

BASEBALL'S TWO HIGHEST-PRICED PERFORMERS WILL EXHIBIT WARES IN DIAMOND CLASSIC THIS FALL

McGraw Has Spent Ton of Money Building Team, While Comiskey Has Contributed Small Fortune for White Sox Aggregation

TWO of the most expensive teams in the history of baseball will fight it out in the world's series next month if the Giants and the White Sox represent the rival leagues. It now looks as if both clubs will win easily, so the battle of dollars will be fought to the last ditch with the odds in favor of the wealthiest bankroll.

THE salary roll also is quite healthy and amounts to \$125,000. In addition to this, Comiskey has given 10 per cent of the gross receipts at his ball park to the Red Cross fund all season, and his donations total more than \$20,000. A man like that deserves to win a dozen pennants.

White Sox Are Rewarding Owner Comiskey After Eleven Years

JOE VILA, in the New York Sun, recites some history of the White Sox and pays a pretty tribute to Comiskey. He says: "Eleven years ago the White Sox, managed by Fielder Jones, won the American League pennant and also whipped the Cubs in the world's series. Charles A. Comiskey has spent many thousands of dollars since that memorable triumph to produce another winner. He now is preparing to receive the reward which he richly deserves. Comiskey is one of the few practical baseball men who own major league clubs. Old-timers remember the days when he played first base and managed the St. Louis Browns, who captured four consecutive pennants in the old American Association. Comiskey was the originator of the present way to cover first base. He surprised the critics back in 1887 by playing deep so that he could handle ground balls that did not come within the second baseman's reach. Comiskey left the Browns to manage the Chicago Brotherhood club in 1890. The venture was a failure and Comiskey's savings went up in smoke. Subsequently when he was the leader of the Cincinnati Reds the Old Roman became the bosom friend of Ban Johnson, then a prominent baseball scribe in Parkville. Comiskey and Johnson conceived the idea of forming another major league to compete with the National, with the result that the American circuit was born. Comiskey went into Chicago with empty pockets, but he secured backing and now is one of the wealthiest magnates in the game.

Comiskey is big-hearted and liberal. He has helped many broken-down ball players and other old friends who have encountered misfortunes. He is one of the most popular citizens of Chicago and has a large following all over the country. Nobody ever will know how much money the Old Roman has given to charity. Furthermore, Comiskey has received some of the credit for the success of the American League. He knows baseball from every angle. In the strife with the National League, which ended in 1903, Comiskey's gameness and pugacity helped Johnson to carry the day. The Old Roman knew that the National League couldn't stand the gaff, and for that reason he and Big Ban finally dictated the terms of the peace agreement.

Connie's Recruit Pitchers Have Made Good This Year

A LITTLE seasoning now and then is relieved by rookie pitchers before they take their turn in the big league. Last spring Connie Mack had a pair of green performers and sent them into the brush to try out their salary wings. They made good and Connie is extremely happy. The first to be recalled was Naylor, who is called Jack because his name is Rowland. Jack twirled against Washington last Friday and showed so much "stuff" that the Senators only made two hits until the last inning. Only one run was scored and it wasn't enough to win.

Naylor was in the Texas League last year and had some trouble with Connie before signing a contract. He finally came to terms and went south with the club. In Jacksonville he performed well for three weeks and had all the earmarks of a comer when his work slumped suddenly. Instead of setting the bush leaguers on their heads, he was walloped unmercifully, and he was sent to New Haven in the Eastern League. He got off to a poor start there, but soon regained his old-time form and was one of the leading pitchers in the circuit. And there was a reason. While the Athletics were training in Jacksonville, Naylor was hit on the arm by a batted ball. He was injured just above the elbow of his pitching wing and said nothing about it. That was the answer for his poor showing and subsequent visit to the minors.

Jim Parnham is the other youthful phenom Connie is depending on to help him out. This youngster was sent to Baltimore and has been doing some good work. Only recently he defeated Rochester twice in one afternoon, shutting them out in one of the games. Parnham has been recalled.

The Athletics have suffered because of weak pitching this year. The outfield and infield have played good ball, but the hurlers were not good enough to hold the enemy safe. Noyes, Bush and Schauer were the leading twirlers, and they had many off days. All Connie needs next year is more strength on the pitching mound and the club will be among the select few at the top.

Third Straight Season for Cobb to Make 200 Hits

COBB surely found the 200 mark a hard one to break into in the base-hit column. It was necessary for the great Georgian to engage in four games before he could register the hit that placed him in the 200 section. Yesterday he made his entry secure when he collected three hits. This marks the third consecutive season in which Cobb has made more than 200 hits and the seventh time during his thirteen years in the big league. Cobb had his best season in 1911, when he batted 420 and made 248 hits. As the Tigers only have seventeen remaining games the 1911 record looks safe.

Larry Lajoie Pilots Toronto Team to Pennant

LARRY LAJOIE is far from ready for the discard. The great Frenchman, cast out of the big leagues as having outlived his usefulness, came back strong and in addition to leading the Toronto club to the championship in the International League, played regularly at first base and led his team at bat with an average of .377. Larry always could hit, but his legs went back on him and he found that more speed was needed to play second base than first, so he assigned himself to the initial sack. He was the "find" of the season at the first sack.

Leonard's Bank Roll Is Growing

WANT a bank president would consider that he had achieved the height of his ambition if he could grab \$65,000 a year, as Benny Leonard has done during the last twelve months in the ring. Benny got about \$600 for beating Fred Welsh, the \$1,494 he earned when he met Johnny Kilbane here in a small part of total earnings for the year. But Leonard has kept busy in the ring. His manager, Billy Gibson, has always had him well booked and has always managed to bring a steady stream of purses. So Leonard's earnings have piled up faster than the snow on a mountain peak. Before another year has passed Benny will have doubled his earnings of the last twelve months.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



CHI SOX DO NOT FEAR SOUTHPAWS

Record of Rowland's Club Shows Postersiders Have Been Treated Harshly

BAT LEFT-HANDERS HARD

Table titled 'How the White Sox Fared Against A. L. Left-Handers' with columns for Player, G, AB, R.H., P.C., and Totals.

Nominated for membership in the Ananias Club—the man who started the report that the Chicago White Sox could not hit left-handed southpaw pitching, of which they will have plenty to face in the coming world series.

The Chicago Americans have had plenty of work against southpaws this year, for the Chicago White Sox have been flogged against them in sixty-eight games. The Pale Hose have responded by making 169 runs and 347 base hits in 1235 times at bat.

Joe Wood With Chester When Chester tackles Upland for the White Sox, the fans are certain to witness a hard-fought series. Potting's gang galloped away with the first honors on account of getting a flying start, but they were met at a barrier in Upland during the second half. Manager Miller had a better-balanced squad than Chester with Makiff and "Bud" Weiser in action, but according to reports from Trenton, where Chester was scheduled to play a double-header with Globe Tires on Saturday "Smoky" Joe

Hot Off the Gridiron

The Cheltenham A. A. football squad, under the leadership of Coach O'Neil, will run through the first real practice of the season this week. All hands are busy with the football season, and the coach is hopeful of building a strong team.

EDDIE PLANK WAS GREATEST SOUTHPAW

Quit Game of Own Volition After Seventeen Years in the Majors

After appearing in the pitcher's position nearly 600 times during his career as a big league hurler, Eddie Plank has decided to quit baseball on his own free will with more cunning left in his great pitching arm than most of the great pitchers who have ever lived.

To the very last Plank retained his ability to pitch, and he was able to play for the great Washington Senators, with the great Walter Johnson, who kept the Sox pitched one of the best games of his long career. Plank's score of 17 or 9 after a grueling battle of ten innings.

Plank leads in the number of games pitched in the major leagues and only three right-handers have pitched more games than he. Plank is the only pitcher who has pitched in all four major leagues.

Table with columns for Player, G, AB, R.H., P.C., and Totals, listing various players and their statistics.

THREE RAINY SATURDAYS IN A ROW PUT CRIMP IN THE SCHEDULES OF LOCAL MINOR BASEBALL LEAGUES

Previously to Falling Out With the Weather Man Only One Postponement Was Recorded in Twenty-three Games

WOOD, of world's series fame, was hooked to "sit" on across in one of the battles. Manager Poth signed the former star in an ill-humored mood, but there is a rule in the Delaware County League prohibiting the addition of new players after August 1. Wood will no doubt take the place of Stanley Baumgartner, ex-Phillie moundsman who has been suspended for the balance of the season. If Wood is unable to pitch the burden will fall upon Kelly, an infielder.

Media had a chance to win second half but the signing of Pitcher Mack facing Fielder Jones in the most desperate tail-end struggle ever known for a cellar championship. Mr. Jones and Mr. Mack haven't quite changed that much, have they, since they were emblazoned some "few sestas back as the "greatest in the game"?

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Not Unusual Willard's case—that of standing so far above the field that no competition looms in sight—is not a record-making affair. Jess won the championship in 1915. He has found but one man to face since—the same being Frank Moran.

He fought Munroe in 1904. It was six years later before he was dragged back to make the last stand—and receive the first K. O. in his career. But Jeffries for three or four years was as far above the rest of the heavyweight field as Willard is today.

SOUTHERN ELEVEN ARE AFFECTED BY THE WAR

Coaches' Severe Tasks in Getting Teams Together—Georgia Not to Play

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 17.—Coaches of a host of teams that are expected to bid for southern football honors this year have begun practice for the season scheduled to start within a month. Possibly never in the history of the game in the South have coaches faced such tasks. The war has made heavy inroads into material left over from last year and the instructors must build machines around comparatively few experienced players.

EIGHT STARS TO JOIN MACK'S ATHLETICS

Six Are Recalled From Baltimore and Atlanta—Two New Men Coming

Eight players will report to Connie Mack this week and will be tried out during the series with the Phillies, which starts tomorrow with Chicago. It is Mack's intention to present an strong line-up as possible against the new material. Ray Bates, who returned from the military service, has been ordered to report at once and will not be seen again with the Athletics.

Players to report at Shibe Park this week are: Pitchers Parnham and Adams, Catchers McAvoy, Schausole, Perkins and Plutchik and Infielders Shannon, Aubrey, Lawrence, Parnham, Lawrence and McAvoy were with the Athletics before and have been recalled from Baltimore. Adams has been recalled from Richmond and Perkins and Plutchik from Atlanta. Schausole and Shannon were with Baltimore and are highly recommended by Manager Jack Dues.

Mack expects to give Parnham a try at short and will play either Schauer or Vial at third. Bates, Lawrence, Lawrence and Vial will play first base. Adams will play second base and Shannon will play left field.

MANAGERS BLAMED FOR WINNING PENNANTS, BUT CONNIE MACK AND FIELDER JONES STILL ARE OUT OF IT

Pilots of Tall-End Clubs Prove That It Is the Ball Players Who Win the Flag Each Year. Willard Is in Again

By GRANTLAND RICE The Has-Beens A soldier of the legion once lay dying in Algiers; Maud Muller came To nurse the same— A woman's presence cheers, The boy forsook the burning deale and to Algiers he sped, And did his share With others there Around the soldier's bed. The village blacksmith was on hand; young Lock-invor as well. The Light Brigade The journey made, Urged on by Dr. Fell. And soon the soldier better got—ere long was feeling fine, Whereat the throng All went along To Bingen-on-the-Rhine.

And here they met a weeping maid, with features sun and white, With bowed-down head, Who, moaning, said, "It shall not ring tonight." They stood on the bridge at midnight, above the Rhine's dim shore, Where the Cottage Maid, From a sylvan glade, Kept raving, "Nevermore." At midnight, in his guarded tent, young Hiawatha wept; The stars at eve Stopped by to grieve— But on the moments crept, "Who'll hold the bridge with me?" he cried, The loud appeal fell flat, But then a cheer rang loud and clear— 'Twas Casey at the bat!

WINNING or losing ball clubs are purely a matter of managers," recounts a contemporary. Perhaps. Yet just where does this theory emerge with Connie Mack facing Fielder Jones in the most desperate tail-end struggle ever known for a cellar championship.

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WALT JOHNSON TO BECOME INDIAN IN 1918 IS REPORT

Deal Between Washington and Cleveland Has Been Put Through, According to Rumor

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Walter Johnson, pitcher of the Washington American League team, will wear the uniform of a Cleveland Indian next summer, unless some little miscue should crop up in the deal, which virtually has been consummated between President James Dunn, of the Cleveland club, and the management of the Senators.

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