## SHAW MAY BE A DUFFER ON THE BASES, BUT HE'S GOOD ENOUGH TO STEAL BABE RUTH'S ACT

# SHAW SWIPES RUTH'S STUFF AND WALLOPS A PAIR OF HOMERS

Washington Mound Artist Knocks Ball Out of Lot on Two Different Occasions and Spoils Opening Day for Connie's Pennant Aspirants

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JIM SHAW, the hefty heaver of Washington, D. C., evidently has been reading the Life and Battles of Babe Ruth. Yesterday against our noble A's he swiped some of Babe Ruth's stuff, knocked two spheroids out of the let, made the game safe for his nine and allowed his pals to score five more markers for good measure. The final count was 7 to 2-exceedingly bad news for the 12,000 bugs in the bleachers and grandstand

Mr. Shaw had every appearance of a regular pitcher until he stepped up to the plate in the third inning. The A's took things easy, believing Jim would wave his bat three times, retire to the bench and rest up for the next frame. But the dope was upset when the big bowler biffed one on the beak, sent it on a line to left field out of the reach of Manny Kopp and the ball did not ne to a stop until it bounced into the blenchers and rested in the pocket of a spectator. That wallop was a big surprise, but Jim was not through.

In the fifth he looked Kinney straight in the eye, took a firm hold on his but and swished one into the left field mob on the fly. This is pretty good hitting even for a pitcher, and Griffith allowed him to remain on the mound. Show, however, was pitching an excellent brand of baseball, helding the locals bitless for four frames and yielding one bingle in the fifth. In that time fanned six Mackmen, one being Tilly Walker, who was sent up to hit in a pinch.

'Jim was too ambitious in the next inning and worked himself out of a job. He tried to field everything that came his way, especially as liner from George Burns's bat, which bounded off his bare hand, and another sizzler hit by Witt, which sizzled through both hands. That ruined his control and he was chased, after the A's had scored their two and only runs of the afternoon. Walter Johnson, known throughout the land as the Smoke King, lived up to his reputation in the closing innings and there was nothing doing. Whitey Witt managed to get a hit, but it counted for naught.

FTER Johnson stepped into the box the Athletics resembled a flack A of active members in an old ladies' sewing circle trying to hit the ball with darning needles. Walter fanned five in three innings with

#### Athletics Look Good Despite the Defeat

THE Athletics perpetrated three foozles during the afternoon, but the team looks good in spite of the boners. The boys were up against good pitching, and that's the best alibi we can think of. Shaw had lots of speed and a low curve ball which was difficult to connect with, and had the Macknen helpless until he hurt his hand. Walter Johnson was in his old-time form, which meant it was up to the locals to roll over and play dead.

With Walker on the sidelines and Bobby Roth still suffering from a wrenched back. Connie has been unable to put his strongest line-up in the field. Bobby's arm also is bad and his hitting is not up to the usual standard. As soon as those two sluggers get into proper physical condition the wrecking crew can start to work.

Kopp pulled a terrible boner in the sixth after he had walked and took second on a wild pitch. Roth hit one on the nose to center field and Kopp started for third. This would have been all right had two men been out; but no one had perished, and the result was an easy double play after Milan had made the catch. Either Manny or the coacher at third was at fault, for the play killed off one and possibly more scores.

Connie rushed three heavers into the fray, yanking Kinney in the sixth in favor of Siebold, and chasing the kid to allow Lefty Anderson to bet his bumps. The Senators treated all alike, bitting the ball freely and scoring whenever it was possible. Picinich, Shaw and Foster were the two hit experts, while Thomas and Witt were the only Mackmen to connect with a pair

Washington looks better with Shanks playing short and Menosky in the outfield. The team has been weak in the center of the infield thus far and the change seems for the better. Menosky is not yet in the best of shape, but will be able to fill in when he is needed. Griffith will have a good ball club when the players start working together.

SCOTT PERRY will pitch for the A's this afternoon and Connie is where a Sunday battle will be staged.

### Pat Moran Should Worry Over First Reverse

DAT MORAN suffered the first reverse of the year yesterday when the lowly St. Looie Cards bung it on him, S to 1. This wallop came after seven straight victories and was quite a shock to the fans of Redland. Pat has sprung a big surprise with his ball club, for at the beginning of the season it looked like anything but a strong aggregation. The training trip was terrible, the men were in poor physical shape, there was no shortstop and Eddie Roush was a confirmed holdout. Then the deal was put through with Brooklyn. trading Isee Magee for Kopf, Roush signed the papers and the team started to win ball games.

Cincinnati has a great bunch of sluggers in the line-up and the first even men will worry any pitcher. Heinie Groh has been taken from the lend-off position and dropped to third, with Rath and Neale ahead of him. Roush was awarded the clean-up place and Sherry Magee dropped to fifth. That left a pair of hitters like Daubert and Kopf to bat sixth and seventh. With Wingo and Rariden batting eighth and Bressler or Reuther pitching. the Reds will have nine parcels of trouble in the line-up and some heavy artillery should result. If Pat can get the pitching the Cincinnati club should be near the top all season.

Our Phils again aided the Giants if making the opening game on the Polo Grounds a success, scoring two runs while McGraw's men totaled fourteen. Mule Watson held the heavy hitters to sixteen hits and pitched the full game. As this was the first time the Phils played away from home this year. the players evidently had stage fright when they saw that mob of 20,000

The poor, down-trodden Braves played according to form and dronned snother battle to Brooklyn. It seems that every time the Dodgers want to win a ball game they pick on Boston. This is the sixth straight defeat handed to Stallings's crew, which is a big surprise, because the team looked better than any of the others down South.

THERE was lots of heavy scoring yesterday, Detroit and the Ginnts leading with 14 runs each. The Browns dropped the White Sox 11 to 4, the Cubs walloped Pittsburgh 4 to 2 and the Yankees put one over the Red Sox by the count of 3 to 1. The pennant races are getting closer every day.

### **Promoters Should Oust Crooked Boxing Managers**

BOXING promoters should take action against the men who are trying to undermine the sport by sending out "set-ups" to fight in other cities der names of well-known boxers. The fiaseo in Akron last Monday night, Danny Ferguson, of this city, masqueraded as Walter Mohr and was ed out in the first round, should be investigated and the guilty persons and. Danny was seen at Broad Street Station last Sunday night before d a train for Akron. It was said he did not look as if he had been and was not in shape to meet a man like Griffiths. Whoever sent ew Ferguson couldn't put up any kind of a battle, which wes proved

principled boxing managers have pulled many weird stunts this winter. Ill continue to put over the phoney stuff unless something is done imme-Ferguson comes from Philadelphia, and naturally one would suppose in Philadelphia sent him to Akron as Walter Mohr. An investigaould be made and the man or men barred forever in this city. It's a e to allow a few men to ruin a clean, healthy sport,

PORTUNATELY, we see little of that work in this city. The fans are too wise to be fooled, and on two occasions called the turn when they gazed upon counterfeits billed as wonders. The clubs have nothing to do with it. They make a match between two certain men, and i an imitation is sprung the manager is to blame. Let's get busy and stop this practice at once.

AMBITIOUS press agent has some good dope on the Penn-Harvard

eball game today. It is the opening of the straw hat senson and the oth raves as follows:

real old team on Straw Hat Day—each and every one a star. Poor

layle you don't think so well, remember it didn't look much
while Admirpt Noah laid the keel for that well known Ark."

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE JACK - I'VE ONLY JACK - I MADE NOTICE THAT HAD TWO SHOTS MASHIE APPROACH THIS HOLE IN I HOLED AND LOOK WHERE I MADE IT FOUR - WHAT OUT ON MY IN THREE D'YA KNOW TWO FEET FROM FAIR EH? APPROACH BOUT THAT THE CUP DAY DAY THAT FAR DRIVE NINETY-SIX YES BUT I'VE BEFORE I'D ISN'T SO HAVE AN ONLY BEEN . BAD FOR ME PLAYED ONE PLAYING LESS EIGHTY TWO YEAR I WAS IS IT JACK PLAYING UNDER NINETY YOU CREPE HANGER

# SHARPE AT CORNELL

Former Princeton Football Coach in Line for Gridiron Post With Ithacans

SOON TO GET CONTRACT

Ithaca, N. Y., May 3. - That Speedy" Rush, former coach at Prince tou, will be appointed head football oach at Cornell to succeed Dr. Albert H. Sharpe was the statement made to day by a member of the Cornell football unmittee and taken as absolutely au-

Rush was in Ithaca two days ago in onsultation with members of the football committee, and an understanding was reached which will soon be formulated in a contract to be followed by a formal announcement of Rush's engage nent by the athletic association.

The contract will be for a short term. Rush having asserted that if he returned to coaching it would be temporary only. as his business would not permit him to ie up for any length of time.

If Rush's wishes were met Cornell will retain Ray Van Orman, veteran each of the ends, as a member of the coaching staff, the new head coach having let it be known that he is very desirous of having Van Orman associated with him. The third member of the staff is likely

and 1915 teams.

### TIM DRONEY WINS

Rally in Last Three Rounds Beats Eddie Mullen

A furious rally in the last three than Eddie Mullen, enabled Droney to

evening. In the semi-windup Andy McCann resulted as follows: Joe Kilpatrick won from Willie McCloskey; Al Werner and Charlie O'Neill fought six even rounds and Frankie McCann defeated Pat O'Malley.

### WILLARD STARTS TRAINING

Champion Begins Road Work in Los Angeles for Big Bout

Los Angeles, May 3.-Jess Willard. who is matched to meet lack Dempsey for the heavyweight boxing championship, started road work yesterday. He left his quarters with the intention of doing ten miles. Willard came here to appear in a motion picture and will remain about a week, he said.

### DR. SARGENT RESIGNS

Quits as Director of Hemenway Gym at Harvard

Cambridge, Mass., May 3 .- Dr. Dudley A. Sargent announced last night his resignation as director of the Hemenway Gymnasium at Harvard Uni-

The resignation is effective on September 1. next, a few weeks before Dr. Sargent's seventieth birthday

### **GARNETS BEAT YALE**

Swarthmore Team Easify Wins Lacrosse Contest, 6 to 1

Swarthmore, Pa., May 3 .- Swarth more easily defeated Yale in lacrosse on the focal field yesterday afternoon,

The Eli stickmen seldom threatened the Garnet goal, Reid scooping in a difficult angle shot after some anappy stickwork in front of the goal.

K. O. Brown Beats Moha Racine. Wis.. May 3.—George (Knockout) rown, of Chicago, won a decision on points, coerding to sporting writers, from Botoha, of Milwaytkee, last hight. The mes re middleweights and they fought ten

Meyers Appointed Manager

# THE INHERENT VALUE OF VITAL STATISTIC **COUNTS FOR NOTHING**

In Batting, Pitching and Fielding Averages Often Are Most Misleading, the Real Stars Trailing Those Who Play "Percentage" Game

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TUST what is the inherent value of the Vital Statistic?

By this we mean batting averages, fielding averages or pitching averages. How completely do they express the full value of a ball player? Sergeant Henry Gowdy, better known as Lank Hank of the Line, was moodily discussing his own connection with the problem.

"Take the season of 1914." remarked Hank. "That year I never hit the ball harder in my life. I began hitting in April and I hit all through the season. I pounded that ball day in and day out. I was batting at a .350 clip, and yet what did I finish with? A measly .243.

'Why? Because they kept going straight at some infielder or some outfielder. I couldn't get 'em safe. When the world series came on the luck shifted. I wasn't hitting any better through the series than I was through the season, but they merely happened to break better.

66THE result was that I had .545 for the big Powerow, against 243 for the campaign before,"

### And So It Goes

COPHAT'S true enough," cut in Prof. Hughey Fullerton. "I remember I one year when Mitchell wasn't hitting the ball well. But they began to for him and he finished above began to hit the ball much harder and should have had a far better year. But he finished around .200, for everything he hit traveled straight to an infielder or outfielder."

Traveling the long route, the average is bound to count. But the break to be W. C. Cool, center of the 1914 may last for an entire season, where well-hit blows insist upon going straight at some sentry upon the rival defense.

WE RECALL one stretch of a month where Ty Cobb was below 250, and yet he insisted that he was hitting the ball better than at any time in his career.

### Pitching Records

IT HAS been contended that the number of carned runs yielded by a pitcher rounds, during which Tim Droney has a far better test of his ability than the number of games he has won showed that he could rough it better One man might pitch brilliantly and yet lose steadily where his club was

than Edule Atland.

take the honors and everything in the giving no batting, run-making support.

wind-up of the Cambria A. C. last

Another man, working not nearly so well, might win steadily where he was yielding four and five runs a game.

Against this theory we have the case of Mathewson, who made no attempt defeated Willie Boyle. The other bouts to continue pitching low-score games unless necessity drove him into the corner. Matty's system was to give his best when the score was close, but to ease promptly and save his arm when the Giants gathered in a tidy lead.

If his mates went out and secured five or stx runs for him, Matty no longer worked at top speed. The idea then was to take it fairly easy and save his arm for another battle. He could see no reason in working for a shut-out when the Giants had accumulated seven or eight runs.

 $m{A}^{ND}$  he happened to be one of those rare types who can let down and then get going again when the time arrives to tighten up.

THERE are many who believe that McLoughlin, the Comet, burned himself at too keen a flame, with the result that where Larned lasted nineteen years around the top, his span was less than ten-a brilliant affair while it lasted,

## BINGLES AND BUNGLES

Heinle Groh and Bill Kopf bagged the only its off three St. Louis pitchers. Each had blow. That's enough to stop any club.

The Reds were halted, but the House of Mack couldn't get started in their home opening. When they did start by scoring two runs in the sixth inning. Sir Walter Johnson, with neatness and dispatch, stopped them.

ped them.

All agreed that C. Mack has an interesting ball club, in spite of the selback. That Clark Grifith respects the Mackmen was demonstrated in the sixth inning when he sent Walter Johnson to the pitching peak when Washington held a two-run lead.

yesterday would be hard to duplicate.

It looks bad for Bahe Ruth now that Jim Shaw has started to hit homers. The Red Sox slugar will have to do zome tall clubbing to surpass Shaw's feat of two consecutive clouds for the circuit. Buth made skr in a row, but they ware in exhibition games and not against American League pitching.

Three of the five pitchers who wan two decisions the first week of the sesson are members of Pat Moran's staft. They are Fisher, Luque and Eller. The other two-decision curvers are Jeff Pfefer, of the Dodgers, and Causey, of the Ginnis.

Shortstop Scott, of the Red Sox, did half of Boston's hitting against Allen E sel, of the Yankees. Babe Ruth and males hit safely six times. Scott get three of the blows. The Yanks not took the game but second place in the

Cleveland was well aware of the fact that tobby Veach returned to the battle array of the Tizers yesterday. Ty Cobb's side part-er bit the old apple on each of his four times at bat. Listed among Veach's clouts were a double and triple.

Eddie Collins ad his White Sox pals were chibbed into submission by the Browns. Three of the streem St. Louis hits were contributed by Joe Gedcon.

Mike Doolan is making good with a venge ance with Charley Doola's Reading Internationals. The former Phil had two of Reading's four hits yesterday when the Pretzels wen their second straight game from Frank Schulte's Bingses.

HILL WILL HONOR

ory of John W. Overton, who was player Club schang. Boston..... Wambsgansa, Cleve graduated from the Hill School nere in Wambsgame, 1913, and who was killed in France, deepen, St. L. Hellman, Det. with Ath. Gandil, Chie ... is to be kept alive at that institution by the act of Martin T. Cornwall, a Cobb. Det ....
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Mr. Cornwall, the presenter of the medal, was on the cross-country team with Overton at Yale, and was one of his closest and most intimate friends.

his closest and most intimate friends. The medal is to be given annually at the commencement exercises.

"Johnny" attended the Hill as a member of the class of 1913, and was in 1917 at Yale. He holds the record at Hill School for the mile, making the distance in 4 minutes 34 seconds. He made this record on May 3, 1913.

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CANNEFAX INCREASES LEAD

Has Twenty-two Point Advantage
Over Alfred De Oro
New York, May 3.—Robert Cannefax, challenger for the three-cushion billiard title, increased his lead over Alfred De Oro, the champion, by winning the second block of the match last night by a score of 50 points to 30.
The total score is: Cannefax 100; De Oro, 78. The third and final block will be played tonight. Play last right hasted only fifty-seven innings, Cannefax averaging a point an inning for the first twenty-five innings. Each had a high run of six.

FASY FOR PRINCETON

### EASY FOR PRINCETON

Tiger Golfers Wallop Columbia by Score of 22 to 1

New York, May 3 .- Princeton and Dartmouth college golf teams clashed over the Nassau Country Club links vesterday and the Orange and Black aggregation won, 22 to 1. Princeton won every match in the

foursomes, but in the singles R. J. Bard scored for his side at the expense of

Columbia Beats Cornell New York, May 3.—The Columbia base-ball team easily defeated Cornell on South Field, yesterday afternoon. The score was 7 to 0.

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# GAVVY CRAVATH AND JACKSON LEADERS IN BIG LEAGUE HITTING

Hits for .533 Average. Witt Has .435 Rating. White Sox Hit Hard

WALLY SCHANG, former Mackthe Boston Red Sox, is showing the for the back woods, can do no more than way in American League batting cir- lead the National League in hitting cles. His rating is .545. Wambsganns, during the early days of the 1919 camof Cleveland, is next, only seven points Joe Jackson, of the White Sox, is the

through with sixteen hits out of thirty

times at bat for a mark of .533. Jackson leads the major leaguers in the number of safe hits. Whitey Witt, of the Athletics, is right near the top, his .435 rating keep-

the .300 line, the Tiogan having a mark Kid Gleason surely has a bunch of sluggers under his wing this season, for the White Sox are leading in team hitting with the unusual mark of .325. Jackson, Gaudil and Schalk are over the .400 mark, with Eddie Collins, Ris- he pitched last season, started by dropberg and Weaver above the .300 line. The White Sox also are speedy on the

with six, while Weaver is next with clining in sixth place with a rating of The averages follow:

Chicago Slugger Makes 16 Phils Slugger, With 6 Safeties Out of 7 Times Up, in Front With .857 Mark. Williams is Fourth

MALLY SCHANG, former Mack-man, now doing backstop duty for GAVVY CRAVATH, the crippled in-dividual who long ago was slated paign. The Phils' fence smasher has visited the plate only seven times this year and registered six safeties for an real leader, the Chicagoan coming average of .857.

Cy Williams is up there with fourteen hits out of twenty-six times at bat for a mark of .538. Woodward made two hits out of four times up.

The Phils also are in front in team batting, dividing honors with the Dodging him in fifth place. George Burns ers for the leading position with a

mark of .293. Olson, of the Dodgers, is the first major leaguer to score four runs in one game. On that day he made four hits. Cy Williams and Cravath also registered four hits in a regulation inning fray.

Earl Hamilton, who won every game ping his first contest. Pat Moran's leading Reds have not bases, Eddie Collins being well in front been desperate with the willow, now re-

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