

## That Son-in-Law of Pa's—By Wellington

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## Athletics in Line for Another World's Series

NEW YORK, April 7.—Winter foraging by the Federals made no serious inroads on American League teams, barring Cleveland, and the Athletics are left with an almost unobstructed path to the pennant.

A discovery by Clark Griffith late last fall of the presence of money and men with willingness to spend it in the Federal cause resulted in prompt action by him, and all the Washington regulars were signed before the "war" prices on services were quoted to them. This is one redeeming feature of organized baseball's fight because it assures the Athletics a little earnest competition from Griffith's team, especially as long as Walter Johnson is able to step to the mound. The failure of Washington to add batting strength to its array keeps that team from being really serious—considered as a pennant winner.

"Connie" Mack has an ever smoother road ahead than that before his respected world's series opponent, John McGraw. Every player who was active in the world's series last fall will again be in line for the Athletics. The preference of "Danny" Murphy for Federal League duty rather than being shipped to Baltimore, takes none of the real strength from the Athletics.

"Jack" Coombs, a dependable pitcher who was all the greater part of last season will be on duty again, but a question may be raised regarding his value after the long siege. He may not pitch until June. The place held by Murphy in Mack's advisory cabinet is taken by Ira Thomas, and this announcement is a suggestion of the effects of schooling under the Mack system.

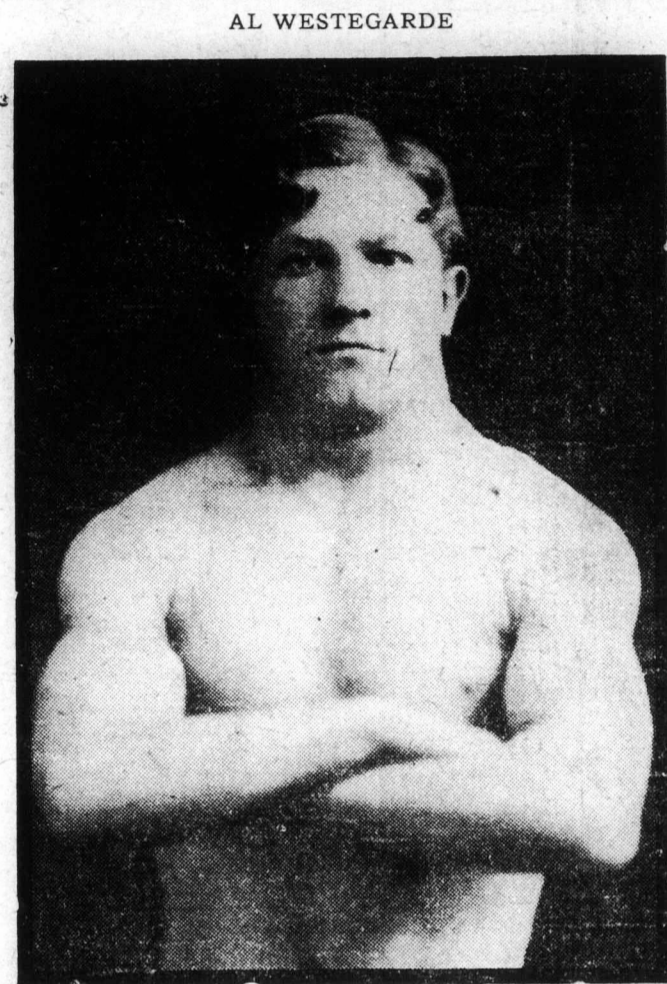
Thomas was passed along by the Yankees to Detroit a few years ago because of the expressed opinion that big Ira was a mechanical backstop. As a Tiger Thomas did nothing to indicate sudden speeding up of the

mental part of his play. Now, after a few seasons with the Athletics, he is generally credited with being one of the long heads of the "inside" game.

To offset any lapse of strength by the veteran of his pitching staff, "Connie" Mack has sturdy youngsters in reserve. "Bob" Shawkey, who had no chance in the world's series, and "Boardwalk" Brown are two first class twirlers who may have been lost sight of because of their absence from the fall classic. Byron Rouck, "Rube" Bressler, Pennock, Wyckoff and half a dozen others who might be started in any other company are ready to back up the efforts of "Chief" Gendler, "Eddie" Plank, John Coombs, "Joe" Busch and others who have been counted on as regulars.

"Joe" Graves, an Indian youngster from Brainerd, Minn., where Bush and Bender winter, is a future. The priceless infield is intact and to plug up holes that may develop Mack has a fine string of youngsters, including Kopl, a player who has been with Cleveland under the name of "King" Grady, Orr, a Californian, who was with the team last season, and Cruthers, a Philadelphia product.

The Olding, Struck and "Eddie" Murphy combination for the outfield stands firm, with a flock of colts cavorting in an ambitious fashion. To break into the Athletics requires more ability than the youngster of fondest hopes and ambitions can expect to realize in a season. When the team takes the field for the opening here next Wednesday, there'll be no occasion for seeking new faces in the Athletics' roster, but shrewd forecasting Mack will have 'em around any way for use if the weather is too severe for the brightest gems. "Same old Athletics" can be applied to the team that Mack has without fear of raising doubts as to the genuine respect lurking for that combination.



Who will wrestle against Charlie Conkle here on Friday night next.

## Red Sox Player Escapes From Jail

Cheerful, April 11, 1914.

B.B.C.

Sir,—I am now in Cheerful, and I suppose you will wonder how I escaped from the Deadtown jail. As I told you in my last letter, the jailer was a baseball fan, so when he read in the world's champion Athletics were billed to play in Brantford on August 11th, he gave me freedom under promise to influence you to send him a railroad pass and a grand stand ticket for that game. I told him that would be alright; as you already had a large list of names of those who think you are just running the team for their pleasure, and one more added would make little difference.

I met Ira Davis here in Cheerful. He has a poor opinion of Brantford people. He told me that while he was umpiring an exciting game there one day, with the bases full two strikes and three balls on the batter, he thought of a funny story and when he stopped the game to tell it to the spectators, the fans wanted to mob him.

He is sore on Gero. He says one day after Gero would make his delivery he could see two balls go, one on each side of the plate, and he act-

ed square and only called one ball and Gero had the nerve to kick and claim a strike.

He handed me this advice: Boy, try and get all the free advertising you can get your name in the paper as often as possible. He said he had a reporter in Brantford giving him so much space last season in the sporting page that there was not room left for the write-up of the ball game.

I inquired of him about the size, appearance and class of buildings in Brantford, but he said all he could remember was there were nine bar-rooms and one brewery, and he said that reminded him, and off he went down the street watching the signs.

If Rube Denout is the same old scout he used to be in the Michigan League, this is the best I can hand him:

Here's to big Rube Denout. The leader of the Sox. May he always have a chew in his old tobacco box.

I am eating pretty regular now; every time I meet an Italian I give him this pass word (Pete Cancelli) and it generally brings me in some fruit or a bag of peanuts.

Yours in Hope,  
HARD GOING.

## SCOTS UNITED WON FROM GALT SATURDAY

Visitors Were Beaten 3-2 at Agricultural Park—Other News of Local Soccer.

Scots United were in good form at the first practice match of the season, when they defeated Galt by three goals to two. Galt were leading at the interval by the only goal scored, but upon the resumption the Scots came to with a rush and completely overwhelmed their visitors, who played pluckily and gained another goal.

Marshall, Taylor and Morrison each netted for the home team, and Johnson and Kennedy replied for Galt.

The Scots were perhaps best served in their defence, where Morrison and Richardson did duty. These players often beat back severe attacks. The half-back line was a trio of tryers. The principal weakness was apparent

in the left wing, but as this was the first game, and the players have not been able to work combination, this weakness may be cut out in the near future. For the first game both teams played very creditably, and promises show that a good tournament will result during the season. The Galt men have the makings of a reliable team, and with a tricky centre they will go far. Their defence is good and could hardly be improved. The first league game of the Scots will take place next Saturday, when they oppose the Duffs at Agricultural Park.

The line-up on Saturday was as follows:

Brantford—Goal, Magee; backs, Morrow, Richardson; halves, Williamson, Hatch, Johnson; forwards,

Marshall, Lynn, Tackler, Stewart, Morrison.

Galt—Goal, Smiley; backs, Kennedy, Bennett; halves, Clark, Laurieson, McCann; forwards, Laurieson, Barker, Kennedy, Mayos, Johnson.

Referee—G. Crouch.

Sons of England Weakness.

The only weakness of the Sons of England team is at the centre forward position. Several chances were lost on Saturday through this weakness, when the local Sons were playing their brothers from Galt. Centre-forwards of good calibre seem hard to get, but the Sons are confident of getting a good, fast and brainy man for the position. They have now got several lines out in the city, and hope to land the ball soon.

Duffs 5, Tutela 0.

On Good Friday a fast game of football was played at Agricultural park between the Duffs and Tutela. Everyone anticipated a keen game, and in this there was no disappointment. The Duffs won the toss and decided to play with the wind in their favor. Hamilton started the ball going before three or four hundred spectators. The first half was well contested. Tutela put up a good fight against the wind. For the first half the Duffs scored two goals. In the second half of the game, although playing against a strong wind, the Duffs certainly had the better of matters and added three more goals to their account. Duffs, 5 goals; Tutela, no goals.

Had Practice Match.

The S. O. E. F. C. had a very good practice match for the first tournament of the season, playing the S. O. E. A. C. of Galt. Line-up: Goal, W. Short; right back, E. Clark; left back, William Johnson; right half, C. Williams; centre half, E. J. Hardy; left half, Jimmy Mathias; inside right, C. Stubbs, H. Hughes; centre forward, William Grover; inside left, W. Mitchell, A. Johnson.

The boys made a very good showing. W. Short, who stood between the sticks, looks a promising goalie for a newcomer and saved a good penalty for the Sons. William Johnson is a good back and did some good work. E. Clark made a good showing and did good service. Jimmy Mathias played a good game. William Grover, centre forward, a new man, played well and is some goer.

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