

Rookie Pitchers Have Aided Western Teams in Getting Out in Front in American League Race

WESTERN TEAMS IN PRIME FETTLE FOR EASTERN INVASION

American League Crucial Series Finds Three Teams From Occident in First Division—White Sox, Tigers and Browns Have All Improved in Last Month

AFTER enjoying civil strife for two weeks, the West will invade the East to carry on hostilities started some weeks ago. In other words, the East-West crucial July series will get under way this afternoon in three Eastern cities for the American League and two Western municipalities for the National.

In the American standings reveal the startling and not to be denied information that three of the four teams in the race had from the wild and woolly. It also shows that seventh and eighth places are inhabited by teams from the shores of the Atlantic. Our Athletics, which is nothing new, are down in the muck. The Boston Red Sox are seventh.

The Browns, of St. Louis, with Ken Williams, home-run king of the league, and George Sisler, who occupies so many thrones in the American League that he needs an official printer to keep track of them, are leading the parade, two up on the dashing prima donnas and otherwise temperamental New York Yankees.

Third in the race are the White Sox, no less a wonder in these days of expensive ball players, inflated salaries and rabbit balls than the famous hitless wonders of bygone days, just five and a half games from the highest perch. Next comes Trus Raymond Cobb and his bunch of kids in fourth place, seven games back of the Browns.

Then follow Philadelphia, Cleveland—the latter one of the most disappointing teams in the league—and Boston and our Athletics. The experts had it all figured out that the Yanks would be leading at this stage of the race, with Cleveland second, St. Louis third, Washington fourth and take your pick for the last four places with the White Sox, Red Sox, Athletics and Tigers in the race for last place.

THAT was the situation a month ago today, with slight changes. Since that time some have flopped, others have spurred, and one or two have held their own. The last month saw more changes than any other month this or last season.

What the Western Teams Have Done

TAKE the White Sox. On June 6, when the East started its intensive warfare west of the Appalachians, Kid Gleason and Eddie Collins, not to mention Johnny Evers, were sick, sore and tired of being buffeted around least place. Today they are third.

Ty Cobb and his Tigers were tied for the cellar rung with the Sox, with prospects of getting out being dismal. Boston was sixth and the Athletics, strange to behold, had prosperity and opportunity clutched tightly by the wings in fifth position, a couple of points back of the Senators.

The Yanks with Babe Ruth in the line-up, and before he tossed the handful of expensive dust, were leading the race. The Browns were second, Cleveland third and Washington fourth. More like the way the figger experts expected it to turn out. But what a wallowing the dope received. The West turned on its smother the East some terrific reverses, and the Browns, sweeping the four-game series with the Red Sox. The Browns performed the same feat. Cleveland won six and lost eight and Detroit captured thirteen and lost three. This is the best mark the Tigers have made in many years. The Mackmen took an awful flop, losing eleven of their fifteen games played. The Yanks won but seven of sixteen games, Washington five of sixteen and Washington seven out of seven. With the board down, means that the West captured thirty-nine games and lost twenty-three from the proud visitors.

Something of a revolution, when all the facts are known, for the well-known and highly respected dope to be battered so fiercely. Yet it has been done. The West should do almost as well in the East as they did on their own home lots. The Athletics apparently have shot their bolts, the Red Sox have not improved and Washington is suffering from a lack of pitching talent. Of the four, only the Yanks have improved, and their reversal may be due to the competition they have been meeting in this city. If the White Sox, Tigers and Browns can lay low the Eastern teams on the present trip as they did when the latter visited them starting a month ago the pennant will go west of the Alleghenies.

THE Browns are going at a rapid clip; the White Sox, under the excellent guidance of Ray Schalk, Eddie Collins and Kid Gleason, are fighting and winning ball games; the Tigers are all keyed up by their player manager, Cobb, and Cleveland ever is dangerous. The prospects are none too good for this territory.

What the Rookies Have Accomplished

ROOKIE pitchers have been in the main instrumental in the boosting of the stock of the three more prominent Western teams. The Browns have been using Kopl, Pruet, Danforth—up after a siege in the minors—Barfoot and a couple of others, and they have been winning games. Shocker has been idle almost a month, and he is their most dependable twirler.

Ty Cobb has been shooting Stoner, Olson, Pilette and a couple of other beginners at his opponents, and they have been winning. The White Sox have found Leroy, Hodges and one or two other kids good enough to beat the best in the league.

Cleveland is depending on a veteran staff and getting nowhere. The same applies to Boston and the Athletics and to a lesser degree to the Senators, who have a pair of twirling jewels in Phillips and Francis. The Yanks have tried Murray once or twice and O'Doul, but they have done little, the veterans, Mays, Hoyt, Jones, Bush and Shawker, carrying the burden.

The Athletics, if they ever hope to get out of the cellar, must win a majority of their games from the visitors, of whom Chicago is the best. The last trip west was the cause of the top of the second division bubble being burst just when the fans were hoping that the sun would shine bright on our American League representative.

THE story goes that Connie Mack is very much peeved at the shooting of his pets to late and that he has read the well-known and often-quoted riot act to them. The trading of Moore is said to be the forerunner of a couple of others that will rid the club of players who have been soldiering on the job.

Pirates Only Surprise in National

THE situation in the National League is not nearly so interesting as it is in the American. The Giants are leading the battle with a fairly comfortable margin as they open their Western engagement. To be exact, five games separate them from the Cards. The Dodgers, after a poor start, must be considered as championship contenders in third place. The Cubs, with mediocre pitching and an almost new team, are doing fine in fourth place. The Reds, who also started rather ominously by losing so many games that Pat Moran came near losing the few black hairs he has, are not far back of fourth, followed by the Pirates, who are sinking rapidly, and the Phils and the Braves.

The sudden and hectic downward rush of the Pirates is the topic of conversation wherever two smoke-begrimed citizens meet. A month ago today George Gibson had the team up there fighting in second place. Today they are falling so fast that a new concrete bottom will have to be poured to prevent them from falling out of the league. In a month the Rocky Mounts, as they were fondly called last year, won ten and lost twenty games—not much better than the mark of the Athletics and much worse than the Phils over the same stretch.

Bill McKechnie has found already that his new post as manager is anything but a bed of roses. One game has been won since he took the drooping reins from Gibson's bleeding hands. The team has been cracked under the strain. Adams, Cooper and Hamilton, the three big veterans who kept the team in the race last year, have been beaten frequently of late and the youngsters have not been coming through.

OUR Phils departed for the West in seventh place, rain preventing a possible moving down. Two games were canceled, but the weather wasn't fit enough to play even one. If the Wilhelmites do a little better against the Western team, on their own lots than they did when they were home playing them they should move up the ladder another peg.

Hornsby Now Tied With Williams

THE change in the schedule and the bad weather put the kibosh on most of the games yesterday. The Tigers and the Indians played the only game in the American, while in the National the Cards and Reds and the Cubs and Pirates engaged in thrilling contests.

Rogers Hornsby gave the National League a lot of free press-agenting by smacking out his twentieth homer of the season off Cliff Huxford in the eighth inning. The four-base prod brings Rogers up to a tie with Ken Williams, the dean of the junior circuit road-trip artists. The twenty, however, isn't a record or even near it. This date a year ago Babe Ruth had thirty-one to his credit.

Barfoot, former Texas Leaguer, burling his first full game, pitched a good article of ball for the Cards while Hornsby and his mates were pounding Markle for eleven runs and thirteen hits. The Reds had seven hits and were never in it, the Cards getting four runs in the second and six in the third.

Carlson, Hamilton and Hollingsworth had no terrors for the Cub swatters, and Bill Killefer gave Bill McKechnie something to think about. Jones, outside of a couple of innings, went along nicely against the Buccaneers. Stephens started at the wrong time and Hite doubled at the right time. The error and hit took place in the eleventh round, and the Tigers won another from the Indians. Pilette started and went nine rounds for the Tigers, after which Howard Ehnke hurled smart ball. Sandlotter Uhl went all the way for the Indians. Tris Speaker started his team off right by hitting a homer in his first inning.

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BRITISH VETERAN SEEKS U. S. TITLE

George Duncan Will Strive to Take Golf Crown Back to England

HAS PLAYED IN THIS CITY

George Duncan, who was playing professional golf when Walter Hagen, the present open champion of Great Britain, was one year old, is back in the United States. He is all set for a crack at the open championship of the United States, which will be played from July 11 to 14 at the Skokie Country Club, in Chicago.

The temperamental Briton has long been known as one of the greatest medal players in England. He tied Jim Barnes for second place in the 1922 British open, and with that defeat ruffling his feelings Duncan is going to strain every nerve to come out on the level at Skokie.

He is by no means unknown to Philadelphians. As long as eleven years ago he played Jack McDermott, then the national open champion, in the final of the Philadelphia Cricket Club. His style of shooting almost before he had taken his stance astonished the gallery, and it is still his habit to play very rapidly. Duncan is a devotee of this trait, is an expert on both line and distance. He is erratic at times and can rise to the very greatest heights or sink to the depths in a moment. Temperament is the reason of this, and it is also quite likely that this very temperament is responsible for his rapid shooting. He doesn't want to give himself needless worry over shots.

The field at Skokie will embrace the finest golfing talent in the world, and Duncan will find his work out for him to keep in it.

Personally, Duncan is a very likable fellow, a rather subdued sort of man, who rarely talks much except to his close friends. He likes Americans and Americans, and has the most pleasant recollections of his previous trips to these shores.

Made \$20,000 on First Visit
The most pleasant of them, probably, is the fact that he engaged in 200 matches at \$100 each during his first two months in this country. Duncan has been successful financially in his golfing efforts, and never more so than on his trips to the States.

The Duncan name and fame were brought to Philadelphia last year by the professional at the Philadelphia Cricket Club and taught during one winter at the Skokie Country Club. Duncan is hardly ever equally distributed in a family, for though Alex was a very fine player, he never ever approached George's wonderful record.

George's wonderful record. Duncan to even up their defeat in the British open by capturing its equivalent here in America and dethroning Jim Barnes. Duncan is confident enough of himself, but something more than confidence and his marvelous shooting will probably be needed when the kings of golf meet together there at Skokie.

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THAT SUPREME MOMENT

THE DAY YOU WUZ PITCHING FOR THE FINE STREET PIRATES AGAINST THAT CHESTY FOURMAN SOMBER GIANT AND YOU WUZ SWIRLING 'EM AROUND BEFORE HIS EYES AND BEFORE HIS SINGLE LIFE AND THE SCORE WAS CLOSE - 13 TO 11 IN YOUR FAVOR IN THE LAST INNING



AND THEIR BABE RUTH 'CAME TO BAT AND YOU SWANK INTO YOUR SHOES AND FROD OFF AND WISHED YOU COULD JUMP TO THE RIVER, OR SOMETHING - AND SAW



BUT - HE TOOK A HEALTHY SWING AT ONE OF YOUR SLANTS, AND WHEN YOU TEASED HIM WITH A HIGH FAST ONE HE SWUNG, HE MISSED IT A MILE AND FANNED FOR THE FINAL OUT

OH! HEAVENLY DAY - HOLD ME OR I'LL BUST WITH JOY -

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LEONARD K. O. BLOW IS STILL EVIDENT

Benny Stopped Rugged Battler in Rocky Kansas, Proving He Has Not Lost Punch

DIFFERENCE IN CHAMPS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
BENNY LEONARD has returned to New York from Michigan City with his bankroll increased by the additional something like \$25,000 and—most important—with his knockout punch in evidence. Of course, the usual flock of "I-told-you-so" guys are doing their stuff, still the decisive victory of Leonard against Kansas on the Fourth really resulted in a surprise.

Kansas is a rugged battler. That he is a tough lightweight—among the toughest in America—may be readily conceived when it is noted that the Buffalo Italian had never been knocked out before, and he has met the world's best boxers, including previous matches with Leonard, Lew Tendler, George Chaney, Willie Jackson, Johnny Dundee and the Mitchell brothers—Link and Rich.

Twice before Leonard won on a technical knockout in eight rounds from Kansas when they looked up in ring action. That twelve-rounder in Harrison, N. J., looked as if there was something wrong, and it was said among the "know boys" that the set-up, put on before 30,000 fans, had ensued and ended as it had been planned.

YALE AFTER JOE FOGARTY
Ellis Seek Penn Mentor to Coach Basketball Team
A dispatch from New Haven today says that Yale has opened negotiations with Joe Fogarty, University of Pennsylvania basketball coach, to direct the Ells basketball team for the coming season.

Runs for the Week in Three Big Leagues

LEAGUE	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	T
NATIONAL LEAGUE								
St. Louis	5	3	15	11	—	—	—	39
Chicago	5	2	16	11	—	—	—	34
Cincinnati	4	6	14	4	—	—	—	30
Brooklyn	4	4	6	—	—	—	—	20
Pittsburgh	1	5	9	5	—	—	—	17
New York	—	9	5	—	—	—	—	14
Boston	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
AMERICAN LEAGUE								
Detroit	12	10	6	—	—	—	—	34
New York	9	12	7	—	—	—	—	28
Chicago	5	6	—	—	—	—	—	11
St. Louis	4	10	8	—	—	—	—	25
Philadelphia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Washington	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE								
Baltimore	5	6	12	3	—	—	—	26
Buffalo	3	14	7	—	—	—	—	24
Reading	10	7	0	—	—	—	—	17
Newark	5	12	1	—	—	—	—	18
Syracuse	5	5	3	—	—	—	—	13
Pittsburgh	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	8
Toronto	0	8	2	—	—	—	—	6

Matheson Pays Tribute To Robert W. Maxwell

"I was shocked when I read of Bob Maxwell's death," said "Christy" Matheson, the famous pitcher, now at Saranac Lake, N. Y., for his health.

Matheson's tribute to Maxwell, who died of a heart ailment, was a letter of sympathy. Matheson said that he had known Maxwell for many years and that he was a great sportsman and a great loss to sports.

WOMAN'S FAITH IN PACER IS REWARDED WITH VICTORY

Provided for Upkeep After Husband Had Decided to Sell Him
Cleveland, July 6.—Credit for the victory on Tuesday of Charles Sweet in the Edwards sweepstakes, one of North Randall's oldest grand circuit fixtures, belongs to Mrs. L. T. Cooper, wife of Dr. L. T. Cooper, Dayton, O., millionaire, in whose name the horse was entered. It was revealed today.

AS TO PLAY SANTA MARIA

Will Meet K. of C. Nine at Spring Mill on Sunday
Connie Mack's Athletics will play an exhibition game with the Santa Maria Country Club on the latter's diamond at Spring Mill next Sunday as the opening feature of a week's celebration to be held at the country club of the Santa Maria Council, Knights of Columbus, to which Connie Mack belongs.

CITY TOURNAMENT MATCHES

Six Bouts in Semi-Finals to Be Decided
The boxing tournament being held at the Lee Palace for the purpose of deciding the leading boxers in various classes in this city has reached the semifinal stage. Contestants in three classes, welterweight, lightweight and bantamweight, have narrowed down to four in each class.

DETROIT OARSMEN LEAD

Top Field of Ten Clubs in Southwestern Amateur Regatta
Peoria, Ill., July 6.—Detroit oarsmen led the scoring over a field of ten rowing clubs in the first day's program of the Southwestern Amateur Rowing Association held here, Grand Rapids and Lincoln Park, Chicago, were tied for second-point honors.

OLD-TIMERS WANT TO BE REINSTATED

Jack Hines Again Seeks Affiliation With Philadelphia Baseball Association

RESIGNED A MONTH AGO
By WILLIAM S. DALLAS
The Philadelphia Baseball Association evidently means something. Much has been written about the new organization which sprang into existence early this spring to take over the activities of the semi-pro teams in this locality, and many persons have advanced wonderful ideas as to how the organization should be conducted.

Kensington Wants Sunday Game

The Kensington A. A., which held the North Phillies to a 3-0 score at July 4, will play Hatch Motor at Home Park, Philadelphia and Berks street, tomorrow night. On Saturday Kensington meets the Pullman Athletic Club at the latter's field, Manager John Kelly has Sunday open and would like a game with a first-class out-of-town club. Call Kensington 1891 W.

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Jersey City, July 27
Special trains, consisting of Pullman and Dining Cars, will leave Reading Terminal, beginning 5:00 P. M. (Daylight Time), arriving Jersey City 6:30 P. M.

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How Does It Strike You?

Sheer Grit Perseverance By THE OBSERVER

IN SPITE of the trouncing he took from the Yankees on Independence Day, Rolfe Naylor, the big Oklahoma right-hander, is experiencing a successful year with the Athletics.

A BILITY isn't all that gets a man by these hectic times. A fighting heart is three-quarters of the battle.

A DIFFERENT sort of courage than Rolfe Naylor is that of Brutus Kern Hamilton, of the University of Missouri, one of the greatest athletes ever developed in the Middle West. Naylor's courage was purely that of the soul. He faced disapproval and jeers and is coming through to success.

A MAN may wear the champion's crown, yet be dubbed a failure if he doesn't meet the surging strife of competition that beats around his pedestal.

MIDDLEWEIGHT Champion of the World Johnny Wilson received the paltry sum—paltry in these days of inflated purses—of \$1000 for knocking out Al Demaris in the only championship fight ever held in Vermont.

FOR the first time in the history of the event, they are going to charge admission to the National Open Golf Tourney. It is presumed gallery tickets will command the best prices.

Five Leading Hitters in Each Major League

AMERICAN LEAGUE	G.	A.B.	H.	P.C.
Sisler, St. Louis	75	350	153	43%
Cobb, Detroit	62	238	122	51%
Specker, Cleveland	64	238	127	53%
Holloman, Detroit	60	248	128	51%
White, New York	63	224	105	47%

Postponed Open-Air Bouts on at Columbia A. C.

Bouts postponed because of the inclement weather on Monday night and scheduled at the Columbia A. C., Thirtieth street and Columbia avenue, will be decided tonight at the Myrtle Ball Park. The final frans of the open-air matches will be a lightweight affair between Mike Kredell, of Toledo, O., and Stanley White, of Troy, N. Y. Both of these men have boxed successfully here before.

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