

CONNIE MACK MUST HAVE A GOOD BASEBALL TEAM—THE NEW YORK WRITERS ADMIT IT

ATHLETICS NOW OUT OF JOKE CLASS; NEW YORK CRITICS SAY MACK'S CLUB WILL CAUSE TROUBLE IN LEAGUE

"Great Offensive Aggregation and 100 Per Cent Stronger Than Last Year," They Declare. Team Is Bound to Improve

A TERRIBLE thing has happened to the funny guys who used to write teams of humor about the Aspiring Athletics. For two years they have put the work on Connie and his clan and manufactured a vocabulary which could be used whenever the Mackerels lost—which was almost every day.

"Conscription is needed, both for the army and Connie Mack's grand stand," chirps a humorous person in introducing his act. This claim probably was pulled out of habit, for the fans of Philadelphia are supporting the American League club this year and turned out in goodly numbers to the opening games.

It has taken time to yank the Mackmen out of the joke class, but it has been done. The showing of the club against Washington and the Red Sox made a profound impression in the baseball world, and Wednesday's victory over the Yankees made it unanimous. Connie has a good team for the first time in two years, and he built it up all by himself.

IT IS difficult to put anything over on the baseball experts in New York—they admit it themselves—so we naturally were surprised when we read the glowing accounts after Wednesday's game.

Has Makings of a Dangerous Club

ANYBODY who thinks that Connie Mack has not the makings of a dangerous baseball club," writes Walter Trumbull in the New York World. "is urged to help himself to several more guesses. In Bodie, Strunk, Thrasher and McNinis he has a quartet of able sluggers, and in Grover, Witt and Bates he has three mighty fine-looking young infielders.

Early successes against the Senators started rumors of unexpected prowess of the Mackmen. An extra-inning victory over the Red Sox helped somewhat to confirm these rumors. Yesterday's belated rally which swamped the Yankees was jammed along toward providing a premonitory ball club yet.

"Mack hasn't a finished, smooth-running ball club yet. At times the outfit allowed a few rough edges to protrude into view. But the power is there. Yesterday it was Schang and McNinis who did most of the heavy work.

FRED LIEB, baseball editor of the Sun, says: "C. McGillicuddy brought a new team here yesterday, and a club which should be a full hundred per cent better than his joke nine of 1915 and 1916."

Mack's 1917 Volume of Athletics Looks Good

DAMON RUNYON also waxes enthusiastic over the team. He writes: "Much of what has been said of Cornelius McGillicuddy's latest volume of the Athletics seems to be partially true. If he gets a lot of pitching such as a loud lad named Noyes dealt for him yesterday his club will be hard to beat."

The Evening Telegram comes to bat with the following boost: "The revamped array sporting the silks of Connie Mack may not win the American League pennant this season, but it is apt to cause no end of trouble for some of the so-called contenders. In their first appearance of the season at the Polo Grounds the Athletics showed their contempt for the Yankees by pitting a recruit twinner, Noyes, against them and then proceeding to wig the pastime in the ninth inning after losing in the rack during the early stages of the conflict."

"Connie Mack, true to his word, has wrought improvement in every department of his club. Noyes, the recruit pitcher from the Portland club of the Pacific Coast League, appeared to have all major league requirements and held the Yankees to seven scattered hits. Noyes looks like a pitcher of great promise."

Chicago Cubs Are in Need of Players

NO ONE can have much pity for a team and its manager which is tearing through the country spreading ruin and destruction in rival ball yards every day, but nevertheless it must be admitted that Fred Mitchell is having some tough luck with his baseball club. First Vic Sauer went and broke his leg and on top of that Bill Wortman founders around until he fractures his ankle.

As a result of all this the Cubs are in need of players. President Weeghman has sounded Brooklyn on the subject of securing Olson, and to any one who has seen Ivan in action this is proof positive that the Cubs not only need players, but that their need is desperate. There is slight chance of Robinson letting Olson go, however, as shortstops are as scarce as humanitarians in Germany.

WHEN the players were being signed during the winter and early days of spring some managers were for cutting the player limit to eighteen. Had they done so it can readily be seen what the fate of the Cubs would have been at this time.

Two Wonderful Athletes at Franklin Field

TWO of the greatest athletes in the country are in action on Franklin Field today in the opening events of the Penn Relay Carnival. They are Simpson, of Missouri, and Howard Berry, of Penn. The former is one of the Missouri speedsters in the sprint medley relay race, and he strengthens a speedy trio in Pittam, Dugay and Wyatt. In this event the first two men run half a length, the next one lap and the last two laps or half a mile.

BEFORE the relay carnival all sorts of rumors are rife. New champions are predicted, but the well-known men generally come through and take away the prizes. Holy Cross is said to be primed for the one-mile championship. Worcester advises state that it will take at least 3 minutes 20 seconds to head off the four headed by Andy Kelley, who the Holy Cross men consider the fastest quarter miler in the American colleges today.

Bethlehem High Wins Farm School Has Two Games Booked

Gerhart Wins Annual Shoot

Howarth Awarded Sox Player

Bodie Zelder's Father Dead



GOATS, BAA-A-BAA-A-ING AND EAGER, GAMBOL OVER LOCAL GOLF GREENS WITH PLAYERS ANXIOUS TO GET 'EM

Goat Master Murphy Sets Loose a Flock of Them—Whitemarsh's New Hole

By SANDY MENIBLICK

Tomorrow's Tournaments and Today's Tee Talk

There were many curious customs on the links long before and during the time of our American Revolution. For instance, at the end of a match it was not the loser to add his signature to a statement about the merits in the record books, giving the name of the winner and the details.

Baa-a and More Baa-a

When goats are collected, the member holding the goat, with his name on it, will score two points for that goat, and shall score one additional point for each goat or "I. O. U." in his possession.

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LOCAL BOXERS WIN IN SHORE TOURNEY

ATLANTIC CITY, April 27.—Patsy Applegate, of the Ben Rosen Catholic Club, Philadelphia, M. A. A. C. champion of the 105-pound division, defeated George Smith, of Atlantic City, in the second round in the semi-final of the big semi-annual tournament here last night.

Springfield Club Loses in Tenth

Louisville Gets Catcher

Louisiana and Morgan to Box

SOUTHWESTERN IS BOWLING CHAMPION

Tops Section B, Artisan League, by Margin of Nine Games

SPARTAN IS RUNNER-UP

Southwestern is champion of the Artisan Section B Bowling League. It easily annexed the title of nine games, with Spartan and Oak Lane finishing in a tie for the runner-up position.

Northwestern was the best pin-gathering squad. The players of this team cleared the alley of 49,833 pins in 40 games for an average of 830. The same club also did the best work in any single game with a total of 968. Spartan won honors for the best three-game score of the entire league, 2759.

Table with columns: Team, Games, Pins, Avg., High, Low. Lists scores for Southwestern, Spartan, Oak Lane, etc.

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Table with columns: Team, Pins, Avg., High, Low. Lists scores for Harbarm players like Hoyt, Weber, etc.

Table with columns: Team, Pins, Avg., High, Low. Lists scores for Underdown players like Hoyt, Weber, etc.

Table with columns: Team, Pins, Avg., High, Low. Lists scores for other teams like Bethelmer, etc.

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Advertisement for Atlantic Gasoline featuring a large image of a gas pump nozzle and a car. Text includes: 'A DROP of Atlantic Gasoline—what a majesty, what superb virility!', 'Torn to shreds in the cylinder-head and lashed into a stream of might in instant flight from crank-shaft to rear wheels!', 'Pep. Power. Tremendous power—steady, unflinching. Truly a super-gasoline that makes any motor a happier motorist.', 'Atlantic Gas is so downright spunky. Up-hills are turned into down-grades. Level stretches become as the free, unobstructed air to the whirring aeroplane. Increased mileage and decreased upkeep are a matter of course—and fact.'