

LEADERS OF THE PAST NOW ARE ALSO-RANS

Mackmen, Red Sox, Tigers and White Sox, Former Baseball Pacemakers, Seem to Be Out of Race This Season

By GRANTLAND RICE

IT APPEARS that some forecasting fate has elected to toss a high explosive bomb into an American League machine that achieves greatness.

Fifteen years ago Hugh Jennings started with his Tigers. Three more seasons in a row. Whereupon a powerful pitching staff, composed of Doney, Mullin, Summers and Siewers, vanquished—and the Tigers have never been able to collect a pitching staff since. In spite of many stars they won their last pennant twenty years ago.

Then came the Athletics. Within five years they won four pennants and three world series. Almost at the height of their greatness they were scattered to the winds and six tail-enders have taken their place under the old banner of victory.

Then the White Sox—now so badly wrecked, for a different cause as any of the others.

The Change
WHAT four American League clubs at this writing look to be second-division clubs—out of the race?

Tigers, Athletics, Red Sox and White Sox—the four clubs that have won two of the last thirteen pennants in the American League.

In fact, they have won all the pennants in the American League with one exception.

Who are the four first-division clubs—Cleveland, New York, St. Louis and Washington—four clubs that among them have won one pennant in twenty years? There's an overthrow for you.

The old order has been turned upside down, where at last the last are first and the first are all in a hectic battle to keep from finishing in eighth place.

One of the Mysteries
THE complete wrecking of the Athletics and Red Sox has always been one of the prize mysteries of the game.

What a ball club you could build from those cast aside by those two clubs.

Catcher—Shang, Red Sox and Athletics.
Pitchers—Moss, Red Sox; Bush, Athletics; Sweeney, Athletics; Bender, Athletics.

First base—Mellon, Athletics.
Second base—Collins, Athletics.
Third base—Gardner, Red Sox; Baker, Athletics.

Shortstop—Barr, Athletics.
Outfield—Spencer, Red Sox; Hopton, Red Sox; Lewis, Red Sox; Bates, Red Sox.

More Mystery
A S A club owner, how would you like to have that team working for you today? An outfield composed of Spencer,

'GERMS' TO PLAY TRENTON TONIGHT

Harry Hough Says No Threat of President Scheffer Will Halt Series With State Leaguers

REGULARS ALL IN GAME

Regardless of any threat of President William J. Scheffer, of the Eastern Basketball League, the regular players of the Germantown Eastern League team will play the Trenton State League quintet in Trenton this evening.

Harry Hough received wires this morning from Mehan, Holman and Ripley that they will positively play.

Harry Franckle says he intends to go through with the game as arranged and Hough and Glasgow, Trenton players, will be on hand.

Manager Dave Bennis, of the Germs, said this morning that his hands are clean.

"As soon as Scheffer called me in I got in touch with Hough, who has handled the whole proposition. Harry had made all the arrangements and signed all the contracts for the series, and I have nothing to do with the game whatsoever."

The Trenton Eastern Leaguers wanted to arrange a series with Mehan, but it fell through. I can see no reason for stopping my players, as the season is at a close.

The game and all the matters attending it has served to ulcer a premium

on seats for the fray are in the great demand. The largest crowd that ever stormed the Arena will be on hand and the cream of the basketball world will be seen in action.

Pocket Billiard Record for Greenleaf

York, April 1.—Ralph Greenleaf, champion pocket billiard player, established a new record long run in an exhibition here when he pocketed 169 balls before he missed. The greatest record high run was 156, made by Greenleaf in Danbury, Conn.

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