

NATIONAL LEAGUE APPEARS TO BE THE STRONGEST BODY ON SHOWING OF FIRST TWO MONTHS

DODGERS, INDIANS AND REDS APPEARED TO BE STRONGEST TEAMS ON FORM SHOWN HERE

Brooklyn and Cincinnati Have Best Balanced Teams in National League, Barring Phils, While Cleveland is Real Flag Contender

EVERY team of the National and American Leagues has appeared in this city and it was possible to get an excellent line on the strength of all but Chicago, N. L., which played only one game here.

Perhaps later in the season there will be a great change in the playing form of the teams of both leagues, but at the present time we would say that the National League is stronger and better balanced than the junior organization, which was unquestionably superior to the senior circuit for several years.

The addition of Federal League players probably is responsible for this sudden switch, though it is possible that the real reason is that the American League teams appear to be standing pat with too many veterans, particularly pitchers, who are no longer able to hold up their end.

The American League did not pick up many of the Federal Leaguers, believing that their league already was so much stronger than the National that former National Leaguers who jumped to the independent organization would be unable to earn regular positions on American League teams.

THIS is particularly true of Dave Davenport and one or two other members of Fielder Jones' Browns, Lee Magee and Joe Gedeon, of the Yankees, and Erickson, of Detroit. It was believed that Davenport would be a sensation and that with Plank, Wetman, Koob and the relief men the Browns would have a wonderful pitching staff, but erratic pitching by Davenport has been largely responsible for the slow start of Jones' team.

Magee was a star in the National League before he jumped and there apparently is no plausible explanation of his miserable work. When he was with the Cardinals he was the liveliest individual in the National League, barring none, but now he does not have as much ginger as the average recruit.

In the National League conditions are just the reverse. The addition of Konyer helped the Braves; Mowrey plugged up a weak spot in the Brooklyn line-up; Backard and others strengthened the Cubs; Chase made a new team of the Reds; Kauff, Anderson, Rariden and Roush did the same for the Giants, while the Phils have been aided to a certain extent by Cooper.

Indians, Dodgers and Reds appear to be strong according to our way of looking at it, Cleveland and New York looked best of the American League teams, despite the failure of Magee and Gedeon, of the latter team, to live up to expectations, while Brooklyn and Cincinnati appeared to be the strongest of the National League, the Phils excepted.

Brooklyn appears to have everything needed to produce a championship team, and there is no reason why it should not be in the race until the finish. Perhaps Manager Robinson will mismanage his pitching staff as he did in 1915, but he will have a harder time running it this season, as he is better fortified than he was a year ago.

To date Robinson has exercised wonderful judgment in handling his pitchers. This may be due to the fact that almost every pitcher he has started on the mound has been capable of going through the nine innings in first-class style. It also is said that Robinson has placed the selection of the pitchers in the hands of Jack Coombs. If this is so he has little to worry about so long as he does not meddle, as there is no man in the league more capable of handling this job than the former Mackman.

THE class of the Brooklyn team, aside from pitching, is admitted by critics, fans and players, and so long as the pitching staff is handled properly the Dodgers will remain up where they are now—at the head of the league—unless the Phils find their "punch" and upset the Robins in the series starting today. As the Dodgers apparently are just finding their batting stride the task will be made doubly hard.

The Reds are now in sixth place, but mismanagement is the only thing which can keep Herzog's team down in the second division, and we do not believe that Cincinnati will be poorly handled. If Herzog had not switched his batting order so much early in the season the Reds probably would be up higher in the race at the present time, but he insists that he did not find the proper combination until the last week, and that he would rather lose the games early in the race and have his combination working smoothly during the last half of the struggle.

Poor work on the bases appears to be the only defect in the Cincinnati team and this was the one thing that caused Herzog to switch his batting order so much. He realizes that it is impossible to improve the base running of veteran players to a great extent now and he aimed to arrange the batting order in such a manner that the old game of playing for one run via the sacrifice could be used most effectively.

PITCHING always plays a most important part and Herzog surely has a wonderful staff of hurlers. With Toney and Schneider as headliners, the Reds have a pitching staff second to none in the league. Both are giants and can work out of turns without feeling any ill effects, while Mitchell, Schultz and Dale are hurlers who may be filling the role of second best on any other staff in the league.

The Reds have a powerful hitting team and a strong defense. The infield is stronger than any in the league defensively, barring the Phils. Individually it is more brilliant, but as a team the Philly infield works smoother. Harmony prevails and every man on the team is convinced that there is a chance to win the pennant, and will fight to the finish. In the games against the Phils, Herzog's team made a wonderful impression and it is a combination which is coming fast, instead of going the other way, as are two or three clubs in Tener's league.

THE fans appear to be overlooking the fact that Cleveland has kept its lead without the services of Ray Chapman, the best shortstop in the American League. There is not a team in either league able to maintain its natural speed with the player of this important position out of the game for two months, as has been the case with Chapman. Fortunately Bill Wambagans fitted in well and has played brilliant ball, but he is not a Chapman and the Indians are likely to go even faster when Ray is able to return to the game regularly.

When Baker starts hitting as of yore; when Ray Caldwell pitches as he should, and Lee Magee returns to form, the Yankees will look much better, but they really played better ball here and showed greater possibilities than any other American League team, excepting Cleveland. There never was any question about the natural ability and offensive strength of the Tigers and White Sox, but both showed poorly here, while the Red Sox pitchers had not rounded into form.

Detroit is now moving along as it should, and no doubt will look much better in its next appearance here, while the wonderful pitchers of Boston are now in top form and will make the team a dangerous contender, despite the fact that it is weaker as a team by 25 per cent. than it was a year ago. The White Sox continue as a mystery, but are moving along at a steady clip now.

THE season is only one-third over, but it has gone far enough to convince the skeptical fans, who grinned broadly when the Indians went out in front, that Lee Fohl's team is a sure enough pennant contender and a team that is not going to be ousted from the lead as soon as was expected. Also that Cleveland is a game, fighting team which will not quit if it does happen to get poor breaks and lose the lead.

PENN BATS WAY OUT OF CELLAR IN TEAM HITTING

Red and Blue Advances and Climbs Into Tie for 16th Position

TUFTS LEADS WITH .314

Columbia Team on Top of Collegiate Standing

Table with columns: Team, Played, Won, Lost, P. C. Lists teams like Columbia, Wesleyan, Harvard, etc.

Penn is far from a favorite for collegiate honors in baseball this year, and the possibilities of the Red and Blue leading in batting are just as remote, but there is one thing almost certain as the season rapidly draws to a close—Penn will finish in the cellar in team batting.

Now Penn is tied with Amherst for 16th place, just three notches above the cellar, with an average of .188, with Williams and Holy Cross trailing. It will take some wonderful work on the part of Wesleyan to displace Tufts for the team batting honors, the New Bedford, Mass., nine setting the pace with a .314 points, 2 better than the mark they claimed a week ago, and just 14 points better than Wesleyan's total.

Leland, of Tufts, appears to have clinched the individual batting honors, as his .460 is 22 points in advance of his nearest opponent. Budd, of Cornell, is followed by Leland, who recently exploded the pace with a .314 points, 2 better than the mark they claimed a week ago, and just 14 points better than Wesleyan's total.

Harvard's battery is just as dangerous with the bat as they are effective in their battery work. Mahan, the Crimson twirler is 10th, and his .385 enables him to hold this position, while his teammate, Dick Harte, of this city, is 12th, by virtue of a .345 average. Berry is Penn's only representative hitting better than .250.

TEAM BATTING AVERAGES. Table with columns: Team, G., AB., R., H., SR., P.C. Lists teams like Wesleyan, Columbia, Harvard, etc.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES. Table with columns: G., AB., R., H., SR., P.C. Lists players like Leland, Budd, Stafford, etc.

Susquehanna Gets New Coach. SENATORVILLE, June 19.—Susquehanna University athletic council has announced that Prof. Edgar R. Wingard, '02, who for the last three years has been director of athletics at the University of Maine, has been elected to the same position at Susquehanna for the next year.

Fourth of July Sports. Judge Eugene C. Bonnell, who has charge of the city Fourth of July sports, is to hold a track meet at the University of Pennsylvania on July 4 at 10 o'clock, is working energetically to make a success of this year's celebration. In view, he has sent out an appeal to every athletic organization in the city.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



COURTNEY QUITS AS CREW COACH AFTER 30 YEARS

"Old Man" Turned Out Cornell Eights, Several Champions, Since 1880

39 WINNERS OUT OF 59

Old Man Courtney has put on his coat. With the rowing of the 23d annual regatta of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association at Poughkeepsie, the Wizard of the crewmen quit his job as head coach of the Cornell crew. No more will be seen leaning over the rail of the coaching launch directing the rowing crews in Lake Cayuga in the fine points of rowing, the points which draw the line of demarcation between victory. No more will an old man, with the hot sun out of a pair of shrewd yet soft blue eyes as they watch the mahogany shells pierce the waters of this bathyscaphic stream. For after more than 30 years as the foremost coach of rowing in American colleges, Charles E. Courtney had decided to join the rowing chair fleet.

When the news of the Wizard's contemplated retirement first became known it sounded as if Cornell had decided to give up rowing. The names Courtney and Cornell have been linked together so closely that rowing enthusiasts never stopped to differentiate between them. Courtney and Victory have become almost the eternal rowing triangle.

Contract Expires. The "Old Man's" contract with the Cornell Athletic Association expires this year. Courtney, who has been at Cornell in an advisory capacity to the end of his term. When things go wrong he will be on hand to right them. No price can be set on the value of his experience. He has been at Ithaca since 1880. Since the formation of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association in 1895 he has sent, excluding Saturday's entrants, 59 crews to the finish at Poughkeepsie and Saratoga Lake, where the race was held in 1898, and he has had 39 of them return to the boathouse victors. That is, in variety, junior and freshman races.

Courtney's crews hold every record on the river, so July 2, 1901, the varsity eight drove its shell across the finish line a mile below the Poughkeepsie Bridge in 18 minutes 53 1-2 seconds. The time for most of the races has been around 20 minutes. The only time it was threatened was in 1903, when another Cornell crew slashed down the course in 15 minutes 58 seconds. The record for the freshman race was made in 1909, the Ithaca clubs covering the two miles in 9 minutes 11 3-5 seconds. The discontinued race of two miles for varsity fours is another Cornell record, made July 2, 1909, 10 minutes 1 second. Last year the Cornell junior varsity raced over the two miles in 10 minutes 1-2 second, breaking its own record, established in 1914, when the first race for junior eights was held.

Rowed When Kid. Courtney has been on the water since he was knee high to a grasshopper. He was born at Union Spring, near Saratoga Lake, November 12, 1845, 13 days after Fred Platford, now assistant coach at Columbia and a boon friend of Courtney, first saw the light of day. At the age of 13 Courtney took to rowing. He rowed in 13 of the big regattas, and in 1876 won the championship at single sculls. The regatta was held in this city in conjunction with the Centennial. He never won the professional championship, but was right up with Ned Hanlan, the master of the line at Poughkeepsie, Jim Ten Eyck and Jim Heiler. In 1880 Courtney succeeded John Teemer at Cornell. This was just about the time eight-oared shells with coxswains were supplanting six-oared strokes. The regatta was held in this city in conjunction with the Centennial. He never won the professional championship, but was right up with Ned Hanlan, the master of the line at Poughkeepsie, Jim Ten Eyck and Jim Heiler. In 1880 Courtney succeeded John Teemer at Cornell. This was just about the time eight-oared shells with coxswains were supplanting six-oared strokes. The regatta was held in this city in conjunction with the Centennial. He never won the professional championship, but was right up with Ned Hanlan, the master of the line at Poughkeepsie, Jim Ten Eyck and Jim Heiler.

California Lawn Tennis Players to Invade East. Annual Pacific and Atlantic Coasts Matches August 4 and 5. NEW YORK, June 19.—California's great lawn tennis players will invade the East for the annual team matches between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts early in August. The series of five singles and two doubles will be played Friday and Saturday, August 4 and 5.

Philles Defeat Jersey City. JERSEY CITY, June 19.—Pat Moran's Philles won an exhibition game from the Newark Yacht Club on Saturday at the West Side Park yesterday. The score was 5 to 1.

FORM, SAYS KEOUGH, IS BRIEF INTERVAL BETWEEN GETTING IN CONDITION AND GOING STALE

If Proper Skill Is There, Avers Authority, Little Preparation Is Necessary to Put Athletes in Condition for Competition

By GRANTLAND RICE

Fame and Such. I've seen a bloke step to the plate and look like a live wire, clean and straight, where some outfielder, in the way, flailed it to earth and saved the day.

And then I've seen another swing, a half-baked, looping, lucky thing, a weak attempt that won the game—yet such is fame.

I've seen one make a perfect spot that landed on the proper spot, yet got a bad kick from the cup and left the other guy one up.

And then I've seen another play, a half-topped shot that won the day; a flat left-hander have left him Dutch; some fame is such.

"A nation's wealth," writes or wrote Adam Smith, "is measured by its happiness." This being so, the wealthy that has descended upon this Commonwealth since March has about bankrupted the land. It has cost club owners over \$500,000 their pleasure in their own game, and has soured the souls of countless fans. It has been a blow to more than many thousands looking for their recreation at golf and tennis.

Collins, Baker and McInnis. Frank Baker, Eddie Collins and Stuffy McInnis, as related before, have a combined batting average so far around .250. It has been suggested by several experts that Baker might be better off as a pitcher. He has been suggested by several experts that Baker might be better off as a pitcher. He has been suggested by several experts that Baker might be better off as a pitcher.

Baker as Batting Aid Limits His Meat Diet. CLEVELAND, June 19.—Frank Baker is still in his slump. I've had many a hard battle getting started in the batting line, but I never had one I ever had.

Scrap About Scrappers. Tommy Jamison, of Schuylkill, will meet Darby Caspar in the wind-up at the Broadway tonight. I've had many a hard battle getting started in the batting line, but I never had one I ever had.

Beck and Wilson Win Junior City Doubles Title. Young Stars Outplay Huhn and Wier and Win Straight Set Victory. SCORE 13-11, 6-3, 6-4.

Jack Blackburn vs. Willie Barker and Tommy O'Keefe vs. Ryan and Model Clubs tomorrow night. A clever encounter should result in the Ryan semifinal when Al Nelson and Charley Reasch, Jack Kantrow and Frankie Rich, service clubs meet the appetizer to the final at the Model.

Jack Dillon and Frank Moran will split a purse of \$400 between them in the Brooklyn 25. The latter will get \$25,000, while Dillon is to receive \$15,000.

Eddie Dorsey, the West Philadelphia negro boxer, is making quite a hit in New York bouts. Although he is a lightweight, he has been defeating welterweight opponents. Leo Johnson, who claims the negro lightweight championship of the world, has been beaten twice by Dorsey.

Welterweights, middleweights and light heavyweights all look alike to young Jack O'Brien, according to the Philadelphia "Evening" who writes he is in good shape after a recent illness. Jack doesn't pick an opponent, but he writes the following about his opponent: "I've had many a hard battle getting started in the batting line, but I never had one I ever had."

Protest Minnehaha Yacht Victory. GREENWICH, Conn., June 19.—John R. Johnson's yacht Minnehaha won the race for one-day yachts held at the Indian Harbor Yacht Club yesterday, but a protest has been entered against the sailing by other participants of the race.

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