

LEE FOHL'S INDIANS ARE NOT OUT OF RACE FOR THE AMERICAN LEAGUE FLAG

WITH RETURN OF GUY MORTON TO GAME CLEVELAND CLUB AGAIN WILL BE IN RUNNING

Race in American League Closest in Ten Years at This Stage—Giants Would Be Strengthened by Presence of Herzog

CRITICS are now busily engaged counting Cleveland out of the great American League race, despite the fact that the Indians are only one and a half games behind the Yankees. Perhaps the Indians have shot their bolt, as they have played erratic ball recently, but Fohl's team is far from being through. The injury to Guy Morton, which has kept this wonderful pitcher out of the game for three weeks, is responsible for the sudden slump of the Indians, and as soon as he returns to the game Cleveland will again prove troublesome.

Is there a single team in the country which can go along at a terrific clip with its best pitcher out of the game, particularly when that hurler is of the Morton calibre? Take Alexander from the Phils for a long stretch, Johnson from Washington, or Covaleskie from Detroit, Pfeffer from Brooklyn, Hughes from the Braves, Leonard from the Red Sox or Faber from the White Sox and these teams will be weakened at least 25 per cent.

Morton means more to the Indians than any of the other star hurlers do to their teams, having Alexander and Johnson, and his absence has been missed, not only for the loss of the victories which he would surely have turned in, but also because it necessitated Manager Fohl working Stanley Covaleskie out of turn, thus impairing his effectiveness.

Morton's Injury Hurt Cleveland Club

AMERICAN LEAGUE managers can thank their stars that Morton was injured, or the Indians would now be so far out in front that it would be extremely hard for any team to overhaul them, as no other team in the league has been playing consistent ball. The Yankees took one apart which enabled them to overhaul the Indians, but since that time have been unable to shake off Fohl's team.

New York also has had hard luck in the way of injuries to star players, or it might have been able to take advantage of Morton's absence from the game. If Cleveland and New York had been able to keep free from injuries while the rest of the teams have been playing such erratic ball they probably would be fighting it out alone with the other clubs trailing. Injuries are all a part of the luck or breaks of the game, however, and as it stands now the American League race is the closest in 10 years at this time. Only three and one-half games separate the first six teams, and New York, Cleveland, Boston, Chicago, Detroit and Washington apparently all have an equal chance to win.

The ability of the Red Sox to stick so close to the leaders, with several stars in poor physical condition and the team badly upset by the sale of Speaker, has been a distinct surprise, and if Carrigan can hold his team in its present position until the coming Western trip has been completed the Red Sox will be the favorites despite the fact that there are several teams in the league which unquestionably are stronger and better balanced.

Carrigan's wonderful pitching staff is now at top form, and it does not require many runs to win for the Red Sox. In the late stages of a pennant race, the presence of four star hurlers who can be depended upon to pitch consistently day after day is a factor which more than counterbalances the batting and base running superiority of the Tigers, White Sox and Yankees.

Herzog Would Strengthen New York Giants

IF THE Giants have landed Charley Herzog, as reported, McGraw's team is likely to be very much in the race before the season ends, though it will be necessary for the New York pitchers to show better form than they have to date, or even this wonderful player will not strengthen the team enough to enable it to battle with the Phillies, Braves and Dodgers.

The Giants are still a team of "ifs," and unless all of the "ifs" pan out as McGraw expects, the team probably will be at the close of the season right where it is today. Sallee, in his 1914 form, will be a big help to McGraw, but if he can do no better than he did in 1915 and so far this season, he will prove useless baggage. Sallee is unusually effective against Brooklyn, Chicago and Pittsburgh, but in the past has been easy for the Phillies and Braves, and as the latter teams apparently are due to battle it out for the pennant, Sallee probably will not help as much as expected.

Brooklyn lost ground last week, while the Phillies and Braves continued at a steady clip. The Phils had a glorious opportunity to pick up two other games, but erratic fielding and poor luck cost the champions a game in Chicago and another in Pittsburgh. It is unfortunate that Moran's men are losing games of this sort so frequently, as it was the uncanny ability of the Phillies to win under similar circumstances that won the pennant last season.

Alexander Is Back in Good Form

ALEXANDER THE GREAT is back in trim after a brief spell of ineffectiveness, and has not been beaten in the West. He probably is preparing for a sensational finish, which will be needed. The rest of the Philly pitchers are showing better form. There have been fewer poorly pitched games than in the early part of the season, and Chalmers and Mayer pitched games that are rounding into form. If this pair come through, the Phils look like an excellent bet to repeat, despite the rush of the Braves.

Brooklyn is still leading, and is almost certain to come home with a lead of at least two games, but the Dodgers are slowing down. Many critics cannot see this line of reasoning, but we believe that Robinson will be lucky to hold his lead more than two weeks, and once he loses it he is not likely to go back to the top again this season. The Dodgers lose too many games through the failure to take advantage of the opposing team's misplays and lack of judgment; to win a pennant and playing the style of ball used now would need a Detroit offense and a Boston pitching staff to win.

On the other hand, the Braves are playing wonderful ball in the field, have consistent pitching and are just beginning to hit. Stallings' team is certain to improve as the season nears an end and is going to be the hardest team for the Phils to dispose of in the final spurt.

Will Matty Make Good as a Manager?

THE favorite pastime of Christy Mathewson for several seasons has been "second-guessing" on the mistakes of other managers in his newspaper articles. If the Cincinnati board of directors has decided to keep the team, he will have a chance to show what he can do when there is only one guess.

Mathewson should make a great manager. He knows the game from the ground up; is popular with ball players because they have confidence in his ability, and from the pitching mound has always shown coolness and quick thinking ability. Other star players have possessed the same qualifications, however, and failed miserably when given a chance to handle a major league team.

If the deal goes through it will be interesting to see how Matty gets along with Hal Chase. During the early part of the season Matty wrote many articles severely criticizing Chase for his conduct in the past and many times speculated upon the chance for trouble between Herzog and Chase. Matty may have some explanations to make.

Brooklyn used five pitchers yesterday, but only earned a draw with the Cubs after a sensational 16-inning battle. In the meantime the Braves won another game from the Reds and are now only two games behind the Dodgers.

Charley Herzog says he is perfectly willing to go to the Giants or any other club, but that no one has said anything about a new contract as yet and that this will be necessary before he consents to his transfer. Herzog has an "iron-clad" contract with the Reds which permits him to demand his unconditional release if he is not satisfied with every condition concerning his reported switch to New York.

Somebody wants to know whom did Battling Levinsky ever lick? No one but Jack Dillon and several other leading light heavyweights. True he did not knock them out, but we understand that the cardinal principle of boxing was to display ring superiority and not to commit murder. By the same token we might ask, "Whom did Willard ever lick aside from poor, old fat Johnson, who was at that time a shadow of the Johnson of old?"

MASON SPEEDIER THAN WINDNAGLE, SAYS MEREDITH

In Reviewing All-American Team Ted Gives Westerner Preference Over Cornelian

EAST SUPREME IN JUMPS

"Sparrow" Robertson's All-American Team

- 100-yard run—H. L. Smith, Michigan.
220-yard run—E. Smith, Wisconsin.
220-yard run—J. H. Wright, Pennsylvania.
880-yard run—Ted Meredith, Pennsylvania.
100-yard hurdles—Hob Simpson, University of Missouri.
220-yard hurdles—Hob Simpson, University of Missouri.
Running high jump—W. M. Ott, Jr., Yale.
Running broad jump—H. T. Worthington, Dartmouth.
Pole vault—E. K. Foss, Cornell.
16-foot shot—A. W. Micks, University of Wisconsin.
Shotgun hammer—C. C. Gildersteel, California.

By TED MEREDITH

THE above All-American college selections for 1916 are by "Sparrow" Robertson, one of New York's leading athletic critics. Robertson, who has been associated with track athletics, both club and collegiate, for a number of years, has made this selection, which I think is about as nearly correct as any could be. He has had the best opportunity of any of the critics, since he was the pilot-flier in both the Eastern intercollegiate at Cambridge and the conference championships at Chicago.

Robertson has seen all these men in action and should be the best man in the country to make his choice. He also was a spectator at the relays at Pennsylvania last spring and also saw the men in action. "Sparrow" claims the Western athletes showed great improvement this year and has given the West a good many of the selections. The sprints seem to be the only ones which might be subject to criticism, but they are good enough. Smith, of Michigan, won all the classy collegiate 100-yard events and could not be kept from this title. The Michigan captain met the winner of the conference, in the hands of other this year, and that was early in the season. In this race Smith, of Michigan, beat a classy field, including Smith, of Wisconsin, the conference titleholder.

Smith Off Form Some might say the Wisconsin man improved greatly over his early season form, but the critics are not up to his heat at that time. This fact was quite noticeable to those who watched him on Friday in the medley relay, when he ran the first 220 yards. He was outclassed by Kaufman, of Penn, and Moore, of Princeton, in this race.

I feel inclined to the opinion that Moore, of Princeton, could have beaten any of the college runners last year over the 220 yard race. Moore ran his final of the Intercollegiate 220 yards in 21 3/5 seconds, as did the Wisconsin sprinter, but Moore had the much talked of 100 yards race to contend with at Cambridge. Again Moore won his race comparatively easy, and is a big, strong runner. This makes me think he might have a shade over Smith, of Wisconsin.

Robertson, however, must have weighed all these things in the balance, and he also has the best of the critics in the fact that he witnessed all of these races.

Windnagle or Mason? The West might contest his choice of Windnagle over Mason, of Illinois. Mason is a great miler and had no such competition as Windnagle. Last winter I saw Mason win an indoor mile in St. Louis from a field of good men such as Joe Ray, of Chicago, and Potter, of Cornell, in 4:20.

At that time I thought he was the best miler in the college ranks. If he had been in this meet at Cambridge, it is my opinion that he would have been the winner, for in that race, when Windnagle did 4:15, the pace was such a one which would have just suited the Illinois runner. However, Windnagle made the best time of the year, and that is what counts.

I think it is true that the Western stars were a shade better than those in the East, but I doubt if the West had the great number of good men that our colleges in the East put out.

The Far West will not accept this selection of Robertson's in regard to the hurdles. They will feel that Murray is a better man than Simpson in the high hurdles and will be justified in believing that House is a better low hurdler than the Missouri marvel.

Simpson Selected Simpson again gets the selection on his performances. He ran better than 15 seconds, Murray's best, and House could not show his worth in the last due to the ruling against his competing.

The Easterners certainly have the call over the Western jumpers. Worthington, Oler and Posa are a trio that cannot be questioned as to their right for the titles.

On the whole, the selection I could imagine and can't see how much improvement could be made on it.

AS BALL PLAYERS LEDGERS' BOSSES ARE GOOD FOREMEN

A. A. Nine "Slug" Through Seven-Inning Victory by 7-1 Score

Cornell's College team in all their glory never displayed an article of ball such as was witnessed in the game between the Lehigh A. A. and a team composed of the various foremen employed in the composition division of the Lehigh. Sam Feltz, "the" Farmer, led off for the Lehigh game losers, too. The feature of the contest was the outstanding performance of Foreman Wood, the second-basing of Foreman Bonnett, the short-stopping of Foreman Mithauer, the center fielding of Foreman Charlie Leiss and the right fielding of Day Foreman Dalns.

These were the features, by reason of the fact that the "foremen" crowded Sam, by mistake, several good fielding catches and were completely "plus a little baseball—into seven innings of splendid ball. Victory was clinched away from the leavers in the sixth inning, when a clean, full, "foreman" stepped a rally that looked good to the score.

With ball players on first and third, Spitzel hit a high fly ball to first. The first baseman ran in and claimed it, caught the ball on the ground with his fingers, and threw it back to the pitcher. He was determined that, having once got over the "plate" they were not going to take any chance of duplicating and being run out.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



HAGEN AGAIN GOLF WINNER

He and Hutchinson Defeat Nichols and MacDonald

NEW YORK, July 17.—Walter Hagen, of Rochester, New Metropolitan open champion, and Jack Hutchinson, of Pittsburgh, yesterday defeated Gilbert Nichols, of Great Neck, and Robert McDonald, of Buffalo, 3 up and 2 to go, at 36 holes, over the Great Neck course, Long Island. The winners did all of their playing in the morning, having the Nichols-MacDonald combination 5 down at luncheon.

Retig Pitches No-Hit Game

PATERSON, N. J., July 17.—Retig, of the Paterson six six, pitched a no-hit game yesterday at Plainfield, a score of 2 to 1. Cobb hit a triple and double and scored a run.

CORNELL SILENT ON RICE

Rowing Heads Refuse to Say Columbia Coach Will Go to Ithaca

ITHACA, N. Y., July 17.—Cornell athletic authorities refused to comment on the report that if Columbia drops rowing James Rice, the coach of the New York eight, would be appointed rowing mentor at Cornell. It is known that the Ithacans have so far not determined upon the man who will take active charge of the crews here. Courtney's contract expires next fall. He will not consent to become active coach again, but it was stated today by Charles E. Tromp, the rowing adviser, that he had agreed to serve Cornell in an advisory capacity for an indefinite term, which means probably as long as he lives.

Cobb Defeats Donlin's Men

LONG BRANCH, N. J., July 17.—With 75 Cobb playing first base for them, the Morris nine defeated Mike Donlin's Lehigh Branch team yesterday by a score of 2 to 1. Cobb hit a triple and double and scored a run.

DILLON MAY BE MAN-EATER, BUT EVIDENTLY HE DOESN'T CARE MUCH FOR FLESH OF LEVINSKY

Two Weeks Ago the "Giant Killer" Was Leading Candidate for "Presidency of Punch Republic." Then Entered the Battler

JACK DILLON may be a man-eater but he evidently doesn't care a lot for the flesh of Battling Levinsky. He has taken a bite or two out of the Battler, but has yet to make anything like a full meal. At their last meeting it was Levinsky who came near devouring the devoured as the Battling Person outpunched Dillon by almost as wide a margin as Dillon carried over Moran.

Two months ago it was figured a certainty that if Willard retired, Moran would be his successor. Two weeks ago the belief was general that Dillon, not Moran, would be the next President of the Punch Republic. And then enters Battling Levinsky. Life is entirely too complex already during these rainy days to pursue the subject any further.

As to Experts We have quite a bit of faith in the expert who says he can tell to the day when the European war will end and just who will finish first. But for the expert who says he can pick the winner of the American League race we have not much faith in his opinion. It is not only a fine outfielder, fast as a streak, with a powerful arm, but if he doesn't hit more than .350 this year I am a bad guesser.

Mack and Shawkey We often have wondered why Connie Mack ever turned Bob Shawkey away. Here was a young pitcher that he had found and started to develop; a young pitcher that both Bender and Coombs pronounced as one of the finds of the game; a clean living, hard working, earnest type with a world of ambition—just the type that Connie cares most for.

"Go One and All" Charley Dooin broke into baseball exactly 18 years ago. The flaming-haired catcher served the Phillies 13 years before he finally was sent away and while never a hard hitter was one of the brassy backstoppers of the game. Dooin is still in good condition and is only 36 years old. Yet his day as a major league is over. He has served four years of his time as a big league manager and his hope is still to get one more trial under the Big Top in a managerial role.

Maxims of the 19th Hole Only in playing for the 19th hole should the approach be short of the cup. He that says that he should have knocked eight strokes off his score hath no memory at all left of the eight that he might just as well have put on. It is hard to see how any one can take New York and Cleveland seriously as pennant contenders," says a Western scribble. And two weeks ago any one who suggested that man-eating sharks soon would be ravaging the Atlantic coast, was charged with being overloaded with hop and alcohol.

After the Game Now that the hard-fought day is ended, With laurels for the favored few; The cheering and the feering blended In praise or blame that may be due; Now that the score has been completed Beyond the shallow depths of Fame, Among both victors and defeated, We'll turn to those who played the game Not in the losing or the winning, Success nor failure for the day, But from the battle's first beginning We'll take their work up, play by play; How well they tried—how they stood ready— Beyond the world crowd's narrow sight, We'll lift our glasses, bravely, steady, And drink to those who've fought the fight.

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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—SUCH JOBS, GEORGE, WOULD BE JUST THE STUFF FOR SOME OF MACK'S HURLERS WERE THEY TO FOLLOW THEIR VOCATIONS

HELLO FELIX I SEE YOU'RE NOT SELLING CUSHIONS AT THE BALL-PARK ANY MORE. NO, I'VE GOT A GOOD JOB NOW, SWEEPING FLOORS. (GEE THAT'S NICE!) YES THE BOSS TOLD ME I HAD A BRIGHT FUTURE. HE SAID SOME DAY I WOULD GET PROMOTED TO SHINING BRASS! I'LL POLISH YOU UP IN A MINNIT!