

MORTON'S VICTORY BROKE ATHLETICS' SPELL OVER STAR PITCHERS OF AMERICAN LEAGUE

"BULLET" JOE BUSH'S DEFEAT PREVENTS ATHLETICS FROM MAKING AN UNUSUAL RECORD

Prior to Yesterday's Game Mackmen Had Beaten Star Twirlers of Six American League Teams, Morton Alone Surviving

A wild pitch by Joe Bush, miserable support on the part of his teammates and headless work both in the field and on the bases prevented the Athletics from making an unusual record and also caused the downfall of Bush after six consecutive victories. Prior to yesterday the Mackmen had beaten the star twirler of each pitching staff as the American League teams appeared here in order.

Pitchers who are not rated highly have been able to fool the Mackmen at times, but the stars have been given terrific drubbings. During the present home stand the supposedly weak Mackmen have driven George Foster, Walter Johnson, Urban Faber, Harry Coveleskie and Ray Caldwell from the mound and defeated Eddie Plank. This sextet of twirlers are looked upon as the most dependable men on their respective pitching staffs and all but Caldwell had excellent records for the season until they faced the Athletics.

These pitchers were beaten in order and the Mackmen only had to defeat Guy Morton, the youthful sensation of the Cleveland staff, to perform the unusual feat of defeating the star pitcher of seven American League teams in succession. The hard luck alibi is overworked, and, as stated before, the Mackmen threw the game away themselves; but as a matter of fact all the breaks of the game went to the Indians or Morton would have been beaten.

The Cleveland star had his usual great speed, but his curve ball was not breaking very well and his control was poor. He was well supported in the closing innings of the game and the Mackmen made his work easier by presenting the Indians with runs and tossing away excellent chances to score themselves by using poor judgment.

Foster Was First Victim

THE bombardment of the stars started on Saturday, April 22, during the first series in this city between the Mackmen and Red Sox. In this game George Foster, Boston's most consistent winner last season and star of the world's series, was driven from the mound in three innings. Ernie Shore succeeded him and also was batted hard, the Mackmen winning, 6 to 2, making 11 hits off this pair of stars. Incidentally Jack Nabors was the Athletics' pitcher, and this victory is the only one of the season in which Bush or Myers did not figure.

Ray Keating and Ray Caldwell were the next pair to be treated roughly. The Mackmen drove Keating from the mound and clouted Caldwell hard, the final score being 3 to 2. Poor base running prevented the Mackmen from doubling the total of runs. Young Witt's long triple was responsible for this victory and it also started the youthful shortstop on his hitting streak.

The peerless Walter Johnson was victim number three on May 8. In this game the reconstructed Mackmen gave the famous speed king one of the worst drubbings he has received in several seasons. Johnson was taken out of the box after the Mackmen had found him for 12 hits in fewer than seven innings. Sensational support by Johnson's mates held the Athletics' score to four runs, but with Elmer Myers pitching splendid ball, the result never was in doubt.

The Troublesome Coveleskie Also Was Beaten

HARRY COVELESKIE then was driven from the mound on May 11. The Mackmen made 18 hits off the famous southpaw in six innings and he was taken out with the bases full. Dubuc received credit for the defeat, but the drubbing given Coveleskie directly was responsible for the Mack victory. He even was batted harder than the score would indicate.

No mercy was shown the venerable Eddie Plank the following Monday. After holding the Mackmen to one run in six innings, the Athletics cut loose in the seventh and staged a four-run rally, winning one of the most sensational games of the season by the score of 5 to 4. Plank was found for nine hits, four of which were extra base drives, and while he lasted the nine innings, he was batted hard enough to have been taken from the mound.

Urban Faber, who had won five out of six games this season and who was the star of the White Sox staff in 1915, was the last victim. The Mackmen pounded him out of the box in six innings and won an easy victory by the score of 5 to 1. Only eight hits were made off Faber, but extra base clouts were included in this number, and they were bunched with telling effect.

Witt Has Clouted the Star Pitchers

WHEN the Mackmen started on their rampage against all star pitchers, "Whitey" Witt found his batting eye and in the seven games against the stars of the league has made 10 hits in 24 times at bat for an average of .413, which is a record few veterans in the game have equaled in recent years. When one considers that Witt is playing his first season in professional ranks and came to the Mackmen from a prep school team, the record even is more impressive.

Included in Witt's hits have been many extra base drives, and almost all were inserted when a safety was needed badly. Witt's pinch hitting has been one of the features of the work of the Mackmen on the home stand which closes today. The lad had not struck his stride in the Boston series and failed to get a hit in three trips to the plate against Shore and Foster, but he found Keating for a triple and single.

It was against Johnson the following week that Witt first showed signs of the hitting strength he had predicted he would show. The little fellow clouted Walter's best offerings for two doubles and a single in three official trips to the plate. Coveleskie's southpaw shoots bothered Witt and he failed to get a hit in three times at bat, but he got to Eddie Plank for a double and single in two official trips to the plate, having walked twice.

Faber was found for a double and single, both of which figured in the run scoring. Other stars who failed to fool the youngster within the last fortnight were Davenport and Groom, of the Browns, and Dubuc, of Detroit. Witt hit them all hard, with Groom the easiest mark, a triple and two singles being made off Bob.

Bush Unsteady But He Finished Strong

BUSH was a trifle unsteady at the start of yesterday's game, but grew stronger as the game progressed and held the Indians hitless in the last four innings. None of Cleveland's five runs were earned, but it is likely that at least one would have been tallied, even if Joe had not made his wild pitch. At the same time, misplays by the Indians were responsible for three of the four runs made by the Athletics. With perfect fielding support, neither team would have scored more than one run, but the Mackmen could easily have won by using better judgment at the bat and on the bases.

It was one of those days where everything the Mackmen did turned out wrong. If they failed to sacrifice, a sacrifice would have enabled the Mackies to score a run. Every time they should have waited Morton out they swung, and when the percentage favored them by hitting after the Cleveland star had gotten into a hole, the Mackmen took two strikes and were in the hole themselves.

Twice runners were thrown out on the bases with not a man out, and each time it seemed reasonably certain that a run could have been squeezed across the plate with the aid of a sacrifice and any sort of a hit or out. They also failed to try for additional bases on singles, when it would have taken a perfect play to retire them.

Cleveland's Runs Were Due to Errors

THE fielding was miserable, but Bush was the greatest offender in this respect. Although his misuses would not have done any damage had it not been for two muffed flies by Charley Pick and Stellbauer. Each of these muffs gave the Indians a run and enabled them to come from behind after the Mackmen apparently had Foh's team badly rattled.

With one man out in the second, Pick muffed an easy foul from Howard, who then walked. Wambagans followed with a single and then O'Neil forced Howard at third. Pick had a double play in front of him on this force out, but held the ball, preferring to allow Bush to pitch to Pitcher Morton. The play turned out wrong, as Morton singled, scoring Wambagans. If Pick had held Howard's foul, or thrown to double O'Neil, Morton would not have had a chance to make his hit.

In the following inning Stellbauer made a rank miff of Gandil's easy fly, with two men out and Roth on second. Roth scored easily on the misplay. Even these mistakes would not have deprived the Mackmen of victory if Bush had pitched his usual game. In the first inning Bush permitted Graney to steal home with the Indians' first run, and he also handed them the winning runs in the fifth inning.

After Turner had beaten out a slow roller, which either Bush or Meyer could have fielded, Speaker doubled to right. With two strikes on Roth, Bush heaved a wild pitch to the stand and both runners scored. It is likely that one of these runs would have been sent home by Roth on a sacrifice fly or some sort of an out, but chances were decidedly against both runners tallying.

The Cleveland players use better judgment at the plate than any team appearing here this season. It is a rare occurrence for any one but the pitcher to swing at a bad ball, and they force every pitcher to go to the limit.

KELLY—KICKING ON A SCRATCH!



GIANTS RECOVER LOSSES ON WESTERN FRONTIER AND NOW RETURN TO PLAY IN THE EAST

McGraw's Successful Team Headed for Polo Grounds to Meet Two Teams That Helped Send Them to Bottom

In the league up to last Saturday, and then in three successive games they yielded 29 runs—almost ten tallies to the bat. What dope could cover an upset like this?

By GRANTLAND NICE

HAVING left red trail of wreck, wreck and destruction through the West, the Giants' return to Eastern soil may be one of the large psychological spots of the 1916 flag race.

On the Eastern front the Giants have known nothing but disaster. Their lines here were broken in so many places that the enemy romped through in platoons, claiming the capture of many prisoners and many guns. But on the Western front these losses were fully recovered, the shattered lines were reformed and no thought of peace was entertained. And now the Giants are headed back East again for an eight-game stand against two of the divisions that cut them into thin strips earlier in the year.

There was a time when this percentage was marked. In the old days it was hard to beat many clubs at home, where the umpiring largely was influenced by the desire of the rabid rooter. Today there practically is no advantage in playing at home. Many clubs are better on the road than in their own ballparks.

In 1911 the Giants fell down at home, but finally won the flag through a great Western trip, where they won 17 out of 21. In 1912 Washington was away to a bad start at home, but won 16 straight from the situation.

In 1914 the Braves got their pennant start on the road, after having played hardly in Boston surroundings. We haven't the exact figures before us, but we should say there is very little difference in the home and foreign yield of the average club. This spring means to show that the Giants are on the road than at home. Home clubs have been trimmed steadily, and the result has had a depressing effect upon many communities, which can stand the mere reading of defeat as long as they can look upon victories.

"Which is the better hitter," writes another fan, "Shank or Shang?" At last reports Shank was hitting .139 and Shang .189. Take your pick.

The Pro. Revival

Golf pros, who have had to spend most of their time teaching the young and old idea how to shoot, have been doing better and better. The success of our amateurs in the last three open championships, Quimet, an amateur, won the opening in 1913; Evans, an amateur, finished second, one stroke out, in 1914; Travers, an amateur, won again in 1915. But unless Evans can handle the field without help there will be a pro revival this June at Minneapolis, for neither Travers nor Quimet expects to play. But Evans alone, in a medal round competition, is not to be eliminated before the first blow is struck.

"Our idea of nothing to bring suit for—a wrestling championship. You'd think a fellow would want such facts suppressed in place of going to court to have them proved. After all, what can you expect with nearly two billion people making up the world?"

That Vice-Versa Stuff Again

Said John McGraw to Connie Mack: "Who are these 'Has-Becs' coming back?" "Well show 'em yet whose word is law," said Connie Mack to John McGraw.

If any one had suggested that late in May Connie would take that collection of his and glide blithely and gracefully by the White Sox and Tigers, would you have had the suggestion arrested or merely warned?

It may that Jack Dillon, 30 pounds lighter, will erase Frank Moran from the spotlight. But we also recall how Moran, 30 pounds lighter, was to chase Colonel Willard clean out of the ring.

L. H. T.—How can anyone tell? The Cleveland pitchers were the most effective

SCHOOL NINES IN CLOSE RACE FOR PRINCETON CUP

Northeast's Defeat by West Phila. a Big Surprise in League Series

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

The High School League teams are having a merry race for the Princeton Cup. With the season drawing to a close they are making a strong finish, and as a result of yesterday's contests the winners of the title are as much in doubt as ever, with Northeast High, Central High, Catholic High and West Philadelphia too close in the race for the lead to warrant comfort.

Northeast High still leads, but Northeast's unexpected defeat in the game with West Philadelphia High School yesterday came as a jolt from which the Red and Black may not recover. Central High, on the other hand, played clever baseball against Catholic High and, though conditions were not the best, the triumph and Gold made a very good showing.

Few expected West Philadelphia High School to beat the Archives 11 to 3, and it was due to the batting rally in the eighth inning that netted West Philadelphia six runs. Frankford High School, walloped South Philadelphia in a well-played contest. This game was called at the end of the eighth inning by agreement.

There are a number of interscholastic League games still remaining on the schedule. The league season will be over in the next seven days, and the students realize the fact that no more games can be lost if they hope to win the championship. Northeast's defeat, therefore, came at a very bad time for the Red and Black, for Central is not only encouraged, but making a good fight to dislodge the present leaders.

The league standing:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Wins, Losses. Northeast High School: 10 wins, 3 losses. Central High School: 9 wins, 3 losses. West Philadelphia H. S.: 8 wins, 5 losses. Frankford High School: 6 wins, 6 losses. Germantown High School: 5 wins, 7 losses. South Philadelphia H. S.: 2 wins, 11 losses.

Both teams have won their way to the final round by the fastest kind of polo. The preliminary matches have all been close and a rare struggle is expected today.

Scraps About Scrappers

Johnny Cashill, the St. Paul phenom, has three victories to his credit since his invasion of North Philadelphia. He will try to add Joe O'Neil's scalp to his belt, will try to add Joe O'Neil's scalp to his belt, will try to add Joe O'Neil's scalp to his belt.

Frederick Farmer, the West Philadelphia High School champion, is one of the best runners in the city. He is a sure place winner in the high school championships, which are only held twice a year. He has a half-mile record in the meet with Northeast High yesterday, running the distance in 2 minutes 4 seconds.

Squeeze plays enabled West Philadelphia High to win from Northeast. Jack now has a record of 10 wins and 1 loss. He has a record of 10 wins and 1 loss. He has a record of 10 wins and 1 loss.

George School defeated Cheltenham High in the baseball game played at George School, 3 to 0. The George School youngsters played errorless baseball.

MOTOR RACES AT POINT BREEZE

Forty-Mile Event Is the Feature of Opening Program

The motordrome at Point Breeze Park, on which so many thrilling motor and motor-car races were held during the last four years, will open for the season on Wednesday, May 25. The feature event on the program will be a 40-mile motor-paced race between Bobby Walthour, of Atlanta; Clarence Carman, of New York; Menus Bedell, of Long Island, and Worth Mitten, of Chicago.

The other events on the card include five motor races, to be run in heats of five miles each. The contestants in these races will bring out all of last season's favorites, Henri St. Yves, Herman Veditz, Billy Armstrong, Will Vanderberry and Joe Fancourt.

PHILADELPHIA'S PLAYERS ARE OPPOSED TO RECENT ACTION OF U. S. N. L. T. A. ABOUT MEETING

President George T. Adee Sends Letters Giving Attitude on Matter of Sectional Lawn Tennis Tournaments

By WILLIAM T. HILDEN, 2D

LAST week the Philadelphia and District Association of the U. S. N. L. T. A. regarding the granting (or rather non-granting) of sectional clay court and junior State tennis titles.

But there are always two sides to any question, and the U. S. N. L. T. A. deserves to have its opinion put freely before the tennis public.

Below are extracts from letters from Mr. George Adee, president of the National Lawn Tennis Association, and E. F. Torrey, secretary, to Mr. Paul W. Gibbons, president of the Philadelphia and District Association, dealing with this matter. There is also a letter to Mr. Engle, president of the Englewood Tennis Club, Beach Haven, which deals with the requests for several titles.

Mr. E. F. Engle, president Englewood Tennis Club, Beach Haven, N. J.: "I am sorry to hear that you have received your application for tournament dates on behalf of the Englewood Tennis Club, which you apply for the following tournaments: July 15—Clay court championship of New Jersey; July 22—Junior clay court championship of New Jersey; August 10—Championship of Beach Haven, New Jersey; Labor Day—Open tournament, Philadelphia and District Association."

I beg to advise you that the title of the clay court championship of New Jersey cannot be sanctioned by the Executive Committee, as some of the conditions of the title are in violation of a resolution passed that no clay court title should be granted unless the title is one that has been held by the club for at least five years. The only clay court title in existence is the clay court title of the Philadelphia and District Association, which I will have to ask you to apply for another title.

Sectional Titles

In accordance with another resolution no sectional titles will be granted in explanation I mean such a title as "Southeastern Jersey clay court championship" or "New Jersey clay court championship." In case you hold the title of the Englewood Tennis Club, you would be eligible to compete for the junior championship of New Jersey. The title of the Englewood Tennis Club is not a sectional title and would be held by the club for at least five years before it would be eligible to compete for the junior championship of New Jersey.

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Under the date of April 11 the U. S. N. L. T. A., through Mr. Torrey, send the following regarding State, sectional and other clay court championship events:

Clay Court Meet

At the time of the original award of the title of the Englewood Tennis Club, the Executive Committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A. was of the opinion that the title would be held by the club for at least five years before it would be eligible to compete for the junior championship of New Jersey.

Under the date of April 13 President Adee writes in part as follows:

The Executive Committee have felt for the last few years that they should award further championships of fractions of States, as the title of the Englewood Tennis Club, which you hold, is a sectional title and would be held by the club for at least five years before it would be eligible to compete for the junior championship of New Jersey.

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