## UNUSUAL REASON FOR WILDNESS OF ATHLETICS' YOUNG PITCHERS GIVEN BY CONNIE MACK

## MACK ATTRIBUTES WILDNESS OF PITCHERS IN DETROIT SERIES TO STRONG BREEZE

Athletics' Manager Says Wind Has Made It Hard for Right Hander to Control Fast Ball-Myers' Great Work

FANS who have been following the work of the Athletics closely cannot account for the sudden streak of wildness shown by the young pitchers after their steady work in the early games, but Manager Mack declares that he expected this sudden loss of control and attributes it to an unusual cause. He mays it is due to the high wind which has been blowing across the field for the last three days, and that his youngsters are not falling back into the 1915 habit of passing about 10 batsmen per game, as the fans feared.

It is rather unusual to blame the wind for a base on balls, when one conders that the pitcher is tossing the ball only a trifle more than 60 feet, but Mack says that the wind plays havoc with a pitcher's fast ball at times. He points out that every right-handed pitcher used by the Athletics and Detroit during the present series has been wild, while Coveleskie, a southpaw, had no trouble getting the ball over.

In explaining just why a right-handed pitcher had poor control while s southpaw got the ball over, Mack said the wind was blowing against the break of the right-handed pitcher's fast ball and that the break was larger instead of aller. With a southpaw, whose fast ball was breaking with the wind, the ball

sailed to the plate faster and did have a "sail" on it. Detroit has used four right-handed pitchers during the series and so did the Mackmen, while each team has trotted out one southpaw. Mack attributes the poor control of all but Ray, his own southpaw, to the wind. He says that Ray was, and probably always will be, naturally wild and unsteady. Yesterday Dubuo passed only one man in three innings, but he was constantly in the hole, three balle being called for nearly every batter, and the only way he got the ball over was to cut down his speed, making no attempt to put anything on the ball,

#### All Records for Bases on Balls Broken

IT IS impossible to find any record of a series in which the pitchers have shown such poor control as has been shown in the three games played between the Athletics and Detroit. Even in 1915, when Mack's pitchers were at their worst, and visiting pitchers occasionally had a bad day, better control was shown. It also is true the wind has been blowing strongly from the west each day during the series.

In three games the Mack pitchers have given 39 bases on balls, while the Detroit hurlers have given free transportation to 22 Mackmen, including one man hit by a pitched ball. This makes a total of 61 men sent to first base by the pitchers of both teams in the three games, which is a world's record.

Prior to this series the Athletics' young pitchers showed splendid control, this being one of the most encouraging features of their work. This seems to bear out Mack's statement that the high wind has been largely responsible for the passes.

#### Myers Was Wild But Invincible

YESTERDAY Eimer Myers gave 10 bases on balls and one man reached first through an error; yet the lanky recruit won his game. It is unusual for a youngster to beat the Tigers under ordinary conditions, but to hand Jennings sluggers such an immense advantage, and then win, is quite a feat. Incidentally Myers pitched the best game shown by a Mack recruit this season despite his

When Myers got the ball over the plate the Tigers, including the great and only Tyrus Cobb and Sam Crawford, were helpless. George Burns, the Philadelphia boy who covers first for Jennings, was the only Tiger able to fathom Myers' delivery. He made a double and two singles, which was the only safe hitting done by Detroit.

Myers was constantly in tight places, Detroit having numerous chances to score, aside from the two innings in which they chased across a run, but the youngster had so much "stuff" that when he finally got the ball over the heavy hitters could do nothing. Myers had the best curve ball seen at Shibe Park in many a day and also had splendid control of it. He seldom got his fast ball over the plate because it was breaking too much, and often used his curve ball with the count three balls and no strikes or three and one,

#### Well Pitched Game Improved Work of Team

THE general work of the Mackmen was excellent, showing just what strong A and intelligent pitching means to the team. In the first two games of the series the inexperience and headless work of the pitchers put the entire team up in the air, enabling the Tigers to show the Mackmen up badly before two large

Yesterday, with Myers pitching heady ball and showing great nerve in the pinches, the work of the entire team improved to such an extent that it did not look like the same aggregation. There were few hard chances afforded the Mackmen, but everything was done in a smooth manner, the only miscue of the game being an excusable wild throw by Charley Pick.

#### Walsh and Pick Had the Punch

THIS throw gave the Tigers a run, but Pick atoned for the miscue in the ninth inning by lining the ball to the left field with the score a tie and Lajole on third and Jimmy Walsh on first. The drive would have been good for a double or triple under ordinary circumstances, but as the Mackmen needed only Lajoie's run to win, Pick is credited with a single,

In handing out bouquets for the winning of the game, Jimmy Walsh, a player who receives less credit for good deeds than any man on the team, should not be overlooked. It was Walsh's excellent judgment which made the victory possible. With Lajoie on first and one man out in the ninth, Walsh deliberately turned the ball down past George Burns as the latter started to come in to cut Larry down at second in case a slow roller was sent his way. Lajoie was running at the time and Walsh's play was to hit behind the runner to stop a double play. He did better than that by cutting the ball through for a safety, which permitted Larry to reach third.

#### Phils Continue in Slump, Losing to Cards

WHILE the Athletics were gaining on the Browns the Phillies lost an excel-lent opportunity to gain on the Dodgers and Braves by dropping another game to St. Louis. Brooklyn was beaten by Cincinnati in a great 13-inning pitching duel, while the Cubs trimmed the Braves. With both leaders losing the Phils had a great chance, but they failed to hit when safeties meant runs.

About the only bright spot to the Philly-St. Louis game was Killefer's second appearance behind the bat. The brilliant receiver relieved Burns again and his arm apparently is able to stand the strain. Killefer does not have to throw as well as he did in 1915 to be of great value to the Phils, so long as he can do well enough to prevent opposing teams from running wild on the bases. Killefer's excellent judgment is badly needed and he also has a steadying influence on the team. However, it is too early to celebrate his return to the game, as it is only natural that he should be able to catch a few games before feeling the strain, as he has had a long rest.

Amos Strunk gave another brilliant exhibition in all departments. The wonderful centre fielder made two great catches of bails out of his territory and contributed his daily extra base hit when he smashed a triple to the right field fence. Strunk is playing the best ball of his career, and at the present time we can only think of two better all-round outfielders in the American League, and they are the marvelous Cobb and Tris Speaker.

Harry Coveleskie has been experimenting with a slow ball, but is not having much success with it. The batter has no trouble seeing when the Detroit southpaw is going to send his "floater" up to the plate and the Mackmen whaled it hard. Four of the five hits made by the Athletics while Coveleskie was on the mound were made on slow balls. Coveleskie, by the way, has never lost to the Athletics. He has been driven from the mound twice, but each time the Tigers averhauled the Mackmen and he was absolved from blame, such as was the

It is not hard to see who is boss of the Detroit team. In the fifth inning, with Lajole on third and one man out, Jennings came out from the bench and ordered the infield to play back after Bush and Young had come up on the grass. Cobb immediately ran in from centre field and ordered them to play for the runner at the plate. Bush looked to the bench and Jennings nodded his head for the infield to do as Cobb suggested. Stellbauer then shot a single past Bush, scoring Lajele. The latter made two singles and a double and looks more like a star hitter each day.

Witt is losing quite a few base hits because the umpires underestimate his speed and call him out on infield hits before the play has been completed. He lost two hits which he had beaten a step on Wednesday, and was called out on another play yesterday where it was apparent that he was safe.

### THE BANQUET FLASHLIGHT





## PENN IS NO. 2 IN DRAW FOR CHILDS EVENT

Navy Eight on West Shore in Feature Race of Regatta

#### MUCH INTEREST IN MEET

Never in the history of local rowing has a regatta to be held over the famous Schuylkill River course attracted so many college eight-cared crews as this year's annual fixture of the American Rowing Association, which will be decided over the Henley 1 mile 550 yards straightaway ourse tomorrow afternoon, beginning at

senting Yale University, Harvard Uniersity, Princeton University, Syracuse inversity and the United States Naval Academy today, and their final practice tests over the course this afternoon and tomorrow morning, everything will be in shape for the contests, which promise to be among the most important of the year. In the draw for position in the Childs' cup race, Penn gets the second lane from

the west course. The drawings were made yesterday by the regatta stewards in this city, and the Navy, rowing in the races for the first time, will be in No. 1 position. Princeton is No. 3 and Columbia No. 4. The buoys are numbered from the yest shore.

Treasurer Russell H. Johnson, of the American Rowing Association, has an-nounced the order of races, as follows: Two o'clock, first single sculls; 2:10, first heat of the junior collegiate race; 2:30, second heat of the junior collegiate event; sound four-cared shells race: 3:10. Childs Cup event, in which Pennsylvania, Annapolis, Columbia and Princeton will race; 3:30, freshman eight-oared event, be-tween Pennsylvania, Annapolis and Yale; 3:50, first double sculls race; 4:10, final 250, first double sculls race; 4:19, final heat of the junior collegiate race; 4:30, interclub eight-oared race, between three Schuylkill Navy eights—Malta Eoat Club, Undine Barge Club and Vesper Boat Club; 4:50, second single sculls race; 5:10, interscholastic eight-oared race, between West Philadelphia High School, holders of the Franklin Challenge Cup; Central High and Northeast High and also the Noble & Greenbough School crew, of Boston; 5:20, first four-oared shells; 5:50, first eights, for Stewards' Cup, when, in addition to the Harvard, Union Boat Club of Boston. Yale and Pennsylvania crews, the winner f the Childs Cup race is expected to

Coach Jim Rice and his smooth-working varsity crew were the first of the visiting carsmen to work out on the Schuylkill. they rowing over the course late yester-

day afternoon.
Columbia was out again this morning





BASEBALL TODAY SHIBE PARK Athletics vs. Detroit Game Called at 3:30 P. M. Tickets on Sale at Gimbels' and Spaiding's.

#### Six Major League Games Decided by Only One Run

Big League baseball was unusually interesting yesterday. Of the eight games plated half a dozen were decided by the plated half a dozen were decided by the control of the same and the result of the same was from the Tigers by a solitary taily. The Glants wan their filled straight game, defeating littsburgh by the same margin, as did the Yanks against Cheage, Boston against Cleveland in 10 innings, St. Louis against the Phillies and Cincinnati against Brooklyn in 13 innings.

This afternoon a majority of the other col-lege crews and Naval Academy carsmen, whose rowing equipment has been placed in the various boat houses from which they will launch their shells will be out.

Coach Jim Ten Eyck's Syracuse eight entered in the collegiate race will be stroked by Whiteside, who stroked the winning freshman crew in the Freshman race in this regatta last year which Syra-cuse won and who also set the pace for the victorious Freshman eight in the Poughkeepsie regatta last year.

While the college races will arouse the greatest amount of interest the contests between the club carsmen also promise to be hard fought. The University Barge Club senior four-oared crew, co-ched and developed by Jim Dempsey, an ex champion combination, will be opposed to the United States Naval Academy. Vesper and Un-dine crews, of this city, in the special fouroared shell race. The same University Barge Club crew will row another Vesper crew in the first four-oared race, which University Barge won last year, defeating

The schoolboys will be out in force to witness the attempt of the Central Light-eight-cared crew to regain the scholastic championship. In addition to West Phila-delphia, which beat out Central in the last quarter mile in 1915, the Northeast crew and a strong Boston scholastic crew will contest in this event.

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## AGAIN TO HAVE BENCH COACHES

Big Three Revoke Rule Barring Tutors From Giving Advice in Game

#### TO HELP TEAMS' PLAY

A communication from a member of the Yale Advisory Committee states: "Lauder will coach the Yale team to play its own game and to do its own thinking and not make the players mere puppets run by him. Such practice as having the players, while at bat or elsewhere, constantly looking to the bench for signals and instructions will not be in evidence. The Yale coach will act as a teacher and adviser and will be present on the bench to give the team the benefit of his judgment and experience when a point comes up or a situation arises in a game."

This attitude is identical with that taken by Harvard and Princeton. Sanford B. White, captain of the Princeton team of four years ago, states that having the coach on the bench to size up plays and situations which offtimes escape the attention of the college captain or player constitutes inside baseball, and more than anything else turned defeat

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# CLEVELAND CLUB WILL MAKE MONEY IN SPITE OF PRICE PAID FOR TRIS SPEAKER

Fine Showing of the Indians Due Almost Entirely to Work of Former Red Sox Outfielder

#### By GRANTLAND RICE

WHEN the White Sox pitchers get in don't chase him until the third or fourth shape," comments a contemporary, and once or twice they have walled "who, or what is going to stop Eddie Col-ins, Joe Jackson and Jack Fournier?" If opposing pitchers can't, perhaps the out-field fences will. Who can tell?

"How can you tell," write Fuzzy, "when "How can you tell, write russ," a pitcher is knocked out of the box, whether it is poor pitching or hard hitting?" Simple enough, If it is the visiting pitcher it is hard hitting by the home club. Otherwise it's vice versa.

#### "Under the Strain"

"Once they bolieve they have a bare chance to win," comments an expert, "It is only a question of a short while before the Cleveland Indians will crack under the

Precisely. Remember how the bally Braves cracked under the strain in 1914, according to prediction?

And how badly the Phillies cracked last season just as every one said they would after a good running start?

#### The Price for Speaker

It was generally agreed that the price for Tris Speaker—\$50,000—was a foolish expenditure for any ball player.

Observe how it works out. The Indians, minus Speaker, would undoubtedly have made no such showing up to date. By the lat of June the presence of Speaker and the high ranking of the Cleveland Club will have drawn in at least an additional \$50,000 at the gate. The rest of it will be velvet, composed of the long green. The difference between the Red Sox

winning and losing a pennant will mean at least \$80,000 to Owner Lannin in season and world series admissions. The query now before the house is this—just how foolish were the Cleveland owners for paying \$50,000 out for \$100,000 profit?

#### The Limit Each season records are lower on track

and field in intercollegiate clashes. There is apparently no limit that can stand for all time, and yet there must be some mark all time, and yet there must be some mark beyond all human endeavor. Just what this mark will some day be is the puzzle. It is inconceivable that any sprinter will ever run 100 yards under 9 seconds; or that any jumper will ever clear the bar above 7 feet. Nine and three-fifths seconds seems to be the 100-yard barrier just now. Some superathlete will arrive some day to peel off the distance in 9 flat. When that happens he can go to his lest. When that happens he can go to his last sleep fairly well content that man's sprinting qualities have been stretched to the final breath.

"Jack Moakley is the world's great trainer for runners." Wonder if he can train us to run down long putts?

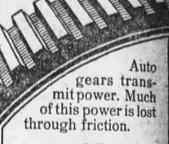
Some days the umpires chase Jimmy Callahan away in the first inning and on other days, to break the monotony, they

Francis Ouimet holds one recerd that he has never been given credit for Dening the open championship last Juns asked him how he was going. Yet badly," he replied, "If it wasn't the I have gotten down some long and less putts I would have been over 20," let this remark a world's record for a golfer who isn't scoring?

Who says Connie Mack's young pitch are not imbued with headwork and shale egy? When the Tigers started hims the other day Mack's elabmen prompty stopped the slugging by passing it may before dusk arrived.

Marty O'Toole Still Sliding OMAHA. Nob., May 12.—The Omaha ball club, of the Western League, has a from the Columbus American Association Marty O'Toole, who were a sold by the St. Paul American As-team to the Pittsburgh Nationals for its

Swarthmore Winner at Lacrosse SWARTHMORE. Pa., May 11. warthmore College second lacroses team cated the Penn second team yesterday, 1



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