GALAXY OF STAR BASEBALL PLAYERS ON THE PAYROLL OF THE CHICAGO WHITE SO

CLARENCE ROWLAND'S GREAT "PAPER" TEAM FAILS UTTERLY TO PRODUCE EXPECTED RESULTS

Lack of Brainy Players Is Cause Attributed to Poor Showing of the Chicago American League Club This Season

THE greatest aggregation of stars collected on one team since the famous L Philly machine of 1900 was broken up by the invasion of the American League is under the wing of Clarence Rowland, of the Chicago White Sox, who make their first appearance of the season in this city tomorrow. Like the famous Philly machine, which boasted of Lajoie, Delchanty, Flick, Thomas, Monte Cross, McFarland, Douglas, Fraser, Bernhard, White, Donohue and others, the White Sox are finding it an easy matter to score a lot of runs when they get the jump on the opposing team, but when they get off to a poor start Rowland's team appears to give up, just as the Phillies did in the old days.

On paper the Chicago team is the strongest all-round combination in the major leagues, but it fails to produce the results. The Tigers are looked upon as a slightly stronger team, barrieg battery men, while two or three teams appear to be better equipped with pitching material. But none compares with Rowland's

team for all-round mechanical efficiency.

Fans Wonder at White Sox's Failure

THE fans are mystified at the failure of the White Sox to get a big lead, with the other teams so slow rounding to form. They were surprised last season when Howland's team, after getting a lead of eight or ten games in the first six weeks, went completely to pieces, and it looks very much as though the Sox are not going to come back very strong this year,

Alibis of every description have been given for the failure of the White Sox, but there appears to be only one rolution to the problem, and that is that Rowland is not the type of a manager who can get along without brainy ball players. The peerless and brilliant Eddie Collins is a member of the White Sox, but he cannot do the thinking for the entire team, and the majority of the other players do not appear to be capable of thinking for themselves.

Lack of headwork, poor handling of a capable staff of pitchers and Eddie Collins' failure to play up to his usual standard appear to be the main ailments of this wonderful aggregation. When Rowland took charge of the White Sox he had the greatest catcher in the game in Ray Schalk, a wonderful array of buriers and a fair team. Owner Comiskey immediately purchased every star he could possibly buy, and gave Howland a wonderful team, but it cannot win.

Jimmy Callahan Was Severely Criticised

CHICAGO fans and scribes criticised Jimmy Callahan because he could not finish up with the leaders, claiming that he worked his pitching staff poorly, but Rowland has not been able to do any better with a much more powerful team behind the same hurlers. On paper there are very few better hurling corps than the White Sox have at the present time, but the results of the games would lead one to believe that Rowland's pitchers are as poor as the Detroit staff.

Rowland has Urban Faber, Joe Benz, Eddie Cicotte, Jim Scott and "Rebel" Russell, who are seasoned veterans, and who are looked upon as stars on his staff, to say nothing of Dave Danforth and Clarence Williams, high-class recruits, and the veteran Ed Walsh. The latter probably will be of little use to Rowland, but with five stars and two clever southpaw recruits, who were looked upon as the pick of the minor league field, the White Sox have enough pitching talent to win the pennant if they were hardled properly.

The White Sox rank with the Tigers for slugging ability, and really have a tter balanced offense. From the top of the White Sox batting order, down to Catcher Schalk, the White Sex have a wonderful array of hitters. With Murphy, Felsch and Joe Jackson in the outfield, the Sox have a powerful hitting, clever base running and, barring Murphy, a great fielding and throwing combination. It is not overcrowded with brains, however, and makes many costly mistakes, which are not made by quick-thinking players.

Infield Is Powerful on The Offense

OURNIER. Collins, Weaver and either Terry or McMullin form a powerful hitting infield, with strong fielding every place but at first base, where Fournier appears to be woefully weak. He can hit, and has proved of greater value to the ox than a good fielder but a weak hitter, and while there is room for improveent in this position, it is movered well enough, considering the great power the Sam has in other departments.

Behind the bat the White Sox have the wonderful Schalk, who catches all the games when he is not on the injured list, and two promising youngsters in Mayer and Lynn, the latter being a newcomer. Schalk is the brainlest player on the team, be ing Collins, and if Rowland paid more attention to this pair in selecting his pitch rs the White Sox probably would be better off.

All things considered, it is a wonderful aggregation on paper, and it seems enpable of breaking loose on a long, winning streak at any time, but to date the White Sox have been a sad disappointment. They are just a trifle ahead of the Athletics, and the present series will be a battle for sixth place between a team generally considered a tailend aggregation, which is playing up-to-date and fighting ball, and an aggregation of stars who are wasting their great natural

Phillies Have Shaken Off Batting Slump

THE Phillies performed the unusual feat of making a clean sweep of the series with Cincinnati on Redland Field by taking the final game with Herzog's am yesterday. The Phils whaled the southpaw shoots of Heinie Schulz, and the batting slump evidently is a thing of the past. Four in a row over the Reds would be quite an achievement at any stage of the race, but is even more noteworthy when one considers the condition the champions were in when they started West.

Now that the batting slump is over, the Phillies should be able to break even for the entire trip, including the games played in Boston and Brooklyn. The champions lost two out of four in Eosten, three straight in Brooklyn and then dropped the first two contests in St. Louis. It looked very much at that time as If the team had shot its bolt in the first two weeks of the season; but the comeback in the final game in St. Louis and the grand work against the Reds indicate that Moran's team is back in the race to stay.

The ability of the pitching staff to continue its grand work when the rest of the team was below form saved the champions until the batting slump was shaken off. Manager Herzog should be extended a vote of thanks by the Phils for allowing the champions to indulge in morning batting practice on the Reds' field. This practice brought Cravath out of his slump, and the clean-up man's slugging was largely responsible for two of the victories.

With Crayath back in his stride and Alexander the Great still baffling opposing teams, the Phils look very much as they did in 1915. It remains now for Fred Luderus to strike his stride and the team will be in excellent position to overhaul the Dodgers and Braves on the long home stand,

Frank Glick, captain of Princeton's football 'eleven last fall, has been appointed coach of the Mercersburg Academy football eleven for next fall. Glick's appointment came as a surprise, as Mercersburg has always been strong for Pennsylvanians, and it was believed that a Red and Blue star would be offered

Miserable pitching caused Detroit to drop another game to Washington. The eat slugging ability of the Tigers is going to waste because of the poor work of great slugging ability of the Tigers is going to whate becoming disheartened. The benching of Crawford in favor of Harry Heilman after Bob Veach returned to the game will tend to increase the confidence of opposing pitchers, who had come to dread the Cobh-Crawford combination, and while Heilman may be able to play better all around ball than the veteran, the moral effect of "Wahoo" Sam's presence in the game probably would be of greater value.

The injury to Dave Bancroft is going to prove a serious blow to the Phillies unless Bobby Byrne can play his old-time game at third. Stock is capable of playing an excellent game at short, but Byrne is said to be in poor shape as the result of an injury sustained last winter. Any other member of the Philly team could be spared better than Bancroft, and the absence of real high-class reserve infielders nay prove a great handicap.

Lawton Witt has been increasing his batting average at a rapid clip on the home stand. Since Monday a week ago Witt has made 10 hits, including 2 triples and I doubles, out of 23 times, at bat. The youngster has drawn many passes and has been on the bases oftener than any other man on Mack's team. His fielding still a trifle erratic, but now that he is hitting the youngster's work in the field uld improve rapidly.

Joe Byrne, a Philadelphia boy, who went to Bridgeport, of the Eastern League to play third base, has advanced already. Byrne's work attracted the attention of Joe Birmingham, manager of the Toronto Internationals, and he made a trade for the youngster. Byrne joined Toronto in Richmond on Saturday. He played with the Brill team, of the Delaware County League, last season, and is a linotype operator in the Evening Ledger composing room in the winter months.

HANDICAP HOPPE IN BILLIARD PLAY, SUGGESTS, CLINE

'Make Champion Play 18.1 to Others' 18.2," Urges Local Man

GAMES WOULD BE CLOSE

Tom Foley, the Chicago veteran, started something when he invented his new style single line game to make ball to ball bil-llards more difficult and thereby bring Willlam F. Hoppe down closer to the level of his rivals. Other suggestions have fol-lowed, and it now seems probable that some sort of tournament among the leading procasionals will be played in the fall.

Thomas Gallagher, as such of a veteran as Foley, has come to bat with an argument in favor of cushion caroms. He thinks this game not only would give the others a better chance against Hoppe, but would result in improvement of the others' games where they care attent to the others' games. where they can stand it most.

It would be better for the spectator, too he believes, in that a player would not monopolize the table for stretches of 15 minutes and half an hour at a time while taking some big run of the kind often seen

Harry Cline, of this city, says that he plans steady practice between now and the fall with the view of returning to competi-tive billiards. Cline expressed the opinion that Hoppe would outclass all opponents ust as much in cushion caroms as he does n balk line.

Hoppe can beat any cue expert in the world at any game on the green cloth," he said. "This includes balk line, cushion caroms, three cushions and any other games you can think of. The only way to make the games close would be to handicap I would urge some such scheme as making Hoppe play 18.1 to the others' 18.2, He probably would win even then."

From the Cinder Path

The Interscademic championships on the track and field will be held on Franklin Field on May 26.

The defeat of Walince Maxield, of Lafayette, by Heward Cann in the shotput in the Middle States intercollegiates came as a surprise. Max-field's defeat, too, cost Lafayette the champion-ship.

It is a bad day when the Western hurdlers do not break or equal the existing record. Last saturday, Simpson, of Missouri, and Thompson of the University of California, ran 14 4-5 sec-onds over the high sticks.

Hoyt, the Grinnel sprinter, and Simpson, the Missouri athlete, are track teams in themselves. Simpson has been good for 20 or more points in every dual meet for Missouri, and Hoyt has been scoring 20 and 25 points in each meet for Grin-nell.

Norris, the former Vale miler, is running bet-ter for the University of Virginia than he did for Yale, His helf ig 1:55 2:5 at Princeton last Saturday was his best effort.

Eddie Teschner will be a hard fellow to beat in the intercollegiste sprints if he maintains his present form. He ran 9 4-5 seconds for the 100 yards and 21 3-5 seconds for the 220 against Yale.

Stanford and Michigan will engage in a dual neet at Ann Arbor Saturday which should give me a line on what Stanford has for the inter-oliegates. The Californias are bringing 10 nen Kest. dichigan is going to send only five nen to the champs.

Tale may not have a wonderful team for dua competition, but with Oler in the jumps, aided by Hampton, the former Exeter Iad, who icapes over 23 against Harvard; Overton, in the one or two miles, and Farwell in the hurdles, the Blu-will cause many colleges to swing some athletes around in the intercollegiates.

It would be worth while for some coilege to give Izzy Hough, the George School lad, the once over. In the Northeast High School meet Hough won the broad jump, the quarter mile, and ran third in the hundred. He will develop into a great track man and is a first-class basketball player. Penn could use him.

Coast Athletes Leave for Cambridge STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., May 17.—
The Stanford University track team of 12 athletes have left here for Ann Arbor, Mich. to
compete next Saturday in a dual meet with the
University of Michigan. May 26 and 27 the team
is to take part in the Intercollegiate Amateur
Athletics Association of America championships s to take part in the intercollegists Amateu, thileties Association of America championships it Cambridge. Among the athletes are P. R. Wilson, who holds the Pacific coast record for he mile and three-quarter mile runs; Merelith House, who broke the Pacific coast record in the part of the pacific coast record aturday in the 220-yard low hurdles, with he time of 23 4-5 seconds, and Frederick Muray, a 15-second man in the high hurdles.

CLEVELAND CLUB'S USE OF SACRIFICE HIT HAS PUT THE INDIANS IN THE LEAD

During First Five Weeks' of Season's Campaign, Lee Fohl's Folks Have Outscored Other Teams in American League

By GRANTLAND RICE

imes. It isn't likely that even Robertson

Suppose some one on or around the first athletic cog from the Tiger to the Flying by day of April had offered to wager you that by the 15th day of May the Cleveland Robertson vs. Cobb lub would have scored more runs than any other team in either league?

The chances are you would have sprained your tongue taking the bet. And having made it, you would have gone out and spent the money, considering the kale already yours.

Cleveland at the end of five weeks would score more runs than Detroit with Cobb. Crawford, Veach, Heilman and Burns? Or than Chicago with Collins, Fournier, Jackson, Felsch, Schalk and Weaver? Or than New York with Baker, Magee, Gilhooley Maisel and Gedeon? Yet on May 15th Cleveland had scored 118 runs, beyond Detroit running second in the tally making line and well beyond the other fourteen major league clubs.

Whys and Wherefores

Any club, picked to finish seventh, that can fight its way to the front within five weeks is an interesting study.

Modern baseball is supposed to consist mostly in batting plus base running or the hit and run on attack. The sacrifice is supposed to be a remnant of the middle ages. Yet Cleveland, fifth in batting, has scored more runs than any other club largely through her fine use of the sacri-

Fifth in batting, the Indians are seventh in base stealing, only a notch above the Mackmen. But they have 50 sacrifice hits where no other club in either circuit has et renched 37.

yet reached 37.

It might seem impossible at first peek for a club to be fifth in batting, seventh in base stealing and first in run making. But that is exactly what Cleveland is. Cleveland is showing, so far, the same ability to get runs that the old White Sox had just ten years ago when they won a pennant with the weakest hitting club underneath the Big Top. It is this ability to get runs without a heavy attack, plus steady runs without a heavy attack, plus steady pitching, that has made the Buckeye citadel the gossip of all fandom.

The Acid Test

Ability to get runs without a slashing at-Ability to get runs without a stashing at-tack shows a continuity of team play and a general alertness that overlooks few bets. Whether Cleveland stays in front or not she is pretty sure to be a vital factor as-long as this team play and altertness remain in camp.

Can it be that after two comparatively lean years the Great Zim, meaning Heinie the Hittite, is about to regain his own

again?
In 1911 Heinie batted .397 with the Cubs.
In 1912 he reached .372, leading the league:
in 1913 his mark was .313, but in 1914 and
1915 he fell below .300, toppling to .265

last year.

Now Heinie is back with his pristine punch, his ancient wallop, with the dust erased from his batting eye. He enters the sixth week of the campaign just over .350 and any number of these blows have been for extra bases. In addition to which the Renowned Zim is playing the star game of his hectic, frenzied and harassed career at

Princeton Afloat

It has been several seasons since Prince ton landed a football or a track champion ship, but Old Nassau affoat is another mat-

Yale, Columbia, Annapolis and Penn on the water, proving for the first time in natural history that the Tiger is an amphibious

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will finish beyond Cobb this season, but if the trick is turned it will be Virginia Dave dnishing with the olive stuff. Has Virginia at last entered a candidate

to oppose Georgia's Flying Ghost? If there is any man to give Ty Cobh an even battle on the year's count the name is Rave Robertson, the Giant outfleider, better known The rumor that Hal Chase was traveling beyond his batting speed seems to have been a trifle exaggerated, as the Red star is still pitching along with a mark above on the season, the Glant outfielder, better known as the Virginia Reel.

Robertson is a trifle faster than Cobb, being the fastest man now in basebail. He is more powerfully built, weighing 192 pounds. He has a better arm, having been one of the greatest college pitchers of the last ten years. And he can hit—hit with almost any man that ever manipulated a bat. Robertson, although reporting just before the season, has started off as Tystarted a year ago. He is the only regular in either circuit batting over .400, and, what is more important, he is clouding right and left handers with equal effect. Robert-

If we ever go to war we nominate Jack Moakley to coach our army corps. They may trim us then, but they'll never catch

Chick Maisel Goes to Montreal SCHANTON, Pa. May 17.—Owner Allen the local New York Histe League team, was able to get George Maisel hack from the Det Tigers, to which he was sold at the close of New York State League season hast year, deal has been completed whereby Maisel much Montreal team of the International League and left handers with equal effect. Robertson is a harder hitter than Cobb, but he still lacks the Georgian's keen alertness on attack and his general aggressiveness at all

RICHARDS OUT OF MEET Cornell Star Suffers Strains and M.

Not Be in Intercollegiates ITHACA, N. Y., May 17,-Alma I ards, Cornell's all-round athlets, who had more than the usual hard luck does his career, is the victim of the linx as Richards is at present suffering to Richards is at present softening for strains in the groin, and while Jack Messey, coach of the Cornell track team not abandoned hope that his star will able to compete in the intercollegiate and he fears that the chances are 50-50.

he fears that the chances are \$6.50. Richards was injured in the Property vania relay games, but the full extens his hurts did not develop until the pastylvania-Cornell dual meet at Philadepi last Saturday, when he fell down halfy the broad jump and high jump.



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