

CUBS' PITCHING STAFF LOOKS LIKE BEST IN LEAGUE—TENNIS TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULED

QUALITY OF CUBS' PITCHING ASSURES LOOK-IN FOR PENNANT

Entire Staff, Except Cheney, Going at Top Speed for Chicagoans. Wonderful Work of Alexander Restores Phillies—Zimmerman and Bresnahan Work in Harmony.

Manager Bresnahan, of the Cubs, predicted at the start of the season that he would win the National League pennant if his pitching staff came through as he expected. At the same time Manager McGraw, of the Giants, agreed with Bresnahan, but stated that he did not think the Cubs had a pitching staff worth mentioning. If the work of the Cubs' pitching staff since May 15 is any criterion, Bresnahan is in the pennant fight to the finish.

The Phillies beat them yesterday, but that was no fault of the pitching of Humphries. The former Philly hurler performed well enough to win nine games out of ten, but was unfortunate enough to be pitted against the wonderful Alexander, who was going at his best.

After going along in an erratic manner the Cubs' pitchers found themselves in New York on May 15 and since that time have been going better than any other staff in the league, including the Phillies. While Moran's pitching has been out of the ordinary, Bresnahan has had even better since the first two weeks of the season.

Cubs' Pitching Now Best in the League

Humphries shut out the Giants with three hits, following a 10 to 0 defeat at the hands of Marquard, and then the rest of the staff fell in line. Six hits were made off Vaughn and Adams the following day; five off Pierce in the opener at Boston, and then Lavender, Vaughn and Cheney, assisted by Pierce, beat the Braves in order, allowing five, seven and two hits respectively.

If there has been any better pitching than this in either league it is not apparent in the box scores. Other staffs may have one or two stars who outshine any of the Cubs in individual brilliancy, but that pitching staff is strong enough to win a pennant in any league if it is handled right.

Alexander Shakes Off Cub Jinx

Alexander the Great shook off a "jinx" that has followed him since his entry into the National League, when he held the Cubs to two hits, struck out nine batters and shut them out. The Cubs always have been the hardest team in the league for Alexander to defeat, and never has he been able to start off the season with a victory over the Western team. Every season Alexander has been beaten by the Cubs just when he seemed in a fair way to go after a consecutive victory record. Two years ago the Cubs gave Alexander his first defeat of the season after he had won 11 straight games. This is only one of the many Cub upsets, and they have done it on good, hard hitting and not through the breaks of luck and bad support.

New Tactics Cause Downfall of Slugging Trio

Three men have been mainly responsible for this inability of Alexander to beat the Cubs in the past, and they are Zimmerman, Schulte and Salier. He has never been able to fool them consistently until yesterday. In this game he worked each of these sluggers on different lines than in the past. Salier received many slow balls, whereas in the past Alex depended on a fast ball outside. Zimmerman was not given any slow balls near the plate, as the Philly pitcher recalled what Heinie did to one last summer. Schulte was given fast balls outside and very low curve balls to hit at. Whether Moran, Killefer or Alexander is responsible for this change is not known, but it is certainly a change for the better, and perhaps Alexander may not be troubled by the Cubs again.

Zimmerman Actually Failed to Kick

Heinie Zimmerman came in for his usual joshing from the crowd, but for the first time in his career he never noticed the bunch. On the whole, Zimmerman's actions surprised the crowd. He kicked but once during the game, and even then he did not get boisterous, as he usually does. When Bresnahan told him to return to his position, he obeyed, something that would have been marveled at a year ago.

Killefer caught Zimmerman napping off third base in the second inning, and, to the surprise of the crowd, Zimmerman walked meekly to the bench. There was no question about his being out, but in the past he would have kicked on general principles. Altogether, there appears to be much better feeling in the club with Bresnahan as its leader. If Bresnahan can control his own fiery temper, the Cubs should go well throughout the season, but Roger has never been able to control himself heretofore.

Umpiring Poor, But Becker's Kicking Foolish

Beals Becker's action in kicking himself out of the game was headless, though it must be admitted that he had plenty of cause to object strenuously to the third strike called by Empire Eason. It was not getting Becker anything to object in such a manner, as there was no chance of Eason reversing his decision. He merely laid himself open to a suspension which would further cripple the team.

Manager Moran was quick to realize this, and ordered Becker to the clubhouse before he went further in his argument. The umpiring was poor yesterday, as it has been throughout the season, except when Klem and Emslie were here. While it seemed that most of the poor decisions were given against the Phillies, there were also many against the Cubs. These things even up in the end sometimes, and sometimes they do not, but poor umpiring mars an afternoon's pleasure for the spectators, and the best week-day crowd of the season was present.

"Wildfire" Schulte, Remnant of Famous Cub Machine

The appearance of "Wildfire" Schulte at the plate in the first inning yesterday was the occasion for applause from a solitary group of old fans in the upper pavilion, who recalled the famous Cub machine, which captured pennants with monotonous regularity in the National League about ten years ago.

Schulte is the last of the great 1905 team, and he still looks like a mighty fine ball player, and excepting for a slight weakness in his throwing arm, that once was the envy of every outfielder in the league, he looks just the same as six years ago, when he faced the Athletics in the world's series. Jimmy Sauer and Heinie Zimmerman were with the Cubs when they won the championship in 1910, but that was when the old machine was breaking.

With Sheekard and Slagle, Schulte made up one of the best outfielders that has played in the National League in 20 years. There have been many other outfielders that outdid this combination and may have looked a bit better in individual play, but this old three "S" combination brought the results.

Schulte Was Once the Great Home Run King

Until Fred Luderus started on his mad home-run career in 1911, Schulte was undisputed home-run king of the league for five years. Even since then Schulte has finished well up in the home-run hitters, until last season, when he apparently had an off year. This season he has already found the range of the right-field wall in a few parks.

Schulte broke in on the Phillies' field in 1905, coming from the Syracuse club, of the New York State League. In his first day as a major leaguer he lifted the ball into Broad street, and since then has always found this the easiest park in the league for home runs. When Schulte goes, there will not be a single member of that famous band in the National League.

Garry Herrmann Lets Cat Out of the Bag

Garry Herrmann is quoted in a dispatch from Cincinnati as saying that it will be necessary to cut the players' salaries before the close of the present season unless conditions improve. If the players refuse to accept these cuts it will be necessary for some to give up the "ghost," according to the way Herrmann was quoted.

If Herrmann really made this statement, he unconsciously handed the Federal League a boost that will be worked to the limit, because so far as can be learned not a Federal League magnate has expressed himself as being in favor of such a step and none has admitted that the baseball war has financially embarrassed him.

The magnates are more to blame for the increased salaries than are the players themselves, and it is out of the question to suppose that players will allow the clubs to break contracts that they have fought in court to compel the players to live up to. It has been stated before in these columns that there would be a peace agreement before the middle of June or one of the three leagues would crack.

Negotiations for peace are under way, and it is only the obstinacy of a few of the wealthier magnates that is preventing completion of the plans. If the majority are going to permit the obstinacy of a few to financially embarrass them, there will be no end to the war until the pocketbooks of several are empty.

ZIM NOW BEHAVES; RAJAH NOW PLAYS



The Cubs are playing a great game, Heinie Zimmerman and Roger Bresnahan contributing a generous share of the snappy work. Zim has curbed his temper, and Boss Roger, now that he is boss, is playing a wonderful game.

BASEBALL CHIEFS RAP

HERRMANN'S CALAMITY

HOWLS AND THREATS

Ban Johnson, Comiskey and Huston Declare Proposal to Cut Players' Salaries Is Ridiculous in the Extreme.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Garry Herrmann's statement that the country's baseball craft was likely to go upon the financial rocks this summer was disputed today by President Comiskey, of the White Sox; President Ban Johnson, of the American League, and Captain Huston, of the New York Yankees.

"There isn't a question but that Herrmann is wrong in more than one way," asserted President Comiskey. "I can't understand why he is making a holler now. Why didn't he do it before the season opened, at the time he was signing up his men to contracts. If his payroll and the gate receipts do not balance, it shows poor baseball management. If I take in \$15 at my gate I am not going to slip \$25 to my players, but I am going to pay my men what the contract calls for, even if I have to stand a loss during some off years. However, I try to conduct my business in such a way that in the long run I break even."

"It may be a bad baseball year, although I am not ready to admit that. The weather has been abominable, and that has hurt the attendance, but at the same time baseball, in order to succeed, must be conducted exactly the same as any other business; you must at least break even. Those who do not, have no business in baseball, and they are not baseball men. Did you ever hear of an established firm talking about throwing up the sponge just because the receipts were falling off under certain conditions?"

"The idea of cutting the players' salaries during the season is absurd. I haven't heard any American League owner making a kick, have you? You are not likely to, either. We are going to meet our obligations, business or no business. The trouble with a lot of owners is that they commit themselves too deeply, and when receipts begin to slump they blame the conditions existing at that precise moment."

"If Garry is kicking because of poor business it must be because the management has been bad," said President Ban Johnson. "Herrmann should cheer up. The American League is not making any holler. Herrmann was wrong in giving out that interview."

"I am not kicking on the business we have done," said Captain Huston, of the Yankees, who are playing here. "I have been busy traveling around the country looking over the ball stands, with a view of putting up one of our own next year. That should be an answer to the criticism of hard times."

"Herrmann probably knows what he is talking about," said President Gilmore, of the Reds, "so far as his own club is concerned, but so far as our own league is concerned I guess we will worry along. I have seen no distress signals in our circuit."

MAYER WILL OPPOSE

SPEEDY CHICAGOANS

IN SECOND OF SERIES

Weather Threatens, But Moran Will Play Game If Possible—Double-headers Piling Up. Vaughn Probable Choice.

Erskine Mayer will try to duplicate Alexander's feat against the Cubs this afternoon. The Chicagoans have never been able to do much with Mayer, and with the team intact again except for the absence of Whitted, Manager Moran believes that the Phils will take three in a row if the breaks of the game are even.

He is reckoning, however, without Jim Vaughn, the star southpaw of Bresnahan's staff. Left-handed pitchers as a rule are easy for the Phils, but Vaughn has been so good that he has been considered as any pitcher in the league, barring Rube Benton. If he warms up well he is to be sent against the Phils this afternoon.

The brand of ball played by the Phils yesterday was pleasing to the largest weekday crowd of the season, and another big throng is likely to be on hand today if the weather does not butt in and spoil another day for the Phils. The pitching staff of the Phils has been going in great style and should continue so, but this piling up of double-headers is a good thing for any staff. Nothing short of a downpour will induce Manager Moran to call off today's game.

The cripples are coming around in good shape. Luderus has not entirely recovered the use of his left arm nor has Byrne entirely recovered from the effects of his collision at second base in the last game with the Cardinals. He is still troubled with headache, but will remain in the game.

"DOUGHERTY DAY" TOMORROW

Benefit Ball Game at Phils' Park for Old Fan.

A chance to see a championship baseball game between the National League leaders, and at the same time to aid a famed minstrel entertainer and baseball fan, is afforded in the benefit to Hughie Dougherty, which will be given tomorrow. The committee which planned the benefit for the veteran preferred to give a real ball game to those who bought tickets instead of some freak patched-up contest, about which no one would care. The Phils and Cubs are now battling for first place, and are the class of the older big league organization. A slight advance is made on the price of the tickets, and this premium goes to Mr. Dougherty. Tickets are on sale at all prominent hotels.

Illinois Kills Boxing Bill

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 26.—The bill legalizing 10-round, no-decision boxing bouts in Illinois under the supervision of a State Athletic Commission was defeated last night when it came up for final passage in the lower house of the Legislature. The bill lacked five votes of enough for passage.

MEN'S TENNIS TEAMS

TO CLASH IN ANNUAL

DOUBLES AT NOBLE

Invitation Tourney to Begin Friday—Local Players—Many From East and West—Women Play at Cricket Club Monday.

The tennis tournament season will be ushered in on Friday of this week, when the annual doubles invitation tournament for the Huntingdon Valley Country Club challenge cups gets under way on the courts at Noble. R. D. Little and T. R. Poll, of New York, last year's winners, will be on hand in defense of the trophies, while the pick of the eastern doubles teams will compete against them.

The local teams will be J. R. Carpenter, Jr., and Dr. E. B. Dewhurst, former Pennsylvania doubles champions; H. M. and J. T. Tilden, Jr.; Edmund and J. T. Thayer, Jr.; A. D. Thayer and F. E. Dixon; F. H. Bates and S. H. Collum; Allan Butler and Kent Willing; George H. Brooke and Edgar Scott; A. L. Hoskins and E. F. Torrey, and Rowland Evans, Jr., and C. B. Jennings. In addition to Little and Poll, New York will be represented by Robert Leroy and F. C. Inman, and Craig Biddle and G. F. Touchard. W. J. Clothier, of Philadelphia, a former national singles champion, partnered by Alfred Dabney, will represent Boston, and from Baltimore will come F. C. Colston and Basil Wagner.

The West will be ably represented by two players who are at present residing in Philadelphia—J. J. Armstrong and W. E. Davis. The pair loomed up as the dark horses of the tournament. In addition to the above named, George Zinn will have as a partner a former New Zealand champion, F. M. B. Fisher.

A mere glance over this list of names is proof of the fact that the tournament this year will produce the same excellent brand of tennis that it has in years past. Formerly it was held in the fall, but coming early in the season, as it does this time, it will be sure to attract large galleries, which can be well taken care of. A tournament open to all comers will be held for the championship of Pennsylvania and Eastern States in women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles on the courts of the Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, on Monday, May 31, and following days.

Following the rule of the national tournament, there will be no challenge round; the champions will play through. Last year Mrs. Edward Raymond, New York, won the singles, and partnered by Miss Edna Wilder, of Plainfield, N. J., won the doubles. The mixed doubles were won by Mrs. Raymond and W. T. Tilden, Jr., of the Germantown Cricket Club.

Entries should be made with W. W. Montgomery, Jr., secretary of the Merion Cricket Club, at an entrance fee of \$1.50 should accompany each entry. For the singles the entry should be received on or before May 23, and May 31 for the doubles and mixed doubles.

PRINCETON MAKES PROTEST AGAINST YALE'S STAR PLAYER

Outfielder Hanes May Be Barred From Saturday's Game.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 26.—Princeton yesterday called the attention of the Yale athletic authorities to the question of the eligibility of Johnny Hanes, star outfielder and batsman on the Yale baseball team. Although no formal protest has been filed against Hanes, it is possible that such action will be taken before the Yale-Princeton game at Yale Field Saturday unless Captain Middlebrook and the Princeton authorities come to an understanding prior to that time.

The matter is now in the hands of Captain Middlebrook, who has power to act for Yale. He will confer with Princeton authorities on the matter.

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SKIPPERS ON EDGE FOR RACES AT ESSINGTON; DREXEL'S BOAT

Five Raceabouts in Events of Corinthian Yacht Club—Run to Annapolis—Nancy II Will Be Novel Craft—The Akbar to Be Launched Soon.

Five raceabouts will compete in the second of the midweek series of races of the Corinthian Yacht Club, of Essington, this afternoon over the eight-mile course. The boats will leave in front of the clubhouse about 2 o'clock. After crossing the starting line they will sail down river to the gas buoy anchored off Eddystone. Turning the buoy on the port side they will make a run to the buoy anchored off Chester Island. After passing the buoy they will sail back to the buoy anchored off Eddystone and return home for the first round. They will go over the same course again.

The Quakeress, owned by Clarence Godshalk, which won the first race last Wednesday, is out for a win this afternoon. To all appearances she seems to be the best of the five boats. In the second of the week-end contests held last Saturday in a terrific rain and thunder storm, the Quakeress had a commanding lead over the other three boats, but a squall making the first round of the course the craft was caught in the storm and owing to the fact that Mrs. Godshalk was aboard it was decided to retire from the contest.

The Quakeress came back to the clubhouse and the crew awaited the appearance of the other three boats, which were caught in the fog. Just as the boats were about to start a squall lifted the three boats here in sight about a half a mile from the clubhouse and the finish line.

The yacht and schooner owners of the Corinthian Yacht Club, of Essington, are making preparations for the annual cruise to Annapolis this Friday. The boat will leave some time Friday afternoon and sail down the Delaware River, through the Chesapeake and Chesapeake Canal and down the Chesapeake to Annapolis, where the boats will participate in the June festivities of the Naval Academy. The Regatta committee of the club will not go on the cruise as the majority of owners cannot find the time to participate.

The "speed bugs" in this vicinity are awaiting with interest the first race of the season for displacement races. The most recent addition to this class is the Nancy II, owned by L. H. Lundgren, of the Belmont Yacht Club, this city, which was recently completed at the John C. Vanderslice shipyard, of Camden, N. J. It was launched a few days ago and was given a time trial over a measured half-mile course on the Delaware River. The boat, which is 25 feet long, with a 4-foot 3-inch beam, is fitted with a 50-horsepower Sterling engine, which is capable of turning over about 1700 revolutions per minute.

In the two trial runs of half a mile each, the Nancy II, which is a round-bottom boat with but one displacing surface, made about 20 miles an hour. She traveled the first half-mile in 61 seconds, turning over 1350 revolutions per minute. On the second trip she covered the course in 62 seconds, losing about five seconds when the engine missed about six times during the course of the run. The builder and owner of the craft are confident that the boat will reach its estimated speed of about 33 miles an hour.

If the Nancy II can reach the expected speed, she will be the first craft to give the X. Q. M. E., owned by Commodore John Vanderslice, of the Camden Motor Boat Club, which has won the championship race in her class in the last three years, a time allowance. The reason for the allowance is that the X. Q. M. E. is powered with only a 40-horsepower engine and travels but a trifle more than 27 miles an hour.

Another boat, which is being built along similar lines as the Drexel craft is the express cruiser Enchantress II for Louis Burke, of this city. She has the same rakish appearance and has about the same horsepower. She is nearing completion and is ready for the last coat of varnish. She will be given her first dip some time this week. After the launching Mr. Burke intends to take a short cruise to give the boat a thorough trying out. She will have an estimated speed of 25 miles an hour when properly tuned up. The Enchantress II may be a contender in the express cruiser race, which will be held in conjunction with the cruiser contest on June 18-19 to Five Fathom Bank Lightship from the Alpha Boat Club, of Chester.

GOLF UPSET TODAY

AT SLEEPY HOLLOW

Miss Marion Hollins Is Defeated by Mrs. H. Reeve Stockton, 5 Up and 4 to Play.

SLEEPY HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB, Scarborough, N. Y., May 26.—Mrs. H. Reeve Stockton, of Plainfield, was the star performer in the second match round of the Women's Metropolitan Golf championship today over the links of the Sleepy Hollow Country Club. She caused the first upset in the tournament by defeating Miss Marion Hollins, of Westbrook, former holder of the title, by 5 up and 4 to play.

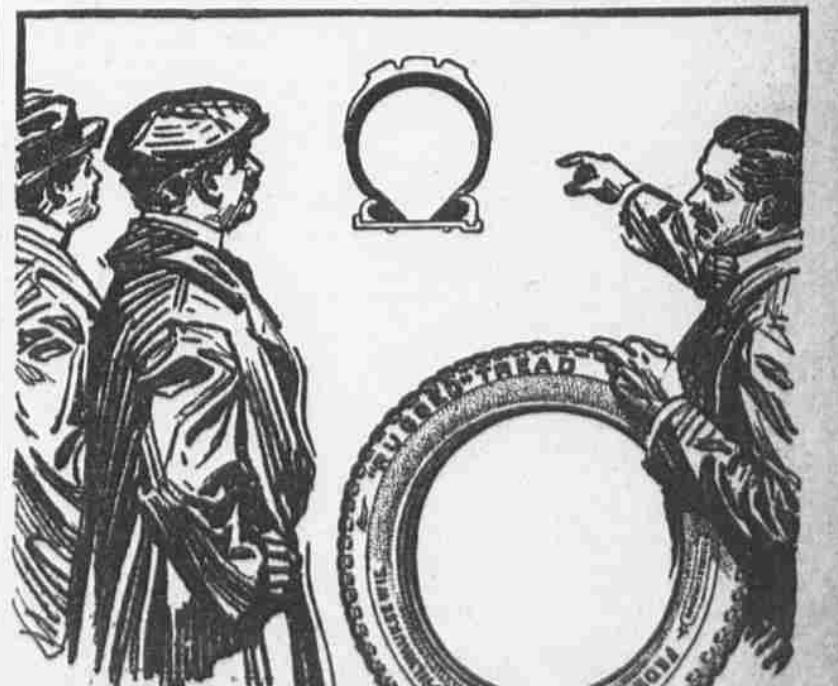
Miss Lillian B. Hyde, the present champion, had an easy time eliminating Mrs. A. J. Morgan, of Apawamis, 7 to 6, while Mrs. J. S. Davis, of Piping Rock, won over Miss Elsa Pickardt, of Englewood, 3 and 2. Mrs. W. J. Faith, of Wykagyl, easily brushed aside Mrs. A. S. Rossin, of Century, to the tune of 6 and 5.

The match between Mrs. Stockton and Miss Hollins was easily the feature of the day. The erstwhile titleholder generally outdrew her opponent, but Mrs. Stockton excelled on the greens. In fact, Miss Hollins lost the first two holes through taking three putts on each green, and became three down when she became wild and got into the rough off the tee and again on her second shot. She might have won the fourth hole but for another putting lapse.

On the short fifth hole over a deep ravine, Mrs. Stockton's spoon, the handle, slipping from the rain, flew out of her hands and went hurtling into the hazard along with the ball. As Miss Hollins' tee shot landed safely on the green, Mrs. Stockton resigned the hole. Miss Hollins putted out for a three. By the time the turn was reached Mrs. Stockton was 5 up. Miss Hollins winning the ninth hole. The former was out in 44 to the latter's 46. A lost ball of the eleventh cost Miss Hollins that, and on the thirteenth the same old three-putt story became a fact again. Playing perfectly, Mrs. Stockton took the fourteenth and the match.

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Miss Hollins—5 8 5 3 4
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THAT'S THE JOKE, THE HORSEHIDE IS BOUND TO BE FELT!

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