TRIPLE PLAY BY ALTROCK IS MADE AGAINST PHILLIES

Senators' Comedian Manager, Playing First, Engineers Rare Feat

DONOVAN'S HURLERS FAIL TO SHOW FORM

By SPICK HALL

Gainesville, Fla., March 18. Of course Nick Altrock, the world famous Washington comedian, is in the hall of baseball fame. His pitching for the White Sox back in their "Hitless Wonders" days, plus his antics on the sidelines with the Senators, have created a place for him in the annals of the national pastime that cannot be erased.

But yesterday in the game between the Phillies and the Washington Yanigans, Nick stuck his head in an open door of that pantheon of the elect, but he didn't quite get in that entrance. He missed it by a fraction.

Plays First

Nick's claim to near-fame as a real baseball performer with Washington came in the fifth inning of yesterday's episodic contest, when the Phils dropped 10-5. Brancato had just resigned from first base and gone into the pitcher's box. Manager Nick had taken the initial sack.

Brower's first fielding efforts were by no means conspicuous. Weightstone and Ralph Miller crashed out singles, the former piling up at second on the latter's blow to left. Jack Miller came up next and on the second ball pitched drove a sizzling liner toward right field. It looked good for a triple.

And it was good for a triple—not a three-bagger but a triple for Nick. Nick swung into the air and stabbed the ball with his gloved hand. As soon as he floated back to earth he touched first base, doubled Ralph Miller, then shot the ball to Tony Martinez and Weightstone was tripped off second.

If the play had been a little slower and Weightstone had got a bigger lead off the keystone bag Nick would have been able to beat out to second and have made a triple play unassisted. As it was he had the chance to do it, but he played it safe and let Tony in on the play.

Hurling Is Poor

The Phillies' pitchers did not resemble world beaters by any means in yesterday's game. To be sure Jimmy Ring went along very well for four innings, but it was that he was fortunate to be spared of his delivery to Mathews.

The Scranton veteran got up twice both times by making what were scored as hits, but they weren't really hits and would not have been anything more than outs or errors on a good diamond.

So after all Ring showed up rather well. He used his fadeaway to fair advantage, but he didn't win up as much as he is accustomed to which gave the Senators a chance to pound the ball hard and they took advantage of it.

Jimmy Keenan, the diminutive left-hander who was caught his baseball in Three Fingered Brown's at Terre Haute of the Three I League, was on the box during the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Tried Too Hard

Donovan wanted to see what he could do against major leaguers so he took this occasion to try out the conqueror of Mitteille, N. J.

Jimmy, like many other young hurlers, tried too hard. He wanted to win as much on the hard one St. Patrick's Day as he would have done in August, but it couldn't be done. What he did do was to give four runs and get himself in early too, unless generally that he had to groove them, giving the batters the chance they wanted to clout one to the good, they cleared it with a vengeance.

Keenan started in this game by giving three hases on balls. He walked one combined with a couple of infield outs and a base hit for Cooley, gave Washington two runs and brought the score 5 to 1 in favor of the Senators.

Keenan got off to a bad start, right, but the fourth was a sad affair. A base on balls and Sam Rice's double gave the Yanigans three more runs and the lead off was lost. Donovan decided to let Keenan stick. The end of the game, but he took him out after the second and Causey finished.

While Keenan's showing was anything but impressive, he should not be judged too harshly for two reasons of two work. He has a lot of speed, a remarkable amount of speed for a kid who is little larger than a midget.

His look was breaking fast, very fast, but it was going wild. He was one moment in a local jam on the next that he was in a local jam on the next. He is a kid, mind you, and he will be a good one if he can only get control.

Mike Cooley, who was the last of the Phillies' pitchers, did not do any better than his predecessors. He should be better in his time.

Causes Is Off

Red Causey didn't show much. He is capable of being a real pitcher, and Donovan expects him to come through and win a lot of games. He is well enough to be with the Phillies, and he has everything that a pitcher need. Yesterday, however, he didn't exert himself, and as the Washington club seemed to have on their swatting jackets, Red was clouted mercilessly.

Bill Donovan gave Bruggy a chance behind the bat yesterday and said that he probably would do it again today. If Bruggy continues to play so he has been, he is certain to be a fixture with the Phillies.

Art Fletcher, who went to St. Louis for his brother's funeral, is expected back today. It is likely that Irish Meusel also will report today or tomorrow.

The final game of the Phillies' series with the Washington club here was scheduled for 2 o'clock this afternoon. Tonight the Bums leave for Tampa where they play tomorrow.

Greasy Neale Comes To Terms With Phils

Gainesville, Fla., March 18. Greasy Neale, who was traded to the Phillies with Jimmy Ring by the Cincinnati club for Eppa Rixey, will join the training squadron here at once. President Baker, of the Phils, wired Manager Donovan that he had come to terms with Neale, who was a holdout. Neale wanted his contract with the Phillies to terminate September 1, so that he could take up his work as football coach at Washington and Jefferson. Last fall Neale turned out a goody eleven for Marietta College. Neale is an outfielder and a good hitter. He was with Pat Moran when the Reds won the National League pennant and the world's championship from the Chicago White Sox.

Scraps About Scrappers

Battling Murray — [illegible]

Lew Tendler — [illegible]

Herman Taylor — [illegible]

A return match — [illegible]

Jack McDermott — [illegible]

Eddie Kadane — [illegible]

Harry Red Brown — [illegible]

Johnny O'Neil — [illegible]

Battling Reddy — [illegible]

A special show — [illegible]

Mike Crodell — [illegible]

K. O. Sullivan — [illegible]

Al Reynolds — [illegible]

To Join Phils

"GREASY" NEALE

He has agreed to President Will Baker's terms and will join Donovan's squad immediately

Trot and Pace Notes

This year's Dixon Horse Show will be held May 25-30. E. von H. Kock and R. A. Fairbairn will judge the light harness horses.

An unusually large list of trainers will fit their horses over the old York, Pa., track this season. Eight have engaged stable already.

James Heally, a trainer, may drive some strong horses at the Phoenixville stock farm for the coming season to be held over the good mile track there. The first races will be held on May 30.

J. E. Lewis, C. Hunt and Ed Cobler have located their horses at the Mechanicsville track used by the Camden Driving Club. The Cobler horse, John Hale, is a big favorite this spring.

Charlie Merkle again has leased the Rockaway track and club house for the coming season of 1921. Trainers are engaging quarters for their track and after the first of April the organization will be busy. Improvements and papers will be given their title lessons over the mile course.

Dan Leary, of West Chester, is jogging along from a [illegible]-year-old filly that is a real good one. He thinks the mare is good enough to race against the best of her age. She is sired by Guy Axworthy, dam's sire is Lee Axworthy, 1:58 and out of Dorothy Dillon, 2:12¾, a sire dam of Donna Dillon 2:12¾.

John H. Lancaster, of Honeoye, N. Y., has a good colt of unmatched speed. Dan Patch, sire of his sensational Lizzie Mac, 2:02¾, which will be raced this year.

Peter the Great, owned by P. J. Dolan, of Newark, N. J., is wintering at Freehold, N. J., and will go south as early as prep this year.

W. H. Rice, of Pittsburgh, has a promising trio of brothers in Mogul, Direct Hanover and Arnold Palmer, all by Mr. Hanover, and out of the former Mogul Speedway mare Lena, 2:12¾. The trio will be staked over the half mile tracks this year.

H. S. Fox, of Mount Holly, is training a trio of promising campaigners this season, and others in his stable are Native King, who arrived in the last lot of the stable, Ed Fox, of Cinderella, a three-year-old of considerable ability in the pacing ranks.

Young Signs for Three eYars

San Antonio, March 18.—Alexander Joun [illegible] signed a three-year contract with the Chicago Cubs yesterday. Joun is the [illegible] who was [illegible] at Boise, Idaho, last year, the name of Boise Young, and was considered a giant for the seasons of 1921, 1922 and 1923.

A'S FAIL AT BAT AND IN THE FIELD; CARDS WIN AGAIN

Mackmen Are Having Trouble Winning Victory No. 6 From St. Louis

NO FAULT OF BOXMEN WORKING FOR CONNIE

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Lake Charles, La., March 18.—After winning five out of the six battles with the Cardinals the Athletics have suffered a reaction that makes them look like the impossibles of late years. The tough assignment has been to win victory No. 6, which would give them the honors of the series.

That sixth triumph seems to be harder to obtain than old-time beer in the congressmen's restaurant. Since winning game No. 5 the Athletics have flopped three straight. The Cardinals now have four victories to their credit and can win the series by copping tomorrow's and Sunday's games.

The Athletics are losing because they are not hitting the ball or fielding well. The Macks booted away the game last Sunday, kicked away the contest last Monday and threw away the engagement yesterday. They lost yesterday, 6 to 3, when the game was really a set-up for them.

Shaky Defense

This is concrete evidence of shaky operator defense, and Mack must strengthen the fielding gaps to regain his winning stride.

Last Sunday and Monday shortstop was like a sieve, through which the Cardinals prospered, and yesterday Slim Harris wrecked his own superb pitching by making the wildest kind of wild throws imaginable that let three runs come home when the score was tie. This gave St. Louis an undeserved victory. Not a base hit was made in this fatal round.

The comforting point of the Macks' recent trip into the waters of adversity has been the sound, sane pitching. There has been no appreciable let-down in the work of the Macks' big array of curvers. They have done their part, but did not get the co-operation of their defensive associates.

Mack has a grand pitching staff, and men like Perry, Naylor, Rommel, Harris, Hasty and Moore are competent and ready to bear the pitching burden right from the start.

Galloway Benched

There were some significant moves made by Mr. Mack yesterday. Jimmy Dykes' elbow was healed enough for him to return to the keystone sack, but it was Galloway and not Red Shannon who was benched.

Mack gave Galloway a vacation for the day at least and Shannon stayed at short as Galloway's fielding of late has not been reminiscent of Hans Wagner in his best days. Mack proposes to try others on his team who can man that position.

Shannon has been playing good ball since going to short and will stay there indefinitely. Should he slump, Emmett McCann, the nineteen-year-old Philadelphian, will get a chance.

When a Cardinal portsider went to the mound in the fourth inning, Mack pulled first baseman Griffith out and sent catcher Johnny Walker to first. Griffin's inability to hit the ball has hurt the team.

Had St. Louis put a right-hander instead of a left-hander in the game at the time, Frank Brazill would undoubtedly have been sent to first. Brazill's enthusiasm and plain hitting skill has fascinated Connie and with the team losing the hard-hitting youth is sure to get a chance.

Batting Order Changed

The original batting order handed to the umpire yesterday was changed, Galloway and Griffin had been batting first and second, respectively, and when Mack benched Galloway he also dropped Griffin to eighth place.

Jimmy Dykes is the new lead-off man and he was the biggest kind of success in this role. Jimmy stepped to the plate five times and hit two singles and a double and received a pass. That's the kind of a lead-off man Mack wants.

Catcher Ralph Perkins is too valuable with the stick to be placed down at the tail of a batting order, so he is the new batsman for place No. 2.

Mack's quick response to the losing streak has been to change two infield positions. There is a chance that no may change a place in the outfield. Frank Welch is the only garden performer that has been connecting with the ball with regularity.

FEUSTEL GIVEN SECRET HEARING

Jockey Club Board Fails to Tell Why License Was Laid Upon Table

New York, March 18.—Though he appeared before them in secret in this city Wednesday night at his own solicitation, the stewards of the Jockey Club maintain a discreet silence as to the case of Louis Feustel, trainer and developer of Man o' War, the greatest sensation the American turf has ever known. The Jockey Club admitted yesterday that Feustel had attended a star chamber session the previous night, but absolutely refused to divulge anything that had taken place.

Feustel's application for a renewal of his trainer's license was laid on the table at the last regular meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club. This fact was announced publicly, though there appeared no good reason why the incident should have been published broadcast unless the powers had cause for complaint against the trainer. The implied stigma has set tongues wagging and all sorts of gossip and rumors as to the cause of the action have been launched.

The Jockey Club, which arrogates unto itself the most autocratic powers, would naturally take its own time to put Feustel at rights with the public, even if he were able to make a satisfactory explanation. It is believed the tabling of his license was a move to make him "turn copper" on another prominent trainer. Perhaps something will develop at the next meeting of the Jockey Club.

Meanwhile the Jockey Club has instituted an inovation which should do racing a world of good and eliminate the rough riding that has been a disgrace for some years past. Hereafter there will be an extra steward, known as the starting steward, on the job. He will accompany Starter Mars Cassidy to the post and take his station within a short distance of the barrier, so that he may see everything that happens at the post and for the first furlong or more of the race.

He will report to the presiding stewards immediately after each race. The additional official, with the other judges, should be able to safeguard every yard of the course and to prevent the rough riding that has been in vogue in the early running of races, and especially in two-year-old races through the chutes.

Ascension, 4; St. Veronica, 0

More than 2500 soccer fans lined up on the grounds at D and Ontario streets yesterday afternoon to take part in a Shamrock's Day match between the Ascension and the St. Veronica team, the game being donated to a player who was injured recently in a cup game. Ascension winning by the score of 4 goals to 0.

Monroe Finishes Mandot

New York, March 18.—Red Monroe, Yonkers, knocked out Phil Mandot, of the Bronx, in the third round of the scheduled twelve-round final bout at the Columbus, of Yonkers. Monroe weighed 128 and Mandot 125 pounds.

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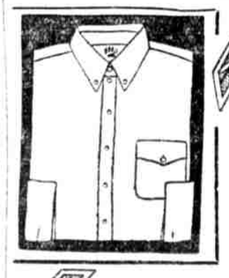

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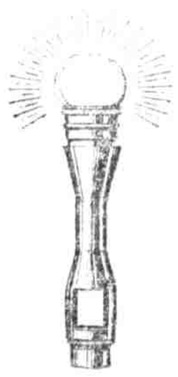

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