ELMER MYERS IS GREATER PITCHER THAN BENDER, PLANK OR COOMBSIN PRIME, SAYS MACK MACK DECLARES MYERS IS

GREATEST PITCHER DEVELOPED BY HIM IN SIXTEEN YEARS

Wizard Manager Says Sensational Youngster is Better Today Than Bender, Plank and Coombs Were in Prime

MANAGER MACK, of the Athletics, surprised a group of fans in the club office last night by declaring that Elmer Myers, the lanky recruit, is the greatest young pitcher he has ever developed, and that he is better today than "Chief" , Eddie Plank and Jack Coombs were in their prime. Mack said that Myers lid not know so much about pitching at the present time, but that he had greater natural ability, and would be recognized as a worthy rival for Walter Johnson and Alexander the Great before the season closes.

To say that Mack is enthusiastic about the work of Myers and his recon structed team is stating the case mildly. Although he will make no predictions, it is becoming apparent that Mack has an idea that his team may be a pennant contender before the present ceason ends if the favorites do not soon strike their stride. He looks upon Myers and Bush as the two most dependable twirlers on any staff in the league, and believes that Crowell will be a star before the season is half over. It remains only for Weldon Wyckoff to strike his 1915 form to give the Mackmen a great pitching staff.

"Myers looks better every day, and is the best young pitcher I have ever developed," says Mack. "He does not know as much about pitching as Bender, Plank and Coombs, but today is a better hurler than any of my old stars were in their prime. He is not like Harry Krause, Jimmy Dygert and a few other recruits I have had, who broke in with long strings of victories and then went to pleces. He will grow better each day, and by the end of the season will be the pitcher in the American League, barring Walter Johnson, and it will not be ong before the fans place him in the class of Johnson and Alexander.

"There has been no team here which looked much better than my team will If I can find two other pitchers to keep pace with Myers and Joe Bush. I believe that Crowell will strike a winning stride within a few days, and Wyckoff should be coming around soon. If Wyckoff can get back in the form he showed in midseason last year, we soon will be fighting some of the first division teams."

Myers Is Now Even With Joe Bush

VESTERDAY'S victory over the White Sox was the fifth in succession for Myers, and he is now even with Joe Bush, who also has won his last five starts. With this pair going at such a terrific clip, it is apparent that the Mackmen will soon be in the first division, unless the three teams just above them take a sudden spurt or Myers and Bush go to pieces.

The White Sox got seven hits off Myers yesterday, which is the largest number made off the youngster to date, but two or three of the safeties were rather scratchy, while the big fellow cased up in the closing innings after his teammates had given him a comfortable lead. The lone run of the game was tallied in the first inning, and the White Sox never had another good chance to tally. This tally might have been prevented if Witt and Lajole had cared to take a chance on a collision to keep Eddie Collins' high bounder in the infield,

Myers' curve ball, which is the talk of the league, was breaking even better than in any previous game, and he had great control of his fast ball. Prior to yesterday Myers was inclined to be wild and had trouble getting his fast ball over the plate without cutting down his speed and the break. Yesterday, however, he could put the ball almost any place he pleased, and did not issue a pass after the first inning.

Phillies and Giants Continue at Dizzy Clip

THE Phillies continued on their winning streak by taking an easy victory over Pittsburgh. It was the sixth straight victory for the Phils, who are playing in their 1915 form. It also was the second straight shut-out victory for Alexander the Great, indicating that the king hurler of the National League is rounding into the form he showed in midseason last year, when he piled up a string of sensational emall-hit victories.

As both Boston and Brooklyn were beaten, the Phils climbed up close to the lead. The champions are now less than a half game behind the Dodgers and Braves and it is likely that one or both of these teams will be passed before the end of the week. While the Phils are improving daily and the men have thrown off the batting slump, it is evident that Managers Stallings and Robinson are worried ever the failure of veteran pitchers to show the form expected. Moran is still working his pitchers in order, and invariably the man who starts the contest pitches the full game, while both Boston and Brooklyn have been using two or three hurlers in

The sensational work of Bobby Byrne at third base is one of the most pleasing features of the Philly trip and evidently he is not being bothered any by the broken fingers which-threatened to end his career in the major leagues. Byrne was largely responsible for all of the runs made by the Phils yesterday and also played brilliant ball in the field, while Milton Stock filled Bancroft's position in great style.

There must be no let-up on the part of the Phils, as there is a new entry in the pennant fight, the New York Giants having won eight straight games. The Giants are now in sixth place and are only three and a half games behind the leaders. With Benton, Perritt, Anderson, Mathewson and Tesreau pitching spiendid ball, this all-star cast has been slugging its way to victories with such monotonous regularity that it is evident they are in the race to stay.

White Sox Outplayed by Mackmen

THE White Sox did not make much of an impression on the local fans in their first appearance of the season in this city. This may have been due to the fact that Elmer Myers was master of the heavy-hitting Westerners, but there appeared to be an indifferent attitude prevailing. Several times during the game the infielders and outfielders "rode" each other when apparently neither was to blame.

There is wonderful natural offensive strength in the White Sox line-up, but there also is a tendency on the part of several players to try to knock the ball out of the lot every time they go to the plate. This made Myers' work much easier, as he had the sluggers of Rowland's team swinging at bad balls the greater part of the game. This was particularly true of Joe Jackson and Jacques Fournier.

Fournier hit at bad balls on every trip to the plate, and invariably allowed the good ones to split the plate without moving his bat from the ahoulder. His work in the outfield was much better than was expected, as last season he found it hard to judge fly balls. He made three excellent catches, one of which robbed Witt of a triple, but he played McInnis' line drive poorly, allowing the ball to bound into the

McInnis' drive clinched the victory for the Mackmen, as Schang and Strunk were on base when "Stuffy" poled the hit which went for a home run. Until McInnis made his hit the game was too close for comfort. The Mackmen had a one-run lead. but with the sluggers of the White Sox swinging at a terrific clip, there was that danger of some one connecting with the ball for a drive into the bleachers or over

Witt's Fielding One of the Features

DESPITE the fact that the Mackmen made more errors than the White Sox, they completely outplayed the visitors, giving one of their best exhibitions of the season in the field after the second inning. One of the most pleasing features of the game was the brilliant work of Witt at short. The youngster appeared more at home yesterday than at any other time this season.

Witt was inclined to play everything too safe, with the result that he lacked speed in getting off plays, and he looked awkward until yesterday. The smoothness of his work yesterday brought words of praise from Manager Mack, who declared that the youngster had gained confidence at last. His stop of Felsch's grounder to deep short in the eighth inning was easily the fielding feature of the game, although he followed this up with another splendid play on Eddie Collins

Eddie Murphy led off in this inning with a double to left and Felsch followed with a smash to deep short. It was a sure hit, as Witt could not have thrown him out with a perfect peg. Witt speared the ball with his bare hand, however, and made a lightning throw to Lajole, catching Murphy a few feet off second. It was a wondarful play, which brought cheers from the crowd. After John Collins had fanned Eddie Collins laced the ball over second for what apparently was a sure single, but Witt scooped the ball up and made a quick peg to Lajoie, forcing Felsch.

Rowland used three pitchers trying to stop the Mackmen, but none of the trio bothered the home team much. Faber was hit harder than the score would indicate, while Williams, a southpaw from the Suit Lake team of the Pacific Coast League, and Jos Bens were not on the mound long enough to get into trouble. The latter was using a spithall for the first time, which probably means that his curve, once considered one of the best in the major leagues, is not breaking as of yore or he would not resort to the spitter.

Forty-five convicts, unguarded, were allowed to take part in, or witness, a ball game at the Columbus American Association ball park yesterday. The prison team was beaten in 10 innings by a team composed mostly of enlisted men from the United States army bar-acks. The penitentary band and a select group of sters also attended, while the baseball writer of the Ohio Penitentary News sat



the five men who faced him in one inning

four hit safe. A day or two ago he was started against the Cardinals and managed

to last exactly one inning. Yet the Rube looks to be in good health and he says his arm never felt better. It may be that he will come back again unto his winning

vays, but the bleak fact remains that the

tall and stately Rube hasn't been able to pitch winning ball since 1913.

"What is the matter with the White Sox?" queries S. J. G. "They have the hitters, the fielders, the pitchers and the speed. What's the trouble?"

Nothing, except as Hek wrote: "The

This has been a rough-house season so

far for individual stars as well as certain

A year ago this May morning Cobb was

batting a trifle over .400. For the first six weeks he was moving at his swiftest clip. So far this spring he has been

struggling to reach .300. A year ago Eddie Collins was around .350. Eddle has been only a shade above .250 since the sea-

son opened. Joe Jackson and Frank Baker are another pair who have been trying vainly to reach 300. Last season Luderus

gave Doyle a battle for the batting honors up to the final day. Now the Philly slugger is batting around .208.

Manager Lee Fohl believes in prepared-

ess, but he has sent no scouts so far

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Delayed Starts

RUBE MARQUARD IN SHAPE, BUT CANNOT GET BACK TO HIS FORMER WINNING WAYS

Tall Left-hander Is Young, But Appears to Be Hanging on to Major League by a Narrow String

By GRANTLAND RICE

tortes. He was then only 23 years old, and he looked to have a pitching future only second to one or two great stars. Marquard will be 27 years old on the 22d of May. At 27 Eddie Plank styll had 14 years of stardom beyond him; Mathewson still had nine or 10 fine years left, and so Your Ear Just a Moment Remember, this is just between ourselves and on the quiet;

and on the quiet;
It's not for publication, pal, or it might
slart a riot;
Don't say you heard me say it first, nor
mumble in your cup;
But, after reading, close your trap, then
burn the letter up. did Minor Brown. But at 27 the once Eminent Rube is struggling to hold his grip. Two weeks ago he was sent in against the Glants, and of

Last night I had an awful dream—
My heart grew cold—my'soul went raw;
My throat closed up—I could not scream,
For this is what I heard and saw.

I saw the owner of a club who stopped and shook his head—
shook his head—
Who heaved a sigh and wiped his eye and speaking softly, said—
"I hoped to finish sixth this year—but it's a foolish dream,
My club is looking worse each day—I've yot an Awful Team."

I saw a fighter in the ring, amid the jeer

and scoff.

Who had his gobboon hammered in—his bally block knocked off;

They led him bleeding from the ring and then I heard him sigh— "I met a gamer, better man; I've got no

I saw a golfer as he holed his final putt one

"How were you scoring on the round?" I asked him on his way;
"I had an RB," he said, "but you can take this straight.

Except for luck I should have had at least

Don't say I tipped this off to you— No matter, pal, who might inquire; But after you have read it through, Heave this epistle in the fire.

That Cleveland and Washington would se battling for the lead late in May.

2. That on May 15 Cobb, Jackson, Baker,
Trawford and Collins would all be under

That the Tigers and White Sox would e scrambling around in the second division.

Rube the Uncrowned

Four years ago at this date Rube Mar-uard was on his way to 19 straight vic-

The Dye Situation

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to get a line on Brooklyn hitters for the big October series.

THE SAD SIDE

Just at present the West has the world's The game's leading pitcher-Walter John-

son, of Kansas. The lawn tennis champion — William Johnston, of California. The amateur golf champion - Robert Gardner, of Illinois.

Isn't it about time the East was trying to on the other paw, no Western club has, won a world's series in eight years, and no Western town has won a pennant in six years. But among the "Easterners" who have been winning Eastern pennants are Alexander, of Nebraska; Speaker, of Texas; Duffy Lewis and Harry Hooper, of California, and Leonard, of California.

"I couldn't keep my eye on the ball, writes Duffer, "If I could keep my head still But how can I keep my head still?" By keeping your eye on the ball.

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