

DAK HORSES HAVE GOOD CHANCE TO WIN 1916 PENNANTS IN MAJOR LEAGUES

ALL TEAMS IN BIG LEAGUES HAVE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO CAPTURE FLAGS THIS YEAR

Poor Pitching Has Featured the Work of American League So Far - Phillies' Hurlers Are Strong

THE major league baseball campaigns are not quite two weeks old, but it already has become apparent that there is an excellent chance for "dark horses" in the two major league pennant races.

The American League race has been featured, or perhaps it would be better to say marred, by the miserable pitching of supposedly strong staffs.

In the National League the hurling has been even worse. The Philly pitchers are all in wonderful shape, and there has not been one poorly pitched game to date, the lone defeat being a 2-1-10-inning battle with the Giants.

With a pitching staff like Moran has there apparently is little chance for a long slump, but in the American League there is no pitching staff so well fortified with reserve strength unless it is the Browns.

Detroit and Chicago, the two most powerful teams in the league, if not in the entire country, barring pitching, still appear to be handicapped by the erratic and inferior work of the hurlers.

There is little doubt that both teams will be in the fight at the finish, but they will have a hard task overhauling a "dark horse" with good pitching unless their own pitchers strike their proper stride soon.

Work of Local Teams Pleasing to Fans The work of the Phillies and Athletics during the past week was most encouraging. The National League champions completed a perfect week, winning every game played.

After the Mackmen had lost five straight games on the road and had been "roasted" by the pessimists the fans expected to see a miserable aggregation resigned to its fate, with last place staring it in the face again.

President Tener Makes Ridiculous Claim President Tener, of the National League, declared that the shortstops of the senior league outclass those of the American League.

Manager Herzog, of the Brooklyn team, has been looking about the country for a shortstop to replace O'Mara, who he declares is hopeless.

Art Fletcher was a fine ball player for two seasons and then started to slide. His playing last season was not of major league calibre, and unless his work in this city was misleading Fletcher is no better this year.

In ranking Herzog, Bancroft and Maranville as the leading shortstops of the country Tener probably echoed the sentiments of the majority of fans, but there are many managers, including Connie Mack and Fielder Jones, who believe that Ray Chapman would outclass the field if he was given an opportunity to play with a winning team and one which is playing up-to-date ball.

Interest in Minor Cities Presages Wonderful Year Last spring we called to the attention of the fans that the pulse of the baseball public can be felt in the minor league field better than in major league cities.

This year conditions are just the opposite. There has not been so much enthusiasm shown or such good crowds in minor league cities since 1908, which was the banner year of baseball, all leagues considered.

Of all the old and established leagues there is only one which apparently is due for a poor season, and that is the International. This is entirely due to the poor policies of President Barrow.

Manager Herzog, of the Reds, may have solved his second base problem by accident. Needing a player to fill in for the Yanigans, who played Youngstown a few days ago, Herzog used Mollwitz at second, with a catcher filling in at first.

Another minor leaguer who was tied to a Federal League contract when peace was made may be purchased by a major league team if he continues to slug as he has in the first week of the American Association season.

The death of Firmin Cassagnol, the French billiardist, in New York last night came as a great shock to the many friends he made in this country.

Pennsylvania's victory over Swarthmore was nothing to brag about, as it was a poorly played game. It was, however, a tribute to the excellent coaching of Roy Thomas, who has a habit of turning out winning teams with poor material.

MACK TO HAVE STRONG PITCHING STAFF FOR 1917

Crowell, Myers and Nabors Have Proved Worth as Good Hurlers

OTHERS SHOW PROMISE

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

Local fans were greatly surprised at the splendid showing made by two of Mack's young pitchers in their first local appearance against the Red Sox.

When the youngsters were being hailed as the new stars of the Athletics, the skeptical that Mack already has the foundation for a staff as great as the famous one he broke up.

Elmer Myers and Jack Nabors made great impressions on the fans by trimming the Red Sox in nice style and MI Crowell, the Brown University lad, is certain to make a greater hit.

Nabors Is Surprise Crowell, Myers and Ray were the youngsters mentioned with Nabors as a wonderful prospect for the future.

Myers also has made his debut and pitched a hit with the fans. Crowell pitched even better against New York than Myers and Nabors did against the Red Sox, but he lost his game, 2 to 1, through errors of his teammates.

Crowell appears to be further advanced than any of the youngsters, and he is looked upon as the successor to Jack Coombs, Ray's counterpart who should develop into another Plank if he can get enough ambition to absorb the teachings of Mack, Davis and Thomas.

Laziness Proves Handicap Ray has absolutely everything any other southpaw has, and a disposition which makes it impossible to worry or rattle.

One of the best of prospects is Morrisette, the Richmond recruit, but he may prove the greatest disappointment. He has greater speed than any pitcher in the squad; more "work" on his fast ball than all but Crowell, is a great spitter and is more experienced.

Sheehan Looks Good Tom Sheehan made an excellent impression last season and he probably will improve greatly. Tom is slow rounding into form and it is still a trifle early to figure just what are his possibilities.

Kahanamoku Beaten by Cann ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Ted Cann, of the New York Yankees, arrested the 100-yard National A. A. U. swimming championship from Duke Kahanamoku, of Honolulu, in the Missouri Athletic Association tank here.

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE Six Races Daily—Including a Sweepstake. Special Tea at 1:00 P. M. Grandstand, 12:30 P. M. West Field, 1:30 P. M. R. & O. leave 5:45 & 6:45 P. M. Admission, Grandstand and Paddock, Free. First Race at 2:30 P. M.

BASEBALL TODAY SHIBE PARK AMERICAN LEAGUE GROUNDS Athletics vs. Boston Game Called at 3 P. M. Tickets on Sale at Gimbel's and Spalding's.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad & B. Building, TONIGHT, 8:30 SHARP. JOHNNY ARNOLD vs. HERB WATCHE. JACK SAYLES vs. NEIL MUIR. JOHN WALKER vs. MURPHY DONNELLY. WILLIE JACKSON vs. LEO BOW. Benny Kaufman vs. Lew Tendler. Adm. 50c. Box, 50c. Arena Res., 75c. \$1.

RYAN A. C. 1036 Spring Garden. Grand Opening Tomorrow, 8:00 P. M. YOUNG JACK TOLAND vs. HARRY SMITH. Admission, 75c. Reserves, 50c.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



NEWS FROM THE ALLEYS

The Quaker City League teams have three more series to roll. The Underdown team, winner of the Section A tourney of the Artisan League, will roll off with Northwestern, No. 2 team, champion of the Section B series, next Wednesday night on Keystone alleys for the championship of the league.

The Color Press three-man team is leading the 'Cartle' League, a single game ahead of 'Fovine', having won 12 out of 20 games.

The members of the champion Quaker squad who won the National Association championship have received their diamond studded metal watch fobs.

Tigers, led by George Hill, have a chance to beat out Wyndham and Maneto in the second half of the Quaker City League race.

President Tom Jones, of the Atlantic Coast Association, expects to have many prizes to give the winning squads in the coming city championships.

EVER HAMMER LIKELY TO STOP FREDDY WELSH IN MILWAUKEE BOUT TONIGHT

Champion Is Slipping, While His Opponent Is Going Up—Kaufman and Tendler at Olympia

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

EVERY once in a while a big class boxer who is breezing along nicely and fattening the bankroll with receipts grabbed from battles with third-raters and has been, runs up against a tough customer, takes a clip on the chin and wakes up to find that he has lost out.

Harry Edwards, who is sojourning at Hot Springs, made a futile attempt to sign the boxers for a battle at the Olympia next month, but was halted by the weight question. Edwards guaranteed Ernie \$2000 for his share and was willing to do better for Williams if he would affix his signature to the articles. However, the champion did not appear anxious to appear as a legitimate bantam and the stuff was off.

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Speaking of riots, there will be a small one at the Olympia tonight when Benny Kaufman and Lew Tendler put on their return engagement in the windup. The boys battled a couple of weeks ago and Benny won by a wide margin. He shook Tendler considerably in the first round and Lew did not recover until the sixth stanza, when he got home some damaging wallops. Tonight Tendler is out to make up for his first bad start and Mr. Kaufman should have a busy evening on his hands.

Johnny Mealey meets Mickey Dunley in one of the earlier bouts and should put on a good battle. Johnny has been training hard of late and is in good condition. William Jackson and Leo Roux are billed for the semifinals and the other bouts look good.

Now that Kid Williams has been "read out" of the bantamweight class, the chief claimant to the title, Johnny Erlic, is out to grab the crown. He is willing to meet Williams at 116 rindside, but the Kid is holding out for 118.

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Large advertisement for Prince Albert tobacco featuring a caricature of a man smoking a pipe and a pack of Prince Albert cigarettes. Text includes 'This, to you: PRINCE ALBERT the national joy smoke' and 'hits the smoke-appetite-spot without a miss! Yes, sir; P. A. cuts out all argument, all question as to how much pleasure you can get out of a pipe or rolled cigarette.'

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