

SHIFT IN YANKEE AND RED SOX LINE-UPS WOULD CHANGE AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE

ASPECT OF PENNANT RACE WOULD BE CHANGED BY SPEAKER-YANKEE SHAKE-UP

Tris and Cobb Are Two Players Who Hold Balance of Power on Club for Which They Are Playing

THERE are two players in the American League who, if released to another club, would greatly change the aspect of the pennant race for 1916. These men are Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker. There is no likelihood that Cobb will ever be seen with any other club than Detroit, but the case of Speaker is different.

Although Joe Lannin, majority stockholder of the Boston Red Sox, emphatically denies that he would give up Speaker, it is nevertheless felt in baseball circles that there is a chance for the New York Yankees to land the great outfielder. Lannin has been having trouble with Speaker for several years over the matter of salary, and it is just possible that both he and Manager Bill Carrigan believe that they could land a pennant without the Texan.

Speaker has always been a splendid drawing card in Boston and in the other cities of the league, nevertheless, he would be an even greater attraction in New York, and that is unquestionably the reason why the Yankee owners, Rupert and Huston, are willing to part with a huge sum of money to get Tris.

Baker and Speaker a Wonderful Menu

Tris Speaker and J. Franklin Baker would make the greatest pair of turnstile operators in the baseball world. With those two players on the New York Yankees, Wild Bill Donovan, our fellow citizen, would have not only a great chance to land the flag in Ban Johnson's circuit, but he would make the owners enough money to cause them to forget how much they paid out for the release of Baker. As far as the value of Baker and Speaker as actual baseball assets is concerned, there is little that need be said. Both of them are clean-up hitters and have been batting in this important position for their respective clubs ever since they have been in the major league. The Cobb-Crawford duo would have nothing on Speaker and Baker as a run-getting combine.

As stated in the beginning, if Tris Speaker moves to any other club in the league the aspect of the American League race will be changed. If he goes to the Yankees the Red Sox's chances to repeat this year will be decreased in about the same proportion as the Yankees' chances to win will be increased.

Any one who has followed the American League closely realizes that Tris Speaker was largely instrumental in the victories of the Red Sox in 1912 and 1915. In both the season's campaign and the world's series, time and again when the Red Sox pitchers have not been going well against other hurlers of equal ability, the Fenway Park men have won out on a hit from Speaker's bat or from clever work on the bags or in the field.

Few fans realize just how valuable Speaker is in the outfield. The great number of putouts that he has to his credit each season should make the students of the game realize that his many accepted chances are not the accident of a season. Speaker seems to play the outfield in what might be termed a clairvoyant manner. By that we mean that he appears to know just where the batter is going to hit. Often Speaker has been found playing close in and far into right field. Possibly on the next batter he will be deep and in left field. In fine, he plays just where he believes the batter is going to hit, and the remarkable part of it is, he is generally right.

Maisel Might Help the Red Sox

Should the Yankees decide that they could do without the services of Fritz Maisel and give him over to the Red Sox with a sum of money in exchange for Speaker, it is more probable that Fritz would be a valuable man for the Bostonians. Larry Gardner is still a good man, but he is not as young as he once was, and Maisel has not yet reached the height of his playing career.

As an outfielder, Maisel would be virtually valueless to the Red Sox, although he would be an asset as an infielder, and it is not unlikely that he would soon land the third position regularly in place of the veteran Gardner.

Maisel is a much better baserunner than Speaker, and in that department of play the husky center fielder would not be missed. On the other hand, Maisel would not be on base as often as Speaker nor would he come within halting distance of Tris as a producer of runs.

Hurry Preparations for Dual Race

Both at Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, Coaches Guy Nickalls and Joseph Wright have been putting forth every effort to whip their crews in shape for the match race on the Schuylkill River on April 22. Just recently, Coach Nickalls made the first shake-up of the season. The two new combinations were picked after the first and second varsity had raced over a three-quarter-mile course in New Haven Harbor. While the changes probably will not be permanent, the new seating will be the basis upon which the crews for the race on April 22 are picked. If the new combinations perform satisfactorily there will be no changes before the Pennsylvania races. Captain Seth Low was shifted from No. 7 to No. 3, the seat he held until this week. Kozitsky was sent from the first boat to No. 4 in the second crew. McNaughton, who was conspicuous on last year's freshman eight, was sent to No. 7 in the first varsity. The crew seats, Harriman, stroke; McNaughton, 7; Meyers, 6; Sturtevant, 5; Sheldon, 4; Low, 3; Gillilan, 2; Hume, bow, and McLane, coxswain.

Wright Certain of His Crew

Coach Joseph Wright has virtually settled on the make-up of his varsity eight and will not make any changes prior to the Yale contest unless necessary. Harry Ross is at stroke, Geis, 2; Gentler, 3; Woll, 4; Pepper, 5; Gotham, 7; Wickman, 7; Captain Chickering, bow, and Foster, coxswain.

One week after the Yale contest Penn will meet Annapolis on the Severn. On May 13 in the Childs Cup race there will be the eight of Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Yale and Columbia. On May 20 Harvard will meet Cornell on the home course. May 20 will find Syracuse and Annapolis in a contest on the Severn. It will be the only race for the Syracuse crew prior to the Poughkeepsie regatta. Yale, Princeton and Cornell will meet in a triangular contest on Lake Cayuga on May 27. The big race of the year will be on June 17 at Poughkeepsie, with Pennsylvania, Cornell, Columbia, Syracuse, Leland Stanford, University of Washington and possibly Princeton competing. On June 26 Yale and Harvard will wind up the collegiate season in their annual race over the New London course of four miles.

The intercollegiate rowing season, in fact, the season in all sections of the country for club and school oarsmen, will be pried open on Saturday, when the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Regatta will be held at Oakland, California. The three colleges on the Pacific coast, namely, Leland Stanford, University of Washington and the University of California, have been practicing daily for the last two months on their particular waterways for the rowing classic of the Pacific coast. Due to the showing made by its varsity crew in the Poughkeepsie race on the Hudson last year against Cornell, the Leland Stanford eight is the favorite for the contest. The Leland Stanford bunch is virtually a veteran one and should, besides winning the Pacific coast title, come East and give the oarsmen who will compete for the Eastern colleges a hard race for the title.

The foolishness of one-day barnstorming trips for a ball team in training was proved to the satisfaction of a fairly large gathering at Wilmington, N. C., when the Athletics and Rocky Mount, champions of the Virginia League, skipped through nine innings in less than 1 hour and 20 minutes. The score of 3 to 1 in favor of the Athletics might lead one to believe that the game was close and interesting, but in truth such was far from being the case. After the Athletics got a two-run lead in the first inning they made no attempt to score runs, being content to hold Rocky Mount safe and get the game over as soon as possible so that they could get an early train.

Connie Mack wants Joe Bush in perfect trim for the opening of the season, and if he continues in his present form American League batmen are going to find him a hard man to hit. Bush has more "stuff" this spring than he has shown since he joined the team. Not even in the world's series game of 1913 with the Giants which made him famous did Bush look as good as he does at present.

The release of Catcher Perkins to Atlanta under an optional agreement by the Athletics was expected. The grand showing of Bill Meyer eliminated Perkins, as Murphy's hitting clinched the third catching position. Perkins is young and a year in the Southern Association will do him a great deal of good. He also has great natural ability, and if he becomes more ambitious is certain to be back with the Mackmen next spring.

The overwhelming defeat of Paterson by Greystock last night at Cooper's Battalion Hall was no surprise to local basketball fans. Greystock is much the better team; at the same time the contest tonight may be close, as it will be played in the Paterson cage under Interstate rules. In that league no backboards are used and this will prove a bigger handicap to Greystock than their presence did at Paterson last night.



Tales of a Wayside Tee

By GRANTLAND RICE

NOTE—This series will take up the play of leading American amateur golfers. It will not be biographical or statistical, but rather in the nature of random observations on some of the ways and achievements of our leading golf stars.

By GRANTLAND RICE

IF THE golfer at large could hold true to just one resolution out of the countless hundreds that he makes each spring at the season's start, the one to pay the biggest dividends would be this—

Always give the ball a chance. It is an old maxim, of course, but the only way to get even an old maxim into the system is by constant pounding. And we figure the keeping of this resolution would be of greatest value on this account—more strokes are lost by not giving the ball a chance than in any other way.

The Weak Shots

Here and there you will see a golfer over-approach into trouble beyond the green. Here and there you will see a putt that runs on so far past the cup that a stroke goes to waste on the return. But you should say eight times out of ten the bad shots are the ones that stop well short, not the ones that go over.

And for this reason the shot that falls short is nearly always weakly hit, and the shot that isn't struck with firmness and decision is the poor one. A ball that is firmly and confidently played is not only almost sure to be up, but it is almost sure to be held on the right line.

So it is far better to hit the ball firmly, and take a chance of being over than to hit the ball with a fear of over-approaching, and so strike with indecision and a wobbly wrist.

Those Wasted Putts

How many times in the course of a season on the putting greens will a golfer tap the ball several feet beyond the cup and then miss coming back? Once in a while, but not so very often.

How many times in the course of a year will the putt stop anywhere from two inches to two feet short of the cup, where it never had a chance to drop? Almost as often as there are leaves on the trees or blades of grass along the green fairway.

There are things that warp and wreck the nervous system in this game, but there is nothing that so tears into the heart as the sight of a putt that starts for the center of the cup and then dices out two inches short, where only a thimbleful more courage would have saved a stroke.

Double Penalty

This matter of constantly going shy on short approaches and putts has a double penalty.

There is first the physical penalty of the lost stroke, or the lost chance to save a stroke.

There is also the moral upset that follows where the player, inwardly cursing his indecision and lack of courage, is likely to lose confidence and fall off in his play for the round.

Surest Test

Here is one even surer test of the value of always being up. You never see a first-class putter who is constantly short of the cup. You never see a bad putter who is constantly beyond the cup. Poor putting—more than anything else—comes from a blow that isn't struck with confidence and firmness. A ball hit with enough firmness to carry it on past the cup, is much more likely to hold the proper line than one weakly tapped, with indecision dripping from every pore in the putter.

This isn't a matter of opinion. Follow only a few rounds and you will find the facts and the records in the case prove the point.

Making the Habit

"Yes, I know all this," says Mr. Henry A. Duffer, the well-known figure, "but knowing it doesn't seem to help. My putts still keep falling short. How am I going to break myself of the habit?"

Here is advice that Walter J. Travis

NEWS FROM THE BOWLING ALLEYS

Although the Tigers did not roll in their usual form, they are for the present leaders in the five-man team championship at the Atlantic Coast championships, in progress in Washington, D. C. The local squad totaled 2576 pins, the individual scores for three games each being: Hill, 499; Smith, 466; Lambert, 517; Hartley, 516; and Barri, 584. Barri rolled the best single game total, 214, in his first game. Lambert totaled 203 in his first match. The Tigers will compete in the single and doubles today. The other Philadelphia teams will bowl next Friday and Saturday.

Casino Alleys are to stage an individual and two-man scratch series under Atlantic Coast Association rules, beginning April 24. It will be open only to league bowlers that have rolled this season on the Casino alleys.

Knute, of the Rugs team, is the leading average man and best individual bowler in the Philadelphia area. He has rolled 1000 in his season's play last Thursday with the presentation of prizes in Casino Alley.

Flek was high for Maneto with 690, his best score being 241 in the third game. Cook totaled 618 and Elliott 627.

The Philadelphia team surprised the Columbus Council in their routine of Columbus.

League series on Keystone Alleys last night by winning two games. San Domingo representatives also joined De Rota by winning two games from the runners-up team.

McMahon cracked out 212 for San Salvador in his first game.

Grady's bowling was a big help to San Domingo in defeating De Rota, as he registered scores of 220, 171 and 154.

Maneto gained a firm grasp on first place in the Quaker City League by outrolling the Wyndham Colts combination in all three games, putting out a total of 3036 in three games, getting scores of 1025, 978 and 1033. Wyndham Colts rolled 827, 939 and 939.

Mike Costa rolled anchor for Wyndham Colts and found the alleys for a 254 count in the third game.

Colleges to Form Bowling League

NEW HAVEN, April 8.—Steps have been taken toward the forming of an Intercollegiate Bowling Association. Under the plans of the proposed association the games will be bowled by telegraph.

GREYSTOCK FIVE PLAYS PATERSON IN SECOND GAME

World's Basketball Contest Tonight Scheduled Before Jersey Audience

GREYS CAPTURE FIRST

The second match in the world's basketball series will be played in Paterson, N. J., tonight. The Greystock five is a one-sided favorite for the championship today, following its easy 35-16 score victory at Cooper's Battalion Hall last night.

If Paterson was the class of the Interstate League, then the New York organization must be very weak compared to the Eastern League.

There was never a doubt as to the result from start to finish, and it was only a question how large the score would be. At that, Greystock did not play with their usual dash that carried them through the Eastern League.

The Interstate Leaguers tallied 5 field goals, 3 in the first half and 2 in the second. Beckman, who was released by De Neri before the Eastern League season ended, tallied 3 of Paterson's 5 goals, but permitted Ray Cross to shoot up the floor for 7 goals.

To night's probable line-up:

Paterson	Greystock	
Clinton	forward	Fogarty
Beckman	forward	Rugarman
Leonard	center	Layman
Swenson	guard	McWilliams
Harvey	guard	Cree
(Hoyle)		
Time of halves—20 minutes.		
Referee—Bastiel.		

Amateur Baseball Notes

North End, first-class traveling. Manager, J. C. Schrie, 1012 North Hope street. Phone, Kensington 3711 W.

Potter A. A., first-class home. Manager, Aaron Miles, Front and Erie avenue.

Cedar Grove, 15-17-year-olds, traveling. Manager, H. Heldeck, 546 23 street p.d.

Atlas Hope, Club, 15-17-year-olds, traveling and home. Manager, Paul Harbo, 20 North 28th street.

Keystone Telephone Company, first-class home. Manager, John C. Hill, 135 South 24 street.

U. S. S. Alabama, first-class home. Manager, A. Johnson, U. S. S. Alabama, League Island.

Herbert A. C., first-class home. Manager, H. M. Hillman, Jr., 1206 Foulkrod street.

Kettering Lithograph Company, first-class, traveling. Manager, Dan Nou, 135 Homberly street.

U. S. S. Alabama, first-class home. Manager, Clark, 623 and Woodland avenue.

Herrmann Claims Chief Johnson

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 8.—August Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati National League club, has telegraphed to Ed Maier, owner of the Vernon team, assuming that George (Chief) Johnson, Vernon pitcher, traveling on the property of Cincinnati. Johnson jumped to the Federals last year while owned by the Reds. Maier said he would contest the claim.

Haas to Captain Princeton Five

PRINCETON, N. J., April 8.—Coryl Haas, of New York, has been elected to captain the Princeton basketball five next year. Haas has played on the Tiger basketball five during the last two seasons and has been Princeton's most consistent point gatherer.

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