

SPEAKER'S WORK HERE PRESAGES FALL FROM BATTING LEADERSHIP OF AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTLE BETWEEN TY COBB AND SPEAKER FOR BATTING HONORS FEATURE OF BASEBALL RACES

Detroit's Wonderful Slugger Has Started Late Season Drive and Should Overhaul Cleveland's Slumping Star

FOR some reason the baseball fans, particularly those of this city, appear to be in no way interested in the American League pennant race, but are very much excited about the contest between Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb and Joe Jackson for the batting supremacy.

At the present time Speaker is leading Cobb by 27 points, while the latter is 11 points ahead of Jackson. As the season progresses it becomes more apparent that the American League batting leader will hit close to 400 this season, as Cobb is steadily climbing, and we believe that he will again top the hitters, breaking a world's record in doing so.

When Cleveland made its first swing about the circuit, Speaker was going at a terrific clip. He was swinging long and cleanly and almost all of his hits were ailing line drives. He was hitting everything. The pitchers were putting all they had on the ball; were working the corners and doing everything possible to stop the Texan, but he pounded out his hits regularly.

At that time Cobb was beating out a lot of infield hits and scratching many safeties just beyond the reach of the infielders. On what the two sluggers had shown in this city at that time Speaker apparently was due to wrest the title from Cobb, but one month has brought about a great change. Now it is Speaker who is doing the worrying and his stickwork is suffering as a result.

Cobb Improving While Speaker Slumps. In the last series between the Athletics and Cleveland, Speaker did not look like the Speaker of early June. He appeared to be worrying and thinking too much about his average. The long, clean smashes which came in rapid succession in the first series here were missing and the Cleveland star was content to bunt and chop the ball to the infield.

When Cobb appeared here two weeks ago he was swinging like the Cobb of old. The drives were shooting off his bat on the line and he made only one infield single during the series. Ty had the confidence which was lacking earlier in the year and it was evident that he had started his usual midseason drive.

Year after year Cobb trails the field until August is almost over and the fans are beginning to think that Collins, Speaker, Jackson or some other slugger is going to displace the marvelous Tiger, when the Georgian suddenly starts his slugging bee. Cobb is now on the rampage, and Speaker must hit just as well as he did earlier in the year or better to hold his lead.

ALEXANDER NOW HAS 18 VICTORIES TO HIS CREDIT. ALEXANDER THE GREAT won his eighteenth victory of the season when he beat Cincinnati yesterday. The Reds tallied in the first inning, but never had much of a chance to score thereafter. The lone run made by the Reds was the second scored off Alexander in five games pitched in the West, the Cubs having scored in the seventh inning of a recent game.

The Phillies close their western trip today, returning to this city tomorrow to meet all of the western teams in order and then the Giants, after which the last western trip will be started. The champions have shown a gradual improvement in batting, and with Cravath back in the game, are in excellent shape to start a spurt. It was about this time last season that the Phillies started the drive which spoke off the Cubs, and the Dodgers fell by the wayside a short time later.

Alexander, Eikey and Demaree have been pitching consistent ball, while Bender's relief work has been a great help. The two backsliders of the staff, Chalmers and Mayer, have shown excellent form in recent games and are likely to come through just at a time when they are needed most. Chalmers lost two games on the trip, having a bad inning in each, but he pitched well enough to have won both if his support had been good.

FOIWEI INTENDS TO DO AWAY WITH SECRET PRACTICE. BOB FOIWEI, the man who is to put Penn back on the football map, at least has excellent ideas. While at Franklin Field on Saturday, making arrangements for the early fall practice at Langhorne, Pa., Foiwell said: "There will be no moonlight scrimmages on Franklin Field this season. More football teams are killed by overtraining than through the lack of it. Another thing I do not believe in is too much secret practice. The gates at Franklin Field will be open almost every day next fall and I hope the students take advantage of it and come out to see us work."

CHARLES COURTNEY, Cornell's famous rowing coach, favors Jim Rice, Columbia's capable tutor, as his successor at Cornell, and if the latter can induce the New Yorkers to release him from his contract it is certain that he will be selected to handle the Ithacans. Rice's contract at Columbia does not expire until 1921 and contains an option on his services until 1925, but it is said that Columbia will not hold him to it if he desires to leave.

CHARLEY HERZOG was convicted by the board of directors of the Cincinnati club on figures, and unless figures lie the "trebrand" did not get as much out of the Reds as was possible. The averages show that the Reds lead the National League in team batting, are third in runs scored, lead in double plays and are fifth in fielding. As baseball men are unanimous in the opinion that the Cincinnati pitching staff is as strong as any in the league, there must have been some reason for the defeats. The above statistics would entitle the team to a position close to the top under ordinary conditions.

ANOTHER INTERESTING POINT is brought out by the averages in the team batting record of the White Sox. Rowland's band of supposed sluggers have a team average of .238, leading only the Senators and the Mackmen, and the margin is not great. On the other hand, the Braves and Phillies are the weakest hitting teams in the National League, according to the team averages; but they are batting for the pennant. Defense apparently is the greatest asset of both teams, as they are the league leaders in fielding. The three leading teams of the National League are the last trio in total runs scored.

IF YOU SHOULD happen to meet three certain major league managers, do not mention the name of Rogers Hornsby. This young man was recommended to three clubs while he was playing with the Denison team, of the Western Association, last season, but the scouts sent to look him over declared that he would not do. Hornsby is batting well over the .300 mark at the present time, stands fourth in extra base hitting and has played third, short and first in brilliant fashion. He is the star recruit of the season.

FOUR-DAY GOLF TOURNEY READY FOR BALA LINKS

Quaker City Classic Has Been Arranged for August 9, 10, 11 and 12

WORTHINGTON IS ENTERED

By SANDY McNIBLICK. ALL is sunshine at Bala. The annual tourney there, which is the real blue ribbon classic of the whole Quaker City schedule, will be held as usual. The dates set are August 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The event has always had the "rep" of being one of the best managed and most enjoyable, and it was felt that it would be virtually a crime to abandon it this year. It is a genuine good time and golf carnival for all hands with none of the bitterness of soul or coldness of heart that so often tends to give a stony flavor to some tourneys.

There is something doing every minute and the big proxy of the club says there will be added attractions this year. There are more golf shots packed in the nine holes than on most any short course in the city and the course has never been in better shape. Dr. Percé De Long has worked like a Trojan on the Greens Committee and it is no common thing for him to start his labors at 5 a. m., which is certainly working with a big W.

The tourney is all the more enjoyable from the fact that there is seldom any outstanding favorite and the going is "even Steven" the whole field. First to Enter. R. E. Worthington will be among the entries this year, being No. 1 starter.

The clubhouse has been made very attractive with additions and the cuisine is as good as most any in the city. The membership is up to the limit and there is a long waiting list. This is the most prosperous era of the club, says President McAvoy.

Snake holes at Shawnee last week worried many of the players. J. P. Meehan, Sr., North Hills, got in a "communicating trench" between two snake holes. His maulie nibbled with a strong follow through scooped his ball so close to the flag that he got a 2. His opponent, on another hole, drove into one, one and half feet deep. Two other players nearly had a fight over what to do about a ball in a snake hole.

Mr. Buxton, Business Man. This story has come back to town through various sources. At a railroad conference in Chicago recently there was present a Mr. Buxton, of Philadelphia. One of the officials was anxious to get away, while Buxton was "trotting" business years ago.

Not the First Instance. One of our readers contributes this, picked up at Huntingdon Valley during the championships, at the lunch hour. Smith had walked Jones unexpectedly. Jones was feeling low.

Joe Wood, Former Sox Star, IS IN SHAPE TO JOIN TEAM. Smoke Ball Twirler Again to Take Turn With Boston Pitchers. BOSTON, July 24.—Joe Wood, the former mainstay of the Red Sox, whose pitching arm has kept him out of the game all season, will join the team soon, according to a letter received by President Lannin.

Connie Mack Buys Second Sacker. PITTSBURGH, Monday, July 24.—Second baseman of the White Northwester League club, has been sold to the Athletics.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



JACK JOHNSON BROKE IN SPAIN; UNABLE TO LEAVE COUNTRY

MADRID, July 24. ONLY the diamonds that his little white wife is wearing stand between Jack Johnson and poverty. This is the general impression of Americans who have observed the former world's champion in his desperate efforts to make money in Spain. Some months ago Johnson turned up in Spain with his wife, an English boxing trainer and a colored boxer, and took a suite of rooms at a palatial hotel. He attempted to book passage for Brazil, but learned that he was not permitted to leave Spain without a passport. The American Embassy refused to issue him a passport under instructions from Washington because he fled from Chicago during his prosecution for white slavery.

Freddie Welsh denies that he is looking for any easy matches. And Colonel Andy Carnegie always has said he abhorred the idea of being rich. McGraw's Last Flag Stand. THE Giants, bolstered by Buck Herzog and Slim Sallee, come back to the Polo Grounds tomorrow. This home stay can be considered as the last pennant stand of 1916.

HONOLULU SWIMMERS MAKE THREE NEW WORLD'S MARKS. Kahanamoku Wins 200-Yard Tank. HONOLULU, July 24.—Honolulu swimmers broke three new world's records in their credit, according to officials who christened an exhibition tank here Saturday.

Fly Ball Hits Player on Head; Bounces Over Fence for a Home Run. NEWARK, O., July 24. THE Athletics toyed with the Fitzsimmons team of this city yesterday, winning, 12 to 0. Of the 23 players who came on the trip, Acting Manager Harry Davis used 15 in the game, and they all hit the local pitching trio at will. Manager Mack was not here, he having gone to Dayton and Owensboro, Ky., on a scouting trip.

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WESTERN TEAMS MUST STOP RED SOX ON COMING INVASION OR CONSIDER PENNANT LOST

Boston Club Is Most Feared and Unless Collared and Halted in Next Three Weeks Will Be Hard to Overtake, Says Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE. CHICAGO, Cleveland and Detroit about C have decided that if the East is to be checked and rolled back, the hour is well nigh ripe for the checking process to get under way. The western club that doesn't make a good showing at home on this stand will be about out of it.

A Record Addition. ARTHUR SHAFER, the ex-Giant third baseman, who quit the game two years ago, is a record addition to golf. Shafer never played any golf before 1914. He took him out one day for his first test, and then he was about as promising a beginner as any one ever saw.

Old Timers Speak. Said Wagner to Matty, "Good-by, old top. I'm sorry to see you're through; But I may decide to quit myself Around 1932." Freddie Welsh denies that he is looking for any easy matches. And Colonel Andy Carnegie always has said he abhorred the idea of being rich.

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