

MACK HELD BACK IN DEVELOPING PLANS BY CONTRACTS ISSUED DURING WAR WITH FEDS

ATHLETICS HAVE DEVELOPED PUNCH, LATE RALLIES BEING FEATURE OF RECENT GAMES

Ability of Mackmen to Come From Behind Has Surprised Fans and Presages Trouble for White Sox and Indians

THE Athletics have developed a "punch," and just so long as they keep it they are going to give pennant aspirants quite a jolt. The Mackmen may be looked upon as a tall end aggregation by other teams, but Mack's reconstructed ball club has proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is as game as the Phillies were last season, and while it may lack the finish and natural ability to be in the pennant race, its ability to come strong at the finish is going to make it a dangerous team, which cannot be held cheaply.

On May 6, against Washington, the Mackmen found their "punch," and if one looks back over the details of the games played since that day he will find that in every game, barring the 15-to-2 defeat at the hands of Detroit, the Athletics have come from behind. The day following the 16-to-2 defeat Detroit won from the Mackmen by the score of 9 to 4, but until the eighth inning, when the Tigers scored three runs, the Athletics were dangerous, and several promising rallies were stopped by sensational plays.

They had the punch at the right time in the game which Myers won from the Tigers, and the following day Connie's band came from behind in the seventh to tie Jennings' team. Detroit went ahead in the ninth, but the Mackmen again evened up in the count in the last half. The game eventually was lost when Detroit failed four times in the 11th, but not before the Mackmen worried Jennings by scoring twice.

Two Splendid Fighting Finishes Against Browns

AFTER THE Browns had come from behind with a three-run rally in the seventh inning of the opening game of the present series, the Athletics came back strong and won the game in the last half of the same inning. Yesterday the Mackmen again showed that they had the fighting spirit which is bound to bring success in the long run when they overcame a big lead and won their most brilliant victory of the season at the expense of Eddie Plank.

The team is improving wonderfully in every respect, and the pessimists are now willing to concede that Mack has a chance to fulfill his prediction that he would develop another championship team by 1917 if he can pick up a few more youngsters as good as those uncovered this spring.

The "ironclad" contracts which were passed out rather carelessly by the magnates during the war between organized ball and the Federal League are proving a big handicap to Manager Mack in his rebuilding. At the present time Mack has several players who are carrying contracts which cannot be broken by the usual ten days' notice, with waivers from the other American League clubs, and while these players are of little use to him he must carry them until some other team is willing to take them off his hands.

Ironclad Contracts Handicapping Mack

TWO or three players who are carrying the "ironclad" contracts have failed to show major league form this spring, and while they will continue to draw their salaries from the Athletics it is safe to say that there are three or four on the payroll at the present time who will not play again for Mack.

Just who these men are is not known, as Manager Mack refuses to discuss the subject other than to say that he is bitterly disappointed at the failure of a few players to show form worthy of a man drawing a major league salary, but he does say that he will not spend the whole season experimenting with men who cannot show real ability.

Several of the pitchers have fallen shy of the mark and they will be allowed to depart, while another batch will report as soon as the Mackmen return from their first Western trip. The best of each group will be given a chance to show what they can do in a regular game and the rest will be cut adrift to make room for others who are to report later in the season.

Schang, Bush and Stellbauer Were Stars

WALLY SCHANG and Joe Bush were largely responsible for yesterday's victory, although young Stellbauer must not be overlooked. While it was Schang's terrible wallop which drove in the tying runs, and he eventually scored the winning tally, it was Ste Bauer who opened the way by sending in the first run of the rally and placed Charley Pick and himself in a position to score on the sticky catcher's triple.

It was a wonderful game to win, and victory was particularly sweet to the Mackmen because Eddie Plank, for 14 years a star on Mack's staff, was taunting each hitter who stepped to the plate after the Browns had given him what apparently was a safe lead. There was hardly a fan in the park who thought the Mackmen had a chance when, the seventh inning opened with the Browns leading 4 to 1 and Eddie Plank toying with the local hitters.

When LaJoie started with a single, the crowd started shouting for a rally—which, by the way, has become a habit since the Mackmen have shown their "punch"—but the excitement subsided for a moment when Walsh was thrown out by Johnson. Plank then hit Pick, and the trouble started. Stellbauer shot a wicked drive down the first base line. It was labeled for a triple, but George Isler, a wonderful youngster, knocked the ball down and held the hit to a single, as Larry scored from second and Pick dashed to third.

Schang Made Good in the Pinch

MANAGER MACK then sent Schang to the plate in place of Bill Meyer, much to the disgust of the fans, as Wally had not been pinch hitting with much success. Schang clouted a terrific drive over Shotten's head to the scoreboard for three bases. This hit tied the score, and Plank was so peeved that he heaved a wild pitch to the stand, and Schang walked in with the winning run.

In justice to Plank it must be admitted that it looked very much as if Schang should have been called out on strikes, but Umpire Chill could not see it that way. Chill, by the way, had another weird day. He gave the Browns two runs by making a decision that was as much off color that even the St. Louis players laughed, and throughout the game was so bad that it looked as if he was just guessing or calling balls and strikes in a series. It was a game after which even the home fans were willing to admit that the home team got the best of an important decision from the umpire.

Bush Pitched Wonderful Ball

IN REGISTERING his fifth consecutive victory "Bullet Joe" Bush pitched another grand game. He got off to a bad start, and did not seem to have his usual "stuff" until after the Browns had gotten their four tallies. Bush started pitching his 1916 brand of ball in the fifth inning, and thereafter the Browns failed to get a hit, and only one man reached first base.

In the ninth Marsans led off with a walk, and immediately stole second. It looked very much as if the Browns would tie the score at this moment, but Bush turned loose his reserve force and Tobin, Borton and Austin, who acted as pinch hitters for Deal, Hartley and Plank, went out on easy chances. It was a grand exhibition of pitching, in keeping with the work Bush has done in every game, and which the fans may expect from Mack's speed king this summer.

Phillies Also Have Found Their Punch

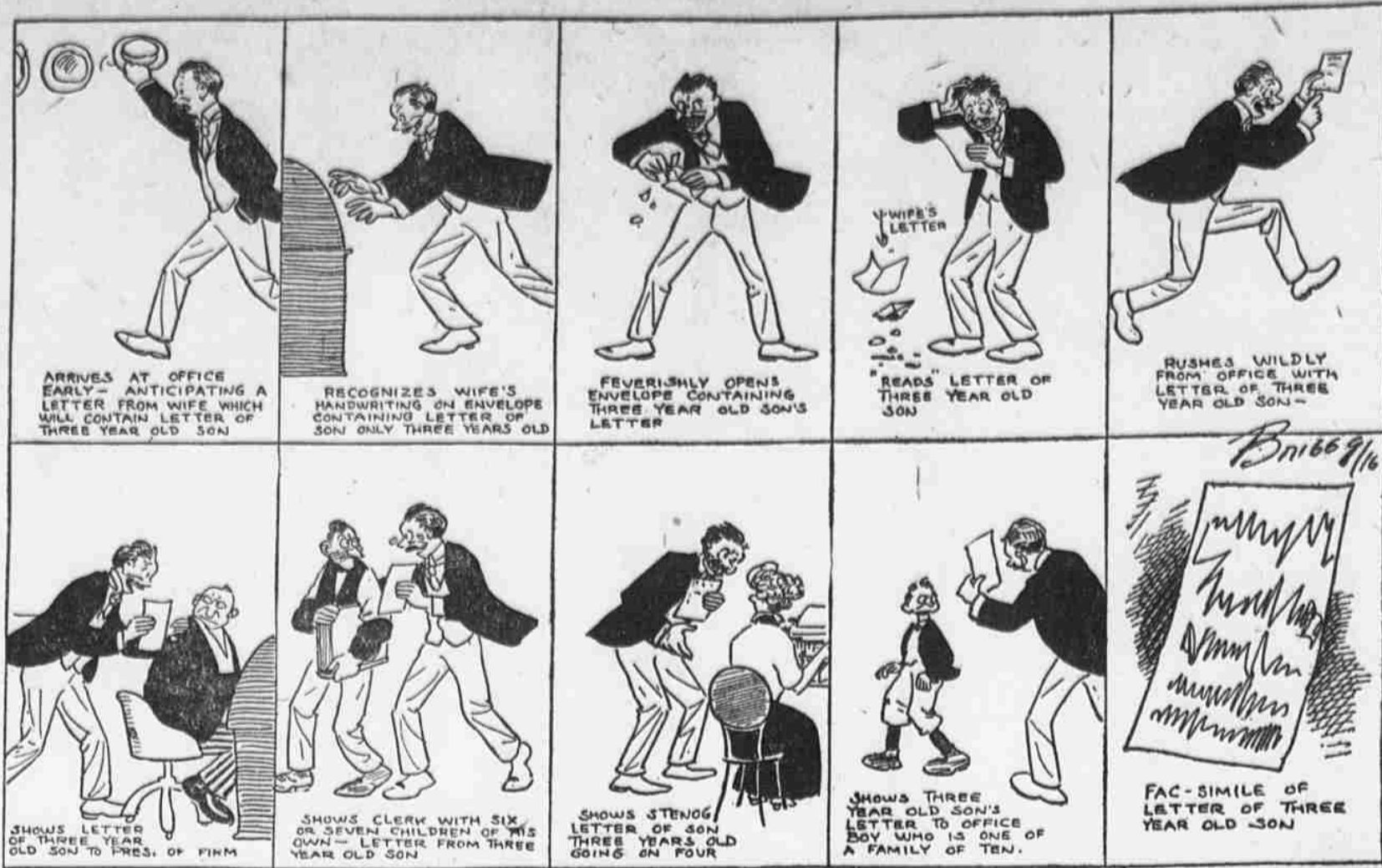
THE Phillies also have found their 1915 "punch," as three games at Cincinnati prove conclusively. Yesterday the Phils made their hits count in 1915 fashion, and they were not scattered through six or seven innings with a runner or two left stranded on the bases, as has been the case since the first of the season. The most pleasing feature about the clubbing of the champions was Gavvy Cravath's three safeties out of three official trips to the plate.

Eppa Rixey pitched the Phils to their victory, and while he was hit rather hard and needed Al Demaree's help to come through a winner, his work indicated that he also is rounding into form. He kept the Reds' hits well scattered and showed great form in the pinches, which is more than he did last season. With the Phils back in their winning stride and the Mackmen playing such surprising ball the fans are becoming thoroughly aroused.

Bill Meyer pulled a heady play yesterday, which apparently was entirely lost on the fans. With Shotten on third and Sisler on first, the Mackmen expected a double steal. Meyer signaled for two waste pitches, but Sisler crossed him by not starting for second. Meyer had worked Bush into a hole, and Sisler decided that it was time to go down, as it seemed certain the Mack receiver must call for a groove ball. Meyer crossed him by calling for the third waste pitch, and broke up the double steal in a clever manner, Shotten being nailed off third.

The Giants continued their sensational work by winning from the Cubs again yesterday. It was the sixth consecutive victory for McGraw's all-star aggregation, and instead of being hopelessly out of the race when they return home, the Giants may be very much in the running. The Giants are now only six games behind the leaders, despite the disastrous start. It might also be well to mention that the other "underdog," the Athletics, are seven and a half games below Cleveland, but only three below New York, which is in third place.

MOVIE OF A MAN RECEIVING LETTER FROM THREE-YEAR-OLD SON



EPISCOPAL PLAYERS ON COURTS SHINE

Junior Academic League Is Getting More Interesting Every Day

The Junior Interacademic League is getting more interesting every day. Episcopal, after a bad start, has suddenly come to and taken a new lease on life. In the match last Thursday they took three out of four matches played from Penn Charter. So all in all it is anybody's league. The standing is as present:

Table with 4 columns: School Name, Won, Lost, Pct. Rows include Germantown Academy, Penn Charter, Episcopal Academy, Friends' Central.

Several matches are in question. First two matches in the recent Germantown-Penn Charter match are under protest by Germantown Academy and may effect the standing of the league. Also in the recent Episcopal-Penn Charter match the first and second singles were postponed. If Episcopal wins one or both of these the teams are very closely bunched, with Germantown as favorite. If, however, Penn Charter wins the chances of Episcopal's hope of the title is nearly gone, and it remains for Germantown Academy and Penn Charter to fight it out between them. The chances are that the title will not be decided until Germantown meets Penn Charter at Manheim on Thursday, May 25, in the final match of the league season. The top of the teams in the singles will be a battle of schoolboy stars, Pennock, of Penn Charter, the best boy in the league, meets Lewis Smith, of Germantown. Smith is very steady and should give Pennock a

very close match. At "2" "Dick" Myers, of Penn Charter, will meet David Beard, of Germantown. Myers beat Beard easily a few weeks ago, but Beard has improved greatly and should drive the Penn Charter youngster very hard. The remainder of the team seems to be stronger at Germantown than at Penn Charter, so the race will be close and extremely exciting.

FROM THE CINDER PATH

Bayce Clegg, who fired the pistol which started "Red" Meredith in his record-breaking run, didn't think he had performed a remarkable feat until after the race. Then he extracted the shell from the gun, and he says it will never leave his possession.

Jim Sterrett, the grandfather of swimming in America, was one of the timers who clocked Ted Meredith in his 1:52 1/2 half-mile run. This recalls to mind that Sterrett was one of the timers in the meet when Johnny Owens ran 9:4.5 seconds for the 100 yards—the first runner who ran faster than even time for the distance.

While one of the Shields boys, of West Chester, was running the mile in the Yale Intercollegiate in 4:29, the younger brother was leaving out a 4:26 mile at Penn State. This lad is developing fast, and in another year or so should cut considerable ice in intercollegiate circles.

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BOAT HOUSE ROW NOTES

The American Rowing Association regatta was a big success. Next local regatta will be Schuylkill Navy events June 24.

Schuylkill Navy championship races will be over a mile and a quarter straightway course. Walter Smith, bow; Jack Kelly, stroke, will be the Vesper Boat Club's senior double sculls entry in the Memorial Day regatta of the New York Rowing Association.

Harry Penn Burke is after a big local entry in the New York Rowing Association races. Malta will send over a senior eight. Other Maltese crews may also take part.

West Philadelphia Boat Club may form an intermediate eight-oared shell crew seating ex-local High School oarsmen.

There is a possibility that an intermediate single scull and senior eight-oared race will be added to the Schuylkill Navy races.

Vespers christened their new eight-oared shell yesterday afternoon.

QUIMET MAY COMPETE IN AMATEUR EVENTS

President of Woodland Club Says U. S. G. A. Committee Exceeded Jurisdiction

BOSTON, May 16.—There is no rule to prevent Francis Quimet, Paul Tewsbury or John H. Sullivan, Jr., taking part in any amateur tournament held in Massachusetts, providing the club holding such a contest does not object. This statement is on the authority of a member of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Golf Association.

President L. B. Folsom, of the Woodland Golf Club, made the statement that the United States Golf Association Executive Committee made a mistake in requesting Secretary Whitney to write the Woodland Club and ask that it remove the names of the three men from the Massachusetts amateur list.

Reds Release Rodgers; Get Fisher CINCINNATI, May 16.—President Hermann of the Cincinnati Nationals has announced that second baseman William J.C. Rodgers will be sent to Portland, Ore., of the Pacific Coast League as soon as Robert Fisher arrives here. Fisher will be used as infield utility man, according to Herrmann.

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