

WINNING THE PENNANT BY CARDINALS LEAST OF WORRIES IN MILLER HUGGINS'S YOUTH

Senators' Star Fans 11 Mackmen

Continued from Page One... Mac fooled the drive and the bases were filled. Thrasher was next up, but the crowd missed a chance to be a hero by forcing Strunk at second, retiring the side.

Martial music and marching feet gave a military flavor to the opening of the 1917 baseball season at Philadelphia today. For the first time in history, militarism mingled with the great national pastime in the inaugural exercises.

It was a solemn occasion for the athletes, standing at attention they saw the emblem of our nation carefully carried to the flagpole by four men, so that no part of it touched the ground.

Another military touch was added to the picture when Mrs. William Albert Woods, wearing a dark blue suit and a vivid yellow sash, made speeches before all of the stands.

In the meantime Kendall's Band sprinkled harmony all over the field, turning from waltzes of the North to ditties of the South without missing a single note.

Bill Meyer was the first player to appear. At 1:30, surrounded by his new uniform, Bill emerged from the coop and soon was joined by Parham, the rookie pitcher, and Pat Haley.

In a short time players of both teams had bunting games of their own, and our Athletics made the better impression. They only booted thirty-six chances while Washington slipped up on sixty-nine.

Walter Johnson decided that he was in shape to pitch this afternoon and told Manager Griffith to put him in the line-up against the Athletics' opening game of the season.

Wonderful Walter had been on the sick list for a couple of days, having developed a stiff neck. At first it was thought that he could not appear, but Griffith put it up to his star and everything was settled.

Johnson has pitched the opening game for us since 1908, Griffith explained, and he doesn't wish to break his record. He is not seriously ill, but I shall yank him out at the first sign of weakness.

After looking over his stable of hurlers and receivers, Connie Mack selected Joe Bush and Bill Meyer to do his battery work.

Mayor Smith suffered a kink in his throwing arm, or a charley horse, or something, and was not among those present.

Director of Supplies McLaughlin stepped into the breach and threw the first ball into the diamond. He had lots of speed and his direction was good. Then the game was on.

The make-up of the Athletics seemed entirely different. The old-style, double-decked caps, used by the Mackmen for years, were discarded and regulation, close-fitting head-gear used in their stead.

Once upon a time we were in the habit of referring to a game of baseball as a battle, but things have changed now. A battle is fought regardless of climatic conditions, but a game of baseball depends entirely upon the weather.

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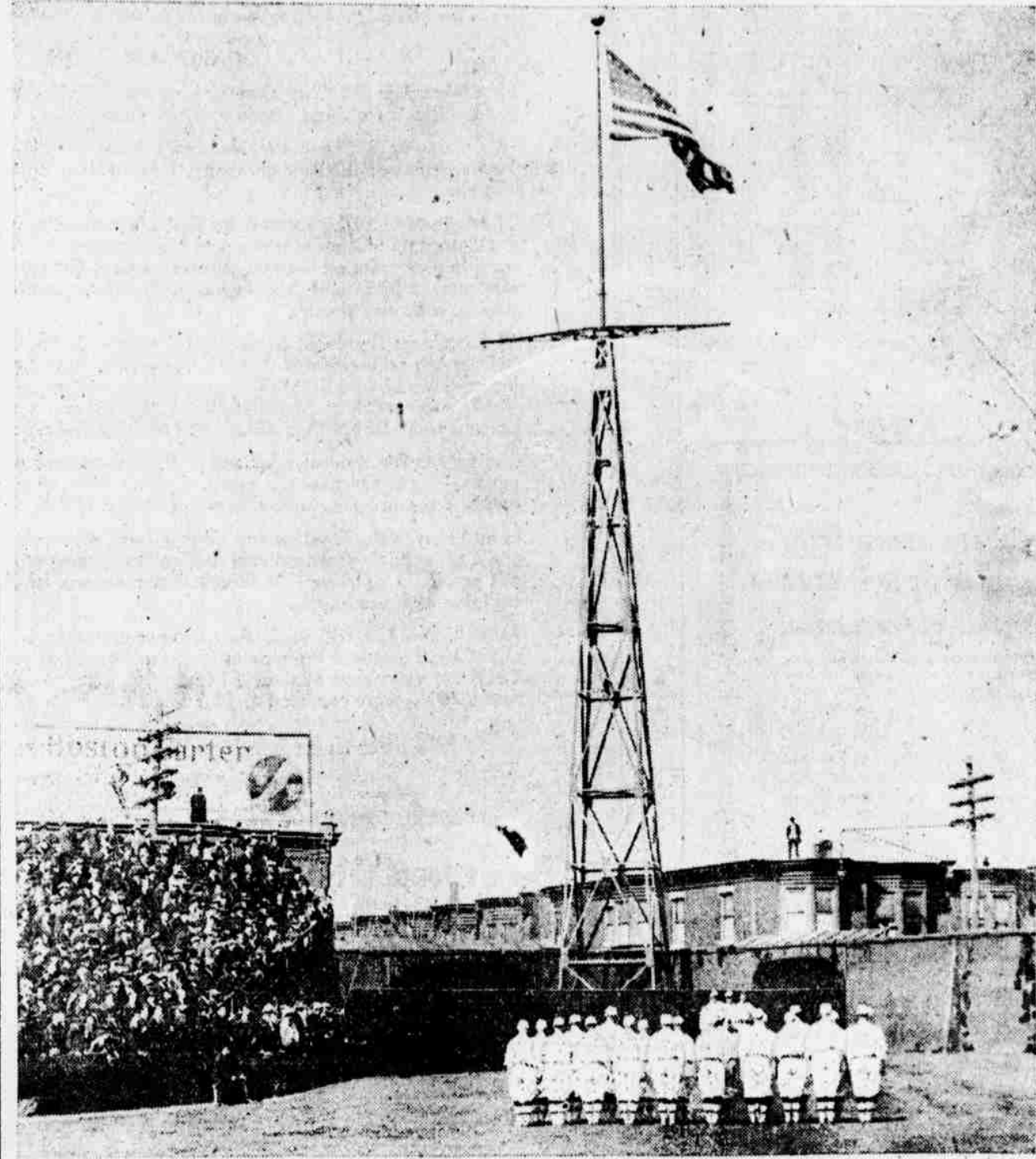
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PHILADELPHIA FANS ARE AS LOYAL TO BASEBALL AS TO THEIR NATIVE LAND



Opening day crowd at Shibe Park turns out to greet Connie Mack's hopes and roots for victory from the bleachers with all the vim and vigor of the days when pennant-winning was an annual event with the Athletics.



Cheers for Old Glory mingle with noisy welcomes to Connie Mack's new and veteran players as the national emblem is broken out from the Shibe Park flagpole at the opening of the 1917 season.

hit weakly to Johnson and was thrown out at first. No runs, no hits, no errors.

SECOND INNING Smith singled to left. Judge tripled over Thrasher's head and Smith scored. McBride doubled to left, scoring Judge. Ainsmith fouled to Bates. Johnson sent up a high foul, which Melniss captured after a hard run. Leonard walked. Foster popped to Lawry. Two runs, three hits, no errors.

THIRD INNING Bates ran to the grand stand and caught Milan's high foul. Melniss got under Rice's pop up to right field. Smith fouled to Bates. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FOURTH INNING Judge grounded to Witt. McBride was

also thrown out by Witt. Bodie ran in and grabbed Ainsmith's pop-up to left. No runs, no hits, no errors.

FIFTH INNING Strunk ran back to the scoreboard and pulled down Johnson's long drive. Lawry threw out Leonard. Foster lined to Bodie. No runs, no hits, no errors.

SIXTH INNING Milan fouled to Bates. Rice fied to Witt. Smith doubled over Strunk's head. Judge out, Melniss to Bush. No runs, one hit, no errors.

SEVENTH INNING McBride walked. Ainsmith sacrificed. Bush to Melniss. Johnson fanned. Leonard was safe on Witt's error. McBride going to third. Foster struck out. No runs, no hits, no errors.

EIGHTH INNING Milan walked and went to second when Rice sacrificed. Bush to Melniss. Milan went to third on a wild pitch. Smith fanned. Judge walked. Milan was caught off third, but he scored on Bates's wild throw. Judge going to third. McBride grounded to Witt. One run, no hits, one error.

NINTH INNING G. Jim Johnson now pitching for the Athletics and Schang catching. Ainsmith fied to Strunk. Johnson was thrown out by Jim Johnson. Leonard fied to Bodie. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Witt got the first hit off Johnson when he singled over second. Lawry fanned. Strunk lined to Smith. No runs, one hit, no errors.

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Grover batted for Meyers and walked. Schang batted for Bush and fanned. Witt got his second hit of the game when he sent

"Firsts" at Opening of Season at Shibe Park

Leonard, of Washington, at bat. Bush, of Athletics, pitched strike. Leonard, of Washington, fanned. Strunk, of Athletics, caught fly. Milan, of Washington, singled. Johnson, of Washington, made assist. Judge, of Washington, tripled. Smith, of Washington, scored run. McBride, of Washington, doubled. Bates, of Athletics, caught foul. Leonard, of Washington, walked. Johnson, of Athletics, pinch hitter. Jim Johnson, of Athletics, relief pitcher. Schang, of Athletics, relief catcher.

HOOPER IN OUT-OF-TOWN "FIRSTS" WITH HIT

POLO GROUNDS, New York, April 11.—Hooper scored the first run of the season here at 2:28 this afternoon. He got the first hit when he led off for Boston, passed to second on a sacrifice hit, to third on an infield hit and scored on a triple by Walker. Hooper singled to right at 3:21 this afternoon and was the first man to reach first in the Sox-Yankee game.

EBBETS FIELD, Brooklyn, April 11.—Paalster, the first man up, walked and was the first man to reach first this afternoon, and the first to score. He came home on a single by Cravath at 3:48.

The Senators, behind Walter Johnson, led throughout the opening afternoon of the season, putting the first man on base, scoring the first run and winning the first victory of the season when they shut out the Athletics, 3 to 0.

ST. LOUIS, April 11.—Bert Shotton, Brown's left fielder, was the first man to reach first base in the White Sox-Browns game this afternoon. He singled at 3:09 and scored the first run at 3:15.

CHICAGO, April 11.—Larry Doyle, Cub second baseman, made the first run of the season in the Cub-Pirate game this afternoon. Doyle, first up in the second inning, doubled to right. Wortman walked, and Elliott's single to center sent Doyle home at 3:33 p. m.

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Scraps About Scrapers

NEW YORK—Johnny Dundee knocked out Jimmy Powers, ninth Joe Beland defeated Ed Monroe. Jimmy Pappas won from Happy Smith. Sam Lanford beat Jack Thompson.

BUFFALO—Jimmy Duffy won from Matt Wells.

Fred Welch recently announced that he would defend his title against all leading contenders, and he is about to keep his word—about defending his title. Chick Simler is the first "leading contender" to meet Careful Freddy, and bouts with Luke McGlock, Joe Heunk and Skinny Anderson probably will follow.

Leola Darcy evidently has signed for his American debut finally. Jeff Smith is on his way to New Orleans, where Al Lippe states details have been completed for a Darcy-Smith twenty-round bout April 23.

Tommy O'Toole, the Plymouth boxer, who appeared here as a bantam several years ago, has developed into a lightweight. He has been matched to meet Frankie Callahan in a ten-round bout next Monday night at Wilkes-Barre.

Bobby Reynolds and Darby Casper have announced themselves in flying fettle for their mix tomorrow night at the Broadway Club, and indications point to a capacity gate. This bout was lacking fire for a fortnight before Murgay Taylor clinched it, and South Philly fans are manifesting great interest in the contest.

Johnny Mealy has watched Johnny Dundee in action for two years, and it always has been his ambition to meet the Italian. Mealy is the stiffest punching 126-pounder in the local ring, and he is of the opinion that he can drop a right-hander on Dundee's chin. If he does, it would be more surprising than the knockout scored by Willie Jackson.

Eddie O'Keefe's next bout is to be with Frankie Burns, the Jersey City veteran, who is boxing like a champion. They are matched for a local club, it is said, within two weeks.

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PENN CHARTERED LOST MANY STARS

Baseball and Track Teams Suffer When Athletes Join Naval Militia

Penn Charter's championship prospects in track and baseball received a rude shock when many of the leaders left school to join the naval reserves. Captain Dan Smith, pitcher; W. Fleming, pitcher; Campbell and Dave Thomas, track, are lost to the Quakers. So is Arthur Fleming, another regular on the baseball team.

Fleming is ineligible because of his scholastic work, but the other four athletes have joined the Naval Militia. Coach Merritt will therefore have to reconstruct his team for the important Interacademy League games so close at hand. Marshall Piersol will probably be used on the mound, and if Bartlett reports he will be used as a pitcher.

Camden High School opened the season in baseball by defeating the Penningsville High School nine at Camden yesterday, 10 to 2. The Camden players were alone in venturing out on the diamond so soon after the recent snow. No other team in this section was able to get outdoors because of the muddy condition of the fields.

Camden High's athletes had little trouble in winning this game. It was hardly worth the name of a regular contest. On the winning team were Gilbert, Oler, Ivory, A. Gilbert, Deighen, Moyer, DeHart, H. Gilbert and Smith.

Germantown Friends' School's athletes have canceled the game with Abington High, which was to have been played this afternoon. All the big games, both in the Interacademy and the Intercollegiate Leagues, were called off yesterday because of the muddy fields.

Northeast High's intersclass track and tennis matches on the schedule, but the courts are still too damp for fast tennis and the opening of the season will be postponed.

PIRATES START WITHOUT HANS WAGNER IN LINE-UP

PITTSBURGH, April 11.—For the first time in twenty years the major league baseball season opens today without Honus Wagner. When the Pittsburgh Nationals take the field against Chicago in Chicago this afternoon the "grand old man of baseball" will be missing from the line-up. Although Wagner has refused to make any statement, his friends say that he has decided to retire from the game.

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Advertisement for Baseball Today—Shibe Park. Text: 'Opening of the Championship Season. Athletics vs. Washington. Band Concert and Military Drill at 1:30 P. M. Game Opens at 3 P. M.'

Advertisement for Broadway A. C.—Thursday Night. Text: 'Bobby Reynolds vs. Darby Casper. Bobby McCann vs. Frankie Conway. OTHER HEAVY BATTLES.'

Comic strip 'PETEY' showing a man talking to a woman. Text: 'I've been thinking very seriously of going into the movies, Lucy. —FOR GOODNESS SAKE MABEL, YOU DON'T MEAN IT.—THERE, THAT'S A SENSIBLE GIRL—I HOPE SHE TELLS MABEL HOW FOOLISH SHE IS.—NOW IF MABEL HAD MORE GIRL FRIENDS LIKE HER SHE WOULDN'T GET IDEAS LIKE THAT IN HER HEAD.—OH UNCLE PETEY!—UNCLE PETEY, I WANT YOU TO KNOW MISS KNOCKEMOVER, THE FAMOUS VAMPIRE IN THE MOVIES.—OH, I THINK IT'S LOVELY THAT MABEL HAS DECIDED TO ACT FOR THE SCREEN.'