MACHINE-LIKE PLAY AND EXPERIENCE OF TIGERS, WHITE AND RED SOX BEGINNING TO SHOW

CLASS TELLING IN AMERICAN RACE WITH DETROIT, BOSTON AND CHICAGO COMING STRONG

After Miserable Start. Three Favorites Are Striking Stride and Probably Will Soon Be Challenging Cleveland for Lead

"CLASS will tell," is a favorite expression in sportdom, and invariably it runs true to form. For several weeks it seemed as if this time-worn expression and the dope were about to be given a jolt in the major league baseball races, but as the two campaigns near the half-way mark, class is telling. With few exceptions the teams of the two major leagues are finding their natural stride, whether It is up among the leaders or back with the also-rans.

The American League race is a notable example of class asserting itself. and it looked as if this powerful trie of flag favorites were going to prove bitter disappointments, but they are gradually rounding into form and are in position to climb rapidly to the top with a spurt as soon as Cleveland strikes a slump.

Cleveland, however, appears to have passed the false-alarm stage, and is a real flag contender, unless the pitching staff cracks. The Indians, unlike Washington, did not reach the top because several men were batting above their normal speed, as only Speaker, of Fohl's leaders, is batting above any past performance, and there really is no way of rating this marvel. He is likely to continue at his present clip for the remainder of the season, as he is one of the greatest players in the game, playing under conditions which appeal to him more than

The great danger for the Indians will arrive when Speaker strikes his first slump and Guy Morton runs into some tough breaks. Cleveland is very much like the Phillies in this respect. The National League champions depend upon Alexander the Great for the bulk of the defense and Cravath for the "punch" while Speaker is the offense and defense, with Morton another wonderful defensive ald. While a two-man team, the Indians play the same aggressive, intelligent ball which won for the Phils, and may lead the Red Sox, White Sox, Tigers and Yanks a great chase.

Washington's Slump Not a Surprise

WASHINGTON has struck a slump which scribes and fans cannot understand, but it was to be expected. When the Senators were far out in front, Henry was batting .375, McBride .360, Morgan .320, Moeller .310, Judge .300 and Rondeau .290. We ventured the prediction at that time that Washington would come tumbling down as soon as these players struck their normal speed, and that is exactly what occurred.

A glance at the latest batting averages shows the Senators hitting as follows: Milan, .302; Williams, .289; Henry, .285; Shanks, .270; Morgan, .260; McBride, .240; Rondeau, .237; Moeller, .234; Judge, .220; Foster, .217. Nothing more need be said, excepting that there are several in the above list who are likely to drop still lower before they strike their normal speed, while only Foster is below his

Eight out of the last nine games played have been lost by the Senators, and the majority of the defeats were sustained despite excellent pitching by Griffith's hurlers. The team is still in second place, but probably will be fighting to keep out of the second division before two weeks have passed, as Detroit, Chicago and Boston are coming fast,

The spurt of the Tigers and White Sox was expected, and the fans were surprised when these two teams got off to such a poor start, but the Red Sox appeared to be in such a demoralized condition after the sudden departure of Speaker that its pennant chance seemed decidedly slim one month ago. Detroit and Chicago are the class of the American League if the pitchers hold up. Chicago has the pitching material, but apparently it is being poorly handled, while Detroit has a two-man staff and will have trouble holding the lead through August and September, even if they go into the lead in July, as seems certain.

Detroit Has Everything But Pitching

DETROIT is leading the league in hitting, fielding and runs scored; but Jennings cannot find another pitcher capable of keeping pace with Coveleskie and Dauss. Hamilton, a star with the Browns until last year, may fill the breach for the Tigers. He was a wonderful southpaw when in condition, and as he is only a youngster, there is no reason why he should not come back strong this year.

Jennings has lost many games experimenting with Bill James and George Cunningham. The latter has lost seven and won only two games to date, while James has thrown four away without a victory. The White Sox also have been handicapped by poor pitching, although stupid ball and dissension are said to have held back this all-star cast. Faber, Russell, Clcotte and Benz have shown fairly good form, but Jim Scott, counted upon to win 60 per cent, of his games, has failed totally. He has won two games and lost six, and has failed as a pinch alabbiat in eight other games, which could have been saved if he had been in his

A star hurler's failure to round into form also has held back the Red Sox. While Ruth, Leonard and Shore are now in their 1915 form, with the world's champions only a few games back of the leaders, George Foster, hero of the clash with the Phillies, has been showing miserable form. He has lost six out of nine games pitched and has been in such poor form that he was not available for relief work, which was his specialty in 1915.

Speaker's departure left a great gap' in the Boston machine, but the records show that this was not wholly responsible for the champions' poor start. Harry Hooper is hitting .244, Duffy Lewis .244, Clarence Walker .229 and Henriksen which is not a very impressive showing for four men rated as slugging outfielders. Jack Barry is clubbing at a .217 clip, while Janvrin, another regular, is batting .228. Is it any wonder that the Red Sox have not been winning, even with great pitching? Speaker's hitting would help, but not much, until the others strike their stride.

Poor Form of Caldwell and Keating Handicaps the Yanks

THE Yankees are still another team held back by the failure of pitching and slugging mainstays. Ray Caldwell, generally considered one of the greatest hurlers in the game, started the season with the intention of winning 30 games. This promise pleased Manager Donovan greatly and he had visions of a pennant, as Ray Keating also showed wonderful form at the training camp. Caldwell has won two out of eight and Keating two out of seven to date. If this pair of veteran stars had performed as well as expected, the Yankees would be out in front with many games to spare, despite the failure of several players to bat up to form,

Donovan is extremely fortunate that he picked up two sterling young southpaws in Mogridge and Cullop, and that he took a chance on Bob Shawkey when others advised him to pass up the former Mackman. Cullop and Mogridge have son seven games between them without a defeat, while Shawkey has won five out of seven and saved several others. Shawkey's work has been more consistent than any other pitcher in the league, including Johnson, Morton, Ruth and Myers,

The failure of Baker, Magee, Gilhooley and Gedeon to bat up to form also has hurt the Yankees. It really is remarkable that the team is so close to the leaders under conditions. Magee is batting .218, while Gedeon is one point above. When Gedeon opened the season with a rush New York scribes hailed him as a sonder. After seeing him chase curve balls, we predicted that he would be a mark after one swing around the circuit. The statement amused the Gotham critics, who must hate to look at Gedeon's average now.

Mackmen Losing Steadily on Road

BETWEEN erratic pitching, miserable batting and the unscasonable weather, the Athletics are having a hard time away from home and are now so firmly entrenched in last place that it will require some time for Mack to get the team started on the drive toward a first-division berth. When the Mackmen departed for the West they apparently were just rounding into form, but the hek of morning practice and many postponements have placed the team in the anme condition it was prior to the opening game in Boston.

Erratic fielding and pitching were expected of the Mackmen for the first half of the season, but the terrible batting slump of several regulars cannot be understood. "Stuffy" Molinnis, one of the game's greatest hitters for seven years, is batting .188, Lajole, 230; Walsh, .226, and Wally Schang, .188. Is it any wonder

Struck, Oldring and Witt are the only men on the team hitting well, although Charley Pick, with a .240 average, is making his safeties when they are needed most. Myers and Bush find it impossible to keep going under such a handicap, while Wyckoff, Nabors, Sheehan and Crowell have failed to round into form. The poor work of the latter is a great blow to Mack, who expected the Brunonian to develop into a star.

Mack has about lost patience with Crowell, and believes he will be of little value this season, as his confidence is gone. Neither Mack nor his players can account for Crowell's failure after his brilliant showing in the South. He has been sent to Baltimore for the season under optional agreement.

Fire trouble put Ralph DePalma out of the running in the 300-mile automobile eric on the Chicago Speedway yesterday and Dario Resta.won the \$13,000 prize. test along was leading with two laps to go when he was forced to take to the repairs He returned to the track in time to nose out Christiaens for second place. DePahura's compensation for finishing accord was \$5000.

B. LEONARD HAS **TOUGH TWIN JOB** FOR THIS WEEK

Gotham K. O. Lad Meets Dundee Tonight and Welsh Friday in N. Y.

BROADWAY SHOW TONIGHT

Little Benny Leonard has a big job on his hands this week. The Gotham knock-

Little Benny Leonard has a big job on his hands this week. The Gotham knockout walloper tackles two of his leading rivals for lightweight honors. Johnny Dundee will take on the Hebrew idol in Madison Square Garden. New York, tonight, and Friday evening Freddy Weish will hold up his title in the ring at Washington Park, Brooklyn, for Leonard to punch at.

Extra significance attaches to tonight's affair because of the effect it may have on Leonard in either improving or hindering his chances to best the champion. Looking back through the record books not a single case can be found where a lightweight challenger has faced another opponent four days before his crack at the title.

It is within the bounds of possibility that Leonard will even derive benefit from the encounter with Dundee in the line of getting his judgment of distance and fighting instinct at keen edge.

nstinct at keen edge. Leonard Takes Big Chance

That will not be true, however, if Dun-lee should manage to make Leonard exert a large part of his strength or administer punishment.

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Either one of these eventualities would impair the Harlemite's changes against Weish, just as his chances would be marred in case he injured his hands by hitting Dundee too hard.

The kind of a bout that would put Leonard on edge for Welsh would be a nice pretty little boxing match in which neither man landed any very hard punches.

Leonard has met both Dundee and Welsh before. He defeated the Scotch-Italian by a slight margin in a contest full of action a slight margin in a contest full of action and overwhelmed the champion on points. The Englishman was able to do little but protect himself from what seemed to be an impending knockout.

Welsh's Rally Missing

Even Welsh's customary tenth-inning raily did not materialize against Leonard, who set the pace early and carried it clear through to the finish. The New York youth excelled the aging titleholder so far that there are reasonable grounds for the belief in some quarters that he may knock out the champion next time.

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Welsh has been outpointed on many eccasions within the last two years, but he has proved a mighty hard proposition to stop. There is no doubt that Leonard will have to be in his very best form in order to score his hoped-for knockout. Whether he is in his best form depends largely on Dundse.

The last Leonard-Dundee combat was about as fierce an affair as lightweights have offered in a ring, according to specta-tors. Each man scored a knockdown, which made it an even thing on that score, but Leonard had somewhat the better of the rest of the struggle.

One fact strongly in Leonard's favor in

estimating his chances is his youth, which makes it probable that he has improved since his last starts. He ls only 20 years old, to Dundee's 23 and Welsh's 30. He has been boxing two years less than Dundee and seven years less than Weigh,

Blackburn at Broadway

Tonight's the night for the first Monday show at Muggsy Taylor's Broadway A. C. during the summer campaign. Jack Black-burn, the begro boxer, who was the greatest ighting machine known to fistiana several cars ago, when he met lightweights, welerweights, middleweights and heavyweights like, is the big feature of tonight's per-Blackburn has not been seen in local

competition for more than two years, during which time he has been boxing around Indianapolis, his home town. His opponent, Lengthy Joe Rosen, tonight will have a decided advantage in weight, height and reach, but Blackburn probably will find this handicap no obstacle. Other numbers at the Broadway tonight

Eddle Hinckle vs. Jack Buchanar Willie Benckert vs. K. O. Wagner, Johnny Earle vs. Young Stinger and Johnny Adams vs. Young Augatis.

Pal Moore vs. Mickey Gallagher and K. O. Tommy Jamison vs. Danny Murphy are the respective feature frays at the Model and Ryan clubs for tomorrow night. Frankie Sparks and Wally Nelson are booked for the semi at Barney Ford's club, while Adam Ryan has Charley Rear and Young Jack Toland paired off for the first

FOURTH OF JULY SPORTS

City Games to Be Held at Fairmount Park Again The city Fourth of July sports will be held

The city Fourth of July sports will be held again this year at Belmont. Fairmount Park, on the morning of July 4. These games are under the direction of the Fourth of July Committee of City Councils, of which Dr. Thomas J. Morton is chairman. Each year Councils make provisions for the annual municipal track and field meet as part of the city Fourth of July celebration. It was the idea of the Councils' commit-

tee to have a program of events that would appeal to the great body of athletes of this city and vicinity, and not to a select few. Entry blanks have been sent to clubs, colleges and schools of this territory. The entries will close Monday, June 28, will then Eugene C. Bonniwell, Room 698, City

The events scheduled for the games fol-

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Harrisburg Gets Troy Club Franchise HARRISBURG, June 12 - Owner Wachier, of the Troy club, of the New York State League, completed arrangements Saturday night in Wilkes-Barre for the transfer of the Troy Transchise to Harrisburg. George Cockili, ex-lyctonal League umpire, and Walter Blair. a Conservation of the Cockilian of the C

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

TUFTS' NINE STILL SUPREME AT BAT WITH .312 MARK

New Englanders, With 12-Point Lead, Apparently Have Clinched Honors

Columbia Team Leads in Collegiate Standing Played. Won, Lost. P. C.

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With the college baseball season rapidly drawing to a close, Tufts now appears to have the batting honors of the Eastern colleges clinched. The New Medford, Mass., nine is on top with an average of .312, and though they suffered a loss of 13 points during the week, they still lead Wesleyan by 12 points. Columbia is third and Le-high is in fourth position.

The Tufts nine is of local interest because two and probably three of the members of this team are reported to have agreed to join the Athletics when the Mack-men return from their Western jaunt. Leland is one of the trio, and at present is the leader ni individual hitting with .462. In 17 games he has been at bat 65 times, registered 16 runs, made 30 hits and pilfered 8

Whittaker is another member who is exwhittaker is another member who is expected to report at Shibe Park very shortly. He is a pitcher and outfielder and in 11 games made 10 hits out of 28 times at bat, scored seven runs and stole one base. Krepps, a pitcher, is the third member of the trio. He falled to hit better than 250 and hence did not find his way into the verages.

Yap, of Lehigh, now playing with Straw-bridge & Clothier, has a mark of .351, while Dick Harte, of this city, registered a 342 for his efforts with the bat. Berry is the only Penn man now hitting

better than .250, having a mark of .265. The batting and fielding averages, in cluding Thursday's games, follow TEAM BATTING AVERAGES.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING



You've taken those arrayed in fat,
And trained them down to weight;
You've sent them ready up to but
To hit the curves of Fate;
You've forced the laggards in the fray
From dull content to fly;
And yet they curse you night and day;
I wonder why? Baseball and the player, therefore, are not only frequently beyond the dope, but so are any number of the fans. We are in receipt of a letter from one who in deadly earnest assails us for having belittled Bennie Kauff and for not having given Bennie credit, now that he has made good. The creuit, now that he has made good. The contrary being that we have had nothing but kind words for Bennie from the start, having been duly thankful for the breeziness and pep he introduced at spare intervals.

The Value of Batting

John McGraw had an interesting round-John McGraw had an interesting roundup to offer a day or two ago on the value
of good, hard hitting, "Good hitting," says
McGraw, "not only drives in runs, but it
also helps in many other ways. The ballplayer likes his base hit above every section
of the game. When he is hitting he is
more alert, is more on his toes, and is playing better ball all around, simply because he is having more fun. When he isn't hit-ting his work is likely to sag in other departments, for he is liable to lose interest in the rest of his play. His fun is gone and the ball playe, who doesn't get fun out of a game isn't of much use."

John H. McGough Colonel Heinie Zimmerman wishes it un-derstood that among the various forms of impassioned oratory he has launched at different umpires no trace of "weasel word-ing" has been seen. We print Helnie's statement to the public gladly.

Commercialism vs. Fun Those who care to can chatter all they like about sentiment being absent from

baseball; about the average player working only for the money he receives.

Yet the facts are quite different. The ballplayer who doesn't enjoy the game, who isn't having a good time while at work is of no value. Such ballplayers as Hans

THE BALL PLAYER WHO DOESN'T PLAY GAME FOR GAME'S SAKE IS OF NO VALUE TO ANY CLUR

Cobb, Lajoie, Wagner and Doyle Notable Ex. amples of Stars Who Cast Commercialism Aside and Perform for Fun of Sport

By GRANTLAND RICE

Wagner, Larry Doyle, Lajole, Ty Cobb and other stars would pay to play a game of ball if they were not allowed to enter the pastime any other way. Home is 42, but he admits that he gets as much fun out of baseball today as he did 25 years ago, when he was a bow-legged kid of 17. More Lines to Old Doc Trouble 'ou've driven weaklings from the game, You've made the loafers quit; You've made the loafers quit;
You've led the right sort on to fame
That woults beyond the pit,
You've trained the soft to meet the test
Beneath the flags that fly,
And yet they curse you without rest;
I wonder why?

We see where they are going to chars \$5 for a seat at the Carl Morris-Dan Daly scramble. Any one who would pay \$5 to see that merry carnival should be willing to pay \$4 for a street-car ride and \$17 fer a cigarette or a beer.

Vanquished

"Fight or fall" states the test,
But twice hard 'its to fight and fall;
To know that you have done your best
Yet at the end must taste the gall; No wine of victory for your cup,
No leaves of laurel for your brow;
And hope no longer bears you up— None but the Reaper seeks you note.

Your old time friend, your ancient for Have left your trail and gone their way.

Your westering sun, with cheerless glow,
Fades like your dreams of yesterday,
"Beyond this place of wrath and tears
Looms but the horror of the shade";
Facing the brink, the fruitless years
Force you to wait you are afraid.

The Switch

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Back in 1893 or thereabouts McGraw
played on a bail club that no rival could
beat at home. When opposing clubs came
to Baltimore they were willing to concede
three out of four to the Orioles and cheer
the luck that gave them one victory, Best the luck that gave them one victory. Begi-ing the Orioles on Baltimore sod wasn't

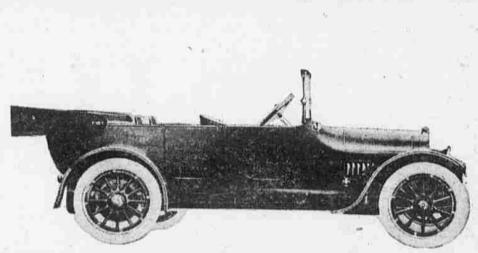
done.

Now John J. has a club that rarely wing at home, but one that has a road record of .770, one of the greatest ever made by any team in the game. Variety being the spice of life, the Giant leader has drawn his

You May Know Him, Too There was a polfer in our town, I don't recall his name, But this I know about him, Was never on his game.

Bookmakers who were betting 100 to 1 against Cleveland back in April now are asking 4 to 1. Stuck? Not a bit of it. They couldn't find any one in April willing to bet 1 to 200 that Cleveland would win

Bryan, Wagner and Lajole all started out on the road to fame together in 1898, but the main difference is that Wagner and Lajole still are batting above .250.



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