

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

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 Philly machine of 1900 was broken up by the invasion of the American League...

On paper the Chicago team in 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, barring battery men...

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 Rowland's team, after getting a lead of eight or ten games in the first six weeks...

Abilities of every description have been given for the failure of the White Sox, but there appears to be only one solution to the problem, and that is that Rowland is not the type of a manager who can get along without brainy ball players...

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...

Jimmy Callahan Was Severely Criticized

CHICAGO fans and scribes criticized 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...

Rowland has Urban Eisher, 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...

The White Sox rank with the Tigers for slugging ability, and really have a better balanced offense. From the top of the White Sox batting order, down to Catcher Schalk, the White Sox have a wonderful array of hitters...

Infield Is Powerful on the Offense

FOURNIER, 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 Sox than a good fielder but a weak hitter...

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...

All things considered, it is a wonderful aggregation on paper, and it seems capable 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...

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 team yesterday. The Phils whaled the southpaw shoots of Heinie Schulz, and the batting slump evidently is a thing of the past...

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 Boston, 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...

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...

With Cravath 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 the position.

Miserable pitching caused Detroit to drop another game to Washington. The great slugging ability of the Tigers is going to waste because of the poor work of the boxmen, and it is said that the players are becoming disheartened. The benching of Crawford in favor of Harry Heilmann after Bob Veach returned to the game will tend to increase the confidence of opposing pitchers...

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 may 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 2 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 is still a trifle erratic, but now that he is hitting the youngster's work in the field should 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 billiards more difficult and thereby bring William F. Hoppe down closer to the level of his rivals. Other suggestions have followed, and it now seems probable that some sort of tournament among the leading professionals 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 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 making some big run of the kind often seen in balk line.

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

"Hoppe can beat any cue expert in the world at any name 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 Hoppe. 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 Intercollegiate championships on the track and field will be held on Franklin Field on May 26.

The defeat of Wallace Maxfield of Lafayette, by Howard in the shot put in the Middle States Intercollegiate came as a surprise. Maxfield's defeat, too, cost Lafayette the championship.

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 seconds over the high sticks.

Hoist, the Grinnell sprinter, and Simpson, the Missouri athlete, in the shot put in the Middle States Intercollegiate came as a surprise. Maxfield's defeat, too, cost Lafayette the championship.

Norris, the former Yale miler, is running better for the University of Virginia than he did for Yale. His half in 1:55 2-5 at Princeton last Saturday was his best effort.

Eddie Treacher will be a hard fellow to beat in the intercollegiate 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 meet at Ann Arbor Saturday which should give one a line on what Stanford has for the intercollegiate. The Californians are bringing 10 men East. Michigan is going to send only five men to the champs.

Yale may not have a wonderful team for dual competition, but with Oler in the jumps, aided by Hampton, the former Exeter lad, who leaped over 28 against Harvard; Overton, in the one or two miles, and Farwell in the hurdles, the Blue will cause many colleges to swing some athletes around in the intercollegiate.

It would be worth while for some college to give Izzy Hough, the George School lad, the once over in 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 week in the dual meet with the University of Michigan. May 26 and 27 the team is to take part in the Pacific coast record for the mile and three-quarter mile runs; Meredith House, who broke the Pacific coast record Saturday in the 220-yard low hurdles, with the time of 23 2-5 seconds; Fredrick Murray, 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

SUPPOSE some one on or around the first day of April had offered 15 wagers you that by the 16th day of May the Cleveland club 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, Heilmann and Burns? Or than Chicago with Collins, Fournier, Jackson, Felsch, Schalk and Weaver? Or than New York with Baker, Magee, Gilhoolie, 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, in batting, has scored more runs than any other club largely through her fine use of the sacrifice.

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 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 pitching, that has made the Buckeye citadel the gossip of all fandom.

The Acid Test

Ability to get runs without a slashing attack shows a continuity of team play and a general alertness. It is this ability to get runs without a heavy attack, plus steady pitching, that has made the Buckeye citadel the gossip of all fandom.

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

In 1911 Heinie batted .307 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, topping 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 third.

Princeton Afloat

It has been several seasons since Princeton landed a football or a track championship, but Old Nassau afloat is another matter.

Princeton so far has beaten Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Annapolis and Penn on the water, proving for the first time in natural history that the "Tiger" is an amphibious animal.

Or will it be better to change Princeton's

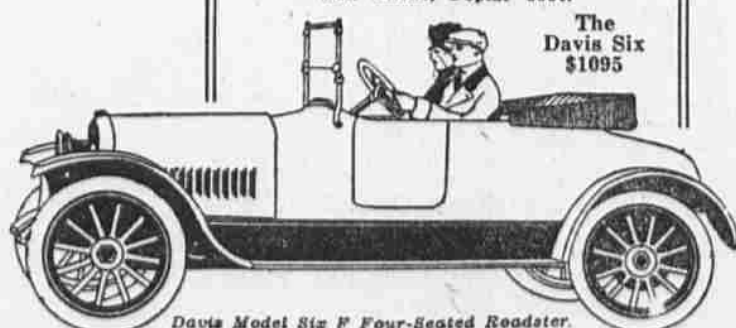
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Runs Scored This Week by Major League Teams

Table with columns for American League and National League teams and runs scored. Includes teams like Washington, Detroit, Cleveland, Athletics, New York, St. Louis, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New York, Pittsburgh, Boston.

The figures above represent the total runs scored by the major league clubs from Sunday until Tuesday, inclusive.

Will finish beyond Cobb this season, but if the trick is turned it will be Virginia Dave finishing with the olive staff.

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 .350.

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

Chick Maisel Goes to Montreal. MONTREAL, Pa., May 17.—Owner Allen, of the local New York State League team, was unable to get George Maisel back from the Detroit Tigers, in which he was sold at the close of the New York State League season last year. A deal had been completed whereby Maisel goes to the Montreal team of the International League.

RICHARDS OUT OF MEET

Cornell Star Suffers Strains and May Not Be in Intercollegiate

ITHACA, N. Y., May 17.—Alvin Richards, Cornell's all-round athlete, who has had more than the usual hard luck during his career, is the victim of the jinx again. Richards is at present suffering from strains in the groin, and while Jack Mackley, coach of the Cornell track team, has not abandoned hope that his star will be able to compete in the intercollegiate games, he fears that the chances are 50-50. Richards was injured in the Pennsylvania relay games, but the full extent of his hurts did not develop until the Pennsylvania-Cornell dual meet at Philadelphia last Saturday, when he fell down badly in the broad jump and high jump.

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