

# AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUBS HAVE PICKED UP GREAT ARRAY OF LEFT-HANDED PITCHERS

## UNUSUAL NUMBER OF STAR SOUTHPAW PITCHERS MAY STOP AMERICAN SLUGGERS

Cobb, Collins, Crawford, etc., Likely to Find Going Hard in Johnson's League This Season, While McInnis Will Profit

FOR several years left-handed batsmen have reigned supreme in the American League. Occasionally a right-handed hitter has broken into the select .300 class, but since Larry Lajoie slipped back of this mark, "Stuffy" McInnis, Mack's brilliant first baseman, is the only right-handed hitter in Johnson's circuit who has been able to keep above that mark.

Year after year one finds Cobb, Crawford, Jackson, Collins, Baker, Speaker and other left-handed batsmen over the .300 mark at the close of the season; but McInnis alone of the right handers stays in the select class; but 1916 probably will find the order of things reversed. The reason for this is the unusual number of star southpaws who will appear in the American League this season.

The National League has many new southpaws for the coming season, but never in the history of the game has a major league had as many good southpaws as will appear in the American League this season. No one would dare predict that Cobb, Collins and Speaker will fall below the .300 mark; but if the southpaws show as well in the American League season as expected, the left handers who bat above that mark will be few, and it is safe to bet that Cobb's mark takes a tumble.

### Great Chance for Right-Handed Hitters

It will be distinctly a right-handed hitter's season in the American League, and men like McInnis, Oldring, Lewis, Pratt, Chapman, John Collins, George Burns and a few others are likely to have the best season of their career with the bat. All of these men hit southpaw pitching hard and have only fair success against right handers who have good curve balls.

This is particularly true of McInnis; facing two and possibly three southpaw pitchers each series, McInnis should be able to run his average up to .350 or more. Southpaws have always been easy for "Stuffy." He hits their fast ball hard to centre and left-centre, and pulls the curve ball down the left-field line so fast that it is almost impossible for the third baseman to handle it, even if the drive happens to be straight at him.

St. Louis leads the country in collecting southpaws. The Browns were well supplied with southpaws last season, and the addition of the Federal League pitching staff will give Fielder Jones a few more. Jones will have seven southpaws on his staff, five of whom are stars of unquestioned ability. The southpaw staff consists of Eddie Plank, Carl Weilman, George Sisler, Hamilton, Koob, Hoff and Watson. Hoff and Watson are of uncertain quality, but the others are recognized stars.

### Right-Handers Have Little Chance on St. Louis Browns

Good right-handed pitchers are scarce in the squad which Fielder Jones will take South, and it would not be surprising if Dave Davenport would be the only starboard flinger retained for regular work, with "Bobby" Groomer carried for pinch pitching. This depends entirely upon whether Plank and Davenport come to terms with Jones.

The Red Sox will carry three southpaws and will release two. Manager Carrigan has Leonard, Ruth, Gregg, Collins and Penneck, but it is said that the veteran Collins has decided to retire from the game. In this event Gregg and Penneck will fight it out for the third position, as Ruth and Leonard are stars of the first water and will be depended upon to take regular turns on the mound.

Bill Donovan of the Yankees has more southpaws under contract than Jones, but two of Bill's have already been sent out under optional agreement. Donovan will have eight left-handers at the training camp, and is certain to carry three of them throughout the season. The three likely to be retained are Nick Culllop, purchased from the Reds for \$10,000, and "Slim" Love and Bill Piercey from the Los Angeles Club of the Pacific Coast League.

### Yankees Will Turn Back Five Postersiders

The other southpaws who will try for positions are Mogridge, of Des Moines; Biedgett, of Omaha; Ross, of Chattanooga; Meadows, of the Virginia League, and a semi-professional named Finn. The remarkable part about this collection is that Donovan did not have a single southpaw on his staff last September and was looking about for a left-hander to pitch to the batters in practice.

Detroit has four southpaws, but there is little chance for more than one of the recruits to stick. Harry Covalleski probably will be a star again, while Oldham, formerly of the Phillies; McLaughlin, of Montreal, and Smithson, from Chattanooga, will fight it out for the other position. Oldham's experience gives him the call.

Clarence Rowland will have only three southpaws in his squad, but what he lacks in numbers is made up in quality. "Rebel" Russell will be the only veteran, but in Dave Danforth, former Mackman, who was the strike-out king of the country last season, and Clarence Williams, of Salt Lake, the iron man of baseball, the White Sox will have a formidable trio, and one that compares favorably with Fielder Jones' staff of southpaws.

### Mackmen and Cleveland Not Very Well Supplied

Cleveland has picked up two youngsters, but little is expected of them. Fohl will have Willie Mitchell and Fred Combe, however. These postersiders are certain to be retained and will surely take their regular turn on the mound. The Athletics will have two southpaws who can be counted upon for anything at all, but Manager Mack believes that this pair will surprise the fans.

Rube Bressler after a miserable season in 1915, is expected to come back. He will be given plenty of work in the South, and if he does not show an improvement in control, will be cut adrift before the championship season opens. Mack's other southpaw will be Ray, drafted from Greensboro, N. C. This youngster has wonderful possibilities, but must change his delivery.

Ray uses a sweeping underhand delivery and mixes it with a wide cross-fire. Both of these deliveries are peculiar, and trying to combine the two caused Ray to lose control. Mack believes that Ray can dispense with the underhand delivery and improve his control. He will be placed in Ira Thomas' hands in the training camp. The veteran catcher will endeavor to improve his control, and change his delivery.

### Penn-Relay Team Just Missed Being in Wreck

Had it not been for the tardiness of one member of the University of Pennsylvania relay team Coach Orton, Manager Townsend, Meredith, Dorsey, Lennon and Lockwood may have been numbered among the victims in the wreck on the New Haven yesterday. The Penn team competed in Hartford Monday night and in Brooklyn last night. One member of the team was missing when the 9:40 pulled out of Hartford for New York so the rest of the men waited for him and they took the 12:35 train instead. They missed being in the wreck by two minutes as the tardy member pulled in at the station at 9:42 as the train was pulling out of the station. Meredith was completely unnerfed and ran a poor race in Brooklyn last night, finished second to Diamond in a special 440-yard event, which was run in slow time.

The knockout victory scored by Milburn Saylor over Leaches Cross has proved a severe blow to the New York dentist-pugilist. Cross may be forced to call off his bout with Johnny Griffiths at Columbus next Monday night. When Leach's brother, Sam, tossed the sponge into the ring at Cincinnati the other night, it was the fourth time in his entire 10-year ring career that Leach was forced to bow to a knockout. In his first year in the ring Cross was knocked out by Frankie Madden and Jack Doyle. This was in 1906. Fighting Dick Hyland stopped him in 41 rounds at Colma.

Following out the idea of a Cincinnati who claims to have conducted a school for umpires at a profit, Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, plans to open a school for amateur managers in the same city next fall. If the umpiring scheme got by in Cincinnati, Huggins has a chance; but unless he strengthens his team before the National League season opens he is likely to find it necessary to lecture on how to develop tail-end teams.

Charley Herzog has received word from Al von Kolnitz, his general utility player and catcher, that he has retired from the game. Von Kolnitz started practicing law in Charleston, S. C., last fall, and is doing so well that he deems it advisable to stay right at home all the year round. Herzog believes that Von Kolnitz would have developed into an excellent outfielder because of his hitting ability, and intended to try him in the outer garden during the spring training trip.

## MISS FOX WILL PLAY IN INDOOR TENNIS FINALS

Conclusion of Tournament Tomorrow — Women's Doubles Started Today

### THE MIXED EVENT

By defeating Mrs. C. P. Walbridge in the second round today, Miss Phyllis Walsh reached the semifinal round of the tennis tournament in progress at the Indoor Tennis Club. The scores were 6-1, 6-4. In this round she will play Mrs. C. L. Wainwright, the winner to meet Miss Eliza M. Fox in the final. Miss Fox gained her position by defeating Mrs. H. H. Smith yesterday.

Miss Walsh's success in her second round contest was gained only after the hardest kind of a battle. Both sets were deuce affairs, and in each she had to overcome a lead gained by Mrs. Walbridge. The latter had the second set well in hand, apparently, at four games to two, but Miss Walsh then tore off a series of aces that first brought her up on even terms with her opponent and finally gave her the match.

The mixed doubles event was played in a conclusion, the team of Mrs. H. H. Smith and Dr. B. V. Lyon being returned the winners after a hard three-set match with Miss Walsh and Doctor Ellason. The scores were 6-2, 6-6, 6-4.

One of the best matches of the tournament occurred in the second round of the singles between Mrs. Gilbert Harvey, winner of the individual championship of the Women's Interclub Tennis League last fall, and Miss Fox. The latter is best remembered by her playing in the national championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club last spring, in which she made a far better showing than any other Philadelphia entrant. In this match Miss Fox won the first set at 8-6, the second going to Mrs. Harvey at 6-2. In the third Miss Fox came through at 6-2.

The doubles event was begun this afternoon. Summary: SINGLES. First Round. Miss Eliza M. Fox won from Miss E. G. Othelmer, by default. Mrs. Gilbert Harvey defeated Miss B. D. Brown, 6-0, 6-0. Mrs. H. H. Smith defeated Mrs. W. G. Morse, 6-0, 6-0. Mrs. Bodine Wallace defeated Mrs. Henry Jones, 6-0, 6-0. Mrs. C. P. Walbridge defeated Miss C. T. Chase, 6-1, 6-2. Miss Phyllis Walsh defeated Miss Violet Gratz, 6-0, 6-0. Mrs. C. L. Wainwright defeated Mrs. H. W. Lewis, 8-6, 6-3. Second Round. Miss Fox defeated Mrs. Harvey, 8-6, 2-6, 6-2. Mrs. Smith defeated Mrs. Wallace, 6-2, 6-0. Miss Walsh defeated Mrs. Walbridge, 6-4, 6-0. Mrs. Wainwright won from Mrs. Paul, by default. Semifinal Round. Miss Fox defeated Mrs. Smith, 6-4, 6-2. MIXED DOUBLES. First Round. Mrs. H. H. Smith and Dr. B. V. Lyon defeated Mrs. Henry Jones and Mantle Fielding, 6-1, 6-1. Second Round. Mrs. Smith and Doctor Lyon defeated Mrs. Gilbert Harvey and A. L. Hoskins, 10-8, 6-2. Miss Phyllis Walsh and Dr. A. M. Ellason defeated Miss C. T. Chase and C. E. Cover, 6-1, 6-2. Final Round. Mrs. Smith and Doctor Lyon defeated Miss Walsh and Doctor Ellason, 6-3, 6-6, 6-4.

### Trotters Under Hammer

Fifty head of well-bred trotters and pacers suitable for speedway racing, roadsters, thoroughbred and thoroughbred will be sold at Nichols' Bazaar today.

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## MORE PITCHING, NOT BETTER, CAUSES SLUMP IN BATTING

This Is Theory of a Fan, Who Gives Facts to Prove His Contentment — Question Puzzled Grant Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

Books You Should Read TREASURE ISLAND—By Jess Willard. Under Two Flags—By Charlie Weeghman. The Lure—By J. Franklin Baker.

Some, we are told, are born great; others achieve greatness, and still others are called "second Ty Cobbs" up to the 15th of April.

What Has Become Of—Harry Thaw—Clarence Kraft—Doc Dumba—Carl Morris—the Dancing Craze—the Ford job?—Finder will return to top of the Woolworth Building and receive copious reward.

Undoubtedly When Cleopatra, wise old girl, Gave one night and drank a pearl, All frugal folk cried out "For Shame"—But marvelled at her just the same; And she was right—and she was wise—To thus get in and advertise. Wallace Irwin.

When Bennie Kauf, right on the job, Said "Watch me show up Tyrus Cobb," The Fox Fleet leered his grandstand play, But talked of Bennie night and day; Was he not right—was he not wise—To thus step forth and advertise!

"Tex Rickard is wondering whether he will be presented with Willard's doctor's bill."—Exchange. Why bother about a cinch?

Eroticisms The Cassowary is a bird Whose habits often vary; But who can tell us just what makes The Cassowary wary?—Exchange.

Sir Tyrus Cobb is another bird Whose exploits often fire us; But if we saw him every day Would that make Tyrus tire us!

"Wild Bill Donovan has eight left-handers."—Note. No wonder he's wild.

With the eight left-handers aboard, the Yankees' training camp should be pitched in the Nutmeg State, or at Nutley, N. J. But perhaps Manager Donovan intends to take along the sheriff of Nottingham to preserve order.

Not a Bit Manager Rowland, of the White Sox, says that Cobb, Crawford and Veach, the Tiger outfield, form the greatest set of gardeners in the game.

This being the case, after what they received from the Red Sox outfield of 1915, the esteemed Phillies have no hurrying yearning to go against the Tigers in a 1916 world series.

"The Great What Is It" Dear Sir—In the Sportlight column you produce figures showing the batting slump on the part of 300 hitters in the American and National Leagues and ask why it is. I accept your invitation.

You ask if the pitching now is any better than that served up by Mathewson, Walsh, Brown, Waddell, Johnson, Bender, Wood and others. I will answer that question by saying that the pitching is not any better, but that there is far more of it. With the possible exception of Bender,

who had Plank and Waddell or Plank and Coombs to help him, the other stars named here virtually the brunt of the work. Today there is hardly a club that hasn't more than one star pitcher.

Talks Cobb's drop from .420 in 1911 to .369 in 1915. A few years ago when Cobb went up against the Red Sox Wood was the only star pitcher on that club. There are now at least five great Red Sox pitchers to face. The wonder is that Ty didn't lose more.

When Anson, Delehanty, Brothers, Thompson, Kelly, Wagner, Keeler and others were doing their great batting will you kindly show me any club that had five great pitchers such as Wood, Shore, Leonard, Foster and Ruth? Star pitchers of the past were as good as star pitchers of the present, but the difference is this—there are now at least three great pitchers to every one of the old clubs used to have. Which is the answer. H. A. WALLACE.

### He Can Have It

One man who can have his job without any contest on our part is Bill Donovan.

Bill is taking well over \$250,000 worth of talent South. He has 40 or 42 candidates. Twenty-two of these are recruits who cost around \$9000.

In the space of four fleeting weeks he must separate the wheat from the chaff, the sheep from the goats, the gold from the joss, the real stuff from the bush.

And in rendering his judgment he has before him the cases of Detroit, who let Jim Archer go; of Cleveland, who canned Jake Daubert; of Cincinnati, who traded Mathewson; of Philadelphia, who turned back Joe Jackson—and some 40 or 90 other similar cases. There is such a thing as having more stuff than one human orb can dissect in a given period of time.

## Willard Well, Will Be in New York on Friday

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, stated last night that the champion and his party would leave for New York next Thursday night. He said Willard's cold had almost disappeared, and that he would begin training in earnest upon his arrival at New York for his bout with Frank Moran.

## BILLIARD MATCH TONIGHT

Cline Chosen Referee of De Oro-Ellis Series Here

Harry F. Cline has been selected referee of the world's championship three-cushion billiard match between Alfredo De Oro, present title holder, and Charles Ellis, of Pittsburgh, who is at present leading the Interstate Three-Cushion League, having won 27 games and lost 5. The match will be 150 points, in blocks of 50 points each night, and will be played in St. Allinger's Academy, starting tonight and continuing tomorrow and Friday night.

## Caldwell Sets New Record

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—A new New England indoor record for the 1000-yard run of 2:15.35, was set yesterday by Dave Caldwell, of the Boston Athletic Association, in winning the Mayor Curley trophy race at the annual games of the 9th Regiment. He defeated Joseph C. Higgins, of Holy Cross, last year's winner of the event, and Michael Devaney, of the Milrose A. C., of New York. The former record was 2:18.45, made by Higgins last year.

## DE NERI FIVE LOSES TO READING QUINTE

Bears Narrow Gap Between Greystock by Easily Outclassing Dudley's Team

LAST NIGHT'S SCORE. Reading, 23; De Neri, 25. STANDING OF THE CLUBS. W L P. C. Greystock 21 18 271 De Neri 12 21 241 Reading 18 16 1829 Trenton 12 21 241 Camden 10 18 1829 SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT. Jasper at Camden.

Reading won an easy Eastern League victory on its home floor last night from the De Neri five, 25 to 23. The Bears work around up to that time had previously won six out of its last eight games. Its teamwork went to pieces last night, and it was only several lucky field goals and Dark's accurate foot tossing that kept them in the running. During the first half the visitors were held to one field goal by the close guarding of the Bears, that being tallied by Doc Newman on a long shot.

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KNO.  
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