

SHIBE PARK NOW LOOKS LIKE A MID-SUMMER SERIES BETWEEN THE A'S AND ST. LOSE BROWNS

A'S HOLD BIG LEAGUE RECORD FOR TRAINING IN DIFFERENT CAMPS

With Lake Charles, La., as the Spot This Year, Mackmen Will Have Conditioned at Eleven Different Places. Mack Likes Jacksonville Best

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All was quiet at Shibe Park. A sharp, cutting, biting wind blew across the barren diamond, little ponds of ice formed in front of the grand stand and the entire scene was one of bleak desolation. In other words, the spring training camp of the A's used in 1919 was all flooded.

Connie Mack gazed sadly at the deserted stands. This is not hard for Connie to do, because he has had every time he looks up there, whether it be in January or July. He knows the name and number of every seat because of constant observation. At this time he probably recalled the last series the A's played with St. Louis or something like that.

"No, we will not train here this year," he sighed. "We are going far, far away, to see if we can get the boys in shape in southern climes so they can make a good showing in the pennant race. We are going to Lake Charles, La., which is as far South as we can get without shipping into the Gulf of Mexico. And this is our first appearance in Lake Charles," he added reminiscently.

This last wise crack caused us to think. We recalled that the Athletics were great travelers, although it couldn't be proved by looking at the standings of the clubs for the last five years. As soon as the regular season starts Mack's athletes select a nice, comfortable spot in the vicinity of eighth place, camp there for almost six months and refuse to move. They can't travel up and it is impossible to journey any further downward, so they are unanimously stationary. Just the same, they are great travelers.

The answer is simple. They do their globe-trotting BEFORE the season starts. Since the season of 1903 they have been in more training camps than any other big league club, and they are not done yet. They have been all over the South. In 1903 they trained at Jacksonville and the next year visited Spartansburg, S. C. Then they tried Shreveport, La., and from there went to New Orleans. Marlin, Tex., was selected in 1907; Montgomery, Ala., was given the once over in 1908, and a return engagement was played in New Orleans in 1909. In 1910 our A's were attracting spring visitors to Atlanta, and the following year Connie decided to take a chance on Savannah. The club had hard luck at San Antonio in 1912 and '13, and that caused a change to Jacksonville. They remained there five years and had good success. Last year Philadelphia was selected after considerable effort, and now it is Lake Charles.

THIS is eighteen seasons the Athletics trained in eleven different places, which is going some. It is doubtful if any other club has equaled this record. And of all the places, Connie liked Jacksonville the best.

To Leave for South on February 20

"WE HOPE to turn out a good ball club this year," said Connie after he had returned to his warm office in the tower. "There will be a large number of players to select from and there should be a few who will stand out. About February 20 we will leave for Lake Charles, and from then on it will be hard work. The battery men will go first and the others will follow a few days later.

"I expect to have three dozen athletes in the training camp. Of these, sixteen will be pitchers. If four or five can be developed out of that crowd we will be fairly well fixed."

"How about Perry?" we asked.

"Why, Perry has signed for the season," replied Connie. "He decided to play ball with the Athletics this year when he learned I would not sell or trade him to another club. Scott will be a great help to us, for I believe he has realized the importance of keeping in condition.

"Perry had hard luck last year. He lost the first three games in extra innings, two going thirteen and the other twelve. Had he won those contests, the chances are he would have had a good season. Things broke badly for Scott last year, and I suppose he got discouraged.

"Every player on the squad will have to prove his worth in order to make the team. No man has his job clinched. It will be the survival of the fittest. Griffin and Binens will fight it out for first base and the other infielders will have a battle. I shall see how Joe Dugan works at second base instead of shortstop, because I think he is better fitted to play that position. He worried too much when at shortstop.

"I expect to use George Burns in the outfield, and by the way, there will be a great fight for places out there. Whitney Witt, Strunk and Walker will be on the job and the new men also will be present.

"We will play seventeen games with the St. Louis Cardinals in Brownsville and other Texas towns, which should help both clubs immensely. The squad will be divided into two teams and the others will do some traveling in Louisiana. Every man will be given a thorough rest down South."

YOL must stand it for Connie for his persistence. He always is trying and is stopping at nothing to get together a good ball club. He tries out hundreds of players every year, many real money for the pennant and some day he is bound to be successful. Here's hoping he comes through this year.

Moran and Fulton Will Settle Argument Tonight

FRANCIS CHARLES MORAN is confident he will knock Fredward Fulton for a goal over in Newark tonight. The blond warrior, who finished second to the pugnascent pitcher in Newark in two years ago after three disastrous seasons, says the star was all wrong, and those who say it agree with him. Fulton just hammered the daylight out of Francis Charles' arm, but his way for the lengthy round. Even Fredward was surprised at the result.

Moran, however, has come forward with an explanation or alibi or word to that effect. After thinking the matter over, he decided he had held Fulton too cheaply and blamely to use him in his own club.

"I was thinking of using him in an army camp," said Francis Charles, "and contract was made to go to Newark to continue training. But I thought Fulton was only an ordinary warrior. The night of the fight I noticed that Fulton had heavy eye tape on his eyes, but made no protest because I expected to end things in a hurry.

"But when the fight began Fulton hit me with that taped hand and almost knocked me flat. I couldn't see a thing and was waving my hands at the referee. All Fulton had to do was stick with my left hand and hit. I couldn't protest myself, and for that reason lost the bout. If I won't bargain tonight, because I am in good shape and know I can knock the big lug out."

Fulton is a great boxer and a hard fighter, but looks the heart to make him a champion. If the going gets rough he likes to talk it on the run, but if he is in a winning mood he is a hard nut to beat. Tonight he will face one of the greatest men in the ring and will have his hands full until it's all over. Fredward is expected to win a knockout, but you never can tell.

When he faced Fulton in Newark in two years ago, N. J. Fulton was the heavy favorite. However, he lasted but eighteen rounds, taking it on the chin and then on the hip. He removed himself as a championship contender before he got started. He was in Europe last year and frightened all of the heavens over there. Nobody would meet him and he had to come home. If he likes Moran tonight he will be in line for a bout with Dempsey.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



JOE M'NAMEE TOPS AMERICAN SCORERS

Has Made Sixteen Field Goals in Five Games—Mocky Bunnin Is Second

MALONE MAKES MOST POINTS

The American League scoring records for the first five games, issued by Secretary Hauge, show that the honors for making points are just about as evenly contested as the great race now being staged by that organization, which appears as if it will end in a triple tie.

Joe M'Namee, of Xavier, is the leading field-goal scorer with sixteen double-deckers to his credit and the veteran is going better than ever. Bunnin, of S. P. H. A., is second with fifteen, although Malone, of M. C. Carmel, has tossed in the most points, due to accuracy from the foul line.

Table with columns: Player, Team, G, F.G., P.C., F.T., P.C., Pts. Lists top scorers like M'Namee, Bunnin, Malone, etc.

CLEVELAND KEPT FROM FLAG BY BILL DINEEN

Back in 1908, When Ump Was a Pitcher, He Ruined Forest City Pennant Hopes

Cleveland never has known what it means to hold a baseball championship. Until the 1919 season Ohio was baseball's most conspicuous first state. Some meanness power seemed to camp on the outskirts of the teams from Cincinnati and Cleveland by which the great Red-eye state was kept perpetually in the second-hand background.

After years of torment the Cincinnati Reds kicked their jinx into the Ohio river last season and won baseball's greatest honor, but Cleveland, as usual, is talking of almost every year.

It is the tragedy of Lajoie's twenty-one year career in the majors that he has played on some of baseball's greatest aggregations, yet as never was on a championship team.

The bitter blow to Lajoie's, as well as to Cleveland's baseball history, was the loss of the championship of 1908. The 1908 race was the closest and most exciting in American League history.

All four of the western clubs were running neck-and-neck on Labor Day, when the St. Louis Browns started to slip, leaving it up to the other three clubs, Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit.

The race then tightened up to such a degree that on Sunday, October 1, two days before the end of the season, it was anybody's race. But Cleveland had one advantage. If the Saps could win three straight from the Browns they would win the pennant, regardless of anything that happened in the closing Chicago-Detroit series in Chicago.

The series started in St. Louis on Sunday, October 4, and the first game ended in a eleven-inning 3-to-2 tie. The tie necessitated a double-header on the following afternoon. If the Saps won this double-header and the single game on the following afternoon the pennant would be theirs.

Bill Dineen, one of the Browns' best pitchers, was McAleer's pitching choice against Liebhaf in the first game of the double-header, and Cleveland's pennant hopes were dashed against the powerful delivery of this sturdy right-hander.

Even to this day, when Bill umpires a game in Cleveland, he is as popular as the former laborer, were he to stroll down Piccadilly. Cleveland never will forget that Bill is the man who pitched the city out of a pennant.

Dineen held the Cleveland sluggers to four hits, singles by Bradley, Hinchman and Bennis, and a double by George Stovall. The great Lajoie was up four times in Cleveland's most important game without getting a single hit.

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BRIDGEPORT JOINS EASTERN LEAGUE

North Phillie Franchise Purchased by John Leavy—Play Sunday Games at Home

BRUGGY BACK IN CIRCUIT

North Philadelphia passed out of the Eastern Basketball League yesterday in favor of Bridgeport, Conn., which club took over the franchise of the local club by paying \$500 for the privilege of "sitting in" for the second half of the race which opens here tomorrow night.

Bridgeport intends to play all home games on Sunday afternoons, basketball being allowed in that town on the Sabbath. Reading will open there next Sunday.

Bruggy With Germantown Dave Dennis, of Germantown, is after second-half honors and is leaving no stone unturned to place a winning team in the cage, and when the suburbanites take the floor tomorrow evening they will have a newcomer in the lineup in the person of Frank Bruggy, the leading scorer of the Penn State League.

Bruggy a number of seasons back sported the colors of De Neri for a time, but he is going better than ever now. He will divide the backfield assignment with Nat Holman.

The giant center, will also be on hand for every game in the second half.

Manager Myers, of De Neri, is perfectly satisfied with his line-up, but may decide to get another man to fill the place of Chris Leonard, who has gone with "Chief" Muller, of Trenton, to play with Troy.

Beckman Best Scorer While the records for the first half show "Soup" Campbell to have made the most points, the scoring honors fall to Johnny Beckman, who has averaged over 9 points to a game. Eddie Dolin, of the Skeeters, has the largest number of field goals to his credit, with 44. The individual performances are appended:

Table with columns: Player, Team, G, Pts., F.G., F.T., P.C., Pts. Lists top scorers like Campbell, Beckman, Dolin, etc.

Point Scores

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SUSPENDED OR RELEASED PLAYERS

Table with columns: Player, Team, G, Pts., F.G., F.T., P.C., Pts. Lists suspended or released players.

Sets New World Record

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 12.—Otto Walker won the 100-mile motorcycle race at Renton, Wash., yesterday, with a record of 2:00:00 and an average of 25.5 miles an hour, said to be a new world record.

H. F. WHITNEY, U. S. G. A., IS GOLF DELEGATE ON OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Committee Awaits Report of Annual Golf Meeting, but Wires Evidently Crossed—Whitney Awaits Further Olympic Committee Instructions

By SANDY MENBLICK It will be a good lead off, for all three American teams that could be sent to the Olympics, contemplated on the Philadelphia players, with some Philadelphia players, comes the thought that Marston, captain of Merion's team, may be picked. He is chiefly famed as a golfer, being one of America's first ten and therefore has a double chance at the Olympics.

As pointed out before, Philadelphia could qualify at least seven other local players to compete on the American golf team, and the Olympic question is therefore, particularly vital here.

The failure to bring it up at the U. S. G. A. meeting was most disappointing. But it was in line with the rest of the business transacted. The delegates were more or less present to hold down the chairs. The business to be done was in printed form on said chairs when the delegates filed in, and this was the only business done.

Most of the delegates had their first intimation of the clubs which had they looked over these pamphlets, of the delegates who claimed to have professional experience with the training during the professional championship.

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There was virtually no argument to the Engineers' Club as the scene of the next amateur, until after the meeting.

It was pointed out that the club is fifty miles out from New York on the Long Island Railroad, which runs one train something like 9 a. m. and another around 11 a. m., according to our informants who claimed to have professional experience with the training during the professional championship.

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Eastern League First-Half Statistics

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PHOTOPLAYS

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APOLLO 522 & THOMPSON STS. MATINEE DAILY MARY PICKFORD IN "HEART OF THE HILLS"

ARCADIA THEATRE BILLIE BURKE IN "WANTED A HUSBAND"

BLUEBIRD BROAD STREET AND RUSSELLIANA AVE. "AN ADVENTURE IN HEARTS"

BROADWAY Broad & Snyder Sts. BRYANT WASHINGTON IN "HAWTHORNE, U. S. A."

CAPITOL 722 MARKET STREET 10 A. M. to 11:15 P. M. "A REGULAR GIRL"

COLONIAL 6th & Maplewood Sts. STAR CAST IN "SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE"

EMPRESS MAIN ST. MANAYUNK MATINEE DAILY TOM MIX IN "THE SPEED MANIAC"

FAIRMOUNT 50th & GIRARD AVE. LUCY SUTTON IN "THE MARRIAGE OF LOVE"

FAMILY THEATRE—3411 Market St. JOHN HAREYMOORE "HARVEST"

56TH ST. THEATRE—Below Spruce. STAR CAST IN "AUCTION OF SOULS"

FRANKLIN THIRD & PITZWAUER FRANK MAYO "VALERKA"

Great Northern Broad St. at Erie. "CONSTANT BINSNEY IN 'SHE-WHILE SUBWAY'"

IMPERIAL 60TH MARKET ST. ANITA STEWART IN "MIND-THE-FAIR GIRL"

LEADER 41ST & LANCASTER AVE. MARGUERITE CLARK IN "A GIRL NAMED MARY"

LIBERTY BROAD & COLUMBIA AV. BEENA O'NEIL IN "VICTORY"

333 MARKET STREET THEATRE STAR CAST IN "MALE AND FEMALE"

MODEL 455 SOUTH ST. DOROTHY DALTON IN "MALE AND FEMALE"

BROAD ST. AUDITORIUM TIOLA DANA IN "PLEASE MEET MY FRIEND"

EUREKA 40TH & MARKET STS. DOROTHY DALTON IN "MALE AND FEMALE"

JEFFERSON 29th & Daughlin Sts. HARRY CAREY IN "A GUN FIGHTING GENTLEMAN"

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