

BIG TASK NOW CONFRONTS JACKSON, IF GEORGIAN HOPES TO OVERTAKE THE FLEETING SPEAKER

SPEAKER DRAWS AWAY FROM RIVALS, BOOSTING MARK TO .395, A GAIN OF SIX POINTS

Jackson Slumps, Dropping From .380 to .376, But Cobb Advances From .348 to .354—Robertson Leads in National

THE most sensational development in the last week among the "Big Three" American League sons of a bat was the hard hitting of Tris Speaker, who boosted his mark from .389 to .395, a gain of six points. In the meantime his nearest rival, Joe Jackson, found the going in the East a little hard, and dropped from .380 to .376, a loss of 15 points. Tris Cobb demonstrated that he still was in the race by moving from .348 to .354, a gain of six points.

In the National League, Robertson is at the top, hitting for the same mark that he held a week ago, a .355. One veteran's eye apparently have not dimmed with time, for Honus Wagner finds all pitching alike, and advanced from .335 to .341. Daubert is third with his .333, retaining the same average. Daubert's "beating" at the hands of Bender and Tereau evidently has not helped him to manufacture base hits.

Whitted is leading the Phillies with .288. Stock is next with his .256, which is 7 points better than Doc Faskert. Pfeffer at present heads the pitchers with 13 out of 17. Rixey is next with 9 out of 12. Then follow Marmann with 13 out of 18 and Alex with 15 out of 21.

In the American League Culp still is unbeaten, turning in 9 straight wins. Morton has won 10 out of 12, the Coveleskie brothers are tied with 12 out of 17. Walter Johnson has won 14 out of 23. Myers, of the Athletics, won 8 out of 19 and Bush 8 out of 21.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES.
(Players who have taken part in 15 or more games. These figures include the games played on Thursday, July 13, 1916.)

Player	AB	R	H	HR	TH	AVG
Speaker, Clev.	100	15	39	5	10	.395
Jackson, N. Y.	100	14	37	4	9	.376
Cobb, Detroit	100	13	35	3	8	.354
Robertson, N. Y.	100	12	35	2	7	.355
Wagner, Phila.	100	11	34	1	6	.341
Daubert, Phila.	100	10	33	1	5	.333
Bender, Phila.	100	9	32	1	4	.320
Tereau, Phila.	100	8	31	1	3	.310
Whitted, Phila.	100	7	28	1	2	.288
Stock, Phila.	100	6	25	1	1	.256
Faskert, Phila.	100	5	24	1	0	.240
Pfeffer, Phila.	100	4	23	1	0	.230
Morton, N. Y.	100	3	22	1	0	.220
Coveleskie, Phila.	100	2	21	1	0	.210
Johnson, N. Y.	100	1	20	1	0	.200
Myers, Phila.	100	0	19	1	0	.190
Bush, Phila.	100	0	18	1	0	.180

NATIONAL LEAGUE

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES.
(Players who have taken part in 15 or more games. These figures include the games played on Thursday, July 13, 1916.)

Player	AB	R	H	HR	TH	AVG
Robertson, N. Y.	100	12	35	2	7	.355
Wagner, Phila.	100	11	34	1	6	.341
Daubert, Phila.	100	10	33	1	5	.333
Bender, Phila.	100	9	32	1	4	.320
Tereau, Phila.	100	8	31	1	3	.310
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Coveleskie, Phila.	100	2	21	1	0	.210
Johnson, N. Y.	100	1	20	1	0	.200
Myers, Phila.	100	0	19	1	0	.190
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CRITICS PAN MACK AT HIS BALL CLUB; CONNIE JUST SMILES

Tall Manager Says He Is Building Team According to His Own Ideas

SPENDS LOTS OF MONEY

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

"I am owner of the Athletics and am perfectly satisfied with conditions and so are the shibes. We are willing to lose money while we are developing a new team. We do not expect the fans to patronize a losing team. All we ask is patronage when we show them a real ball team and we will do that," said Manager Connie Mack, of the Athletics, today in answer to a bitter attack made upon himself and the club by a New York writer.

"I have everything I own tied up in this ball team and am doing what I know is best. I believe I know the baseball business and am staking my reputation on my ability to come back and I am coming back with a greater team than ever before. I don't believe in building up a ball team and other managers do and, therefore, I care nothing about the charges made by critics throughout the country.

The article in question likened the Athletics baseball club to a "hand out organization" and blamed the failure of the team on Connie's "policy" which was to give players at a minimum cost. It said that the weak, tail-end club hurt the other clubs in the league and something should be done to change things immediately.

"Seven other American League owners are perfectly satisfied with the way we run our ball team," continued Connie, "and also have confidence in my ability to construct another championship team. I have built two separate and distinct machines which have been powerful pennant-winning combinations and will have another within two years. American League managers believe in me and I will not disappoint them.

"As for the Athletics not spending money for ball players—why the charge is a joke. We have spent more money for ball players than any other team in the country, barring the White Sox and Giants. The fact that we spend it differently than other teams is our own business and because I do not believe in building up teams as other managers do.

"I have been managing ball teams for more than 20 years and have tried out every method. I managed in minor leagues and learned my lesson there.

"While in the minor field, I tried developing ball players for the majors and discovered that after I had sent them up to the major leagues they had to be started all over again because they played a different style than the ones who used to be there. It required two or three years for the youngsters to get going and then they were not playing their natural game.

"I made up my mind that I would build from the ground up if ever I got a chance and it came shortly after. I seldom go after a minor league star, not because of the ridiculous price asked for his release, but because I am here to develop.

"I have tried my hand at handling these high-priced minor league stars and find that they are too set in their ways and are inviolable cannot be broken of faults which I will not tolerate in a ball player. Therefore, I made up my mind that in the future I would do my own developing at any cost.

"Nobody knows better than I do that the fans will not patronize a losing ball team. I don't ask them. All I ask is a fair chance. I promised a regular season in 1917 and I will have it.

"It was three years before Collins, Barry, McInnis, Strunk, Baker and others of my team found their stride and then a bunch will come along faster unless I miss my guess. They have a better chance because they are getting more opportunities to play in regular season games.

"When I built the old team I foolishly tried to keep it in the race with a combination of my new and old players and the result was a failure. I got rid of the old cleaned house and put it entirely up to my youngsters and started from the bottom.

"I have the foundation for a great club right now. I admit that I am disappointed at the showing of several of my recruits and a few of the veterans who were left over, but I want to say that we have others coming who will fill the bill if these youngsters fail to come through.

"Too much cannot be expected of a youngster. They are slow striking their stride and when they do it they will be able to come fast, once they get the confidence. Elmer Myers was three years in a minor league under my direction before he came through. It is the way of the world and I am not going to hurry him. He is slow in his way now and next season will be the best pitcher in the country.

"I don't believe in the case of W. H. Davis, Thomas and myself who thought he was going to be a star. He is just beginning to strike his stride. He will be a marvel. He always was a natural hitter, but his fielding was uncertain and weird at times, but he is now developing even faster than Barry.

"I have the foundation for a wonderful pitching staff and that is where the baseball machine should be started. Opposing teams are making many mistakes in the way they are made in one-inning rallies, because the youngsters do not know enough to pull themselves out of tight places. Later on they will be passing up the chances, not apparent from the stand, which are offered to retire the side and they will start to win games.

"As for the work of the Athletics to date, I want to say that we gave every team in the league a great battle until we were badly crippled. We have them all worried and as they say, 'they are in a hole' in the early part of the season knows this.

"Why, we were close to the .500 mark after having lost 13 out of the first 16 games played, and we gave successive series from five of the seven clubs in the league when the team was shot to pieces. I honestly believe we would have been close to the .500 mark if we had not been crippled. Show me another team that has been handicapped so much by wholesale injuries to stars and illness. There is not a regular on the team, or I should say those who, because of the season as regulars, who have been out of the game for a long stretch, having Jimmy Walsh. At times we have had four or five regulars out of the game, and while I like to try out my recruits as soon as they report, I would have presented stronger opposition than we have to date."

Montgomery County League Notes
The results of the Montgomery County League games last Saturday, July 14, were as follows: The first game was played at the home of the Blue Sox, who held a 1-0 lead over the White Sox when they were out of the game.

Elgin Race This Year Canceled
ELGIN, Ill., July 15.—A decision to abandon the 1916 Elgin road race has been reached by the Elgin Road Race Association. The race was to have been held on July 15, but the Elgin Road Race Association has decided to cancel the race.

Big Field in Plymouth Tourney
PLYMOUTH, N. Y., July 15.—The biggest field the Plymouth Automobile Club has ever assembled in this section will be to the mark at the Plymouth Automobile Club race on Sunday, July 16. The race is for the championship of the Plymouth Automobile Club and will be a new high-water mark in the history of the club.

Wedlock and Shille are Considered the Fastest Pair of Hitters in the League
The fast pair of hitters in the league, Wedlock and Shille, are considered the fastest pair of hitters in the league.

IN NEW YORK TENNIS FINAL



Ichihya Kumagae, the star Japanese tennis player, will compete for the New York State championship against C. J. Griffin, of Frisco.

Runs Scored This Week by Major League Clubs

Runs scored by all teams in American and National League from Saturday, July 8, to Friday, July 14, inclusive. Only runs that figure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of less than nine innings are included in the totals.

League	Team	S	M	T	W	F	T
AMERICAN LEAGUE	Boston	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Brooklyn	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Cleveland	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Detroit	1	0	0	0	0	0
	New York	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Boston	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Brooklyn	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Cleveland	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Detroit	1	0	0	0	0	0
	New York	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Washington	1	0	0	0	0	0

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

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AMERICAN LEAGUE	Brooklyn	28	30	.483	28	30	.483
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Veteran Ed Geers Will Recover

CLEVELAND, O., July 15.—Ed Geers, veteran Grand Circuit driver and trainer, who is leader at tomorrow's (Thursday) Road Race, will be a horse on the North Road track, passed a convincing night at the Cleveland Automobile Club track, and was reported in good condition today.

Eble Defeats Hayday at Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 15.—In another match made by generalship and splendid play, Eble defeated Hayday in the final round of the Atlantic City Yacht Club tournament.

Chaney-Dundee Fight Tonight Off

BALTIMORE, July 15.—Owing to the poor turnout in the Dillon-Lewis fight on Thursday night, the Chaney-Dundee fight, scheduled for tonight, has been postponed.

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ATHLETICS MEET THE WHITE SOX IN TWO GAMES

First Affair Starts at Shibe Park at 1:45 This Afternoon

SHEEHAN IN THE BOX

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

SHIBE PARK, July 15.—Connie Mack was supplied with a list of his young men this morning and, after going over it carefully, decided that Sheehan was the best player to open the first game with the White Sox this afternoon. When the number one began the lead he had made up his mind just when he would sacrifice to play in regular season games.

A larger crowd than usual was attracted to see the adventures to the Athletics, due largely to the fact that Eddie Collins and Ed Murphy were hooked to appear somewhere in the batting order. Although neither of Mack's former athletes has been going at the rate he was expected to, both have been going up steadily in the last two weeks.

The Athletics and White Sox have been exceedingly unfortunate in their attempted clashes this year. Two games were postponed because of rain, and when the Athletics and the Sox were here last week, the Athletics were out of the game for a four-game series recently they were not able to play off a single tilt, which means four double-headers when they go back next month.

Although this was a bad day for the game because of the threatening weather, neither Mack nor Rowland cared to make any more postponements.

JAPANESE PLAYER IN FINAL TENNIS ROUND

Oriental Meet Crack Occidentals on Court of Yahodasis

UTICA, N. Y., July 15.—With the final in singles and the semifinals and finals in doubles to be played in the State championship tennis tournament here today a big gallery of spectators will be attracted to the Yahodasis Club Club early.

Later on this morning the semifinals in singles will be played between William S. McElroy and Roland H. Garland, of Pittsburgh, against Ichihya Kumagae and Hashibiro Makami, of the Japanese Coast Tennis Association, against Francis T. Hunter, of Cornell, and James S. O'Neale, of New York.

The singles finals between Kumagae and Griffin will be played early this afternoon and afterward the finals in doubles will go on. Sandwiched in between the title matches, Miss Molla Burested, national women's champion, and Miss Florence Roberts, of the Pacific Coast Tennis Association, against Francis T. Hunter, of Cornell, and James S. O'Neale, of New York.

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Sensors' Judge Suffers Serious Injury

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Joe Judge, first baseman of the Washington Senators, was injured today in a game for the first time in his career. He was hit by a ball from the Cleveland Indians and was unable to play the rest of the game.

Wolfson Benefit Game Today

GRAND P. C. and Overbrook former leader of the Main Line League, will present their strongest lineup for the benefit game today, arranged for Harry Wolfson, who is ill. Manager O'Brien will pitch for the Wolfson team, while the Main Line League will be managed by the Wolfson team.

Frank Baker Out for Week

NEW YORK, July 15.—Third baseman J. Frank Baker was out of the game for at least a week because of a severe cold. He is expected to return to the team in a few days.

RESOLUTION OF GOLF OFFICIALS ON TOURNEY 'LIABILITY CLAUSE' WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Entrants Must Pay Whether Participants or Not—Hoffner and Barnes Good

By SANDY MENIBLICK

IT'S not a "word of Damocles" held over the heads of golfers. It's really going to fail.

Recently the Golf Association of Philadelphia passed a resolution to the effect that "all entrants in any of the scheduled tournaments of the golf association will be held liable for the fee whether they participate in the event or not."

This resolution will be strictly enforced, according to Francis B. Warner, secretary of the golf association, whether the entry is sent over the phone by letter or by word of mouth. Therefore any golfer who enters his name in a scheduled event will be held for the fee, whether he plays in the event or not.

Up until this season it has been the custom of the association to accept all entries from any source, make the pairing according to the wishes of the entrants, and then, if said golfer resigns, when the clock points to his starting time, he was just crossed off and the matter of the inconvenience, the makeup, the disappointed partner, and so on to infinity, were all for nothing. Therefore any golfer who enters his name in a scheduled event will be held for the fee, whether he plays in the event or not.

It is felt that the enforcement of the "liability clause" will be a protection not only to the association, but to the tournament and the players themselves.

Golfers have been slack about playing in the tournaments after they have turned out their names. Many enter on the "chance" that they will be able to play.

They set their own convenient time for taking a golf course, and some, perhaps to choose a less convenient, sometimes decidedly inconvenient, time for starting. If the former player does not show up, it means that the starting schedule is "baited up," and with many such withdrawals whole reckoning of the tournament committee goes wrong.

It is felt that the enforcement of the ruling will insure a full entry list of starters, and that in the future financial calculations cannot go far wrong.

Players entering should send checks as being the most convenient form and best for "check-up."

Some kind of action, it was said, would be taken against players who made a practice of playing preliminary rounds on courses thrown open to the use of "entrants" in a tournament which is to be held on a closed course. Cases occur where players use the course free of charge, decide not to enter the tourney and glide gently into the gloaming without even a farewell. It has been suggested that a green fee be charged and then refunded, or not, as the case may be.

The fate of the duffers' tournament remains to be seen. The association has been most enthusiastic for its continuance another year were those in Class C, handicaps 19 all the way to the sky, who have never entered a tournament.

Players in Class A, which begins just where the city championship eligibility list ends