

SLUGGING IS A GREAT ASSET ON DIAMOND, BUT WHEN IT IS TIMELY IT IS BETTER THAN THAT

INDIANS, WITH FIGHTING AND GAME LEADER IN TRIS SPEAKER, LOOK LIKE BEST A. L. CLUB HERE THIS YEAR

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THE Indians are among us, and in one afternoon did nothing but put on a war dance and scalp Connie's Athletics in a thorough and convincing manner. There was no doubt about it. The scalping was unanimous and a huge success. Now the Indians, which is slang for Cleveland, are leading the league by a more comfortable margin than a yesterday morning. Perhaps it will be better than tomorrow morning, but you never can tell in baseball.



TRIS SPEAKER

However, it is not that as it may be, but the gentlemanly athletes toiling for Tris Speaker made a great impression on the home fans. The club looks better than any which has performed on the local lot this season, and for that reason has a perfect right to be in only one of the first places in the first place. Some were buried under an avalanche of runs, said runs coming across the pan when they were needed. Some were not needed—and we are referring to the old-time, slam-bang swatting scoundrel in the ninth—but it always is best to clinch a victory when a victory can be clinched.

Five perfectly good rallies trickled over the pan in that final session because Tris imagined that a one-run lead was not enough to vanquish the A's. In that Tris was perfectly right. He wanted to make the game certain, and all victories at this time of the year count as much as those registered in September, when the clubs are hitting only the high spots.

But the most impressive feature of the afternoon's exercise, taken at an enormous expense, was the fighting spirit shown by the grunts from Cleveland. Whether they were ahead or behind—and they were both at various stages of the game—the boys played for everything there was in them and never let down until the last man was out. Spirit like that cannot be taught, but it is a natural thing and a hard worker like Tris Speaker setting the pace the players always are keyed up to the highest pitch.

Spoke is an ideal leader and, despite the double burden he is carrying on his shoulders, is playing a wonderful game. He is the only real playing manager in either league. Cravath, of the Phils, also wears a uniform and busts into the line-up, but he wears himself only as a pinch hitter. Tris is out there every day, directing his ball club on the field and the bench, performing his double duties with a smile and getting away with it.

"CLEVELAND cannot be considered a championship contender," I was told by many experts in the South last spring. "Tris Speaker is the star of the club and will play great baseball while they are winning. However, when his team slumps he will start scowling, his work will fall off and the others will follow. Just wait and see."

Speaker Is a Fighter—Never Quits

THAT was the dope handed out before the season opened, and although the Indians are running along smoothly at present, it's a safe bet that Speaker will play just as hard as soon as the tough breaks appear. Tris is a fighter. He never quits and has the tenacity of imparting that fighting spirit to his men. He is friendly to all, but at the same time everybody knows he is the boss.

Last year Spoke took the team under very precarious conditions. Foul was relieved in midseason, the club was disorganized and was losing in second place by the narrow margin of half a game. On the day Speaker took

charge conditions could not have been worse. If Cleveland lost and the three teams below won, the Tribe would have dropped into fifth place. However, a victory was scored that day, and from then on the club played wonderful baseball and lost the pennant only because of a short season.

Now Speaker's work is harder than ever. All of the critics have picked his team to win the pennant, and if such a thing occurs there will be the usual chorus of "I told you so." Tris will not be given any credit for it. It will be figured that any one could have won with the same club.

But on the other hand, if Cleveland happened to get trimmed, Tris probably will come in for a lot of panning. In other words, he has everything to lose and nothing to gain. Isn't that a swell outlook for a big league playing manager and one of the stars of baseball? As was said before, he isn't worrying. All he can do is play as well as he is able, direct the team according to his own ideas and hope that he will be rewarded in the future. If he wins, more power to him. If not, give him the credit he deserves for making a game fight.

CLEVELAND, however, has a smart ball club. The infield, with Gardner, Chapman, Jones and Wood, Speaker and Gwynn compose a great outfield. Steve O'Neil is about the best backstop in the league, but the pitching staff has yet to show whether it is good or bad.

But Two Dependable Hurlers

THERE'S the rub at present. Although leading the league by a comfortable margin, Cleveland has not shown any more than two pitchers who can win a game. The only ones who have been won, but you'd be surprised to learn that sixteen of the nineteen have been won by Covelick and Bagby. Pretty strange, isn't it? But it's a fact.

Bagby won his eighth straight victory at Shibe Park yesterday, overlooking, after winning seven in a row, dropping one and now has embarked on another winning streak with one to his credit. Therefore, the two hurlers have won eight games each, which makes a total of sixteen. That's the figures, and figures don't lie.

Slim Caldwell won two and Elmer Myers the other, which brings the total up to nineteen.

"The funny thing connected with my pitching staff," said Speaker, "is that no pitcher ever has worked out of turn. It might seem strange, but we have had rain and had weather in the West, and the postponements have been all in our favor. That is the only way I could use Covelick and Bagby."

"As for the other pitchers, I will not know how they will stand up until June or July. Elmer Myers looks very good and has pitched three small games. Slim Caldwell also is showing up well, but there is some doubt as to the others. George Uhle is not in shape and Dick Neuhaus probably will be better when the warm weather sets in.

"I said last spring that we would have a good chance to win the pennant if our pitchers came through. I say the same thing now, but you can't tell anything about it until another month has passed. I believe the hurlers will come through, but we must wait and see."

THERE will be another ball game today. Either Morton or Caldwell will work for Cleveland; Perry or Rammel for the A's.

O'Neil New Hero of Sweat

YESTERDAY'S ball game introduced a new slugging hero, entitled Stephen O'Neil, of Minooka, Pa. Stephen was the first to get a home run, a 1,000 clip for the afternoon. In the fifth inning, when the game was absolutely scoreless, O'Neil selected a beautiful twister and socked it into the left field bleachers for a home run. For some reason or other the ball bounded back into the field and O'Neil heaved a sigh of relief. A run had been scored, but \$2.50 had been saved.

In the fifth Steve got a single and rapped a double in the seventh. Kinney fanned him in the ninth and gave him a pass. During the afternoon O'Neil scored two runs and drove in three others on the hoof. Pretty good for one day's work.

TILLY WALKER did some great work for the Phils in his home in the fourth but the home run he hit in the seventh came, but when it is timely, like Tilly's score yesterday, it is better than that.

MOVIE OF A BATTER CALLED OUT ON STRIKES



BETTS LOOKS LIKE PHILS' MOUND FIND

Holds Cards for Four Innings. With Not a Foe Reaching First Base

St. Louis, Mo., May 20. — Many, many years ago Sherwood Magee sat on the Philly bench at Cardinal Field as a rookie. He had a reputation as a great hitter, but being an outfielder the Phillies did not have any room for this heavy-weight kid, who carried a pair of shoulders that made George Henken-schildt look like a flyweight.

Jack Taylor was pitching for the Cardinals and Johnny Lush was the first batter in the second inning for the Phillies. Taylor delivered one high on the inside. It was so fast that Lush could not duck. Crash. The ball met Lush's head and he took the count—more than the official knockout count. Doctors hopped out of the grandstand and placed life bags on Johnny's aching head.

"Magee hitting for Lush" shrieked Bill Klem. That was Magee's debut in the National League. He cracked two doubles and a triple against Jack Taylor and carried in the National League until last winter, when he passed over to the American Association.

There was another substitution at Cardinal Field yesterday—for the Phillies, too. Melvin Gallin, otherwise the chief started out as the pitcher for the Phillies. He did not have a thing when Empire McGonick refused to admit him as a spillover pitcher. He slipped by the first and the second but in the third he was found for five runs and another in the fifth.

In the fifth Empire McGonick wheeled around and facing the grandstand patrons announced: "Betts now pitching for the Phillies."

When the game was over Betts had pitched to twelve batters. Four sent easy flies to the outfield, one popped to R. Miller and eight dribbled soft grounders to the infield. He covered four innings and did not allow a runner to touch first base.

Who knows but that the Phillies have discovered another pitching ace for the National League? Anyhow, the youngsters are bound to get a thorough test, as at present Cravath is yearning and yawning for some one to hold the enemy as George Smith did here Tuesday in winning 1 to 0.

HURDLE FIELD CLASS OF INTERCOLLEGIATES

Thomson Favorite, With Erdman, Smith, Watt and Wells All High in Dope. Other Stars

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK  
OF ALL the star athletes who will show in the annual intercollegiate championships at Franklin Field next Friday and Saturday, the real class is hunched in the hurdles. The timber fell even outshines the cluster of luminaries in the 1919 games.

The entries include five of the greatest hurdlers in the universe, eight men who are good for a shade lower than the big-timers and numerous other timber-toppers who would be considered for the front ranks in any but an abnormal hurdling year.

Take a look at these names and records and judge the five bright lights for yourself:

Earl Thomson, Dartmouth—holder of numerous records and titles. Best time in high hurdles, 14 1/2-58. Best time in low hurdles, 24.

Carl Erdman, Princeton—Intercollegiate 1918 high and low hurdles champion. Holder of world's indoor sixty-yard record. Best time in high hurdles, 15 1/2-58. Best time in low hurdles, 24 1/2-58.

Walker Smith, Cornell—Intercollegiate 1919 high and low hurdles champion. Best time in high hurdles, 15 1/2-58. Best time in low hurdles, 24 1/2-58.

J. M. Watt, Cornell—Holder of world's record for 40-yard hurdles. Second in both high and low hurdles in 1919 intercollegiate championships. Best time in high hurdles, 15 1/2-58. Best time in low hurdles, 24 1/2-58.

W. B. Wells, Leland Stanford—Far-western high and low hurdles champion. Best time in high hurdles, 15 1/2-58. Best time in low hurdles, 24 1/2-58.

They are the five big stars and, although they are figured for the five places in the carnival on May 29, yet there are several others who are likely to break into the scoring.

Besides Erdman, Princeton has two dangerous men in Massay, the former Hill School star, who holds the middle states record, and Trowbridge, who scored in the intercollegiate last year. Penn has Everett Smalley, an intercollegiate record-holder, and Harrison Frazier, who was a 1919 scorer.

California is sending on H. K. Henderson, and it is likely that he will earn a place. He was second to Wells



CARL ERDMAN

In both events out in the far western championships.

Myer, of Rutgers, is figured by the New Brunswick collegians for a few points. He won the middle states races at Rutgers last Saturday.

Thomson is rated as the world's greatest hurdler, and is the favorite for both titles. Great interest is being shown in the hurdlers, for they probably will determine the Olympic winner. Not since 1896, when the Olympics were revived, has the United States lost a hurdle race. This year, unless some one is developed to beat Thomson, it looks as if the championships will go to the Dartmouth star.

Thomson is a Canadian by birth and never has taken out his citizenship papers. He will wear the Maple Leaf for Canada in the Olympic games.

CRIMSON IS LAST TEST FOR TIGERS

Princeton and Harvard Runners in Battle Tomorrow—Many Other Meets

The Princeton track team figured as one of the main contenders for the intercollegiate championship, will give their last test of the season before the titular games when Harvard is opposed in a dual meet at Princeton tomorrow.

The Tigers already have beaten Yale and the Blue trimmed Harvard by a wide margin last Saturday, so that the Orange and Black is a big favorite to win over the Crimson.

Besides the meet at Princeton, another collegiate meet will attract attention. It is the engagement between Penn State and Pitt at Pottstown. The time made is Friday, May 21, at the quarter-mile and the performance of Charlie Way in the 400-yard jump will be watched. Both these meets are counted upon to fetch high gate receipts for events in the intercollegiate.

For the first time in history a club team will oppose a college aggregation in a dual meet when Lafayette and Middlebrook, of this city, battle at Easton. Sam Dallas will send a number of his local stars to compete against Coach Bruce's team. Another independent meet is scheduled for Chester, where the Sun Ship will hold a track carnival.

There are five important intercollegiate events on tomorrow's card. The most featureful is the middle-states championships at Franklin Field. All the big high and prep schools in the East will be present. Yale and Pittsburgh also will stage intercollegiate. Another big schoolboy carnival will be held under the auspices of Toome School at Fort Deposit. Erdman also will be hosts at an intercollegiate meet.

Jack Perry Wallops Canadian

McKeown, Pa., May 21.—Jack Perry, Pittsburgh, dominated the boxing match in a ten-round bout here last night, the Canadian taking a nifty landing.

WEST PHILLIES TENNIS LEADERS

One Point Ahead of Penn Charter in Interscholastic League

A strange thing has happened in the interscholastic tennis league. Penn Charter has dropped from the high lofty perch of first place to second position and West Philadelphia High School, with a well-balanced and expert aggregation of racket swingers, are now leading with a one-point advantage over Coakly Strong's team.

It all occurred yesterday when Penn Charter dropped two points to Haverford School. It must have been the cause of supreme satisfaction to the Main Liners to secure two points from the West Philadelphia High School, which they did just what West Philadelphia High succeeded in doing. It would appear that the West Phillies and Haverford School are evenly matched, though West Philadelphia fans anticipate a sweeping victory over Haverford when they meet the Main Liners in their league match.

Penn Charter won the match with Haverford in spite of the two points lost, 3 to 2. Captain Miller led off with a victory over Brennan, 6-3, 6-4. Then Wagon defeated Schneck, Haverford 6-2, 6-2. This victory came as a surprise. Schneck did not play true to form and he will have a chance to show his real tennis calibre in coming league matches. He can play better tennis. Bartlett, Penn Charter, won from Staunton, Haverford, 6-3, 6-4.

Ewing, the fourth singles player for Haverford, came through with colors in the air. He trimmed Moore, Penn Charter, in a three-set match, but it surely required all the tennis he had. For the scores were 7-5, 1-3, 6-3. In the doubles Campbell and McClatchy came to the fore, and this was another three-set match, for after Burke and Thomas won the first set for the Quakers, they dropped the next two. Score 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

West Philadelphia now has one-point lead, and the West Phillies are happy. Penn Charter, however, has played all but one league match. West Philadelphia has five matches remaining to be played, including the match with Haverford School. It will be an exciting fight to the finish, and the West Phillies cannot afford to drop the match with Haverford if they hope to win the title.

Will Carry Athletes to Antwerp

New York, May 21.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels has assigned the U. S. S. Frederick, an armored cruiser, for the transportation and accommodation of the officers and men of the United States navy and naval reserves, who may qualify for participation in the Olympic games at Antwerp, Belgium, members of the American Olympic team. This announcement was made last night.

THREE-YEAR REIGN PAT MORAN'S HOPE

Cincinnati Reds' Pilot Ambitious to Follow in Footsteps of Clarke, Chance and McGraw—Walter Johnson Still a Speed Merchant, Says Bob Shawkey

By GRANTLAND RICE  
SIR PATRICK MORAN, of the Cincinnati Reds, has a worthy ambition. This ambition is to revise the three-year reign. Fred Clarke was a Three-Year Mandarin in 1901, 1902 and 1903; Frank Chance was in 1906, 1907 and 1908; John McGraw followed in 1911, 1912 and 1913. Pat believes the time has come to inaugurate this ancient and pleasing custom. He wishes to prove that one can build a machine good for more than a year. No National League club has won the pennant twice in succession, since 1913. But Moran believes the old order will be revived this season, with Cincinnati still occupying the top flat around October 1.

"DON'T make any mistake about the captain of an American battleship a few days ago. 'I have seen him in action more than once. He is as fast as a streak, he can hit with terrific force, and he is a cool, experienced fighter. Any boxer who has this combination will always be extremely dangerous, no matter if his opponent is a Jack Dempsey. For unless Dempsey has an unusually fine defensive combination, he will hit him to a certainty. And when the weights with a punch reach the jaw one can tell just what will follow.'

"A NUMBER of fans," says "Babe" Ruth, "have asked me why I don't change my system once in a while; why I don't chop the ball across the infield in place of taking a full wallop. 'Not unless you can stamp out my imagination. I remember the first game I ever pitched against the Giants. In the first inning Mike Donlin came up and I had no idea what he was doing. In the second inning he got from the fans. So I struck him out. Later on I found out that Donlin was, and after that he got four successive hits. You see, I always take your imagination by the throat and choke it to death.'

"HARRY VARDON and J. H. Taylor, who are both fifty years old, recently beat Abe Mitchell several times in a thirty-six hole medal test. This is an answer to the query as to whether or not the veterans have a chance against the young talent in the coming season. I like the old wallops more off stride last season, but they have been coming back. They won't have as even a chance to win as they did some years ago, but they have already shown that a man at fifty is not to be discarded in advance.

GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER is now under headway slowly, but he is slow after that thirty-year victory mark again. This is Alexander's ninth season in the major leagues. He opened fire back in 1912, but lost one year visiting through eastern Europe and along the Rhine. He used up a big part of 1919 getting started again, but is now at the top of his old stride and back to his art of putting more up the ball than the other fellow has on his bat. Don't let any important money that he won't win thirty games again—just as he did in 1915, 1916 and 1917. Neither did any one else.

"BILLY JOHNSTON is the greatest tennis player I ever saw," said George M. Church recently. "He has the few vital things that a great tennis player needs. First, the strokes; second, the power back of these strokes to drive them home; third, the speed to meet each situation; fourth, the confidence, courage and coolness to give his best in a championship match. Did you ever hear of Johnston weakening or being off his game in a title match? Neither did any one else.

"WALTER Johnson lost any of his speed?" "Not so you could notice it," advised Bob Shawkey. "He shows more curve balls than he once did, but when he cuts that fast one loose it seems to travel with as much speed as it ever did. It may be that he hasn't quite the old hip left, but he has enough stuff to grab of many a ball game when warmer weather comes, and he can keep in condition. A raw, wet spring such as we have been having is no true test for a pitcher who has been in the big leagues since 1908. Don't forget that Johnson was a great pitcher when Matty and Wagner were in their prime, long before Alexander was ever heard of."

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