

IT'S A SHAME ROUSH AND COBB CAN'T BAT IT OUT FOR THE WORLD'S HITTING CHAMPIONSHIP

FOOTBALL SEASON GETS UNDER WAY TODAY, WITH PITT-WEST VIRGINIA ELEVENS IN IMPORTANT GRAPPLE

Local Interest on Wane With No Game at Penn, but in New England and Western Part of State Big Games On

A SHAKY, weak-kneed luteness of the healthy rough-and-tumble child of sport who was put to bed last December for the winter, spring and summer will riddle out on the gridiron this afternoon and stagger through the motions in the revival of football. Outside of the fact that the big games are exceedingly small and the coming world's series is paramount in the minds of the public, the initial appearance of the strenuous pastime should be a success. Local interest is on the wane because Penn has no game scheduled, but in New England and in the western part of the State something will be done. Brown will prove that football will be played in Rhode Island and will crack the season against the strong Rhode Island State eleven. Cornell is scheduled to play Rochester, but it is not definitely known whether the game will be played. Penn State plays the ambulances unit at Allentown, Carlisle mingles with Albright, Colgate meets Susquehanna, Dartmouth opens with Colby and the University of Pittsburgh, last year's champions, will meet a tough foe in West Virginia in Morgantown.

This last game is the most important of the day, as it will bring together two of the best elevens in the country. West Virginia last year surprised the football world by turning out a first-class eleven and finishing seventh in the official ranking. Pitt trimmed everything on the map and expects to do the same this year, regardless of the fact that many of the best men are in the service. At any rate, it will be an important game and it will demonstrate more than anything else whether the game is to be popular or not this fall. The battle will be fought in Morgantown, which is far away from the bright lights of a big city, and if a huge crowd attends things will look much brighter for the sport. The game itself seems too important for such an early date, but both schedules were filled and it was impossible to put it on later. It is possible that the teams will get together later next year.

SOME excellent contests are scheduled as the season progresses and interest should be widespread. The smaller colleges will get some consolation in the argument over who is champion as Yale, Harvard and Princeton are having little to say, except that most of the students wish football had not been stopped.

No Legislation Yet Against "Shine Ball"

THERE has been no official protest over the "shine ball" as yet. When the National Commission was in session last week at Cincinnati completing arrangements for the world's series there was nothing said about Eddie Cicotte's freak delivery. President Comiskey reported that there was no protest by Owner Hempstead, of the Giants. Comiskey also added that any attempt to get official action would be turned down, for the simple reason that the commission has no proof that the "shine ball" exists. The matter will be left entirely to the umpires in charge, and as the American League arbiters have been unable to discover anything during a season of 154 games, it is hardly likely that the curiosity of the blue-suited gents from the parent circuit will be satisfied. They have heard much about Cicotte and his mysterious delivery and they can be counted upon to follow his every move while on the mound. Cicotte has been one of the wonders of the season, and while most of his opponents are reluctant to attribute his great come-back to his own natural ability, they have ascribed it to an illegal delivery, which even the umpires in Ban Johnson's circuit could not say was unfair.

There is one point on which Comiskey may seek a little information before the big show pops open a week from today. It is well known, and has been for some time, that McGraw has a falling for a high pitching mound. The slab at the Polo Grounds now is elevated many inches higher than any other park, and it is a handicap to pitchers accustomed to work closer to the ground. McGraw constructed this turret effect principally for "Rube" Marquard, who was able to lean over and just about drop his fast ball on the tops of the batters' heads.

The Giants' present corps of left-handers has cultivated much the same habit, and there have been hints that the Giant boss might add a little dirt to the mound just to aggravate the Sox hurlers. Well, if he does, it won't get away with it, because the Sox officials will demand a survey, it is reported, and if the mound is illegal McGraw will have to hire a steam shovel and manure the firing line on the Polo Grounds.

While the Polo Grounds slab may be a bit high, the Giant pitchers will enjoy no such privilege in Chicago. The Sox diamond now is under a reconstruction process, and when the work is finished the slab will be not more than six inches above the plate. The Sox hurlers are used to such an elevation and it will not bother them, whereas it may trouble the Giants. At the same time, the Sox have worked on the New York field for several years, but we have known recent cases where Rowland's hurlers explained a bad afternoon there by mentioning the humpback effect in the landscape. Clark Griffith pulled the same stunt when the new Washington park was completed. It was for the special benefit of Walter Johnson, but the rival teams soon wised up and the "Old Fox" was forced to do a little altering under orders from headquarters.

Another point on which Comiskey spoke recently was the lineup of his team for the big show. The "Old Roman" has been in communication with his manager and the two definitely have decided that George ("Buck") Weaver will hold down the shortstop position. "Buck" has been occupying the place for the last few days, but Rowland excused this change on the ground that Rieberg was suffering with a cold. The boss merely wanted to let the bad news seep in slowly. It will be a blow for the "Swede," who has done yeoman service at short throughout the season, but when slipped the winner's end of the series purse his feelings probably will be appeased.

"YES, we will have to have Weaver in that line-up," quoth the Sox owner. "He is a real fighter any way you want to take him, and it is fight we will need. After what McMullin showed at third base during the illness of Weaver there was no chance to supplant him. He won the berth by consistent work and will have to be recognized. Weaver at short will improve the team at bat, and as 'Buck' is an old stager at the big league stuff, he probably will be steady. A youngster in a world's series involves more or less risk."

American League Has Won Eight World's Series

THE coming world's series will be the fourteenth clash between the pennant winners of the American and National Leagues for the supremacy in baseball. A series between the Boston Americans and Pittsburgh Nationals back in 1903 was the first interleague championship battle, and the interest in that series did not give the least idea that within a few years contests would become the sport classic of the country. When that first series was played there was no friendly rivalry between the two leagues. The American League just had forced recognition from the senior circuit a few years before, and it was John I. Taylor, then the owner of the Red Sox, who hurled the challenge at Barney Dreyfus. Jimmy Collins, famous third baseman, was manager of the Boston club and Fred Clarke was at the head of the winning Pirates. There were few of the old fans who were willing to admit that the American League classed with the old organization and the Red Sox went into the series real long shots. Dreyfus unflinchingly accepted the challenge and he lost. The Pirates started out like real winners, but the Red Sox won the last three games and took five out of nine. Dreyfus was the loser, but he paved the way to the big event which the world's series has since become.

Then came a year without a series—the only break between 1903 and the present time. In 1904 Jimmy Collins again led his Boston team home in first place and John McGraw won his first pennant as leader of the Giants. Naturally the talk of another series sprang up and the Boston club was anxious to defend its title of world's champions. After much deliberation an announcement was made that the New York club would not play such a series. The late John T. Brush was then the directing spirit of the Giants and he had not entirely forgotten the wounds inflicted by the American League during the baseball war. That fall the National Commission passed a rule making such a series between the major league pennant winners obligatory, and there has been no break since the 1904 season.

Of the games played to date the American League has the edge on the older organization. Of the thirteen series between these organizations, the representatives of Ban Johnson's league have been victorious eight times and the National League representatives have been victorious five times. The American League has won thirty-eight games against thirty-four for the senior organization, and ten games have ended with the score tied. In the early days the honors usually went to the National League, four of the first six series going against the Johnnies. In 1910 the tide turned, and since that year the younger league has been a rather consistent winner. The victory of the Braves over the Athletics in 1914 is the only break in a string of American League successes since 1910. Six of the last seven series have resulted in victories for the American League.

THE first series back in 1903, was not played under the supervision of the National Commission. The officials of the two clubs arranged all matters, appointed the umpires, agreed upon time games, or until one club lost, and finally turned most of the receipts over to the players. After 1904 the National Commission stepped in and has since

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PUNCH TO WIN FOR SOX, SAYS ROWLAND

Expects Hard Battle From Giants—To Rely on Two Pitchers

COLLINS ENTIRE INFIELD

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Clarence Rowland, manager of the White Sox, does not believe that the Ban Johnson circuit so far outclasses the National League as to make a White Sox world's series victory almost certain.

Rowland believes the Giants will prove the most worthy representative of the National League to have since the New York Club's triumph in Boston back in 1912. He believes Ferd Schupp and Slim Sallee will give the White Sox odds of trouble, and he declares Bill Ferritt will bear plenty of watching.

Rowland, however, is exuding confidence because he believes his team carries the most consistent punch, light though it may be, in the big leagues. Admitting the power in the Giants' attack, he pointed out that the White Sox always have been able to win when victories were needed.

"My pitching staff is excellent," he said, "but it is not so good as that of the Red Sox. In speaking of a pitching staff, reference to Boston must include some men who have been at their best all summer. Ruth, Shore, Mays and Leonard have pitched the Red Sox to their spot. My feeling is speaking of it as a staff, is just two men."

And there Rowland stopped. The two men are still among the mysteries. Whether he referred to Cleveland or Cleveland and Faber was not disclosed. Undoubtedly it was one of the two combinations, with the odds heavy that the pair will do all the White Sox curving in the coming big contest.

Rowland also picked out Eddie Collins for some praise.

"Charlie Herzog is a great second baseman," he said to the White Sox leader, "but those critics who were picking Herzog as the equal of Collins don't take into consideration the heights Collins is able to reach. He is the greatest shortstop player I have seen, and it will come out in this series. He is my whole infield. He carries those boys along in the tough spots. He is not hitting like a Clinton, simply because he is sacrificing everything to win ball games. The old punch is there—if anything, he is a better ballplayer than he was in Philadelphia."

SCHALK, CATCHING FOR WHITE SOX, WILL HAVE HIS HANDS FULL AGAINST M'CARTY AND RARIDEN FOR GIANTS

Chicago Backstop Will Probably Work Through Entire Series, While New York Men Will Have Chance to Rest Up

By GRANTLAND RICE

RAYMOND W. SCHALK, the Harvard man, who is a good mechanical catcher without any particular flash or flame. He is an slashing hitter, but he is not a better hitter and more aggressive than Rariden is. He is willing to do his part of it and let it go at that.

The Three

Schalk is almost certain to catch every game of the series. McCarty and Rariden will split the New York assignment, but whether it will be on a 50-50 basis is known only to McGraw.

If McCarty is in first-class shape he probably will do most of the work, as he is a better hitter and more aggressive than Rariden is.

While Chicago has the advantage with Schalk, there is plenty of ability in McGraw's department, with no faint probability that the series will be lost by ragged work back of the plate.

The Giant Chance

The only way McCarty and Rariden can even up on Schalk is greater effectiveness in a defensive way is to lead him by several strides upon attack.

Here McCarty will have a big advantage. The Giant catcher batted more than 350 last season, and he was just starting for 300 this year when he cracked a leg.

McCarty is not only a .300 batting type over an extended stretch, but being an aggressive type will be even more dangerous in a short series, where he is as liable to drive in a run as any man at the top of the batting order.

No Flurries

None of the three catchers belongs to the flurrier division. Schalk is usually better in a head test than at any other time. So is McCarty.

A tornado couldn't upset Rariden's poise, as Bill is entirely apart from temperament or imagination.

A world series game to him is just a ball game, just as a world series game was only a ball game to John Franklin Baker, who played in a head test more about as emotional as one of the stately pyramids.

M'Graw to Pick Pitcher According to Weather

If it's Warm Sallee Will Open, Otherwise Schupp Will Oppose the White Sox

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 29.—John McGraw, manager of the Giants, today declared that unless next Saturday's weather at Chicago was cold, Slim Sallee will pitch the opening game of the world's series for his club. If the weather is cold, he will rely on Ferd Schupp to beat the White Sox.

After the first game he professed to have no idea as to how he will work his pitchers.

ODDS MAY SWITCH IN GIANTS' FAVOR OVER SOX

Chicago Money Is Scarce at Even Money Up Local Betting Circles on Big Series

Betting commissioners here today expect the Giants to become favorites over the White Sox. Money is ready for betting over an odds, but Chicago money is scarce. Odds still favor the White Sox to win the first game.

HUGO BEZDEK WILL RIDE IN PIRATES' SADDLE AGAIN

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 29.—President Barney Dreyfus, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has announced that he had re-engaged Hugo Bezdek to manage the team next year.

Shorts on Sports

Thomas Daly, catcher of the Buffalo Internationals and will finish the season with the Cubs. Daly was a member of the Chicago Americans in 1914-15.

President H. H. Frase, of the Boston Americans, definitely has declined to accept the challenge of President Percy Haughton, of the Boston Braves, to play a city series at the close of the season.

Two new records were made in the far western track and field championship held at Fresno, Cal., yesterday. J. K. Moore, of the University of California, set a new record in the 48.5-second and G. W. Howland, of the University of California, trailed the 440 hurdles in 53.5 seconds.

John Ford, manager of the Standard Hotel soccer team, has been spotted at College of

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

TAKES more than a good boxer to make himself a good boxer before the eyes of the fan. He must have a good manager. No ring gladiator can go along on his own hook and become a star scrapper. He must have some one else to pull the strings and know how to pull them.

When Jack Russo came up from New Orleans he was virtually an unknown. He was when Jack Russo came up from New Orleans he was virtually an unknown. He was when Jack Russo came up from New Orleans he was virtually an unknown.

Joe Stelink, who boxes Pat O'Malley in the senior boxing circuit, had a fight with Joe Stelink, who boxes Pat O'Malley in the senior boxing circuit, had a fight with Joe Stelink, who boxes Pat O'Malley in the senior boxing circuit.

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The boxing field will be well represented at Camp Meade. Among the Philadelphia Athletics boxing team, who will fight at Camp Meade.

Evening Ledger Decisions

NONPAREIL A. C.—Jack McCloskey defeated Kid Texas; Young Lawrence won from young McCloskey; Joe (Liger) really beat Jack Brady; Ben Harris outboxed Jimmie Gardner; Terry Moran won from Ben Harris.

CAMBRIA A. C.—Harry Boring won from Johnny Nelson; Little Bear drew with young McCloskey; Young Lawrence defeated young Jerry; Freddy Young stopped young Corbett; Young Lawrence stopped young Corbett.

NEW YORK—Bill Mink won from Carl Mink; Young Lawrence drew with young Jerry; Young Lawrence drew with young Jerry; Young Lawrence drew with young Jerry; Young Lawrence drew with young Jerry.

WITH SEASON RAPIDLY CLOSING NEITHER HOME TEAM HAS MEMBER HITTING AS GOOD AS .300 FIGURE

Stuffy McInnis One Point Shy, While Phils Are Unable to Boast One in .290 Class—Gavvy Maintains League Slugging Laurels

THE beginning of the closing week's play in the big leagues finds neither home team with a .300 hitter, the averages showing Stuffy McInnis one point shy of that figure, and Bodie still are close behind the most consistent ".A" hitters with .294 and .292, respectively.

The Phillies will be lucky to have a man at the big windup with a mark as good as .290. Cravath has at least a good chance of attaining this mark, as he is resting at .287. Gavvy has not been overtaken for the league's slugging leadership, topping Hornsby both in total bases and home runs.

Early season hope, considered generally, is panning out in both leagues. Cobb and Roush will finish winners, the former by a wide margin, to be followed, no doubt, by Speaker and Sisler. Hornsby appears to be runner-up in the National, though Kauff, Groh and Burns are live possibilities.

Statistics below include games played on Wednesday of this week. To date Eddie Roush, Cincinnati, is leading the National League batters with .342, followed by Hornsby, St. Louis, .313; Kauff, New York, .311; Groh, Cincinnati, .301; Burns, New York, .300. Cobb is way out in the American League with .373, trailed by Speaker, Cleveland, .353; Sisler, St. Louis, .348; Veach, Detroit, .312; McInnis, Athletics, .307.

BATTING AVERAGES						AMERICAN LEAGUE					
G.	A.B.	R.	H.	SR.	AVE.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	SR.	AVE.
Roush, Cin.	30	142	28	101	33.8	Baker, Wash.	11	57	11	34	.299
Kauf, N. Y.	19	84	22	26	.311	Bodie, Wash.	8	42	8	13	.310
Hornsby, St. L.	21	102	30	33	.313	Hornsby, Wash.	14	59	14	28	.313
Cravath, Cin.	21	102	30	33	.313	Speaker, Cle.	16	73	16	33	.313
McCarty, N. Y.	21	102	30	33	.313	Sisler, St. L.	16	73	16	33	.313
Grove, Cin.	21	102	30	33	.313	Miller, Wash.	16	73	16	33	.313
Wright, Cin.	21	102	30	33	.313	Woods, Cin.	16	73	16	33	.313
Burns, N. Y.	21	102	30	33	.313	Swisher, Wash.	16	73	16	33	.313
McInnis, Cin.	21	102	30	33	.313	Hamm, Wash.	16	73	16	33	.313
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