# BACKGROUND SHOULD BE CHANGED IN OUTFIELD AT BOSTON AMERICAN LEAGUE PARK

# FACING GRAY BACKGROUND AT FENWAY PARK WILL BE BIG HANDICAP TO VISITING TEAMS

### Great Pitching Staff of World's Champions Will Be Hard to Hit Unless Customary Green Is Substituted

BEFORE the present season is much older, there is likely to be a strenuous kick raised by American League clubs over the background painted on the concrete wall in centre field at Fenway Park, Boston. It is customary, though not compulsory, to have the fence directly behind the pitcher in deep centre field painted green and almost every field in the major league circuits conforms with this custom. The green background enables a player to see the ball better.

If there is any color that is hard on the eye it is army gray. This color is worse than black and the fence at Fenway Park has been painted that color. Just why this was done is a mystery, but we have an idea that it is to make the great pitching staff of the world's champions even more effective.

With Speaker gone the Red Sox attack will not be nearly so strong as it was last year and if Carrigan's team is to win the American League pennant, the pitching staff must turn the trick. Pitching 77 games out of a schedule of 144 on a field which gives them a decided edge on opposing batsmen should make the famous staff twirlers doubly effective.

When the Red Sox become accustomed to batting against the gray background, visiting teams which play only 11 games at Fenway Park will not have much chance to star as heavy hitters.

Boston Has Speed-Ball Artists

Boston has a staff of fast ball pitchers, barring Foster, who is speedier than the average hurler, and visiting teams will find it hard to hit under any condition. On a dark day batters unaccustomed to this background will constantly be in danger of being hit if Ernie Shore or "Dutch" Leonard is on the mound for the

On opening day in Boston the Athletic players complained that the ball was upon them before they knew it. They believed that Ruth was faster than they had ever seen him or that their lack of practice caused them to swing late. But after a few innings of the second game with Shore pitching, the Mackmen discovered that he was keeping his fast ball high and that every pitch was coming out of the background.

Unless President Johnson forces the Boston club to paint the fence green of some color other than army gray, the Red Sox will have a great and unfair advantage over visiting teams. Not much of an offense will be needed for the Sox to win at home, as the defense will be wonderful if the pitchers have this ad-

Red Sox Do Not Look Strong Without Speaker Even with this great advantage-if they are permitted to get away with itthe Red Sox do not look strong enough to repeat in the American League. The season only has started and Clarence Walker may play such sensational ball that the other players may forget Speaker's loss. But at the present time, however,

Boston does not look like the same team. Speaker's absence from the grant has impressed upon Bostonians that the famous outfielder means to the Red Sox what Cobb does to Detroit; Collins to Chicago; Alexander and Cravath to the Phillies, and Johnson to Washington. Often a team makes the player, but after seeing the Red Sox without Speaker, one must

come to the conclusion that Speaker made the world's champions. There is little ginger, despite the fact that the team has been playing the lowly Mackmen. Every one on the team is encouraging Clarence Walker and the fans are pulling for him, but it is evident that Speaker's departure has left a hole which cannot be filled.

Speaker Was An Important Factor

It is said that there was friction between Speaker and certain members of the team, but if such was the case, the bad feeling was never apparent on the ball field and the famous outfielder fit in perfectly with the machine-like play of the veteran aggregation and he was easily the most important cog in the machine.

As one Boston scribe puts it, the Red Sox will have to be favored with superhuman pitching to win the pennant without Speaker. Last year Carrigan's young staff showed wonderful form and really carried the team through. It is possible that the additional experience will make this staff even more effective this season, but it is hard to imagine a corps doing better work than it did last year.

As said before, Bostonians are beginning to realize what Speaker meant to the team, and some of the Royal Rooters who have been fairly close to the big men of the game do not hesitate to blame President Ban Johnson for the deal which sent Speaker to Cleveland. They argue that President Lannin did not want to part with Speaker, but that it was done "for the good of the league."

A Nasty Rumor Being Circulated

Another rumor which is gaining headway in Boston is that President Johnson owns a great deal of the stock his former secretary, Robert McRoy, is said to own in the new Cleveland Club, and that Johnson was helping himself as well as "the league" in making the deal. Rumors of this sort naturally will be circulated where there is such general dissatisfaction prevailing, and some one is always ready to deny them.

President Lannin says he did not want Speaker and that he had outlived his is worth every cent the Indians spent to purchase him. If Speaker is worth West College 14. C., 15-16 year-old. Manager. \$50,000 to Cleveland, then he was worth triple that amount to a team which locked like a pennant winner with him, and whose players realize that they have been weakened 50 per cent. when he was taken away.

boomerang. Boston is a better baseball city than Cleveland and the American League owes much of its success to the loyalty of the fans of that city. What is more, Speaker alone cannot make a pennant winner of the Indians.

games, it will prove a costly deal for Lannin, as the famous outfielder saves a greater number of contests with his fielding each season and is directly or indirectly responsible for the winning of twice that number. As the difference between a pennant winner, with the world's series spoils, and a second place team is something like \$100,000, to say nothing of the additional attendance throughout the season, it is hard to see how Lannin could make the deal at this time. It was not a case of saving him from the Feds, who no longer exist, and there may be quite a lot of truth to the opinion expressed by the Bostonians.

Detroit Pinning Faith in Coveleski

Detroit's chances for a pennant this season depend largely on the form and consistency shown by Harry Coveleski, the veteran left-hander, who let the White Sox down with a trio of singles in the opening game. Covcleski at present is in wonderful form and apparently has everything that he had when he pulled his famous Giant-killing stunt while a member of the Phillies' hurling staff.

When Coveleski is right, there is not a better pitcher in the game. He has all the speed, control and knack of crossing the batter that is possessed by the best hurlers in the country today. But Covey has always been erratic because of his varying physical condition. Apparently his arm never troubles him, but at times he gets in such bad shape that he cannot stand the pace. This was the reason why he was shunted off several times to the minors after making a really wonderful showing in the majors.

As long as Veach, Cobb and Crawford keep up their safe volleying, Jennings need not fear of losing many close games. But he must have good pitching to win, just as any other club must, and to have this during the present campaign it is essential that Coveleski keep in condition to take his turn in the box.

The Pennsylvania State League has decided to retain the salary limit of \$2500, which was adopted at the last meeting. This is an unusually high limit for a league of this sort, and if the clubs, in searching for the best available material, go the limit, the fans can rest assured that they will see high-class minor league ball. There are at least two cities in the circuit as composed now which never have been able to support teams with a larger salary limit than that carried by the old Tristate League, but with greater interest being shown in the game everywhere, each may enjoy a prosperous season.

Manager McGraw is so well pleased with the work of his Federal Leaguers that he has signed another. The veteran Bill McKechnie, who managed Newark Washle Feds last season, is McGraw's latest addition. He has been signed because Mc-Graw fears that Hans Lobert has played his last game. Lobert's legs have been in poor condition for two years, and the dislocation of the knee, which has troubled him for several seasons, probably will finish the former Philly player as a major league player. McKechnie must do a whole lot better than on his previous trials in the big show, or he will not strengthen McGraw's team any.

Charley Herzog has started overworking his plichers already. Apparently there is no such a thing as a relief twirler, whose special duty it is to stop railies, as Herzog has two of his stars on the mound each afternoon. The Reds have a pitching staff which may make them mighty dangerous if Herzog does not lose sight of the fact that the race is of 154 games and not one month.

HINTS TO GOLF BEGINNERS



#### Referee Gets Walioped When He Gives Decision to Louisiana's Opponent

KANSAS CITY, April 15.—A lowed Referee Charley Pierson's decision in favor of Carlos Fanning, of Oklahoma, over Louisiana at the end of their 12-round bout here last night

Some one smote Pierson in the mouth and in a moment the ring was full of flying fists. The police finally quelled the trouble.

Consensus of opinion was that Louisiana won seven of the 12

#### HERMAN MEYER GETS AUTO

Given Present by Friends of Northwestern Assembly

Herman Meyer, secretary of the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, has been presented with an automobile my his friends in North-western Assembly of the Artisans' Order

of Mutual Protection.

Mr. Meyer has been manager of the athletic teams of Northwestern for many years and has won every championship in war, baseball and track and field.

# Amateur Baseball Notes

If the move was made "for the good of the league, to mering. Boston is a better baseball city than Cleveland and the American Blamond 5942 W between 6 and 7 o'clock. April 29 open.

The speaker alone cannot make a pennant winner of the Indians,

It May Prove a Costly Deal to Sox

If the Red Sox should lose the American League pennant by six or seven the will prove a costly deal for Lannin, as the famous outfielder saves a costly deal for Lannin,

Tennis Season Opens Monday

The first tennis match of the 1916 outdoors on will be played at St. Martin's on Mays between teams of they are University to the Philadelphia Cricket Club. The o between learns of Harvard University the Philadelphia ('righte' Clin. The colus will be led by former National Chams R. Norris Williams, 2d. of Philadelphia ans will play Willis E. Davis, the Calisa State outfloor champion and Philadelphia and district indoor this play.

# Baker and Drew Win

W YORK, And 15.—Houser Haiser, a holder of the international champions in the half-mile, may be suffered to the form of the fo

# Baseball Summary

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SCHEDULE FOR TODAY NATIONAL LEAGUE. AMERICAN LEAGUE.

ngton at New York—clear. Athletics at Boston—clear. St. Louis at Cleveland—clear. Detroit at Chicago— YESTERDAY'S SCORES NATIONAL LEAGUE Louis, 5; Pittsburgh, 3, ncinnati, 4; Chicago, 2, her games postponed; rain. AMERICAN LEAGUE Chicago. 7: Detroit. 2. Other games postponed: rain. SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION Mobile, 6; Atlanta, 4, Nashville, 0; Chattanouga, 3, New Orleans, 6; Hirmingham, 3, Memphis, 2; Little Rock, 5,

# FIVE GUNNING CLUBS

#### S. S. White, Mt. Moriah, Clear- | Philadelphia Amateur Boxer view, Phila. Association and Cedar Park Hold Matches

Many shooting clubs will offer attractive ards for their members and friends for oday's sport at the traps. Five clubs in vicinity of this city will eater to the

of the Transhosters' League race, the S. S. White Club, will hold its regular monthly competition. A special team race between squads to be selected by H. L. Appleton and F. T. Davis for a silver trophy will undoubtedly be instrument al in bringing out a big turnout of nim-

The Mount Moriah Club bas listed a good program for the club's week-end sport at 63d street and Railroad avenue. At Darby the monthly test of the Clear-views is scheduled. The program calls for 50 clay targets per man from the 16-yard rise. Several members of the Mendow Spring Association bayes also size. yard rise. Several members of the Meadow Spring Association have also signified their intention of competing.

Gler Willow will visit the Philadelphia Shooting Academy today for n friendly team match with the Northwest Club at the Wyoming avenue and D street firing grounds. Three prizes will be awarded to the high, low and middle scorers on each team. Up on the Oid York road the Cedar Park Club will also stage target

# HIGH HEELS AT VASSAR

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 15.—
Just because a girl receives her diploma from Vassar she is not willing to relinquish any of the feminine joys of dress, and the seniors have foiled an attempt to prohibit them from wearing high heels on class day. on class day.

meeting of the seniors.

Now, class day is a time when every Vassar girl wants to look her prettiest. Dresses are selected with infinite care. Without high heels to set them off the effect would be disastrous, the girls de-

Today this notice was posted on the senior pulletin board, "High heels may be worn on class day."

Racing Opens at Tijuana Today SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 15.—Racing will be resumed today at the Tilunna fract of the lower Culifornia Jockey Club, More than 460 idraes are station there for the meet, which still continue I is days.

Pitcher Main Maims Hand POLEDO O. April 15.—Pitcher Miles Main, the had been selected to oben the American sociation same with Milwaukee here peat useday, will be incapacitated for two weeks as a result of a hand suralmed in a practice ame at Springfield, O.

Pirates Release Infielder Carmody PITTSRURGH, April 15.—The Pittsburgh irates have released Third Haseman Michael armody. He will return to the Shreveport

# JOHNNY MALONEY HOME HAVE TARGET SHOOTS WITH WORLD'S LAURELS

# Greeted by Big Crowd at Station

Johnny Maloney, 125-pound boxing champion, was greeted a la President Wilson when 2000 cheering admirers met him as he stepped from a train in Broad Street Station last night.

Maloney, with William Spangler, of New York, and John Karpenski, of Cleve land, arrived in New York on Thursday after a trip abroad, but stayed in the meropolis over night. While in Europe, Maloney won seven bouts and was awarded

Johnny boxed in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Majoney was accompanied by Karpenski, who will tarry here for a few days as Johnny's guest.

The little champion is to be tendered a reception by the Trenton branch of the A. A. U. Monday night and a banquet will be given in his honor here on the night of

# Maloney in Amateur Tourney

# FLASHES KNIFE AS SHE FLEES

#### Girls Rebel at Flat Shoe Order and Negro Woman, Accused of Stealing \$40, Arrested on Trolley Car

on class day

"High heels dig up the turf, and as our class day exercises are to be held in the new out-of-door theatre we must save the gross." pleaded Miss Balley, the chairman of the Class Day Committee before a meeting of the seniors.

Passengers on the street car, though rassengers on the street car, though they knew from the woman's appearance she was running away from something, stayed fast to their seats as she flashed the knife during the ride to Philadelphia. The woman will have a hearing before Magistrate Harris today.

Beall Plays Hartwell in Final PINEHURST, N. C., April 13.—In the final of the mild-April golf fournament today C. A. Hartwell, Country Club, of Brookline, will meet E. C. Beall, of Uniontown, who won the qualifating round for possession of the president's tripoly. Hartwell leat Dr. M. W. Marr in the semifinal.

Vaughan, of Yale, Is Hurt NEW HAVEN, April 15.—Captain Vaugh the Vale burshall team, is out of the go or some time as a result of an injury s red in an attempt to side to second by educating in the Porcham annual con-

McKechnie to Wear Giants' Uniform ST. LOUIS, April 15. William McKechule third baseman and former manager for the Newark Federals, has left here for New York where he will report to the New York Pia

# SCRAPPY SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Al Wagner, the Little Italy K. O. kid, has been boxing regularly unstate. He has been making a big bit with his aggressive and hard-punching style.

# Columbia vs. Yale, at New Haven, C. C. N. Y. vs. Seton Hall, at New York. Manhattan vs. Crescent A. C., at Bay like. Princeton vs. Brown, at Providence. Harvard vs. Army, at West Point, Cornell vs. Dickinson, at Iffaca. Navy vs. Colgate, at Annopolis. Georgetown vs. Johns Hopkins, at Wash-Lafayette vs. Albright, at Easton. Lebigh vs. Swarthmore, at South Bethle-

Scholastic Baseball

Games on Tap Today

INTERACADEMIC LEAGUE.

OTHER GAMES.

Episcopal Academy vs. Penn Charter School, at 62d and Walnut streets, 10

OTHER GAMES,
Drevel Institute vs. Delaware College, at Delaware College.
Brown Prep vs. Atlantic City High School, at Maintic City.
Bryn Athyn Arademy vs. George School, at George School,
Camden High vs. Girard College, at Girard College, at Girard College, at Frun Freshmen vs. Lawrenceville School, at Lawrenceville.
Pennsylvania Institute vs. Chestnut Hill Academy, at Chestnut Hill, Villanova Preparatory vs. Peddie Institute, at Peddie.
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Penn Charter School vs. Northeast High, at Northeast, Media, Chester High and Williamson School, Irlangular, meet,

CORNELL SCHEDULES OUT

Opens Golf Season at Binghamton,

Tennis at Penn

ITHACA, N. Y., April 15 .- The Cor-

nell tennis and golf schedules were an-nounced yesterday. The golf season will open with a match against the Bingham-

ton Country Club at Binghamton, while Cornell will start the tennis season against Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on

against Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on April 28. The schedules follow:
Golf—May 6. Binghamton Country Club at Pinghamton. May 11. Amberst at Springfield.
Mass. May 12. Harvard at Cambridge, Mas. May 13. Williams at Williamstown; May 20. Pennsylvania at Ithaca; May 27. Princeton at Rhaca (tentative); June 6. Binghamton Country Club at Ithaca.

Tennis—April 28. Pennsylvania at Philadelphia; April 29. Navy at Annapolis; May 3. Princeton at Ithaca; May 6. Colgate at Ithaca; May 13. Vale at New Hayen; May 15. Harvard at Cambridge; May 20. Leland Stanford at Ithaca (tentative); May 27. Dartmouth at Ithaca.

Dalton and Chase to Join Reds

NEWARK, N. J., April 15.—Jack Daiton, who played with the Buffalo Federals hast season and the year before with the Brooklyn Nationals, has left here for Chichmatt to Join Charley Hernog's Cincimnatt Reds. He received terms from Garry Hermann yesterday, and immediately wired his acceptance.

CINCINNATI April 15.—Owing to the presence of Mollwitz in the Chrimani ille unther has been considerable inquiry in the clot officials as to the whereabouts of Ha Chase who was surchased from Harry Sinclair last week. Gavry Herrmann has asserted that Chase was not yet in town. Ha left San Francisco hast Wednesday and was repeated in fown today. Chase will very like by the used on Monday.

Football Men to Be Dined

Opportunity for Player

Keating Agrees to Yank Terms

NEW YORK. April 15.—Ray Keating has reed to terms with the Yankees and nothing mains but for him to sign his contract,

of Ring Bouts Last Night

LINCOLN—Lee Vincent defeated Fight-ing Hab. Haony McAleer drew with Frankle Hart, Whites Fitzerald won from Paddy Manley, Frankle Muilin beat Bill Hart, Young Ritchie knocked out George Smoker in the second.

Smaker in the second.

QUAKER CITY—Vasur Diggins won from Jahnny Kelly. Pauldy Bedley heat Happy Davis, Kid West won from Eddle Dunn, Tommy Livingston defeated Young Manton, Goodle Welch knocked out Whitey Anderson in the first, Ohle O'Brien stopped Tommy Welch in the second.

NONYAREII.—Barney Huhn beat Kid Scatton, Johnny Plazzi and Preston Brown drew, Joe Phillips drew with Charley Smith, Frankie Williams won from Young Dunder, Billy Donovan knocked out Johnny McAvoy in the fourth.

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in the first, Teddy Murphy knocked out
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NEW YORK—Jimmy Coffey beat Marty
Cross, Memphs Ful Moore defeated Mickey
Bunn, Jimmy Murray knocked out Terry
Moran in the second.

READING—Alf Manafield wan from Jack
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READING—Alf Mansfield won from Jack Sarles. Willie Jackson defeated Young Weyman. Eddle Graham drew with Frank O'Brien, Butch Mangle beat Jimmy Brown.

MINNEAPOLIS—Jack Dillon defeated Billy Miskle.

DAYTON-Patsy Draudlard was knocked out in the 14th round by Hal Stewart.

ST. LOUIS-Sam McVey was outpointed by Jack Thompson.

KANSAN CITY—Carlos Fanning gut referre's decision over Louisiana, but this did not neet with the approval of the speciators.

Evening Ledger Decisions

Any baseball player desiring to join a 13-14-ear-old team address H. Slater, 3015 North ambrey attent

SYRACUSE. N. Y. April 15.—W amp. dean of American football, and embers of his all-American team of the guests at the annual dinner or typecuse University Athlette Association

Syracuse vs. Rochester, at Syracuse. Penn and Haverford play on Franklin Field this afternoon. It will be the first game for the Main Liners this season, all previous games having been called off on account of poor weather.

Penn State vs. Gettysburg, at State Col-

Tufts vs. Catholic University, at Wash-

PENN TACKLES

HAVERFORD ON

Quaker Baseball Captain to

Be Elected Previous to Contest Today

MOORE IS FAVORITE

Pennsylvania vs. Haverford, at Franklin

on Schedule for Today

College Baseball Games

FRANKLIN FIELD

The delayed election for Penn's cap-taincy will take place before the contest. As the team will line-up gainst the Main Liners there will be only one man, Sam, Moore, the third baseman, who is a vet-Moore, the third baseman, who is a veteran, and he is only a junior. All the others are playing their first year in a varsity uniform. Moore has been playing a bang-up fielding game at the hot corner and, in the contests in which he has acted as captain, has proven himself a good general. Larry Murdoch, who is the only senior on the squad, was recently replaced in right field by Ad Swigher.

Coach Thomas probably will depend.

Coach Thomas probably will depend upon either Spielman or Cross to do the work from the firing line, while Haver-ford will use Buxby. Cross twirled the last three innings against Cornell on Thursday and held the Ithacans hitless. Spielman has worked in only one game this season and is due for another tryout. The probable line-up will be: HAVERFORD.



Sameres, 1b. Carl, ss. Chandler, 3b. Hannum, e.

GOULD AND HUHN IN FINAL

Philadelphia Pair Play for Doubles Court Tennis Title

NEW YORK, April 15. — Jay Gould and W. H. T. Huhn, of Philadelphia, and Charles E. Sands and Payne Whitney, of this city, will meet today in the final round for the national court tounis doubles champio

The Philadelphia men yesterday won three straight sets from C. S. Cutting and Lawrence Waterbury, of the home club, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Danny Murphy Corrals Giant Kids NEW HAVEN, Conn. April 15.—Qwney James T, Collins, of the New Haven nine, heard from Manager Danny Murphy, who is in Philadelphia with Connie Mack looking over some of the Mackmen, Murphy wrote he had secured from the Giants a pitches, catcher and outfielder, and that he has an option on another player, it is likely he will secure a couple of good infielders and a pitcher from Connie Mack. The Braves also promise two infielders.

Big Purses for Grand Circuit

Original Circuit for New League HARRISHURG. Pa.. April 13.—President Abraham Rosenbluth. of the Pennsylvanis State League. has announced that the circuit aranged at the meeting in Philadelphia two wseks ago would remain intact. He said grounds had been leased in every city, but that considerable work would have to be done in York. Lebanon and Altona before the season would start May 10.

Red Sox Get Thomas and Jones BOSTON, April 15.—The Boston Americans the lake Fred Thomes, an infielder, and S. Jones, a pitcher, from the Cleveland club, part payment for Tris Speaker. The players will report to the Red Sox within a day

Cioni Sets Roller Skating Record CHICAGO, April 15.—Roland Cloni, of ttsburgh, is the holder of the world's roller ating record for five miles. At the cham-soship meeting, now being held here, ha

College to Stop Football

ANNANDALIS. N. V. April 15.—Inter-degiate football has been officially taboosd St. Stephen's College. Annandale-on-Hud-

Snow Causes Ball Postponement HANOVER, N. H., April 15 -- Dartmouth-owdoin game cancelled. Snow.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES-YESTERDAY WOULD HAVE A GRAN' LI'L TIME, PLUVY, TO COLLECT THAT FLOCK OF IRON MEN

