

NEW YORK YANKEES ARE NOW IN THEIR USUAL STRIDE WITH THE OLD JINX ON THEIR NECKS

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HARD LUCK ON TRAIL OF YANK CLUB CRIMPS BRIGHT PENNANT PROSPECTS, KNOCKED FLOOIE IN BUT TWO WEEKS

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EVERY time the New York Yankees are placed in a position to cop something which resembles a pennant the team goes flooie and the well-known championship aspirations are knocked for a goal. The young gentlemen working for Colonel Huston and Ruppert seem unable to stick around long enough to do any damage to any one but themselves before and after the season starts. In other words, the old jinx is on the job again. Two weeks ago prospects were unusually bright. The ball club was sailing along beautifully and Colonel Huston was rational. Then Feaster struck his bean into one of Jeff Pfeffer's fast ones, Ping Bodie took it on the rim to attend to some important business in New York, thus depriving the club of a pair of noble athletes. Aaron Ward, a youngster who looked like a world-beater, entered the retired class on Wednesday and now the works are all shot. Ward has nothing but a twisted knee and should be able to hobble around in a couple of weeks. Feaster and Ward were the speed merchants on the team, and everybody knows how Miller Huggins is pulling for speed this year. He needed a couple of fast blokes to run the bases and things like that, but now he must depend on his last year's outfit. If those guys can romp away with a pennant, a loaded ten-ton truck can win an automobile race. Hard luck always has trailed along with the Yankees. A couple of years ago Bill Donovan had the club in first place, winning lots of ball games, when Frank Gilbreth tried to catch a ball while resting on his right shoulder at Shibe Park. He missed the ball, but busted the shoulder, thus erasing himself from the picture. Shortly afterward Frank Baker collided with a concrete stand, with no ill effects to the stand but cracking a pair of his ribs. That put the Yanks off their stride and they never recovered.

HUSTON and Ruppert have spent a fortune to get together a winning team, but there has been nothing doing. The Colonels should not out on the open market and try to purchase a winning jinx.

Yanks Still After Baker THE result of these recent accidents means only one thing. Further pressure will be brought to bear on Frank Baker and every effort will be made to lure the Maryland slugger off the old farm to don a uniform for one more year. Baker told Colonel Huston last month he would try to arrange his affairs so he could play baseball this year, but nothing else has happened. The big third baseman will receive another delegation in a few days, and if he decides to join the club there will be much joy. In the meantime, Derrill Pratt is back at second and Bobby Meusel at third. Meusel, by the way, has every appearance of a big league star and should not be considered out of the running. True, he isn't a finished infielder as yet, but will improve with age. However, he is a great hitter and certainly can bust the bulb. He has made longer hits than Babe Ruth and frequently has been mistaken for the famous home-run king. The Yanks have had some rough sledding on the northward journey, and until yesterday looked worse in every game. Excepting yesterday, they have been completely outplayed by Brooklyn, and the series now stands 8 to 4 in favor of the Dodgers. Only in yesterday's game did the pitchers do any pitching, the hitters are not hitting and the fielders are not fielding. Outside of that no fault can be found.

All of which points to a real ball game at Shibe Park next Wednesday when the Yanks open the season with our A's. Connie's team is in

CATHOLIC COPS IN FIRST LEAGUE MIX

La Salle, With 13 Errors, Drops Opening Circuit Game, 7 to 3

FOUR HITS OFF MURPHY

Catholic High School, double entrant for championship honors in Philadelphia this season, got started in the right direction for one of the titles yesterday afternoon, when the Purple and Gold nine opened the Catholic Schools' League with a victory over La Salle. The disappointing score of the latter was 7 to 3. This afternoon Catholic High will romp out on the diamond again, this time in an interscholastic league match with Germantown High. Germantown has a crack team, as it had last season, scoring on Higgins. Two annexed by this school, and Catholic High may expect no easy games. The Catholic-La Salle contest yesterday made scholastic history in this city, as this was the opening game of the first Catholic baseball league to be formed here. Five nines are in the circuit, other schools being St. Joseph's Prep, Villanova Prep and West Philadelphia Catholic High. Although the weather was wonderful for football or any other wintery pastime rather than for baseball, the game between Catholic High and La Salle resulted in a mighty good contest. Despite the fact that Murphy, of La Salle, held the Catholic batsmen to but four safeties, the latter, aided by thirteen errors by the opposition, was able to come through with a victory. La Salle took the lead by counting in the initial inning, when Joe White spiked the rubber after reaching first on an error, stealing second and third and scoring on Higgins' hit. Two of Catholic's four hits in the third tied the score, and then the Purple and Gold sewed up the game by getting four runs in the fifth. Catholic scored later in the seventh and eighth, while La Salle added single counts in the sixth and eighth.

Cubs Are All Swelled Up

ACCORDING to reports from the West, the Chicago Cubs are not in the best of shape for the opening of the season. It is said the athletes, although they have worked hard, have failed to take off weight and some have gained many additional pounds. Hippo Vaughn now weighs 230 with his eyes shut. Alexander tips the beam at 190 and Bill Killefer weighs 185 pounds. This will not help the club to any great extent, as most of the others also have reported large gains. Perhaps the food was good out there and the menu cards received a big play from start to finish. Anyway, it's pretty sad when the two best pitchers and the star catcher of the league are qualifying for the fat men's club with the opening of the season less than a week away.

TO MAKE matters worse, Fred Meikle has developed a kink in his right arm and is on the dockyard for repairs. Herzog has been in Chicago for some time and Haller's hand still is weak.

THERE seems to be a lot of accidents this year and the important players are the victims. Barbara, who was slated for one of the infield jobs with the Pirates, has been put out of business for some weeks because of a broken jaw. He was hit by a pitched ball in Shreveport yesterday and took the leg count. With Terry sold to the Cubs and Barbara in the hospital, Wilson's troubles are growing. He is sadly in need of infielders.

THE alleged scrap between Charles Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, and Jawn McStraw has been settled by correspondence. The pair are said to have fought it out in Cuba last winter and afterward traveled in different directions. Now Stoneham says there was nothing to the report. McStraw also says there was nothing to it. Therefore there must have been nothing to it.

Today's Scholastic Games and Scores of Yesterday

INTER-SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE Germantown High at Catholic High. INTER-ACADEMIC LEAGUE Falsensal Academy at Friends' Central. Penn Charter at Germantown Academy. OTHER GAMES West Catholic High at Camden High. Catholic High at Butler Park High. Bryn Athyn at Chestnut Hill Academy. Abington High at Germantown Friends.

WRESTLING CARD COMPLETE

Heavyweight Grapplers of Five Countries to Compete April 14 Official announcement of the second wrestling meet under the auspices of the International Sporting Club at the National Club has been made by Bobby Gunniss for the night of April 14. Five different countries will be represented on this program, including Poland, Greece, Turkey, Russia and the United States. Stanislaus Zabyszko, the giant Polisher, will appear in the wind-up. His opponent will be Frank Younska, a Turk. In the other bouts Jim London, of Greece, will meet Steve Stasiak, of Russia; Jack Edwards, and Harry Stevens, Americans, will clash, and the fourth fracas will be between Enair Johansen, of Philadelphia, and Cyclone Burns, of the New England states.

Shifts Made in Yale Crew New Haven, Conn., April 9.—Three shifts were made in the Yale varsity crew by Coach Guy Noyes. The first shift was put at No. 4 in the first boat, replacing Schiefel, who was moved to No. 8. Walker was taken from No. 5 in the junior eight and placed in No. 3 in the varsity. These shifts were made by Coach Noyes and the second crew.

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Cincinnati Track Will Be Sold at Auction on May 1 Cincinnati, O., April 9.—The Cincinnati Automobile Speedway will be sold at public auction in the sheriff's office here, on May 1. The sale was ordered by the Common Pleas Court. The property, which originally cost \$700,000, is appraised at \$200,000. It was announced that the bondholders would buy the track and that the American Racing Association had offered dates for automobile races, one to be held on July 4.

CUNHA LEAVES FOR TITLE SWIM RACE

Meadowbrook Entry Has Good Chance for National Crown at Detroit Tomorrow AFTER 220-YARD LAURELS

George Cunha, one of the best sprint swimmers in the country, left last night for the national title swims to be staged in the Detroit Athletic Club tank tomorrow afternoon and night. Cunha will represent the Meadowbrook Club. Cunha has been showing in great shape in local swims, and it would not be surprising if he captured a championship. He will go after the 220-yard title, and he is sure to put up a great battle. The Meadowbrook athlete has been turning fifty yards in 25 1-5 seconds, and has been doing the hundred consistently a bit on the other side of 50 seconds. He has been swimming the furlong in the neighborhood of 2 minutes and 27 seconds. Cunha stands a very good chance of winning," said Samuel J. Dallas, the A. A. U. president and Meadowbrook secretary, today. "He has been doing exceptionally good work in the indoor meets this season, and he is sure to be up in the running. The hosts of the events will be held Saturday afternoon and the finals Saturday night."

ALL-FLYWEIGHT SHOW

Taylor to Get Small Men for Prelims to Wbde-Murray Bout The second show of the Camden Sportsmen's Club is to be an all-flyweight card, according to Herman Taylor, manager. After finishing negotiations for the star contest between Jimmy Wilde and Battling Murray,

Taylor started working on his prelims for this program to be held on the night of April 21. Murray is training diligently for his match with the little Briton. The Philadelphia realist thinks this bout will be the most crucial of his entire career. A first-class traveling team would like to hear from a serious pitcher willing to for a reasonable guarantee. E. Myers, 1224 North Orleans street.

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