

ABOUT NOW WATCH FOR THE FELLOW WHOSE BUSINESS CAN'T SPARE HIM FOR FIGHTING

CHICAGO CUBS DEPEND ON ONE CATCHER AND 4 HURLERS TO WIN SERIES

Believe 1918 Classic Will Be Productive of Many Runs—Mitchell and Killefer Brains of National League Pennant Victors

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger. A world series is like applying that well-known but more or less discredited principle of hanging a man and trying him afterward. Study the situation carefully, note the strength and weaknesses of each team, fill yourself full of facts and figures until you burst out in a fit of the bold statement that your selection can, will and must triumph in the annual fall classic. In other words, you hand yourself a lot of bunk which you really believe. Sometimes you go so far as to back your own judgment with the greater part of your anemic bankroll. Noted experts who have played, managed and followed big league baseball for years, and never have picked a winner in their lives, are of the opinion that the Cubs will win with little difficulty, although the odds will resemble those of the early football games. They pin their faith on the prowess of the pitching staff, especially Hippo Vaughn and Tyler, whose southpaw slants have baffled the opposing batters in the National League this season. They also have some kind words for Bill Killefer, the best catcher in either league, because of his ability to direct the game from behind the plate and handle the pitchers. They believe in four Cub hurlers and one catcher will win the series, and you can bet that line of dope for what it is worth.

There is no doubt that Vaughn, Tyler, Hendryx and Douglas are excellent hurlers, but it must be remembered they have been operating in a slower league than the American and may look different when they stack up against stiffer opposition.

Cubs' Success Put Crimp in Gotham B. R.'s

The Cubs this year accomplished what seemed to be the impossible when they won the National League pennant. Early in the season the odds had such a commanding lead that the Gotham fans boisterously announced that the only thing between them and the pennant was five months. No one expected McGraw's team to drop out of first place, and Fred Mitchell and his ball club jumped out in front it was a rude shock to the feelings and bankrolls of the wise birds on Broadway. How they cannot be blamed for backing the home-town club, especially when it looked as easy as swiping a rain check from an inactive member of A. R. But the Cubs came through with the big surprise, and the team belongs what is spoiled.

There are two factors in the success of the Chicago club—Fred Mitchell and Killefer. Mitchell should get most of the blame or credit or it is, for it was on his advice that new faces were inserted in the lineup and the weak spots bolstered. Fred also handled his pitchers in a capable manner that one is led to believe he had something to do with winning of the 1914 series when the Braves walloped the Athletics straight games. The "Miracle Man" stuff was perpetrated all the way, the only difference being that Stallings did not get all of the credit.

Weak Spots Neatly Patched Up

Charles the purchase of George Tyler, Fred Merkle, Turner Barber and Charley Hollocher and the trade which brought Dode Paskert from the Athletics to the Cubs. These men strengthened the weak spots of the team and there is no telling where the team would have been in the league and his batting was a surprise to all. He footed it wise once by hitting over .300 all season instead of exploding other fireworks on July 4. Charley stepped into the shoes of Joe Tinker and performed just a trifle better than that famous pitcher. Mitchell taught him all he knew and was successful because the pitcher is a speedy fielder, makes many sensational plays and gets it because he throws quickly and from any angle. He has been consistent all year, but it is a question as to whether or not he will stand up under the strain of a world series. It's a pretty tough job for a kid just breaking into the league.

Handled Pitchers With Great Dexterity

In the handling of his pitchers that Mitchell showed his true genius. He selected four—Tyler, Vaughn, Hendryx and Douglas—and managed them alternately. If one had a bad day and was knocked out of a second-string twirler almost invariably finished the game. In Chicago was playing the Phillies on the last trip I asked Mitchell what pitcher he intended to use. "Vaughn," he said as if surprised. "I have no secrets in regard to pitching staff. Every man pitches in turn and Hippo is on the slab tomorrow. It will be Douglas and the next day Tyler. They work in pairs and I have found it to be the best plan to keep them in shape." The four pitchers are in good shape right now and should be in top form when the series starts. All are veterans and reach top form around the end of September. It will be up to them to do the lion's share of the work with Bill Killefer behind the bat the Cub supporters have no doubt of the outcome.

Pat Moran is a valuable man on any ball club. He is not a flashy player, but he is the brainiest in the game. Pat Moran says he is the greatest pitcher ever donned a mask and mitt, and Pat is in a position to know. He has the work of the team on defense and has uncanny judgment in his hit-and-run plays. He also knows the weak points of the opposing pitchers and works them to the limit. Killefer's greatest asset, in handling the pitchers. He can tell quicker than the pitcher whether he is losing control, and usually tells the manager a couple of days before when to warm up another hurler.

It is a very important factor in the short series and performance of the experts is to pick the four pitchers and one catcher to win the championship, and the rest is on the M.A.Y.

MACKMEN WIN MORNING GAME

A's Drive Harper From Box in Sixth—Senators' Rally Falls Short

Hard Hitting Wins

Table with columns: ATHLETICS, AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows for Jameson, Arcata, Burns, Gardner, McKay, Dugan, R. Johnson, Totals.

WASHINGTON

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Noted for Ayers in ninth. Kopp for Johnson in ninth. Two-base hit—Kopp. Sacrifice flies—Shotton, Judge. Struck out—By Johnson, 4; by Harper, 3; by Ayers, 3. Base on balls—By Johnson, 2; by Harper, 1. Double plays—Lavan to Judge; Kopp to Dugan. Stolen bases—Kopp, 2; Judge; Milne, 2; Burns. Hit by pitched ball—Schutte. Wild pitch—Johnson. Umpires—O'Loughlin and Evans.

The Athletics defeated the Senators in the morning game by the score of 6-2. The Mackmen hit Harper hard and in the sixth drove him from the box by registering five hits for three runs. Roy Johnson kept the local team's hits well scattered, but his many free passes kept him in trouble all the time. In the last inning Washington, through Johnson's wildness staged a rally and made two runs.

STAR TRACKMEN AT BOSTON YARD

First Naval District to Enter Strong Team in National A. A. U. Games

By ROBERT T. PAUL. With the annual national track and field championships of the A. A. U. scheduled to be held in less than a month, the track critics already are dropping out the chances of the various teams, which will compete on the newly-made cinder path of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, under the auspices of the Chicago Athletic Association.

Local fans are banking their hopes on the well-balanced squad of the Meadowbrook Club, of this city. This organization, through the untiring work of Secretary Samuel D. Deane, has made rapid advance in the athletic world, and today is looked upon as one of the leading clubs in the country.

Hailin is the many regarded the Meadowbrook Club as a slight favorite, there are two clubs which shouldn't be overlooked. These are the Great Lakes Naval Training Station and the team which will represent the First Naval District, with headquarters at Boston. Stationed at these two service camps are some of the best club and collegiate sprinters, hurdlers and jumpers competing today.

The Great Lakes Station already has laid claim to the athletic supremacy of the navy. But whoever did the claiming must have forgotten to look up the quality of the athletes "down East." Lieutenant Little, who was manager of the Harvard track team in 1912 and one of the best shortputters in the eastern collegiate ranks, is grooming a team which will be a formidable opponent for all others.

Lieutenant Little has four wonderful runners in his district who are sure to win points in any kind of competition. In addition there are many who are capable of picking up a few points here and there in the field events. The quartet of star performers are Tom Halpin, Mike Devaney, Frank Shea and Carl Erdman.

Hailin is one of the most consistent quarter-milers of the last decade. He was national champion in 1916 and can be depended upon to foot the distance around 49. Halpin is at the Boston Navy Yard.

Frank Shea, the great University of Pittsburgh quarter-miler, who equalled the world's record of 47.2-5 for the distance on a circular track, and is expected to break the world's straightaway 440 yard mark, is in the ground school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mike Devaney, the half-mile of the Michigan A. C., is stationed at Boston Navy Yard. Devaney is the national half-mile champion. He won the title last year at the championships held in St. Louis by defeating Johnny Overton, the great Yale runner, who was killed recently in France. Joe Ray, of the Illinois A. C., was third.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



MAIN LINE TITLE AT STAKE TODAY

Teams Will Wind Up the Season With A. M. and P. M. Contests

The closing games in the Main Line Baseball League will be played today, and either Dobson or Autocar will win the flag. They are tied for the lead and there may be a play-off necessary unless one team wins both and the other loses.

Labor Day Program in Field of Sports

Brooklyn vs. Phillies at Philadelphia Park 8 a. m. and 2 p. m. Athletics at Washington (a. m. and p. m.)

McCARRON TRIMS KOPIN

Allentown Battler Triumphs in National Wind-Up—Jack Russo Loses

Jack McCarron, the Allentown middleweight, won as he pleased from Battling Kopin, of the United States navy, who substituted for Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, in the final bout at the National Athletic Club.

INDIANS BEAT WHITE SOX

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MORRIS TALLMAN EQUALS BARNES'S RECORD SCORE OF 67 AT WHITEMARSH VALLEY

Twelve Par Holes and Six Birds Make Up Wonderful Card—Warren H. Webb Registers 70 Over Difficult Shawnee Course

By WILLIAM H. EVANS. MORRIS TALLMAN, who succeeded long Jim Barnes as the professional at the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, equaled the record of the course, 67, made in August, 1917, by Barnes. He missed a short putt on the short ninth hole for a bird or two, otherwise his record would have been hung up for the course. His home journey of 21 strokes is the lowest ever made for the course, and it included 5 birds and 4 par holes, a brilliant bit of golf as has been seen on any local course. Here are the cards of Tallman, Barnes and the par of the course:

Table with columns: Tallman, Barnes, Par. Rows for 1st-18th holes and totals.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Doyle Baizer, manager of Johnny Murray, a champion, is in perfect shape for his second round fight with Jack Sharkey, of New York, which is to take place in the final bout of a well-balanced card at the Olympia A. A. tonight. Sharkey and the National A. A. have a year ago and the critics at the ring-side differ on their opinions as to who was the winner, some giving the decision to Herman, some to Sharkey and a few to Doyle Baizer. The fight ended in a draw, but when he heard that Harry Greb couldn't box in this city, Baizer wished to hamper the management any further, so he hit his boy so on the fight.

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THE STANLEY BOOKING CORPORATION

- List of theaters and shows: Alhambra, Apollo, Arcadia, Belmont, Bluebird, Broadway, Empress, Fairmount, Family, 56th St., Great Northern, Imperial, Leader, Olympia A., Palace Roller Skating Rink, Olymphia A., Point Breeze, Palace, Philadelphia County Fair, Liberty, 333 Market, Model, Overbrook, Palace, Princess, Regent, Rialto, Rivoli, Ruby, Savoy, Stanley, Victoria, Throatre, United Exhibitors Association, Belmont, Cedar, Coliseum, Colonial, Jumbo, Locust, Nixton.