

ATHLETICS PLAY BOSTON TODAY—RED SOX PITCHING STAFF REPORTED "SHOT TO PIECES"

TACTICS OF BOSTON PLAYERS DISGUSTING TO BALL FANS HERE

Red Sox Catchers Guilty of Blocking Plate in Unsportsmanlike Manner and Dangerous to Base Runner—Indecent Language Used in Effort to "Rattle" Athletics.

There were two distinct features of Boston's victory over the Athletics yesterday in the second game of the series, and neither reflects credit on baseball. This is no attempt to detract from Boston's victory, which was deserved, as better baseball was played in all departments by Carrigan's team.

The first fact, one noticed by all spectators, and which was distasteful to the fans, was the deliberate blocking at the plate by Manager Carrigan. In the opening game Cady twice blocked the plate, and the runners trying to score were lucky to escape injury.

Yesterday Carrigan not only stood in the path of the plate, but apparently went out of his way to make sure that there was no chance for McInnis to touch it. The play at the home station was not close, but had it been there was no chance for McInnis to slide. Had he tried to slide it is almost certain he would have been badly hurt and possibly have broken a leg, as many others have since the shin-guard has been used by catchers.

Both McInnis and Walsh Blocked.

McInnis was thrown 10 feet away from the plate and was nearly tossed out by Collins, who retrieved the ball that went past Carrigan to the stand in the mix-up. Later in the game Walsh was completely blocked from the plate when sliding with Carrigan, though in this case the play was not even made at home. Walsh was on second when McInnis hit a ground ball past second. Scott made a beautiful one-hand pick-up and shot the ball to Hobitzel ahead of McInnis. Walsh had rounded third and continued to the plate, but saw that McInnis had been called out and slowed up, but not in time to avoid a collision with the aggressive leader of the Red Sox.

Despite protests registered by the Athletics both days, Umpires Connolly and Chill permitted Carrigan and Cady to get away with this style of baseball. Some heavy penalty should be attached for this offense, and probably will be when some one is seriously and possibly fatally injured through these tactics. No fan likes a catcher who fouls base runners, and who will side-step the runner, and there is a happy medium and fair play. Boston's catchers do not seem to realize this.

This is not the first time that Carrigan has been in the limelight for the way he blocks the plate. Last season he caused a small riot in Cleveland when Olson collided with him. The blocking was so deliberate that the players came to blows, and before the cooler heads interrupted fans and players were swapping punches on the field.

Indecent Language Disgusts Spectators.

A certain element of spectators do not seem to mind such tactics as mentioned above, though they hooted yesterday. But they most assuredly do object to the methods employed by Carrigan's men in trying to get the "Athletics goat" in both contests.

After the world's series last fall it was written that the Braves kept after the Athletics all the time, making little personal flings which worried and riled the players. It was also freely stated that the language used was by no means choice, and would hardly pass in good company. Evidently the Red Sox believe they also can rile the Mackmen and get them up in the air. No sooner had the opening game started than the Boston players started shouting from the bench. Finally their language grew so strong that Umpire Connolly, who was officiating behind the bat, was compelled to go over to the dug-out and issue a warning.

Umpire Chill is either very hard of hearing or did not have the backbone to stop this practice yesterday. Spectators sitting in the grandstand on the right field side say that the remarks of the Red Sox were not only disgusting, but annoying to patrons, particularly women, who had come to look upon baseball as a refined pastime. It is time to put a stop to this sort of basing on the field. The Red Sox were a mighty popular team in this city and throughout the circuit, but this popularity will not last long under such conditions.

McAvoy Fails to Fill Schang's Place.

The game itself yesterday was not a pleasing one from a spectator's viewpoint, and was made even more disappointing to followers of the Athletics by the injury to Wally Schang. Two days ago the writer said the Athletics had a decided edge on the Red Sox in the catching end, provided Schang was lucky enough to escape injury; otherwise many clubs had it on the Mackmen in this department. This was made apparent when McAvoy virtually handed the game to the Red Sox through a poor bit of judgment. The error of judgment was one which was not only a mistake, but a lack of thinking ability. McAvoy has all the earmarks of a fine young backstop and is sure to improve with each game, but there is quite a difference between a McAvoy and a Schang.

Warmer Weather—Then Watch Lajoie.

Larry Lajoie, like every veteran player on the diamond, cannot do his best work until the weather begins to take on some semblance of summer. The last two days have been unfavorable for the big Frenchman, because he could not quite get warmed up to his work. Eight times Larry has been hit by the ball, yet he has not registered a safe blow yet. But he has met several of the balls in his former style, indicating that when the breaks begin he will be smashing the ball as well as he has in the past.

In the field Lajoie has been putting up a great article of ball. He has picked up with remarkable ease grounders which were labeled "no-hit handle." In making his plays at second base, Lajoie shows that he has lost none of his former cleverness, ease and certainty. Some one remarked in the stand yesterday that the Frenchman should have gotten the hit made by Duffy Lewis in the seventh inning. But when the hit was made by Speaker was on first and Lajoie had gone over to cover. Lewis shot the ball through the gap Larry had just left. That does not indicate that Lajoie was too slow, because in the ninth round an identical play was made, except that Barry was pulled out of position and Lewis sent the ball into left field.

WILL RUN FUTURITY AT BELMONT PARK

Famous Stake Shifted From Saratoga—History of the Great Classic.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The Futurity, one of the oldest and most famous of the stakes of the American turf, will be run at Belmont Park this year instead of at Saratoga, where it has been held since 1910. The Coney Island Jockey Club, which established the classic and still controls it, officially announced yesterday that it had turned over the race to the Westchester Racing Association for their autumn meeting on Long Island.

This action will curtail the Saratoga meeting by two days, making the dates at the Spa extend from August 2 to August 23 instead of to the last day of that month as originally planned. The Futurity was to have closed the meeting on Tuesday afternoon, August 31.

The Futurity was first run in 1888 at the Coney Island Jockey Club track, Sheepshead Bay, and was won that year by Proctor Knott. It was last staged at that course in 1909, when Sweep was first home under the wire. The following year, by a special arrangement with the Coney Island stewards, who still retained control of the stake, although the meeting was given under their auspices, the stake was transferred to Saratoga and has been held there since that time. It was won in 1910 by Novelist, in 1913 by Pennant and last year by Trojan. There was no racing in 1911 and 1912.

The Futurity was at one time the richest stake in the country. Its most affluent year was back in 1890, when Potomac was the victor. The purse amounted to \$27,675. The following year its value was \$61,675, when His Highness accounted for first place. Of late years the purse has not reached such high figures, although it has averaged about \$25,000. Last year \$16,000 was its valuation.

Mike Donlin Lands a Job
NEW YORK, April 16.—Michael Donlin, former New York Giant and one-time leading catcher of the National League, is coaching the Columbia baseball captain on South Street yesterday. The coach was on the field in uniform and worked out with the college lads. After the usual batting practice, Donlin and his assistant Don Beck and Big George Smith sat on the mound.

'ALL-FOR-GLORY' RUNS START NEXT WEEK

West Branch Y. M. C. A. to Promote 'Cross-country Race Friday Night.

Lovers of cross-country running will have an opportunity to get in a few "ticks" on the road next Friday night at 7:15 o'clock, when the West Branch Y. M. C. A. will stage the first of its weekly invitation "all-for-glory" street runs from the 32d and Sanson streets building.

The distance to be covered is about two miles, and this will enable local runners to start with light training. It is the plan of Director Owen V. Davis to provide "all-for-glory" set of track and field games this summer. If the first set is successful others will follow.

Athletes who will take part in outdoor exercises on track and field will begin their early training in about a week's time. Princeton University Track Association will hold its 16th open handicap meet on Saturday, May 1, A. A. U. and Intercollegiate rules to govern. The list of open events will be 100, 220, 440 yards, 120 high and 220 low hurdles; half, one and two-mile runs; broad and high jumps, pole vault, hammer and shot. The closed interclub (closed to men with varsity stripes).

The New York Athletic Club will stage the monthly amateur boxing tournament tonight. Simon P. Gilles, the New York A. C. hammer thrower, has started outdoor training. Simon will compete in the Eastern tryout for the Panama-Pacific championships.

DREW AND KELLY TO RACE IN RELAYS HERE NEXT WEEK

Champions From West to Enter Big Track Events.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 16.—Fred Kelly, world's champion hurdler, and Howard Jones, champion relay runner, will start Sunday with his teammates, Howard Jones and Philadelphia's relay runner, Kelly, who was spiked badly in the left foot in a relay race in which several international athletes were in a holder of several international titles. Jones and Kelly will represent the University of Southern California at the Philadelphia meet.

Freddie Welsh to Battle Harvey
COLUMBUS, O., April 16.—Freddie Welsh, champion lightweight boxer, will match up with Johnny Harvey, of New York, in a 12-round bout here April 23.



WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

FANNING WITH GRANTLAND RICE. Illustration of a man fanning himself.

Marquard's Rebuttal
So I was caught but a bally joke—
I've lost the break to my curve and smoke—
I'd nothing left but a glove and prayer—
With a heart bowed down by a load of care.

Willard Hates Stage; MAY FIGHT SOON
Match With Promising Heavyweight, Jim Coffey, Now Ring Talk in New York.

NEW YORK, April 16.—Jesse Willard, however much he may desire to pick up the coin that is due him, takes to the life of a thespian with about as much kindness as a hen does to water. The big Kansan told his managers Wednesday, and reiterated it yesterday, that the "two-a-day" did not make any appeal to him whatever.

Back in 1912 we observed the Rubie for a starter peel off 19 consecutive victories—establishing a modern mark. In 1914 on a certain sultry afternoon in Pittsburgh we observed him nail a 21-inning victory, smashing all past National League records. And no later than yesterday afternoon we saw the resilient Rubie rise again upon his splayed hind legs and travel nine rounds without permitting the semblance of a sweat.

We have just received a wireless cable from Col. Bill Donovan that, as far as he can make out, the recent mid-winter controversy has not upset Walter Johnson to any marked extent. "He may not be," cables Wild Bill, "as good as he used to be—but he is still entirely too good for any ordinary user."

If You Recall the Details
As strikingly exclusively mentioned in these stirring dispatches some two or three months ago, Johnson was highly unpopular in Washington until he recorded his first shut-out.

The Giant Status
The 1915 status of the Giants brings around one of the most interesting phases of psychology now extant. According to no less—or no greater—as the case may be—an authority than John J. McGraw, New York's chances to suppress the Battling Braves this season depends upon the ambition of his club and its capacity for hard work and eternal hustle.

The Giants are not a young club. They have enjoyed three pennant years, and there is no longer for them the dream and the lure of reaching the heights. The money call in itself is not sufficient. There must be something more—the obsession of winning and fighting—and if they have this, they have their chance.

There isn't any club in either circuit today good enough to stampede the rest of it and win when it cares to. There isn't a club in the game with the ability of the old Cubs or with the driving power of the Mackmen. The two clubs that win

"HOW I WON THE WORLD'S RING CHAMPIONSHIP"—BY WILLARD

Cowboy Fighter Lost First Battle on Foul in Frame-Up Against Him, He Says—Easily Defeated Fink Next Time—Admits Jumping Bail in Oklahoma After Arrest for Bozng.

ARTICLE IV
By JESS WILLARD
Heavyweight Champion of the World.
My opponent in that first fight was a young fellow named Louis Fink, and the battle was decided in a ring at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, February 15, 1911. I lost it on a foul in the 10th round.

As I have already told you, I was so nervous that they had difficulty in putting my gloves on and the big crowd put a dent in my confidence at the start. But we hadn't been going along more than a couple of rounds before I discovered that Fink wasn't able to hurt me in the least, whereas my blows seemed to be telling on him.

That gave me more assurance, and I was sailing along pretty good by the time the middle of the fight was reached. I didn't know it at the time, but I soon discovered that they didn't want me to win. In fact, certain parties were keen for me being defeated, and about the only way that could be accomplished was for the referee to declare me loser on a foul. He had waited until the 10th round before he had nerve enough to say that he had an excuse for this, and then he stopped the battle and gave it to Fink on a foul. I don't know what the foul was. As a matter of fact, there was not any, but he said there was and I had to stand for it.

There was a popular roar about my getting the worst of it in that battle, and we were re-matched that same night, the fight to take place five weeks later. Fink was frightened to death at the beating I gave him in that first battle, and proved an easy victim in the second, taking the 19th count in the third round. I managed to connect with a right-hand punch full on his chin and he crumpled in a heap.

As I remember it, I got about \$5 for my first fight and nearly twice as much for the second one, and, as I was completely broke at the time, I didn't complain any. I still thought I would be a champion some day and was willing to wait until my chance came.

As my expenses were being paid around Oklahoma, I was able to give all of my earnings to my family and this kept all of us going. My wife didn't like the idea of my fighting and was urging me all the time to quit the game. But the fever was in my blood and I could no more have passed it up than I could have manufactured a watch.

DIXON'S Graphite Grease No. 677 For Transmissions and Differentials

One of the foremost racing drivers in America was offered \$500 in cash by the salesman of a certain lubricant if he would permit him to put his lubricant into this racer's car, and the reply was, "No, I would rather pay \$5 per pound for Dixon's Automobile Lubricants than use any other as a gift." Dixon's Graphite Automobile Lubricants have as a basis Dixon's selected flake graphite, the only form of flake graphite that will successfully lubricate an automobile without packing or balling up in the bearings.

RACES TODAY At HAVRE DE GRACE
Six Races Daily—including a Steeplechase.
Special Trains—Penna. R. R. leave Broad St. 12:34 p. m., West Phila. 12:38 p. m.; B. & O. leave 24th and Chestnut Sts. 12:45 p. m.
Admission, Grandstand and Paddock, \$1.50. Ladies, \$1.00.
First Race at 2:30 p. m.

RACES
Havre de Grace, April 15 to 30, \$1.25 Round Trip. Special Train, Lv. 12:25 p. m. Returning after races
BALTIMORE & OHIO
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BASEBALL TODAY SHIBE PARK
Athletics vs. Boston
GAME AT 3:30 P. M.
BASEBALL
U. OF PENNA. vs. YALE
Franklin Field, April 17, 3 P. M.
Admission 50c and \$1.00

EVERING LEDGER MOVIES—YES, ARCHIMEDES, IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY, BUT TODAY IS ANOTHER STORY
A cartoon strip with characters and speech bubbles. One character says "HEY POP!", another "WHAT?", another "WHEN ARE THE ATHLETICS?", another "LIKE A MAN BEING KICKED BY A ME-YULE?", another "COISES! I MUST CONSULT ME BOOKS.", another "HM-MM?", another "YOU'VE GOT ME KID, SPRING IT!", another "WHEN-", another "THEY MEET WITH 'DE- FEET!'", another "ARCHIMEDES, I'M ASHAMED OF YOU!", another "WA! 1915".