker, Miss Lin Baker, Miss Sarah Baker, Mrs. All W. Hansell, Miss Gertrude Pancoast, W. Florence Earle Johnson, Mrs. Edgar W Church, Mrs. S. Pemberton Hutchis Mrs. J. Kearsley Mitchell, 3d, Mrs. 0 bert A. Harvey, Mrs. Thomas Lange Elwyn, Miss Sophie Beauveau Nor Miss Phyllis Walsh, Mrs. William Stewart, Jr., Miss Gertrude Ehret, M. Mitchell G. Rosengarten, Mrs. Milton Work, Miss Agnes Hutchinson, Aimee Hutchinson, Mrs. Charles S. Pa num, Mrs. Marian Dougherty, Mrs. E. Lavino, Miss Josephine Dorrance, Mr. Lavino, Miss Josephine Dorrance, Mr. Harrison K. Caner, Mrs. Isaac H. Schlister, Jr., and Mrs. Howard W. Lewis A ranking board has been organized the club and the members are divisinto four classes. A player of any damay challenge a player belonging to most highest class, which challenges and the control of the c

next highest class, which challenge me be accepted within a week, thus insur-fairness in ranking. A player of t third class may challenge a player of a second class and if successful in defea ing her attains second-class standing.



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