IF RUBE OLDRING SHOWS OLD FORM MACKMEN WILL HAVE STRONGER TEAM NEXT SEASON

WITH RETURN OF OLDRING ATHLETICS HAVE BUT TWO REGULAR PLACES TO FILL

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Third Base and Short Stop Only Positions Mack Has to Worry About If Young Pitchers Come Through

LOOKING at the final standing of the American League, one will find that I the Athletics finished a poorer last than any team in years, and the natural conclusion is that the Mackmen had few good players, but a glance at the runs scored and the pitching records proves conclusively just why the Athletics were a bad last.

The infield was absolutely undependable, and the inexperienced pitchers handed the opposing teams game after game, permitting four and five runs per game made by the Athletics to go to waste. The return of Rube Oldring. who had announced his retirement, leaves but two regular positions open, and, as the time for spring training season approaches, the chances of the Mackmen to finish a few notches higher look much brighter.

As Manager Mack readily agrees, Oldring, in condition and hustling, is one of the greatest players in the game; but as he played in 1915 Rube had only a bad influence on the rest of the team. Pride in his work, which had always been so noticeable in the big outfielder's play, was conspicuous by its absence in 1915, but Oldring has promised Mack that he would hustle throughout the coming season, regardless of the position occupied by the team. * * *

The Oldring of 1915 Not Wanted by Mack

The Oldring of 1915 is not wanted by Manager Mack, who frankly informed Rube just where he stood, but the Oldring of 1910, 1911, 1913 and 1914 will be welcomed with open arms. In his long career with the Athletics Oldring has had but one poor year, 1912, and that also was due to indifference and lack of interest. He recovered from that slump and played brilliant ball until last season. Mack thinks he will repeat.

It was the intention of Mack to trade Oldring, but Rube got wind of it and it hastened his "retirement." although last summer he often said that 1915 was his last year in baseball. If Mack had gone through with his original plan to sell or trade Oldring, it is doubtful if the latter would have returned to the game, but after being assured by Mack that his old position was open for him if he could show his old-time form, Oldring jumped at the

Physically, Oldring is in better shape than ever before at this time of the year. He is not carrying more than ten pounds of excess weight, which is a small amount for a man his size. Rube has been living the simple life on his farm, spending most of his time outdoors, and appears to be quite capable of coming back.

If Oldring is able to fill his old post to the satisfaction of Mack, the maker of champions needs only a third baseman and shortstop to have his regular lineup completed as it will probably start the season. Third base appears to be the greatest problem, as Bill Kopf should fill the bill at short, if good men are secured to work with him. Kopf is young and getting better all the time. A good break at the start of the season probably would prove the making of Kopf, and he would soon blossom forth as a star of the first water. . . .

Davies, Strunk and Oldring for the Outfield

It has practically been decided that Lloyd Davies will be the regular left fielder, with Oldring in centre and Strunk in right. Mack's infield problem, which was the greatest he had to deal with last season, is still the only one which is troubling him. McInnis is, of course, certain to be on first, while Mack has decided that it is time for Louis Malone to be sent into the game regularly, and he will be at second base. Manager Mack and veteran members of the team are certain Malone will soon clinch this position. They look upon him as one of the most promising youngsters developed in several seasons.

Third base is still the great uncertainty. Mack tried out several recruits By When Spring returns in glory And smashes Winter's mood, And Pan re-pipes his story Within his solitude. Do I dream then of flowers, Or think of April showers, Or turn to rose-rimmed bowers! Not an your breakfast food. at this position last season, but of the lot there is not one who looks to be strong enough to hold down the job on a team which hopes to be in the running for the championship in 1917. There will be several recruits, not seen by local fans last season, who will try for Baker's corner, and if Mack has his usual luck with raw material, the fans may be surprised by the sudden appearance of a star. . . .

Perkins Is Star Catcher

Wally Schang will do the bulk of the catching, with Young Perkins second catcher. This lad is sure to be a star, according to members of the team. It will be remembered that Perkins caught three or four games at the close of the 1915 season. He made a great impression on his team-mates and opposing players. Baseball men who saw the lad catch in the North Carolina League also feel certain that he is destined to be one of the game's greatest receivers in a year or two. Perkins is not 20 years of age, and should develop rapidly under the watchful eye of Mack.

t was only a day or two ago that Duffy But even with the rest of the team looking like a first division pos-Lewis and Harry Hooper took charge of sibility, Mack probably will pilot another tail-ender unless his pitching staff can the big mortars and closed out the last W. S. campaign. show a 100 per cent. improvement over the 1915 form. Pitching is rated as 70 per cent, of the game, while control is considered 75 per cent, in summing up Fielder Jones pitcher's ability, so it is easy to see that the Mackmen will not figure strongly unless the youngsters learn to get the ball over the plate with something on it.



MANAGERS IN BASEBALL

Browns' 1916 Leader Has Great Chance to Put St. Louis on Diamond Map

Once More

By GRANTLAND RICE

had any number of fine fellows enrolled, but the general pep of the squad was about as pronounced as that of a sponge. They have lacked color, whatever that ay be. They have had only a few to appeal to the fancies or imaginations of the fans. Maisel and Magee together will mean quite a difference.

For Spring's the open season, The Barriers Not only of the score, But where, bereft of reason,

"I am sorry I can't use Evers at second base, as I have Steve Yerkes for that place."-Joe Tinker. "I know I need a man or two," Said Connie Mack one day; "I'd like to find the proper one "Id like to And the proper one To help regain my sway; They handed me the Georgia Peach, But I forestalled their bunk; What chance have I to use Ty Cobb When I have Amos Strunk? Whith reminds us that spring is now only a yawn or two away; and yet

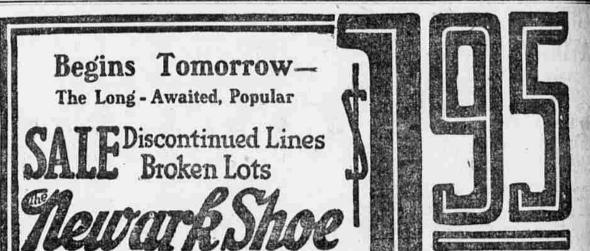
Said Wild Bill Donovan, "Please say There's nothing in this dope; I wouldn't take him if I had find

BETHLEHEM, Pa, Jan. 20. — Bethlehem ligh School girls' banketball team had no rouble in defeating the Pen Argyl High chool team today by the score of 16 to 2, due the clone guarding of the Bethlehem stris-en Argyl was unable to score a single field cal. Miss Reynolds scored 14 out of the 16 outs.

Goals from floor-Miss Reynolds, 5; Miss Koch, Goals from foul-Misa Mershon, Miss Harding, Miss Reynolds, 4, Refereo-Miss Clift, Time of halves-15 minutes.

Albright Football Dates MYERSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 20. —Matager Henry Dice, of McCopswille, has completed a sobschule of 10 games for the Albright College football iteam, as follows: Scotember 33, Rutgers, at New Brunawick, N. J. Scotember 30, Rucknell, at Lewishburg: October 7, Lehigh, at South Bethlehem, Oc-tober 14, Dickines, at Carlisie: October 21, Muhlenherg, at Allentown, October 28, George-town, at Georgetown, Va., November 41, Muhlenherg, at Allentown, November 4, Sun-gebannis, at Myerstown, November 4, Sun-gebannis, at Myerstown, November 4, Sun-gebannis, at Myerstown, November 7, Latiyette, at Saston, November 10, William-son Trade Schoid, at Myerstown, November 7, Reguesis for games had been received from Navy, Colgante, Syracuse, New York Univer-sty and Franklin and Marshall.

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NEWCOMB IS FIRST IN PINEHURST SHOOT

Philadelphia Gunner Wins Preliminary Handicap, Breaking 95 Out of 100 Targets

PINEHURST, N. C. Jan, 21.-The prolimi-mary handlean of 100 targets, one of the hu-events of the Pinehurst target fournament was contested late venterday, with 117 estima-target money was taken by C. H. Newsami, a first money was taken by C. H. Newsami, a Dille/clothia, who shed from the back mark at yards. Newcomb had a good day, brack e morning, which was four-dus shoot of 500 ing allotment of 100 J. brought down 100 str perfect more thus far

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Area for four mathemore, 45 M. Hawking, Thitimore, 45 Armport, 485, W. H. Jones, W. S. Hoon, Jewell Junctio W. S. Hoon, Joseff Junctio W. Willin, Ruffalo, 481; D. J. 40, Mp., 480,

West Branch, 38; Madonna, 28

West Branch gained a notable victory over Madonna on the latter's floor last night by the score of 18 to 28. Madonna led at half time by 22 to 5, but the Y. M. C. A, boys made a great raily in the second half.

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Youngsters Need More Confidence Last season Mack had a large staff of youngsters who really had an unusual nount of natural talent, but every time they tried to cut loose with their st "stuff" they could not get the ball near the plate. After walking two or ee men, the confidence of the youngsters would be shattered, and when they ally got the ball over the plate it had little on it, with the result that the amount of natural talent, but every time they tried to cut loose with their best "stuff" they could not get the ball near the plate. After walking two or three men, the confidence of the youngsters would be shattered, and when they finally got the ball over the plate it had little on it, with the result that the batsmen found them easy.

If the training camp coaching of Mack, Davis and Thomas has the desired effect, American League batsmen will be amazed at the great improvement of the Mack pitchers. Wyckoff proved conclusively last season that he is due to be one of the best right-handed pitchers in the land in another year. and around him the new staff will be built. Joe Bush has shown enough to warrant the prediction that he will also be able to hold up his end. Too much prosperity and world's series success made Bush careless and indifferent last season, but he has learned his lesson and will report ready to hustle. If he doesn't Mack says he will not be with the team long.

. . . Many "Unknowns" on the List

The other young pitchers are all more or less of an unknown quantity, The other young pitchers are all more or less of an unknown quantity, but all who have watched Nabors and Myers, the lanky right handers from Dixis, are convinced both will develop into wonderful twirlers before the 1916 season ends. If they develop as expected, Mack may soon have another young Dixie, are convinced both will develop into wonderful twirlers before the 1916 season ends. If they develop as expected, Mack may soon have another young and powerful staff, which may aid in winning pennants in the future. Not much is expected of the Mackmen in 1916 unless the pitchers develop more rapidly than is believed possible, but before the season is over Mack thinks his new machine, which he has predicted would be greater than the famous aggregation he broke up, will be constructed, needing only the balance to assure a pennant contender in 1917.

. . . Mysterious Bowler Not in Philly

It was reported that Count Gengler, or Herr Getz, as he is sometimes known, had turned up in a local bowling alley, but the report was untrue. Gengler and Louie Franz, of Cleveland, who is one of the hest-known bowlers in the country, are in Buffalo, picking up easy money defeating the Bison City stars. Gengler is after a match with Jimmy Smith for a \$5000 side bet, but Smith has left Buffalo, which is his home city, and is now in New York.

. . . Cuba and Porto Rico Not Ripe for Independent Invasion

Joe Higgins, scout of the Detroit Tigers, writes that he has just returned to his Jersey home from a trip to Cuba and Porto Rico, where he was looking over the baseball field. Higgins planned an invasion of the Islands with a semi-pro ball team under the management of Arthur Irwin, but he has given up the idea because there are too many independent teams at both places, which are as good, if not a triffe better, than those of this city and vicinity.

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The signing of Malcolm Galvin, the University of Wisconsin pitcher and tullback, by the White Sox, started a group of old timers telling the exploits of the famous southpaw, Jimmy Galvin, of the early '80's. They were unanimous that Waddell and Ramsey were the only southpaws in Galvin's class, in the history of the game.

Fielder Jones still remains one of the I know that Walter has the stuff, great leaders of baseball. Fielder has the mysterious knack of arranging a winning What use have I for Johnson when

A greater joy's in store, Where each big-threated mobber Can yell out "Thie!" and "Robber," Or "Second-story jobber,"

And seek the umpire's gore.

Fielder for 1916

ton to revolutionize baseball, as some one predicted he would. He may be able to get Johnny Evers to express his admirapancy occupies virtually no territory in his soul. But he has always been a great tion of Byron, Klem, Rigler & Co. leader, a result producer, which is the main tonic.

And then again he may not.

R. L. F.-No, no: certainly not. Ex-actly the opposite. What Mr. F. Jone, can do in 1916 has been up for discussion in more than one

> "Griffiths doesn't want any Federal Leaguers." Whether they be Federal Leaguers, or Mexicans, Griff might as well grab himself a pair of ball players who can bat in a run or so for Johnson if he ever expects to move up from fourth

> > Judging from the English press, Welsh Lewis, Ahearn and Thomas-all English fighters now in America-are going to re-ceive a wonderful ovation when they go back home. They will be almost as popu-lar as the bubonic plague or the black

West Branch Athletes Exhibit

West Dranch Addieues EADDit The members of the second division claus of the West Branch Young Men's Christian As-sociation gave an athletic exhibition before the members of the Stoneman Ciub Last night. The feats in which the athletic youngstors displayed their provess were tumbling, wres-tling and boains. Harry Hower, of the West Branch physical directors, supervised the demonstration. The members of the S21 street association who took part in the different events were Biddle, Anderson. Owwald, Crew, Fongl, Birwins, Frank, Israel, Yeager, Welsh and Gonser.

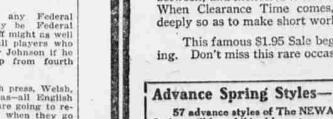
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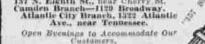
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been up for discussion in more than one Fan Colony. He has two ball clubs to pick from, and between the two there is enough talent in sight to yield a pretty good machine. But hardly good enough to beat out Boston, Detroit or Chicago. If dope is worth - cents an acre, the three clubs should occupy the first three rungs of the A. L. ladder. Among them they have most of the good ball players.

far above their normal stuff, and Wash-ington, with Johnson, is no bum ball club. So his re-entry into polite American League circles after several years' rest should find the one-time world series king struggling to finish in the first division. He may land that high, but it is hard to see the Browns finishing above the Red Sox, Tigers or White Sox. This vision can be achieved, but only by an eyesight

with far keener penetration than the one we possess. And yet we hope that we are wrong. St. Louis deserves and is about due to have a winner. And even if she misses fire this season, if Colonel Jones will only stick around a year or two longer the rest of it will be compara-

tively simple. For Jones has the knack of getting there with whatever they give him, or at least getting up there where the best people belong.

Mr. Yerkes was a good player in 1912, He has played sood ball since that his-toric world series occasion. But Steve at his best is no John J. Evers.

Magee and the ther among, Bill Dono-van, Lee Magee and Fritz Maisel the Yanks should at last begin to develop what they have always lacked-magnet-ism on the field. The Yanks have always been rather too much of a plugging type to get very deep into the fanatical imagination. They

