# JOHNSON FAVORS LATE BASEBALL START NEXT YEAR—MAY NOT OPEN SEASON UNTIL 1919

AND IN A FEW DAYS YOU

# WEAK HITTING AGAIN NOTICEABLE IN WHITE SOX RANKS AND ROWLAND HAS BIG TASK TO PRODUCE WINNER

### Fielder Jones Seemed to Have Right Dope When He Predicted Comiskeyites Lucky to Finish in First Division

ONE day a couple of weeks ago Fielder Jones received a few hoots and a flock of jeers when he arose to remark that the White Sox ball club didn't look like a pennant-winning aggregation, and would have a big battle ahead to finish in the first division. This statement came like a bolt from a clear sky, as the Chicago team was considered the classiest crowd on the circuit and seemed to outshine the others as the Giants did in the National. It didn't seem possible that Rowland's hirelings could be kept out of first place, and Jones's remarks were attributed to the well-known "sour grapes,"

However, events of the past week have changed the map of the American League standing, and the White Sox have tumbled a few notches. They are well below the leaders, and the double defeat handed them by the Browns-managed by Jonesshows that Fielder knew what he was talking about. At that, it seems strange that a club like that put together by Comiskey should make a poor showing against the other Western clubs. The pitchers are going good, the players are supposed to be the best in the business, but something is lacking in their work. Some ball players have told us that the Chicago club is "dumb." They do not use their brains, either on the offense or defense, and it is a circh to get them when they reach the bases. Then, it was said that Rowland is not handling his hurlers properly, and the poor work is blamed to that.

However, another thing presents itself.

A glance over the batting averages shows that the high-salaried persons on the club are not hitting. There is only one athlete who is hitting as well as .270, and that is Buck Wenver, considered one of the weakest swatters on the team. It seems strange that such a condition exists with Eddie Collins, Joe Jackson, Hap Felsch and Ray Schalk in the batting order, but it nevertheless is true. Collins is hitting .200, according to the latest figures compiled. Felsch can do no better than .260, and Joe Jackson, who always is near the top of the list, is hitting a measly .230. There's the answer. The club is not hitting and hits are needed to win games. The team average is .220.

 $\mathbf{R}_{ ext{than}}^{ ext{oWLAND'S}}$  troupe has not been going good and is playing worse than the other clubs. Since the first week in the race the White Sex have been getting all of the bad breaks and taking their beatings with

#### Jones Making Good With His Team in St. Louis

FIELDER JUNES is getting to be quite a figure in baseball these days. It will be remembered that last year he threw a terrible scare into the other clubs by putting on a winning streak late in the season and finishing in fifth place. This year he is on the job again and his work will bear watching. The best thing done by the boss of the Browns is the developing of pitchers. When he led the Chicago White Sox to victory in that memorable 1906 campaign his success was due to that one thing. Right now he has three hurlers who will assist Jones in his unobtrusive slide to the front rank. Groom, who blanked the White Sox Sunday without a hit, leads the list, and Allan Sothoron, an unheard-of-youth, and Ernie Koob also belong to the gang.

Sotheron, besides having an unbroken record of victories this season, has to his credit a one-hit game, and Koob came through Saturday with a lone-wallop skit against Chicago. Davenport also is in good form and Eddie Plank cannot be shelved as yet, so it looks alif Mr. Jones will be quite annoying before the race is over. Fielder is a shrewd, fast-thinking general who will have to be watched closely now that his curvers are out in front.

And, in the meantime, whadve think of the Cardinals? They seem out of place in the first division, but any club that can make a better showing than the Giants is SOME club. With everything against them they went out and walloped the daylights out of the opposition and almost caused several cases of heart failure yesterday morning when the fans awoke to find them in first place.

HUGGINS'S team does not possess the punch of the Browns, but the with everything in their favor, the Cardinals will make a hold fight,

#### Herzog Missed Because Giants Think They Can't Win Without Him

THE absence of Buck Herzog in the New York line-up has turned out to be a very serious matter. His loss is a severe blow to the club, but it has been exaggerated greatly by the players. They have an idea that they can't get along without him, and no matter who it is who takes his place at second base they feel nervous and unsteady. They evidently are in that frame of mind which makes them play as well as they can until he returns and make up the lost ground when he resumes his place in the line-up.

We realize that Herzog is a wonderful player and he instills lots of Treein the men while on the battlefield, but it looks as if the Giants are carrying things too far. No club can win if the players pay too much attention to foolish Ideas of hard luck and jinxes. The hero of the diamond is a very superstitious person and is ready to admit at any time that the hoodoo is his master. That feeling plays no part in the game of winning pennants, and it is not the spirit with which the absence of Herzog should be met. It should be met with a spirit which arouses the men to play all the harder and thereby overcome the handicap by their own extra efforts. They should be out there fighting and encouraging little Pete Kilduff, who needs all of the confidence he can get. They should have too much faith in their own ability to knuckle down to the hard-luck jinx or hoodoo-call it what you will.

The most successful battles have been won against terrible odds, where the men fought with desperation. It happens quite often on the football field, on the track and every place where athletics are staged. If a team goes into the game with their alibis all framed and with the realization that they are too weak to do anything, that team will come out on the short end-. . .

IN 1914, just before the Boston Braves won the pennant, Red Smith slid into a bag in Brooklyn and broke his leg. It was quite a serious loss to the team, but if you look over the records you can't find any place where they layed down and mouned about their hard luck. They went in and played harder than ever and won against what was considered an unbeatable team. That's the spirit which wins. One cannot depend upon moods and spurts to win a pennant.

## Home Teams Bow to New York Nines

OUR representatives in the big brushes were hit yesterday where the sweettasting fowl got the ax. Mack's crew took the short end of the argument at Shibe Park, while Pat's pupits lost a fray to the Giants. Cy Falkenberg, Connie's thirty-seven-year-old youngster, was on the hill for the A's, and while a part of the blame for the defeat can be laid at the door of Falkenberg's assistants, he contributed his personal share by several boots in the field. "Cy" recently was brought back from the bushes to strengthen the pitching staff, and his third comeback, while not exactly an auspicious one, gave hope of bearing good fruit. But "Cy" will have to devote several mornings to practice the art of fielding his position. Ray Bates might work out with him. Frank Baker's successor was guilty of three errors during the afternoon. Ray's misplays were responsible for three runs, but he was outclassed in this department of the way the game shouldn't be played by Falkenberg, as the latter's boots figured in the scoring of six runs. The finale stood 9 to 4 in favor of Bill Donovan's clan, and hardly a Yank deserved to cross the home station, although credit must be given Elmer Miller for his homer to the bleachers in the third frame

## Cooper's Nap Was Costly

OVER in the fair of the enemy, the Polo Grounds, N. Y., the Phils stacked up against McGraw's high-priced crowd. Jimmy Lavender, who has the reputation of being the king Giant Killer, opposed Jeff Tesreau, and the latter nosed out a winner by a 2 to I margin. A bit of "hello stupid" base-running in the seventh chapter by Claude Cooper killed whatever chances James had of living up to his advance record. The tally stood 2 to 1 in favor of the Giants when the Quakers came in for the seventh frame. Cravath hit one on the nose and pulled up at the keystone bag. Moran put thinking action and pulled "Gavvy" off the cushion. sending Cooper to run. Pat's intentions were good, but Cooper must have thought the bag was tainted, because he walked so far away from it that Tesreau swung round and caught him easily. Things might have turned out a bit different had not Claude decided to do a "Winkle" off the bag. Captain Luderus followed with blow that would have found Cooper nesting on third and Niehoff sent out a long fly that he might have come in on. Yesterday's pitchers are both of no-hit fame. In 1912 Tesreau turned back the Phils; while in 1915, Lavender, then with the Cubs, pitched a no-hit contest, but neither seemed in the humor for records yesterday. Jeff allowed the Phils one tally and four bingles while the Giants got to Jimmy for five hits and two runs. Benny Kauff had a good day at the bat. He connected with Lavender's spitter for three of the five safeties.

BABE RUTH added another to his string of victories and incidentally beat Walter Johnson in a pitching duel at Washington yesterday. It was his with straight victory and the first game in which he had pitched this year that he falled to make a safe hit.

TWO ball players were knocked out yesterday. Frank Gilhooley, of the Yanks, crashed against the concrete grandstand at Shibe Park and broke a shoulder ade, while in the game between the Dodgers and Braves, in Boston, Hi Myers, Dodger center fielder, injured his right shoulder and dislocated his collarbone. thy knocked a low line fly to center in the fifth. If Myers had caught it aid have retired the side. He came in and reached the hall, but as he his flets on it he slipped and fell headlong on his right shoulder. He re-

## AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

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# **RAILROAD NINES** WILL BE BUSY

Miscellaneous Accounts Wins Opening Game-Dannenhower's Twirling Good

60 GAMES ON SCHEDULE

in full swing with the playing of the open-ing game in the General Office League of the P. R. R. the Y. M. C. A. grounds. Forty-fourth and Parkside avenue, yester-

After the players paraded around the field and marched to the flagpole, where Professor Coleman unfuried the flag, the we clubs selected to mangurate the season Auditor of Miscellaricous Accounts and Freight Traffic, proceeded to play a swell game of baseball.

The decision went to Miscellaneous Ac-counts by 4-0, Captain Rube Castiman's boys getting three runs in the first and one in the sixth. The features of the winners' play was the twirling of Big "Oats" Dan-nenhower, who allowed Traffic but three bits, and only one man got as far as third. Clark was too losing pitcher and his de-livery was touched up for eight him, Cash-man leading with two. The Rube also

calls for sixty games in two divisions. 'A' and 'B." five teams in each division. The winners in the two sections will contest in a series at the end of the season for the championship. The list of games follows: DIVISION "A"

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July 20 Freight Traffe vs. Relief.
July 31 Maintenance vs. Treasury.
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August 6 Beilef vs. Maintenance.
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August 16 Relief vs. Treasury.
August 20 Maintenance vs. Disbursements.
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# HOW TO PLAY GOLF

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ere equivalent to be best sort of pro-esional instruction CHICK EVANS. To be sure, the small low out under the watchful eye of the in-structor the lessons given, but the pro-fessional would be surprised could be see how exactly the resourceful little caddle can reproduce his swing.

#### Early Instruction Necessary

While the small boy learns by imitation the average golfer, who is probably grown before he essays his first swing, must learn consciously from instruction, and the chances are that unless he is carefully taught in the beginning, he will acquire habits that may effectually prevent him from ever becoming a good golfer. He cannot learn the correct manner of playing the different shots from the casual instruc-tion of a friend whose own form of playing may be poor.

rood swing, but it cannot be counted upon. There is always something wrong some-where and the adult man who hopes to acquire a good technique at golf must, as at any art, undergo a certain amount of pro-fessional training. For that reason, a good teacher is invaluable to a club. He raises the standard of play and shows us what we should strive for.

od course and a good teacher car A good course and a good teacher can start the new golfer upon the proper road. Some clubs are noted for the number of good players in their membership. Careful amination will show that these clubs have ad good courses and fine teachers.

## Why Atlanta Golfers Shine

Last year the city of Atlanta, Ga., made itself felt in national golf. A young girl from there carried off the highest prize in women's golf, and two young boys played reditably in the men's national. Those of us who are acquainted with Atlanta golf know the hard work bestowed upon the ourses there and we have seen its successcourses there and we have seen its successful result. Few cities of its size can show such good links, and the sound teaching of the Atlanta professionals is manifest in the game of the players who represented their club in the national events.

The average man who hopes to be a good golfers cannot dispense with good pro-fessional instruction at the start. This fact alone should induce professionals to give much serious thought to their teaching. My next article will be upon the importance f beginning right.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Is it possible to drive a ball so that it will make in or out, which ever way you may want t to? If so, how?

ANSWER—Yes, but they are among the most difficult shots in golf and it takes a finished player to execute them. Generally speaking it is mainly a question of the proper stance, the where you but the bail. In playing for the alice you should take your stance about one foot back of where you would normally stand, putting your left foot slightly further from the ball and

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# PAWLING, A. A. U. MAN, BACK FROM TRIP ABROAD

Former President of Middle Atlantic Association Reports Activity, Despite War Conditions

NEW YORK, May 8. George F. Pawling, the former president

of the Middle Atlantic Association of the A. A. U., reached here yesterday, after being stranded in the Scandinavian countries for four mouths. He finally obtained passage on the private yacht of a friend, who also made room for nine other Amerteans. There is considerable athletic activity in

Norway, Sweden and Denmark, in spite of the unsettled conditions of affairs in those countries, declared Mr. Pawling. So pleased were the Scandinavian sportsmen with the work of the American team of athletes that visited the country the latter part of last year that plans are already under way for entertaining another group of athletes this fall.

#### MORRIS-MORAN CONTEST IN GOTHAM MAY BE OFF

NEW YORK, May 8. — The ten-round bout scheduled for New York May 18 be-tween Carl Morris and Frank Moran may be cancelled, it became known today. The Harlem Sporting Club, which had the big boxers signed, has been stripped of its li-cense for an indefinite period by the State Boxing Commission for infractions of the Several other promoters are bidding

# GOLF TEAM MATCHES FOR WOMEN'S TITLE OUGHT TO CLEAR UP TANGLE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH TODAY

Merion Champions Wander Afield for First Time Against Valley Team and Cricket Club Tackles Philmont-Golfer Plays 229 Holes This Week

By SANDY McNIBLICK

I team golf championship of Philadelphia thickens apace.

The dope at dusk today may hasten the The dope at dusk today may haster the large climax or it may not lift the tenseness of the situation one whit. The two great matches on the cards for today are those of the conflict between the champion Merion team and Huntingdon Valley over the revised Noble course and the other betwixt the Philadelphia Cricket Club and Philmont at Philmont.

Merion, one might say, is going along most placidly on its sunny way. The reason for this broad statement is that so far the good women of Haverford have suffered to defeats in fourteen straight matches. Their percentage compilations show a determined state of 1,000, both as to team and individuals. ual matches. For the first time in the sea-son Merion wanders afield today and does not play on its home course.

Playing at home may or may not have a lot to do with Merion's previous easy vic-tories. It probably had not a little, for the Merion courses are an enigma to many a masculine player, not to mention women players. It follows that the Merion women dayers It follows that the Merion women have an unusual advantage in playing on the home course. Every team has that advantage.

Even Old York Road, the new member of the Big League, which was cleaned up as to every position by Merion at Haverford, gave the Philadelphia Cricket Club, runnersup for the championship last year, the scare of its successful career when the baby

Philmont took over Huntingdon Valley, i first-division favorite, on the Philmont course, when only the three Huntingdon Valley leaders were able to win their

heavy favorites in both encounters at the

match this season on its own course and its work today may put a severe crimp in the hopes of the league leaders. Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow and Mrs. Caleb

F. Fox. captains of the two teams, meet in a great match. The records of both players run along about the same, with Mrs. Barlow having the edge. Both have won the local championship and both have been finalists in the national champion-

Mrs. Fox. of late, has not been getting down to her real game till the fail, but to day's match is a good line on what may be expected of Mrs. Barlow, who is a candi-date for both the Philadelphia and the naional championship.

The closest rivals of the Merion team is the Cricket Club, which came so near disaster in its one match of the present seasen away from home and which hasn't a strong a line-up as last year, when it fin shed second, dropping its only defeat to Merion. If the St. Martin's team can re-cover a fine victory from Philmont on the latter's course today, the dope has it that all the fighting for the championship this year will be between Merion and the Cricket mont is in a fine frame of mind as the result of its triumph over Huntingdon Valley last week, and is set to give the enemy an enthusiastic and finished lacing.

## Also All Off

Under the head of another tournamen off, it will be news to most fair golfers that the play for the intercity Griscom Cup is off for the year 1917.

This has been unofficially announced The play was to have been at New York this year, but the ups and downs of the various schedules has been the means of making it seem best to cross off the intersection team championship. This makes null and void all the argument about foursomes, to be or not to be, and by the time it is in season to hold the events again let's hope the antiquated form of play have been forgotten.

The canceling of the Griscom Cup play will likely have its effect on the Lesley

THE plot in the play for the women's Cup, which is the men's interstate play

The canceling of any of the regular tournaments this year appears to most golfers as a foolish move, now that the conscription bill has gone through, and conscription bill has gone through and there is the brilliant promise of every golfer doing his bit, willy nilly. The tournaments already played have shown conclusively that there are plenty of golfers ready and anxious to play in all kinds of golf events this year and that there is as great a demand for tournaments as at any time in the past. time in the past.

Naturally one of the best arguments for continuing golf is the fact that it fits citi-zens for hard grinds and drills. It puts them in the best possible physical con-dition, staminacally speaking.

Take the case of Old Friend Charles Leonard Fletcher, the actor-golfer, who is, and admits he is, a genuine blue-blooded golf bug. His case is only one sample of the grind a golfer goes through and we pause to ask how many ordinary voters are who would be able to go through pause to ask how many ordinary voters there are who would be able to go through a session as follows without a protracted period of wilting, limpidity of ambition and bilisterousyeess of feet and hands.

Fletcher during the week of the Atlantic Fietcher during the week of the Atlantic City tourney, where he won the prize in one of the lower eights, estimated that he had played 229 holes during the week of six days. Monday to Saturday. This means a mileage of nearly fifty miles, and the num-ber of shots played, even at fives, would be

The mileage does not include the length The mileage does not include the length of time on the feet, the walking back to replace divots the crawling over the bunk-ers, the fording of streams or the hundred and one other little excursions taken by the golfer rampant in action.

It does not speak for the wonderful physical condition required of a golfer who takes

cal condition required of a golfer who takes the course in stress of storm, cold and wet. It does not speak for the countless other qualities that the game of golf develops. More and more we are impressed with the need for players to have their game as a prop to keep them keyed up in these bomb-ing times.

Speaking of these things brings up a little story which was told on a duffer at North-field. He had a habit of moving a foot as swung back. "Every time I do that after this," he

told the caddy, "you hit me with my niblic. But be careful, because I don't want to get blood-poisoning from the rust."

"Dat's all right, boss," encouraged the caddy as he drew forth the club, his black face all beams. "Dey ain't no rust on YO"

#### AUGUST BELMONT GIVES FINE HORSE TO U. S.

NEW YORK, May 8.—August Belmont yea-terday presented the ten-year-old thoroughbred stallion, Merry Task, to the Federal Gorenmont, and the horse, which is now a member of Mra-Herbert Wadsworth's "Ashantee Study" in the Genessee Valley, will be shipped to Front Royal. Genesses Valley, will be shipped to Front Royal.
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