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EASTERN TEAMS REPULSE WESTERN INVADERS IN FIRST SERIES; CUBS ONLY CLUB TO MAKE GOOD SHOWING

Giants and Phils Make Sweep of Games With Reds and St. Louis; Boston Splits With Pittsburgh. Athletics Open With White Sox Today

THE much-heralded invasion of the East cannot be called a howling success from the standpoint of the western clubs. The first games have been played and only one club has shown what may be called class. The Chicago Cubs made a clean sweep of the series in Brooklyn, winning all four games, but Cincinnati dropped three straight to the Giants and St. Louis lost the same number to the Phils. Up in Boston the Pirates split even with Stallings's team, which gave the eastern clubs a total of seven games against five for the visitors. By far the feature of the week was the showing of the Cubs against Brooklyn. Early in the season Fred Mitchell was supposed to have the saddest gang of ball players ever got together and critics assured their readers that the club would finish in the cellar. One writer on the coast said that the Cub players were plucked from some marble orchard, and their work proved it. Afterward, when Larry Doyle's leg went back on him, Vic Saier was laid low, Wortman hurt his ankle and the pitchers went bad, it looked bad for the Chicago aggregation and it was lost sight of until it visited Brooklyn. In four days Fred Mitchell has proved that his club is a contender for the pennant and some interesting games will be played in the next couple of weeks. Today the club opens in Boston, and it's a cinch that every effort will be made to make the Beaneaters bite the dust. Fred Mitchell is anxious to show his former boss how much he has been missed.

Cincinnati got off to a bad start in New York, but with that wrecking crew in shape it is no disgrace to lose a few games. Matty lost only three, but that was because only three were played. It would have been the same if a dozen battles had been put on. Herzog is back in the line-up and the Giants look 50 per cent stronger.

PITTSBURGH comes here today for a series of four games and the Phils should grab the majority of them. Callahan's club cannot be regarded as dangerous, and as Pat Moran's pitchers are going good, it should not be hard to turn back the Smoketown brigade.

Bancroft Has Been Playing With His Leg Injured

THE work of Davy Bancroft has been the feature of the last week. The brilliant little shortstop is fielding well and hitting the ball like a real slugger. This is what a big league ball player is supposed to do, but it is safe to say that few could do it if they were laboring under the same handicap. For the last week Bancroft has been troubled with a strained muscle in the thigh and some mornings he has been unable to walk on it. He has been strapped up by Trainer Mike Dee and manages to cover the ground around shortstop. He finds it difficult to run, and that is why he seems to loaf on the base lines after hitting the ball.

The Phils sprang a surprise when they won three straight from the Cards, as Huggins was supposed to have a strong club this year. The team is much better than last year, but could do nothing against the pitching of Alexander, Oeschger and Rixey. There is much more pep and spirit among the St. Louis players, and as soon as they get going they will be hard to beat. In the three games here they made twelve hits—four against Alex, three against Oeschger and five against Rixey. For twenty-four and two-thirds innings they went without a run, and in eighteen innings of the twenty-seven only three men faced the pitcher. They used six pitchers against the Phils and none was effective.

There seems to be one weakness in the St. Louis club, and that is the desire to knock the cover off the ball instead of being satisfied with a single. In the first game, when the bases were filled and Hornsby up, Alex turned on some more steam and Rogers fanned. The youngster took three healthy swings at the ball, and that was his downfall. Cruise did the same thing and he, too, struck out. Saturday the Cards had two opportunities to tally, but that same desire to knock the ball out of the lot made the batters easy victims.

THE White Sox had this same trouble last year and finished down in the list instead of in first place. It's a bad habit to get into and should be changed as soon as possible. Against pitchers like Alex and Oeschger a batter must make up his mind to take a full swing before the ball is pitched, and even then it is sometimes too late.

A's Ready for Sox, Indians and Tigers

THE House of Mack has finished the series with the Browns and is to open this p. m. with Clarence H. Rowland's much-heralded Chicago White Sox in the Windy City. Before the season was ushered on the war-excited public the White Sox were supposed to be about the classiest club in the circuit, but to date they have not set the league afire. If any of the teams have really lived up to the advance dope it is the Red Sox, while the Yanks are traveling at a fast clip. Chicago now is having the advantage of playing the eastern clubs on its home field and it may count on gaining ground in the present series with the Mackmen, but it is certain to meet strong opposition. Following four games with the Sox, Connie's crowd will enchain to Cleveland, where they are booked for a quartet of games, opening Friday, the 18th, following which series they leave Foh's men for the fair of the Tigers. Five games are on the card in Detroit and the western trip then will be at an end.

THE Mackmen, as a whole, have impressed the faithful who turned out for the games in St. Louis. The work of Stuff McInnis is easily the outstanding feature. It was a bit of misfortune that he failed to keep his hit-per-game record clean in the opening fray with the Browns, and he might have got his hit at that if Dave Davenport had not purposely walked Stuff in his third time at bat. Jack is hitting at a lively pace and is contesting for leading honors with Sisler and Speaker. He is the only Mackman officially in the 300 class in the latest averages, but Strunk, Bodie, Bates and Thrasher are coming along with better averages and some timely wallops.

Baseball Magnates Meet and Talk, and Talk, and Talk, and Talk THE meeting of the National League magnates in New York Saturday was not productive of any startling results. Outside of discussing a few topics, nothing was done, and nothing will be done for some time to come. In regard to the baseball tax, which will be paid by the patrons, the league will wait until further word is received from Washington. The other stuff, such as a later opening of the season and the scrap about the violation of the waiver rule, was shelved until the December meeting—if one is held at that time. They also discussed a plan to improve the telegraph facilities in the press box and something probably will be done in the near future. At present the newspapers are experiencing some difficulty in reporting the games, and it is feared that the accounts will be cut down so much that the publicity will suffer.

The baseball tax is sure to be put into effect and it should not be a hardship for the fans. Bleacher seats will cost 28 cents, the 50-cent seats will be advanced to 55, grand stand seats will sell at 83 cents and the purchasers of box seats will pay out \$1.10. The tax even extends to the vast army of deadheads, who will be forced to dig down and produce a nickel every time they pass through the passageway. Out at the Phillies' grounds one hero already has come through with his tax. Gordon Mackay, author, baseball writer and enthusiastic rooster, has handed his five-cent piece to Jimmy Hagan two days straight, and threatens to keep it up all season whether it is legal or not. At that, with the salary taxes coming in, it looks as if the fans, players and every one else will have to contribute in a short time.

Babe Adams Pitches Brilliantly in 19-Inning Game

THERE have been many phenomenal pitching performances this year and the season still is young. In the big leagues four no-hit games have been registered, three by American League twirlers and the fourth by Toney, of the Reds. Groom, of the Browns; Clotte, of the White Sox, and Mogridge, of the Yankees, were the Johnson circuit representatives in the hall of distinction. Yesterday a former big league broke into the Cy Young class by pitching a perfect game. Paul Strand, member of the Braves the year they downed the Mackmen in the world's series, pitching for Seattle in the Northwestern League, defeated Spokane and did not permit a player to reach first base. Cy Young pitched his game against the Athletics in 1902.

While speaking of remarkable work by mound artists, there was a game played in Omaha a week ago which did not receive much publicity on the eastern sports pages, but which is of interest to easterners as the rival twirlers formerly were heroes in big league livery. Babe Adams, star for the Pirates in the 1909 world series, against the Tigers, now pitching for St. Joseph in the Western League, gained the decision over Marty O'Toole, the "\$22,000 beauty," who also labored for Barney Dreyfus, in a nineteen-inning game.

St. Joseph is the home of Adams and when he found he was losing his grip in the big leagues he requested the Pirates to hand him his unconditional release. Adams allowed only two runs in the long game, but after going nine innings O'Toole weakened and was relieved by Merz, a former Federal Leaguer. In the nineteenth inning three singles and two doubles accounted for four runs and St. Joseph won by 6 to 2.

Adams was strong all the way and in the pinches was invincible. The Pirates have need for this kind of pitcher.

Simpson After Mark of Fourteen Seconds in Hurdles

BOB SIMPSON, the phenomenal University of Missouri hurdler, who broke the world's record in the 220-yard low hurdles Saturday, has one ambition, and that is to set the mark for the 120-yard high hurdles at 14 seconds. Simpson now holds the unofficial record of 14.2 seconds for this distance, although his mark of 14.5 seconds has been recognized and is the new official mark. In 1912 Simpson, the former Penn athlete, set the mark at 15.1 seconds, and for many years he successfully withstood the attacks of Shaw, Edwards, Smithson and others.

OARSMEN ANSWER CALL TO COLORS

War Cancels Open Rowing Competition on Schuylkill River

CLUB RACES IN JUNE

The response to the call to colors has been so well answered by the Schuylkill Navy oarsmen that it has been found necessary to cancel the Schuylkill regatta, scheduled for Labor Day, also has been cancelled. The elimination of the last-named regatta gives a good idea of the condition of the rowing game, as the association represents forty rowing organizations in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the city of Washington.

The effect of calling off the regatta made itself felt on the rowing men yesterday. Sunday is always the biggest day of the year for the bladesmen, but things were about at a standstill. The Vesper Club had a number of scrub crews on the river during the afternoon indulging in friendly brushes over the course, but at the other clubs activity was centered mostly in single scullers and small crews out for pleasure row. The weather, of course, played a part, as the day was anything but ideal from an oarsman's point of view, nor has it been since the early part of April when the season first opened.

Weekly Club Regattas

While there will not be any open regattas held on the Schuylkill this season, the oarsmen, taking over the situation yesterday, determined to keep interest alive as much as possible by making the club regattas scheduled for each Saturday in June as attractive as possible. The regatta clubs have regattas scheduled and novel events will be put on the programs to keep the men doing daily work and in good physical trim.

There has been greater response to the call to the colors by the rowing men all over the country than perhaps any other branch of sport, and the Schuylkill navy men are "doing their bit" well. The ranks of the clubs have been pretty well "shot to pieces." This is attested by the fact that all active men in the Philadelphia, University, Bachelor and Indiana Barge Clubs have put aside their rowing uniforms to "shoot to pieces." This is attested by the fact that all active men in the Philadelphia, University, Bachelor and Indiana Barge Clubs have put aside their rowing uniforms to "shoot to pieces." This is attested by the fact that all active men in the Philadelphia, University, Bachelor and Indiana Barge Clubs have put aside their rowing uniforms to "shoot to pieces."

Big Meet July 4

All the clubs have voted to remit dues of the men who enlist in any branch of the national service during the war.

In connection with the Fourth of July celebration there is a movement afoot among the clubs to have a regatta on the Schuylkill river on the order of the one the New York Rowing Association will hold on the Harlem on Memorial Day in place of their annual regatta. This regatta, which is an annual Schuylkill Navy observance, has not been scheduled yet, and this affair may be held on Independence Day in conjunction with the water park.

The only open regatta now scheduled in which the local oarsmen always take part is the National Regatta, which is booked to be held at Lynn, Mass., on July 27 and 28. All indications point to the fact that this regatta, which is the most important one to be eliminated. The oarsmen who take part in these championship races are those who have proved their mettle in preliminary regattas. The regatta, which is an annual Schuylkill Navy observance, has not been scheduled yet, and this affair may be held on Independence Day in conjunction with the water park.

Virtually all the star scullers and sweeps in the country have enlisted, and as the new men cannot come to the front without considerable experience, which has been canceled, the competition would be second-class in caliber and the championship medals would fall to men who were not in championship class.

STANDING OF LOCAL LEAGUES

Table listing standings for various leagues including Delaware County, Main Line, Montgomery County, Philadelphia Suburban, Interborough, P. R. R. Motive Power, Industrial League (North and South sections), Shoe Manufacturers, Musicians, Northern Church, and Manufacturers leagues.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



NORMIE, D. L. WARD INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE HURLER, HANGS UP FIRST HITLESS CONTEST IN THE MINORS

MINOR league baseball received a flying start on Saturday, every one of a score of leagues playing its full schedule, although it appeared on several occasions as if a big string of postponements would be necessary owing to threatening clouds. All sorts of records were established. Heavy hitting and spectacular catches and fielding abounded in many of the battles.

The first no-hit contest went to the credit of Normie, of D. L. Ward, who defeated Barrett, 4-1, in the southern division of the Industrial League. A number of one-sided totals were compiled in other affairs in the workingmen's organization, but playing strength is expected to be adjusted in the near future, so that top-sided scores will be an exception.

Large totals were made by Lupton, playing Philadelphia Roll and Machine, 15-0; Midvale, 20-6, against Standard Roll; Bearing and Disston, 12; American Manganese, 12. In the Midvale affair Standard annihilated the Steel Workers' star hurler, Dougherty, by making six runs in the second session, but Barrow, who succeeded him, had Standard "on the hip" with nothing but a slow curve ball. Ray Campbell made his first appearance for Keen Kutter, and while hit hard, came out a winner against Bemis for Hale & Kilburn, 4-3.

Merion Springs Surprise

Main line fans in general and those of the champion Narberth team in particular were handed a rude jolt when Merion defeated Narberth, 3-2, although the winners only compiled five hits as against eight for

the losers. The win was all the more timely on account of the champions' star twirler, "Bob" Gibson, being on the pitching peak. As a result of Saturday's games Autocar and R. G. Dun are tied away with a clean slate for first place.

Big crowds were the rule at the opening of the Interborough League. The best game played was the 3-0 triumph of Drexel Hill over Media 2-0. Pitcher Tanker, of the former nine, had eleven strikeouts to his credit. Union ran away from Highland 10-2. Burlington, had eleven strikeouts to his credit. He had two hits, one of which was labeled for two bases, figured in a fast double play and had four stolen bases to his credit.

Jenkintown's Timely Rally

In the Montgomery County League Jenkintown staged a wonderful eighth-inning rally in its clash with Ambler, compiling six runs in that frame and winning 10-7. Simpson hurled in fair form, striking out eight men, although he yielded four passes and a wild pitch. Fort Washington was buried under an avalanche of Glenside runs, 13-2, and Bethayres defeated Willow Grove, 10-6.

Foreign Soccer to Close Saturday

GLASGOW, May 14.—The semifinal ties of the Glasgow Charity Cup soccer competition were played Saturday and 20,000 persons crowded into Hibernia Park to see the star attraction between the great rivals—the Celtic and Rangers. A rousing game took place, in which the Scottish League champions always held the upper hand and scoring once in each half, entered the final by 2 goals to 0. Queen's Park won from Patrick Thistle by 4 to 1. The final will be played next Saturday at Hampden Park, which will bring the Scottish soccer season to a close.

RED SOX AND GIANTS, ON FORM AND PERFORMANCE, ARE TEAMS TO BE FEARED IN FLAG PACEMAKING

McGraw Still Able to Hold on Without Herzog. If Barry's Outfit Is Headed Some Western Club Will Have to Do It

By GRANTLAND RICE

Song of the Stalwart

"Cowards die many times before their deaths; The valiant never taste of death but once"—Shakespeare.

Whether it's Heaven—or whether it's Hell—Or whether it's merely Sleep; Or whether it's something in between Where ghosts of the half-gods creep; Since it comes but once—and it comes to all—On the one fixed, certain date—Why drink of the dregs till the Cup arrives On the gray day set by Fate?

The coward looks to the gray beyond And his heart grows white with fear; The dark is deep that he may not see As the end of the game draws near; But the valiant turns to a newer road That leads through the out-bound gates, Where each drab soul of the realm must fare And the Great Adventure waits.

One by one till the line is passed—The gutter-born and the crown; So what is a day or a year or two—Since the answer's written down? What is a day to a million years When the last winds sound the call? So here's to the days that rest between—And here's to the last of all!

THE Red Sox and the Giants, by results and form, have both shown a fairly tidy margin over other eastern clubs. The Giants, minus Herzog, were still able to keep the East in subjection. And if Philadelphia, Boston and Brooklyn were unable to suppress McGraw's team, no great fear is entertained from Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago.

If the Red Sox are to be rolled back, the West must furnish the rolling power. Barry is leading a ball club that looks to be every whit as strong as the winning machine of last season. It may be that rough opposition from the four western clubs can hold it in check. But unless the four western clubs can turn this festive trick at home they are hardly likely to overpower the Red Sox while intruding upon their own home soil through June.

About Third Basemen

Frank Bancroft, the war horse of the Reds, is a great booster of Heinie Groh. "Groh is undoubtedly the best third baseman in our circuit," Banny says, "and one of the best I have ever seen. I should say today that he was the best one in baseball."

The best third basemen in the game today are Groh, Zimmerman, Baker and Gardner. With Groh leading the National League at this noon, Larry Gardner probably gets the palm over Baker in the A. L. Gardner is a trifle faster than Baker, a brilliant infielder and a good hard hitter. Last year he topped John Franklin by thirty or forty points.

Few great third basemen ever come along. Where fine shortstops are plentiful, third base runs shy of classic talent. There were Collins, Bradley and Devlin. After these had passed, Gardner and Herzog had the call. Herzog was shifted to short and second. Clark Griffith picks Baker as the game's most valuable third baseman today, and there are many who trail with the Old Fox.

What, Indeed?

When the Sun, the Wind and the Rain Call me out to the moor— Beckon to hill and plain And the lure of the Great Out Doors— When they speak of the Open Sky— Of a Sun—and a Follow Through— And the blue hills echo the cry— What else can a fellow do?

"The White Sox, on paper, are the best ball club in baseball," says an exchange.

Schalk is better than Cady or Thomas. But Ruth, Leonard, Shore and Mays are better than Scott, Russell, Benz and Faber. And Hobby, Barry, Scott and Gardner are better than Gandil, Collins, Ribberg and Weaver. And certainly Hooper, Lewis and Walker are not below Jackson, Felsch and Liebold.

Well, It Keeps You Out in the Open Sir—Speaking of jobs, how'd you like to have that assignment of being made to look like the Kaiser and then riding in the automobile just ahead of him, in case some one decided to pot the old boy under the left or right ear? H. H. L.

RECORD FOR WEEK IN NATIONAL AND AMERICAN

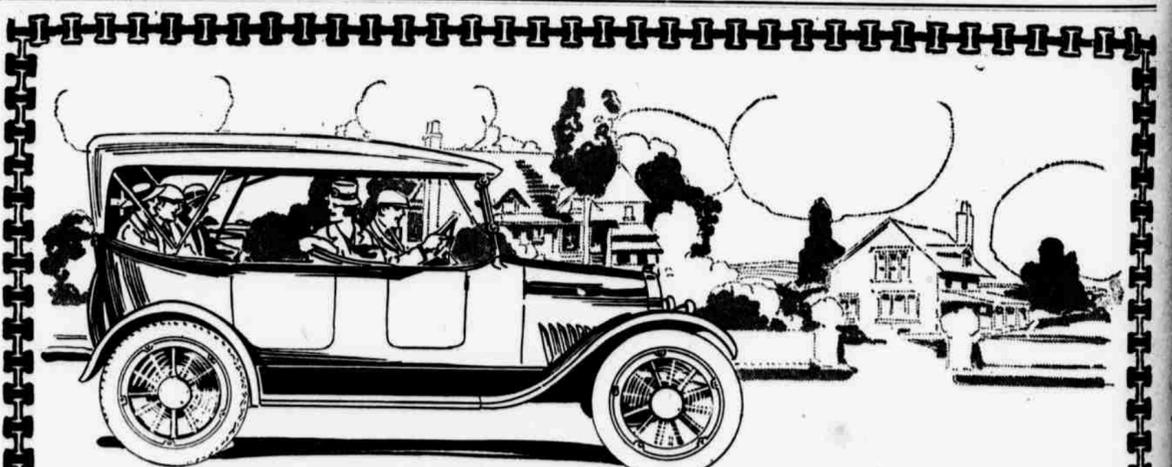
The week's record in both leagues of games played, won and lost, with runs, hits, errors, men left on bases and runs scored by opponents, including the games of Saturday, May 12, is as follows:

Table showing league records for National and American leagues, listing teams and their statistics for the week.

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