ROWLAND'S ALL-STAR CAST OF REPUTED FENCE BREAKERS ARE NOT CLASS OF LEAGUE

WHITE SOX ARE OVERRATED; ROWLAND'S TEAM NOT GREAT CLUBBERS, CRITICS CONTEND

Chicago Lacks Real Offensive Power, Occasional Extra Base Hitting Misleading Fans Who Compare Offense With Famous Mack Machine

FIGHE Chicago White Sox have been likened to the Athletics of 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914 as an offensive team, and critics have speculated at length on the failure of Rowland's all-stars to win. It frequently has been rumored that Howland was to be displaced as manager after the present season because he failed to get results from the "greatest hitting team in the league" and a wonderfully well-allanced team, but after seeing the White Sox in seven games at Shibe Park the season we believe that it is the most overrated ball team in the major leagues, and that Rowland is not to blame.

Chleago may win the pennant, as it is a strong aggregation with an excellent pitching staff and the best catcher in the game in Ray Schalk, but so far as offense is concerned there is no more comparison between the White Sox of today and the famous Mack machine than there is between the University of Pennsylvania and a major league team.

Rowland's team has a number of free-swinging, long-distance hitters if they connect, and while it might be termed a dangerous hitting team, it is not really a good hitting team. The Sox will fatten the team and individual averages at the expense of poor pitching, but a clever hurler will find this team of supposed fence breakers about as easy as any in the league.

There are too many "soft spots" in the White Sox batting order to compare it with the Mackmen of a few years ago, as so many critics do, and there also is a painful lack of gray matter shown by the Sox at all times. This is particularly true when they are on the bases. Many hits are wasted by the pale-hosed aggregation, even when they are hitting at their best, because they do not think quickly enough.

Players Can't Think for Themselves

SEVERAL of Rowland's men are faster afoot than the average ball player, but barring Collins and Schalk they fall to take an extra base on a single to the outfield; do not run when they should and invariably run when they should not, and altogether show a painful lack of the brand of ball that wins pennants.

Even the famous Jackson is included in this list. No one ever accused Joe of being overburdened with gray matter, but he always has been looked upon as a star in all other departments; but he also is a poor base runner despite his When Jackson starts running there is no telling where he will step, and he has been "ridden" so often for bad breaks on the paths that he is now anchored, once he reaches first, and goes no further until he has to.

Because John Coilins, Fournier and one or two other members of Rowland's team occasionally go on the rampage, clouting out long extra base drives for a few days, the impression is general that they are sluggers, but, like the rest of the White Sox, they are overrated. At best neither Collins nor Fournier is a good hitter, while Weaver and McMullin are decidedly weak and Felsch little better with a good curve ball pitcher opposing him.

We asked one of the veteran Mackmen why the White Sox were considered such a powerful hitting team, and he replical: "Search me. I did not know any one thought it was. We certainly do not. As for classing them with the Athletics a few years ago, it is a joke. Don't think I am prejudiced, but ask some of the other players on the circuit. The Sox are not a good hitting team, particularly in the pinches, because they are all trying to knock the cover off the ball. Plank, Bender or Coombs, in their prime, would beat that bunch every day in the week without even working. The Sox are overrated. Chicago might win the pennant the way the other teams are running into hard luck and erratic streaks, but it is not really a great team."

Myers Had Rowland's Sluggers Choking Bat

ALTHOUGH beaten, Elmer Myers demonstrated in the second game yesterday afternoon just what a good pitcher can do with a team when every man is a free swinger who is trying to knock the cover off the ball. Myers made the White Sox look like a minor league aggregation, and it was a shame that he lost, Rowland's team was credited with eight hits, but five of them were infield scratches, three of which would have been easily fielded by experienced men.

The winning runs were gifts, and in only one inning did the Sox even swing like a real hitting ball team. That was in the fourth inning, when Myers grooved successive pitches to Eddie Collins and Felsch. They made clean singles, and after Myers had bungled on Jackson's bunt a run was chased across the plate on John Collins' sacrifice bunt, this play being the only bit of strategy shown by Sox in the entire series.

In the other innings the White Sox were helpless. Eleven of them were retired on strikes, and had it not been the fact that Fournier, John Collins, Felsch and Scott deliberately bunted the ball straight at Myers or Lajole, without even a sacrifice intention, but in order to escape striking out, the sensational Mack hurler probably would have hung up a new record.

The free-swinging, long-distance hitters of the Sox learned early in the game that they could not get a "toe hold" with Myers pitching, and after the young Mack star had fanned seven men in four innings, the only thought of the batters, barring Collins and Jackson, was to escape striking out. They shortened up the but and just tapped the ball. McMullin pulled this trick twice and got lucky infield called place-hitting, but there was nothing like that evident yesterday, the Sox being too glad to escape striking out.

Lanning Made Excellent Impression as a Pitcher

MANAGER MACK tried out Lester Lanning, the youthful left-hander from Wesleyan College, in the first game, and Lanning proved conclusively that he is a better pitcher than an outfielder. Until the fifth inning, when Schang played a line drive from Schalk's bat poorly, permitting the hit to go for a double, the Sox did not make a hit and only two were registered during Lanning's stay on the mound, though three runs were tallied.

Many of the fans were inclined to criticise Mack for taking Lanning out of the game after the fifth inning, believing that this move was made because the White Sox had scored three runs which should not have been tallied, but they were entirely wrong. Mack did not take Lanning out of the game because of the runs, but because he saw that his team was going to pieces and did not want to have Lanning on the mound when the crash came.

Mack was very well pleased with Lanning's work and made a wise move in removing him from the game. Today Lanning has plenty of confidence and will look much better, if possible, in his next start after the five splendid innings he twirled yesterday; but if he had been permitted to stay in the game while his teammates were booting the ball around, as Mack feared they would do, his confidence would have been impaired. The poor and headless fielding during the closing innings proved conclusively that Mack was right.

Strunk's Nap Lost the Second Game

THE second game should have resulted in a victory for the Mackmen, and probably would if Amos Strunk had been on his toes. With the score 3 to 9 in favor of the White Sox, going into the ninth inning, the Mackmen started a rally, and, aided by a wild throw by Fournier, tallied two runs and had Strunk on third and Lajole on second, with not a man out.

Jimmy Walsh then hit a high bounder on which Strunk could easily have scored, but Amos remained at third. As Lajole was on second and would have moved to third and be in position to score on any kind of a hit or a difficult infield chance from the following batter, the percentage of the game called for Strunk to make an attempt to score, but he never moved.

McElwee followed with a hard grounder to Eddie Collins and Strunk then was cut down at the plate. Mitterling fanned for the third out and the Mackmen passed up an excellent opportunity because Strunk fell asleep. It developed later that Amos thought the Mackmen were two runs behind instead of one and played it safe, believing that one run would do no good, as both he and Larry could score en a hit from the following batter,

Several Chicago players agreed after the game that they have not seen a pitcher in years with so much "stuff" as Elmer Myers had yesterday. One of them said: "I wonder how any one will hit that fellow when he learns how to pitch. If he don't lose his 'stuff' before he becomes familiar with the batters' weak points, we are in for a tough time for a few years."

As was to be expected, it was Umpire Byron who forfeited yesterday's Chicago-Brooklyn game to the latter team. Whenever there is trouble in the National League one can depend upon finding Byron's name at the end of the summary of the box score. Being quite a distance away, we cannot say that the umpire was not justified in forfeiting the game, but Byron is entirely too officious.

The Athletics and Yankees have a clear claim to the title of hard luck kings of the major leagues. Both teams have been handicapped throughout the season because of injuries to star players. The only difference is that the Yanks are still first, while the Mackmen are in the cellar.

KELLY-GOT HIS BALL SHOOTING OUT OF TURN



MATHEWSON IS INDICATED AS GIANTS' LEADER

Optional Agreement Is Hitch in the New York-Cincinnati Trade

MATTY IS BEING GROOMED

NEW YORK, July 19 .- There are ner developments along the New York-Cincin nati trading front. According to late advice: from the West, Matty was still unsentenced to the management of the Reds, while Charley Herzeg had not yet obtained his release from the St. Helena of professional baseball. In addition the spiking of Bill McKetchnie at St. Louis on Monday may have complicated matters.

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It is agreed that there is only one hitch in the big deal. Harry Hempstead still insists that the Reds give the Giants an option on the services of Matty at the end of two years. This Cincinnati very naturally and rightfully refuses to do. It would not be according to the letter and the spirit of rofessional baseball to promulgate any uch agreement.

Hempstead's insistence on the option

makes possible only one inference. The New York club is evidently grooming Matty to succeed John Methraw in the manement of the Giants. Certainly Hemps end does not think that a two-year stay i the banks of the Rhine will improve Matty as a pitcher.

Hempstead apparently desires to give Matty two years of experience in Cincinnati and then bring him along to take the reins here. Matty is the only figure now on the horizon as McGraw's successor. Men on the inside declare that the time is not far distant when McGraw will head a syndicate that will buy out the Hemp-stead interests.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

C.—Frankle White defeated Toland. Abe Kabakoff stopped to the first, Henry Hinekle won a, Yenns Lawrener drew with ter, Young Julio knocked out y Ownes in the second. MODEL A. C.—Darby Caspar shaded unmy Jambon Al Edwards defeated Fred uib, Eddle Falmer knocked out fieldly Julia i the scenal, Jinnis Perry stopped Joe Good i the second, Eddle Randa won from Joe

NEW YORK - Vic Moran outslugged NEW ORLEANS—Jos Thomas got 15-round decision over Jack White.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

His toxors will be included in Jimmy Dime's arty for the inventor of Australia. They are error and Joe Chin. Tom McMahon, India years, Pataw Brandson and Johnny Rier, and Remother, from when they

Frankle Coster, an Evening Langua news-roy, presed himself as good a boxer as he is a wuxtra, husder by slipping "Old Mary Ann," a Happy McDermott's chin for good highs in he fourth round. The bout was one of the relims of Billy Maxwell's weekly show at the slipping A. C., Leiperville.

A middleweight mix between Eddie Revolre and Jack Toland will be the wind-up at the Ryan next Thesday night. The attendance at the club has been improving steadily and by fall capacity houses may be in explance. The audi-ence has been spatied with a number of feminine has the last few weeks.

Whenever Benny Kaufman feels his waist for a feeting blazer he doesn't have to be conved to desire his waist. He has been doing light training for a few days and it is not because he has a bout in yiew. Some lower must be dragged to a symmasium even after they are matched.

Some boxers follow odd vocations during a





INJURIES TO STARS PIECE OF HARD LUCK NO GENIUS CAN OVERCOME, SAYS CONNIE

By GRANTLAND RICE

been harassed by fate above all others, They are the Cincinnati Reds, the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees. "There is one piece of hard luck," says Connie Mack, "that no genius can over-come. And that is the loss of star players through injury." In this respect Cleveland and New York always have suffered the extreme penalty from misfortune, with no other club even close.

ther club even close. We have seen the Cleveland Club on many occasions broken up when it had a chance to win. We have often seen the Yanks shattered beyond recognition just

they got started. Take the present campaign. Cleveland, Take the present campaign. Cirvetant, making a brave, game battle from the depths, first lost the services of Chapman and Elepfor—a star inficider and a winning pitcher. Then later on, while still in the lead, came the injury to Guy Morton, one of the greatest pitchers in the game, who had won 11 games and lost but two

The Break Against the Yanks

The same goes for the Yankees. Early in The same goes for the Yankees. Early in the year they had Caldwell out of top condition, Mages, Gilhooley, Baker and Feckinpaugh sick or injured. Then Fritz Malsel broke his collarbone. In spite of this, the great secondary strength of the club filled the open gaps. About a month ago, for the first time, the Yanke had their rull strength in the field. The result proved that Donovan had the strongest club in the

THERE are three ball clubs that have | circuit. His team won 20 out of 24 games, moving along for a month at an .800 clip. And the old crash arrived. Gilhoeley, leading the regillars at bat, and the fastest man on the farm, broke an ankin. Baker, just swinging into his stride, cracked two ribs. And Fate once more looked down with a contented smile.

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Kumagae is good enough to beat Griffin stendily, having won from the star Call-fornian three times in a row, and Griffin is no part of a second-rater. No wonder California deesn't look upon Nippon with friendly eyes.

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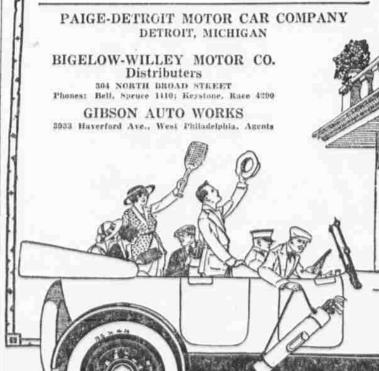
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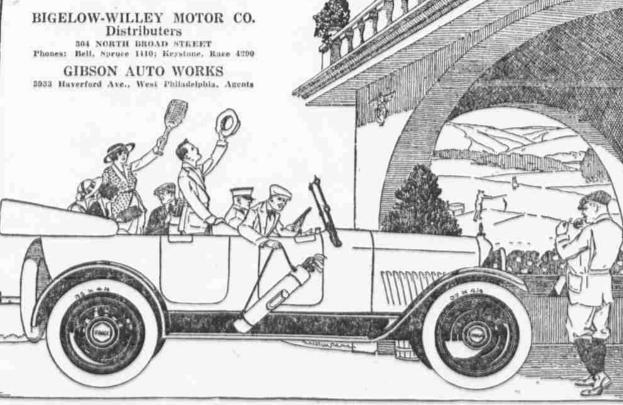
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