

U. S. SENATORS IN WASHINGTON MAY LOAF, BUT GRIFF'S SENATORS ARE REAL LABORERS

SENATORS HARDEST WORKING BUNCH OF ATHLETES IN SOUTH

Griffith Sends Squad Through Seven-Inning Morning Battle and Afternoon Nine-Inning Session Daily. Tough Schedule at Start Faces Washington

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THERE is no rest for the many veterans now working out with the Washington baseball club. Twice a day—morning and afternoon—the athletes not only go through the preliminary stunts which are popular in all spring training camps, but also play a couple of ball games. A seven-inning fracas is staged every morning and a complete regulation nine-inning battle is the matinee attraction. It can be stated safely that the Senators are working harder than any major league ball club south of the Mason and Dixon line.

Clark Griffith is not a hard taskmaster, but is fated to get his men in first-class condition for the opening of the season. He is confronted with a very tough schedule, for after playing a few games at home, the club goes on the road during the entire month of May and will meet with some stiff opposition. Therefore, for self-defense purposes only, he is cracking the whip and playing Simon Legree.

But the players are not registering any objections or threatening to go on strike or anything like that. Those birds who have been beating the whistle at 7 a. m. in the munitions factories or toiling for Uncle Sam from reveille to taps for the modest stipend of \$30 per month imagine they are on a vacation, and are acting as such. It's pretty soft for Griffith this season. Three or four years ago he would have been put on the pan or told to jump to the Federal League.

There is a wonderful spirit in the Washington camp down here, and that spirit should be considered when figuring the chances of the club in the pennant race. There are no slackers and the boys already play as if they meant business. Every practice game is hard-fought and Manager Griffith has an unusual opportunity to get a line on his men.

THERE are few rookies in camp; in fact, the absence of hope of a few of the aspirant youngsters has been noticed in all of the big league ballclubs. Evidently the managers are too busy to do much experimenting or have been told to cut down expenses. It must be remembered a rookie eats just as much and requires as much railroad fare as a seasoned veteran.

Janvrin's Failure to Report Halts Advance

GRIFF has a pretty fair ball club this year, but is likely to get off to a bad start. His team will develop slowly and is not expected to reach its top form until the end of May. That's how it looks now, three weeks before the opening engagement. The infield will be weak until Janvrin is in the line-up and Davis, the kid shortstop, wins his spurs.

The failure of Janvrin to join the club for spring training was quite a blow to Griffith's plans. The former Red Sox star was ill with influenza and pneumonia at his home in Boston and now is too weak to do anything but loaf in the sunshine and regain his strength. He probably will not do any practicing until the middle of next month. In the meantime, Harold Shanks has been moved to second and Davis is playing short.

This rookie is twenty years old, weighs about 135 pounds, bats right-handed and handles himself nicely in the field. In 1917 he played out in Wichita on Frank Seibel's team, where he was discovered by one of Griffith's scouts. He was in the next year and made a big hit in the ball games played in Santiago. Griffith believes he will make good as a major leaguer this year. As it appears now, Davis must make good or the ball club is up against it. He looks good in practice, but it is vastly different when the championship games begin.

HAD Janvrin been on the job Shanks could have been used at shortstop until Davis gained more experience or whatever he needs. That would have given Washington a strong infield, with Judge on first and Foster on third. But that is the only sorry Griff has. The rest of the team stacks up well.

Return of Rice Makes Outlook Brighter

EVERYBODY is happy over the return of Sam Rice, the slugging outfielder. Last year Rice went into the army and Griffith almost jumped off the dock. Sam was missed and his manager believes the club would have finished higher in 1918 had he played all season. Rice is a .300 hitter and very good outfielder.

Clyde Milan is still on the job, which means center field will be ably attended to. Shannon, the twin brother of Red Shannon on the Athletics, at present is playing in the right garden, but is likely to vacate in favor of Horace Milan or Menosky, who is on his way home from France.

Young Milan—Clyde's brother—hit .407 in seventeen games in 1916 and .288 in forty-seven games in 1917. He is expected to do well this year as an extra outfielder and pinch hitter. Rice, the two Milans, Menosky and Shannon should be able to take care of the outposts and drive in some runs.

SAM AGNEW has strengthened the catching corps, and Griff is highly pleased with the trade which took him from the Red Sox, Val Pichette, who caught for Connie Mack in 1916 and who was sold to Atlanta in 1917, will be Sam's assistant, while Garvity is chief substitute.

Walter Johnson Asks No Favors

THE pitchers are working hard, and the "big four," meaning Johnson, Shaw, Harper and Ayers, will be ready for business on April 23. There are several others seeking steady jobs. Thompson, Hovick, Matterson, Craft and Lynch being the most prominent. Matterson is a kid about thirty-four years old, who once performed for the Phillies. He has staged a real come-back and Griff says he will make good.

The daddy of them all, however, is Walter Johnson. This high-priced athlete is laboring with the rest of the hurlers, asks no favors and a stranger would imagine he was trying for the team for the first time.

It is a pleasure to watch him work. There is nothing temperamental about him. Instead, it is the reverse. He pitches to the batters, hits to the outfield and makes himself generally useful. He never seeks an excuse to get away from the training grind, but always is one of the first to report. None of the other players are envious of his success, which is something rare and unusual.

A FEW more men like Walter Johnson would help the league and soften the criticism against high-salaried stars.

Griffith Looks for Close Race

CLARK GRIFFITH expects a hard race in the American League and refuses to do any guessing about the fate of his club.

"Every team in the league has been strengthened," he said, "and it will be a merry fight from the start. I don't know what will happen to my club, but we will be out there battling for all we are worth. We have been strengthened by Sam Rice in the outfield and weakened through the loss of Johnny Lavan, whom I consider the best shortstop in the league. I doubt if Rice's hitting will offset the loss of Lavan, so we are up against it now."

"Janvrin's illness set us back a little, but Davis and Shanks will work in the middle of the infield. Joe Leonard, who was with us in 1917 and played on the Great Lakes team last year, also will try for an infield job."

"I would like to get Robertson for the outfield and then I would be perfectly satisfied. He wants to play in Washington and should be allowed to do so."

"My team will be in good shape at the start of the season, but will not be going at top speed until the middle of May, when Janvrin gets back and I have a chance to look over Davis."

I WANT to say, however, we have one of the hardest hitting clubs in the league, we are fast, and will cause lots of trouble."

Washington Plays Phils Next Friday

THE Senators will engage in a struggle with the National Leaguers when they battle the Phils next Friday. Judging from the way the Washington aggregation has been working during their brief stay here and the progress they have made, they have a very good chance of running away with the spoils. According to reports from the Phils' camp, the boys have been bumping into some very bad weather.

Everything is in getting the jump, and Foxy Clark Griffith has overlooked nothing that will keep his boys at the post when the season gets under way. These two-day practice sessions surely have developed the team, and right now they are playing ball as good as some major-league teams I have seen in midseason.

THE Senators have trailed very persistently, and last year for a change really threatened to annex a pennant. Griffith has improved his team and not only expects to threaten but to capture

ABOUT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. A series of seven comic panels showing a man's daily routine from Monday to Sunday, with humorous captions about work, engagements, and relaxation.

A'S HOME SYSTEM ENVIED BY PHILS Rain in Charlotte Keeps Athletes Idle. While Macks Can Drill in Pavilion. PLAY SENATORS FRIDAY

Charlotte, N. C., April 5.—A persistent, energetic and sincere rainstorm put the parade out of step yesterday, gumbled up the works and absolutely ruined the Phils' chances of winning a ball game from a high-brown aggregation known as A. and E. College.

Charlotte is a great town on a rainy day. The only thing that could be worse are two rainy days in Charlotte. The Phils really were up against it because it is the first time since the war that the weather has been so unpropitious.

St. Pete Ideal Place. Down at St. Petersburg it rained for only fifteen minutes one morning and that did not interfere with the workout. Four training seasons without missing a single practice session is a pretty good record, and that looks as if some body pulled a bone when Florida was passed up.

Anderson a Native. Fred Anderson, who pitched for the Giants last year and really retired from the game this season, is one of the leading dentists here and has a whole of a practice. Fred is working on Yeasby's molars and has dates with several other members of the squad.

Little Giants Beat Florida. Jacksonville, Fla., April 5.—The Brooklyn regulars won again here yesterday, despite the fact that the Philadelphia line-up of the Colts. The score was 4 to 3. Zachary led the battery but he failed to harvest a single single. The local senators did the hitting for the regulars.

Gus Gardner Stages Comeback. New York, April 5.—Showing a surprising return in form over what he exhibited in the opening game of the tournament, Gus Gardner last night defeated Earl Patterson of Chicago in the consolation of the national amateur chess-chession chess. Billings champion tournament at the Amateur Chess Club.

Half-Dozen Former Foes See Kilbane Work in Gym One-Time Opponent: Watch Champion Finish Training for O'Leary at National Tonight. PETE HERMAN PRESENT

By JAMES S. CAROLAN CHAMPIONS and championship contenders are flocking to this city. The Quaker metropolis seems to be the center around which the leading sons of Belgium revolve.

Kilbane Works. Kilbane himself did plenty of work. Following his handball exhibition he boxed six rounds with Cal Delaney, then devoted at least fifteen minutes to Jack Russo, teaching the Italian entry a few punches that should prove effective against George Chaney. Russo and Chaney met at the National one week from tonight.

Tommy Jamison, one-time Broadway A. C. headliner in the days when Herman Taylor was king at Fifteenth street and Washington avenue, writes that he will return from France as the welterweight champion of the A. E. F.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

THEY are the boys who are expected to be home this summer. He has taken on weight and hopes to make it interesting for the boys on his return.

Irish Patsy Cline and Johnny Tillman will clash on the evening of April 28 at the Olympia. Cline and Tillman originally were billed to entertain at the National on April 28, but Matchmaker George Knapp had the men on the night of April 28.

Before Tillman faces Cline he will have a two-round session with Jack Britton in Baltimore. Matchmaker Taylor announced last night that Tillman had signed to oppose the champion before the Barre A. C. in Baltimore on the night of April 28.

ARCHIVES LOSE TWO REGULARS Hill and Bertham Declared Ineligible Shortly Before Start of First Game

By PAUL PREP Coach Harry Snyder's hopes of bringing the Interscholastic Baseball League championship to Northeast this spring were given quite a setback yesterday when it was announced shortly before the game with Frankford began that two members of the nine were ineligible.

Hill and Bertham practiced with the Northeast squad for three weeks and had won positions on the varsity team. They were all primed for yesterday's game with Frankford. Yesterday afternoon, however, Henry Brachhold, athletic director at Northeast, discovered that Hill was ineligible to represent Northeast for several weeks, as he has been attending the Lehigh avenue school but four weeks.

Travis the Star. With these two regulars out of the same game. Acting Coach Brachhold found it necessary to turn to his extra pitchers for assistance. Wilson was shifted to first base while Athletic add Partridge went to the outfield.

C. C. N. Y. ATHLETES HONORED Swimmers and Basketball Players Receive Letter

New York, April 5.—The City College Athletic Association yesterday awarded the following insignia for sport activity during the last season: Varsity Letters—Swimming: Garvey, 1920; Lehman, 1921; Graehelm, 1921; Goodfriend, 1920. Basketball: Arthur C. C. N. Y. B. B.—Feigin, 1920; Joforsky, 1921; Fishkin, 1921; Anthon, 1921; C. C. N. Y. E. T.—Hasek, 1921; Peppys, 1919.

CAPTAIN SHELDON RETURNS Former Cornell Football Star Arrives From France

New York, April 5.—Captain Sheldon, of Cornell, formerly A. A. C. American halfback, returned yesterday from the Fifteenth Corps Artillery and spent several months in France.

Erlich Buys Twinkling Direct

Reading, April 5.—William B. Erlich Direct, a prominent real estate developer, has bought a new automobile from the Twinkling Direct Co., 206 N. 11th St., Philadelphia.

Jay Gould in Final Round

New York, April 5.—Jay Gould entered the final round of the Class A scratch tennis championship tournament at the Columbia Club by defeating Edward J. Patten of the Blue and White school yesterday.

MANY STARS CALLED, BUT FEW QUIT GAME, WHEN COIN BECKONS

Frank Baker Gave Up the Bat for the Hoe and Plow, Donlin Surrendered to the Thespian Call, but Both Returned to Diamond

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To a Recruit

(A Trifle in the Manner of Mr. Kingsley)

When all the game is young, lad, And all the cheers are loud; When wild acclaim is sprung, lad, From each exultant crowd; While still your pulses leap, lad, Where all the world's aglow, Don't drink it in too deep, lad, For some day you will know.

For when the game is old, lad, A few brief years away, You'll find the crowd is cold, lad, That cheered you yesterday; For those who now may show you A welcome to Fame's Inn Have only time to know you As long as you can win.

WE ARE quite pleased to report that the Hon. George Ade, a member of the Foremost Americans Club, after a winter at Belleair, is now ready to play the Game of his Life over his home-made Indiana golf course. In his final workout at St. Augustine he had speed, control and a hop to his fast one from tee to green and vice versa. It is always a pleasing thought to know that one of the World's Greatest Institutions is back in mid-season form again.

It was only a few years ago that Messrs. Ade and Sewell Ford organized the Willing Ears Company, Ltd., and added up a few shares of the preferred stock. Unfortunately, war broke out about that time and most of the Willing Listeners had little time for anything but war stuff.

BUT as soon as the league of nations is settled one way or another and the duffers begin to flock back to the ancient green, the stock in this company should be well-high priced.

Many Are Called—But Few Quit

THE hope that Dutch Leonard would retire from baseball in order to devote closer attention to his raisin farm, started a discussion as to the number of ball players who had quit the game while still in their prime.

Mike Donlin retired for a year or two back around 1906, but Mike heard the call of the wild again very shortly and reported for work in center field. Frank Baker also gave up the bat for the hoe and plow-handle in 1915, but he, too, yielded to the lure of the pastime and the fragrant odor of a Lot of Money and came back again.

Not very many cease firing as long as they can make the daily headline once in a while and provoke the roystering buzz of the fan. Also as long as they can collect the proper stipend. Here and there some well-known player drops out for a season, but a year's rest seems to change his opinion and he is soon back again, pursuing the two-base hit or striking out in a pinch.

THE spectacle of a star ball player quitting in his prime and remaining out of the fold for good and all is too rare to be recalled. It has very likely happened in late years, as anything can happen once in this extremely bizarre existence, but for the life of us we can't recall it now.

The Odds-on Array

VERY few ball clubs in recent years have faced the season as strong favorites for the flag as the Cubs are this April. The Giants were even a trifle stronger spring candidates back in 1917, winning with something to spare, but the Cub outlook today is almost as pink and serene as the Giant outlook was then.

Even rival ball clubs admit that Chicago's chance is the best—what with Alexander, Vaughn, Hendrix, Tyler and others to pitch them along the winning way.

Alexander had three great years before he left in khaki, and Vaughn's last two seasons have been his best. If both are near their top form, the flag race will be almost a canter for the Cubs. And even if one slips, the remaining staff can hold its own with any in the country.

ANY ball club that can start out with two fine pitchers, aided and abetted by two or three others above the average, has a bulge on all opposition.

Always

A little missed putt, now and then, May happen to all golfing men.

But when it docs—to star or lout It brings a lot of causing out.

AS JULY 1 approaches a number of damp strongholds, one of the popular verses of the day begins, "Backward, O backward turn, time in your flight." Ever hear it?

IF PROHIBITION prohibits, however, it at least will do some good in suppressing the Soused Quartet which insists on spilling a cluster of plaintive melody on or after the fourth drink.

GRAND CIRCUIT INTACT

Hudson River Park Again Will Hold Racing Events. Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 5.—The Hudson River Driving Park Association will fill the week assigned to it by the Grand Circuit stewards according to an official announcement issued yesterday by Thomas W. Murphy, the noted driver, who represented the local track at the Philadelphia meeting as steward.

Although the announcement came about a week late, yet the early closing purse program just made public will prove most acceptable to racing stables, besides setting aside all rumors of a vacant week following Belmont Park meeting.

Alfred Jenkins was elected secretary to succeed Al Saunders, of Philadelphia.

Mason Shades Patsy Wallace

Cleveland, O., April 5.—Frankie Britt, of New Bedford, Mass., was awarded the newspaper decision over Patsy Wallace, of New Orleans, in a ten-round boxing contest here last night. Frankie Mason, of Fort Wayne, Ind., was given the decision over Patsy Wallace, of Philadelphia, in the semi-finals, which also went ten rounds.

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