

MACKMEN'S PLAY IN PRESENT HOME CAMPAIGN WILL MEAN MUCH TO TEAM'S STANDING

ATHLETICS' VETERANS MUST KEEP UP SPIRIT TO IMPROVE WORK OF YOUNGER PLAYERS

Confidence of New Pitchers and Witt Would Return If Older Men Continue Showing Fight—Giants' Poor Average Is Surprise

THE first long home stand of the Athletics, which began on Saturday, is of vital importance to Manager Mack and his plans, mainly because the team has lost so many games through inexperience and because all the breaks have been going to the opposing teams.

The youngsters, whose inexperience and costly misplays have been largely responsible for the defeats, will suffer greatly if the regulars fail to continue the fight.

Losing games such as the Mackmen have dropped within the last week is enough to shatter the confidence of any team in the land.

Much Depends on Veteran Players

If the veterans go along as if nothing had happened, the confidence of the youngsters will return, but if they lose interest and fail to offer the proper encouragement several mighty promising leads will be thrown back several months in their work.

Few of the fans expected the Mackmen to play as well as they have to date, and they are not disappointed at the low standing of the team.

The eighth and ninth inning blow-ups were not unexpected. It is only natural for a green team with inexperienced pitchers to lose games which would ordinarily be easy victories.

Losing games such as have been lost recently is really a good thing for the young pitchers. If a youngster has the right stuff in him he will learn something in every game he loses through inexperience in a pinch, and they must be sent to the mound as often as possible.

Mack does not think the same policy should be followed with youngsters breaking in at other positions. He did not want to send young Witt into the game regularly, but this was necessitated by the failure of Sam Crane to show the game regularly.

Southpaw Hamper Batting of Young Witt

Manager Mack is seriously considering pulling the youngster from the game for a few weeks until he gets his bearings. He is not quite sure whether this will help or harm Witt and hesitates before making the move.

Inexperience of Young Pitchers Loses for Macks

Three of the four games lost by the Athletics last week were real, handed to Washington and New York. The Mackmen led the greater part of both games, only to lose in the final ninth of each through the inexperience of the pitchers and fielding misplays.

While the failure of the Mackmen to improve their position during the last week is rather disappointing, the fans can get plenty of satisfaction by glancing over the National League standing.

Everybody expected the Athletics to be down in the race, as Mack is rebuilding, but no one expected to find the reconstructed Giants on the bottom rung of the ladder with one game won and eight lost.

Giants Are Completely Outclassed by Opponents

In most of the games the Giants were beaten in clean-cut fashion and they had but little chance for victory, being completely outclassed by their opponents.

The Giants have lost seven games in a row, and judging by the way the pitching staff is performing, they are likely to lose as many more before they break the losing streak.

Before the season opened Manager Mack promised that the fans would get a run for their money this season and that his team would at least make the visiting teams battle all the way.

Braves Prove Easy Game for Phillies

The Braves are generally considered the most dangerous pennant rival of the Phillies, despite the splendid work of Brooklyn and Chicago, but if Stallings' team had to meet the Phillies every day it probably would finish in last place.

Alexander the Great continued on his long string of victories over the Braves Saturday and pitched a mastery game. Manager Moran has decided that Alexander must be worked hard to keep him in good trim, and in the future he will not be allowed a week's rest, such as was the case when he went to the mound against Brooklyn.

Dorsey Holes Out in One Stroke

HACKENSACK, N. J., May 1.—The "celebrated" golfer who has been making a name for himself on the Hackensack Golf Club course, when he made the seventh hole in one stroke, this hole is 153 yds and the most difficult hole on the course, crossing a brook and laying on a steep bank.

Smith-Weinert Bout Postponed

NEW YORK, May 1.—The ten-round boxing contest between Gus Smith and Charlie Weinert, scheduled for Wednesday evening at the Manhattan Opera House, has been postponed for one week owing to an injury to Smith's hand.

Sing Sing Nine Is Beaten

OSWINGO, N. Y., May 1.—Sing Sing prison's baseball team lost another game yesterday on the field when it was beaten by a score of 17 to 5 by a club from Brooklyn. This is the third game the Mutual Welfare League has lost this season.

Statistics of the Major Leagues for Last Week

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Runs, H, E, P. Lists statistics for Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York, and Detroit.

PENN IMPROVES STICKWORK AND LEAVES CELLAR

Quakers' Average Now .153, Leaving Williams and Cornell Behind

LEHIGH ASSUMES LEAD

The Penn ball team has one consolation. It is not in the cellar, as it was last week. Since Thursday a week ago the Quaker batters have improved their percentage from .111 to .153, and surpassed Cornell and Williams.

In eight games Penn has collected 36 hits out of 230 times at bat, tallied 15 runs and stolen eight bases. Aside from the starting advances of the Penn cohorts, Lehigh furnished the big surprise by passing the hard-hitting Columbia team and assuming the lead with the grand average of .274, due to the consistent hitting of Lester, Rowle and Yap.

With the first third of the college season completed it is apparent that the leading teams of a year ago—the Army, the Navy and Harvard—have fallen away down in their batting, although Harvard has a nine which, through Les Rowle and Yap, Columbia holds second place with .326.

The last week Penn had one man in the hitting column; this week three have done enough work to claim recognition, Berry and Sullivan are tied at .250, and Smith is credited with .227.

The averages through games played last Thursday follow:

Table with columns: G, A, R, H, E, S, B, P, C. Lists batting averages for various players from Lehigh, Penn, and other teams.

TEAM BATTING AVERAGES

Table with columns: Team, G, A, R, H, E, S, B, P, C. Lists team batting averages for various colleges.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

Table with columns: Team, Played, Won, Lost, P. C. Lists the standing of various teams in the league.

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

Table with columns: Player, G, A, R, H, E, S, B, P, C. Lists batting averages for American League players.

PITCHERS' RECORDS

Table with columns: Player, G, W, L, S, O, B, B, H, A, V. Lists pitching records for American League pitchers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



DODE PASKERT AND NIEHOFF LEAD PHILLIES WITH STICK

Pat's Centrefielder and Second Baseman Tied With .333—Demaree Leads League in Pitching Department

BERT NIEHOFF and Dode Paskert are leading the Philly hitters with averages of .333 each. At that the Philadelphia are topped by seven sluggers in the National League, including the games played April 27.

In the American League the Athletics do not show above the 250 mark. This Speaker is the real leader with an average of .400 for the 13 games in which he has played.

Ruth of the Red Sox, and Faber of the White Sox, lead the American League pitchers with a perfect average. Each has won four games and lost none.

Following are the figures of the major leaguers who are hitting .250 or better, along with the American League pitchers who are going at the same rate and National League hurlers who have a percentage of .333 or better:

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NEW YORK GIANTS HAVE GOTTEN BAD START IN A LEAGUE THAT IS STRONG

National Circuit Faster Than Last Year and This Fact Bodes Ill for John McGraw et al.

By GRANTLAND RICE

Ballade of the Always There Where within the spotlight's glow Comets come and comets go; Big flights flash and fade away; In the center of the show Every coming has its going; Draw its daily thrill and throbs, Only one thing sticks for aye— Teddy's always on the job.

In the current's ebb and flow, One by one they make their play; Then the curtain falls—and lo! There is nothing left to say; Soon to vanish from the fray Wagner, Matty, Baker, Cobb; Only one holds Fate at bay— Teddy's always on the job.

In the piddly game we know Jeff and Johnson—where are they? Teddy's always on the job; Flash the stars of yesterday; Kings at dawn—and then, away— Dubs amid the Common Mob; One alone shall never stray— Teddy's always on the job.

"I know how the Giants feel about leaving the cellar," writes Pickwick, Jr. "I didn't like my apartment either, but I have decided to stay for another year."

John McGraw has bumped into one of the oldest laws of the game—that when you're up things come your way in a rush; and when you're down they come your way in another direction.

There is "nothing that succeeds like success," so is there nothing that fails like failure. Not that the Giants are yet to show good material working under one of the game's greatest leaders. But 1916 is a poor year for a bad start with so many spots to use for a stamped.

The Cub Return Sir Joseph Tinker is to be congratulated upon the way he has at last revived his once gasping Cubs and wheeled them around in the right direction.

For a few weeks there were strong signs of an utter Cub collapse, but in place of growing discouraged Tinker only battled on, and now, with McConnell, Vaughn, Hendrix, Sinton and Lavender in shape, he has a staff at last that will more than hold its own. And no ball club is going to finish very far away from the top that has five first-class pitchers taking a pot shot at opposing forces day by day.

Tinker at the start had the toughest job in the circuit, but the great white light of hope is beginning to break for him at last.

The return of Fred Herreshoff to tournament play is one of the cheering signs of the young season. There are a few better golfers than Herreshoff, but no better sportmen. Which is also something.

Here comes the Wanderer over the plain, The vagabond Spring; With a song in the sunlight—a smile through the rain; Where the dim echoes ring; Where the red of the rose on the green of his coat; With a necklace of violets crowning his hair; And the fields leap to light at the first thrilling note Which his soft breezes bring.

Music and the Game D. K. H.—So far as we know, there are no star musicians playing ball. The two pastimes don't mix. Barking at the Umpire hurts the throat and toying with the fast grounder doesn't help the fingers. The best, all-around musician we ever

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 1.—The time of the Pennsylvania Junior and Naval Academy second crews Saturday was announced by the officials as 4:21 and 6:23.3-5 respectively, but it should have been one minute slower.

The best time over the course was made by the Naval Academy first crew, which covered it in 7:10, winning from the Penn variety by two lengths.

Blunder Made by Authorities in Junior Crew Race

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