

THE COURIER'S COMPLETE SPORTING PAGE

Redfield's Whiskers

By WALT MASON

To Woodrow Wilson every state congratulations tenders, but he should rise and amputate that Redfield pair of fenders. The voters of this land will fret until that beard has flitted; no sideboards in the cabinet should ever be permitted. The President is all correct—or so we've always found him, but he can't have our full respect if he keeps whiskers round him; and as his policy he shapes, he ought to smile like Mona, but if he keeps those fire escapes, he'll find he has a Jonah. No man with curtains on his cheeks can satisfy his neighbors, however forcibly he speaks, however well he labors. And Redfield's lambrequins are screams; they jar the soul artistic; he carries whiskers to extremes, and makes us pessimistic. Oh, shade of Harry Thurston Peck! This Redfield sets us raving! The government will be a wreck unless he does some shaving! So, Woodrow, take the safest plan, and soothe the troubled gazer; present this whiskered Redfield man with mug and brush and razor.



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American League Doped by Expert

Grantland Rice Says it's a Pretty Race Between Boston, Philadelphia and Washington.

(Grantland Rice). The American League like the National, is divided into three segments, sections or parts. We make this statement again without any reference to Prof. Caesar's dissertation upon the rugged expanse of country which lay upon one side or the other of the Rubicon. To resume—the three segments embrace the following outlines: 1-2-3—Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, — pennant contenders; 4-5—Cleveland, Chicago—first division contenders; 6-7-8—New York, Detroit and St. Louis—for what is left.

Boston-Philadelphia-Washington. The A. L. flag race will be a tale of three cities, Boston and Philadelphia—wonderfully matched—have a shade on Washington. The Senators have come pounding forward, but they have hardly the power, speed and general ability yet to attach a flag.

Around the circuit the bulk of the dope tips the Athletics to resume where they suddenly quit off in 1912. There will be no confidence, no leading, no general enmity on Mack's club this season where he has an infield alone capable of making a pennant fight.

Philadelphia should play much better ball than she did last year. The catching should be better—the pitching better, and the outfield better.

As between Red Sox and Athletics, the former has the better catching staff—as good a catching staff—a better outfield and a weaker infield. If the Athletics look better, so do the Red Sox. The comparison between these two clubs is much like that of New York and Pittsburgh. On first-string material, Philadelphia has a shade in strength. But Boston is better fortified against the assault of home-handed fate. Mack has no such utility outfielder as Hendricks, nor has he a utility infielder as older, but as a whole is in no better shape to bear up under misfortune than Boston's Stahl can stand more hard luck back of the bat than the elongated Corneliuss. In a short series we'd pick Philadelphia off the reel. Through 154 games Boston appears to have the edge, but the comparison is too close to a toss-up to show any advantage either way.

Concerning the Senators. Griff has a better looking club by several degrees than he started with last year. He has a club that with a better break might nose out either rival.

But the general power on attack is below the Boston and Philadelphia standard.

He has a game, shifty array of talent—but all in all, an outfit that will need the best sort of pitching to reach the front. If Cashion comes through and his younger club can weather the first month's competition with Boston and Philadelphia, the Senators will be quite distinctly in the hunt.

There isn't a gamier club in the business—nor one calculated to fight harder all the time for every inch of ground—but the power isn't there yet to finish first without a shade better than an even break.

Cleveland-Chicago. Cleveland and Chicago should battle for fourth place—and Cleveland should secure the decision handily. The Naps, under Joe Birmingham's regime last fall, won something like 22 of their last 28 games. They tore the league in several widely detached sections.

In LaJoie and Jackson they have the greatest artillery duet in the business—not even barring Cobb and Crawford. What Cleveland needs more than any thing else is an influx of the same ambition which roused Washington last spring. The Naps are inclined to loaf and dog it through stated intervals. If they will only get in the game they can furnish trouble for any one they meet.

The White Sox still have Ed Walsh—and that means a shot at the first division and no worse than fifth place. Walsh has a great little team—but not a pennant winner unaided. Callahan has improved his club a trifle, but not to any great extent, with about the same old roster at work. The punch isn't there.

The Battle for the Grotto. Taking up New York, Detroit and St. Louis we should have here a great little battle to keep out of last place. Minus Cobb the Tigers will be a cinch bet for the Upside-Down championship. With Cobb at his best they have a feverish argument on to finish as high as sixth.

The best Chance can hope for is sixth place unless he works miracles. His club is too brittle to range any higher. There are more "ifs" connected to his clan than to any other two clubs in the game.

If Chase can handle second base, if Chance can last at first, if Wolter's leg will stand the strain, if he finds a shortstop of merit, if the pitching staff wakes from its 1912 trance, and then something else.

It wouldn't surprise us to see Chance finish no better than seventh.

SPORTING COMMENT

By FREE LANCE

Song of Welcome.

How dear to my heart is the sound of the rooting That rings in the ball yard when April has come. I love to behold them all howling and hooting And yearning to jump on the umpire's frame. How dear to my heart is the rapture that fills me When Ambrose or Gabby walks to the plate. But sweeter than all is the music that thrills me— The sound of the duets they draw at the gate.

The sweet golden duet, That drops in my bucket, The round-shining duet They draw at the gate.

It is not surprising to learn that Jordan has signed up with the Toronto Leafs. It was an easy matter to decide that such would result. The Toronto moguls realize that without Jordan they would be very ordinary. Holly's release paved the way.

Boxing has made great strides towards popular favor in Germany during the last few years and the sport has found an enthusiastic patron in Prince George of Bavaria, grandson of the late Regent Luitpold and of Emperor Francis Joseph I of Austria. The young prince—was born in Munich thirty-three years ago to-day, April 3, 1880—held for eight years the middleweight championship of the German army. As a result of his propaganda boxing is now the favorite sport of the Kaiser's soldiers. The prince is intensely democratic, and shocked his royal relatives by putting on the gloves with private soldiers. He waived all the privileges of royalty in these bouts.

and always invited his opponents to forget the identity of the man they were facing. Some of them forgot so effectually that the prince acquired cauliflower ears and a broken nose. His influence has been felt in all classes, and even the youngsters of Munich have taken up the game and look upon George as their hero. Despite the popularity of the sport, professional boxing has made no headway in Germany, and the "verboten" sign has been put up to warn away the professional pugilists of other countries.

The Grand National Steeplechase one of the big events of its kind on the British turf, is scheduled for decision to-day. This classic handicap is worth \$17,500, including a trophy valued at \$625. The rules also prescribe that the breeder of the winner shall receive \$500 from the stakes. The Grand National will be held over the Aintree course, distance four miles and 856 yards. Jerry M., the winner of last year's race has gone bad and is not entered. The new weights for the race have discouraged many owners who expected to compete, and have upset all the form dope, leaving the betters up in the air. The event is limited to five-year-olds and upward. In the meantime the Liverpool Spring cup, and the Hylton handicap, both to be decided at Liverpool, will afford excitement for the English racing fans to-day. The Spring cup, as usual, attracted only a small entry.

On account of the death of King George of Greece the engagement of King George V. to visit Liverpool for the running of the Grand National steeplechase to-day was cancelled and he will not be present.

FOOTBALL MEETINGS

Yesterday's League Games

LONDON, April 3.—(Canadian A. P.)—To-day's football scores were:

First League Oldham Athletic 3, Everton 2. Middlesbrough 1, Notts County 1.

All Scots Football Club

Training commenced on Thursday with players of above club, some 16 players taking part. The committee met after training and decided to have a practice game at Mohawk Park on Saturday to commence at 6 p.m. All players requested to report on field.

Dufferin Rifles

The following players are requested to be at the Armories on Saturday at 8 p.m. to represent the Dufferin Rifles at the indoor game against the Tutela F.C.: Goal, Dudden; backs, Mercer, Myring; forwards, Cook, Cole, Hutchinson.

Tutela Club

The Tutela club will hold a practice game on Saturday when the following team will line up: Roach, goal; T. Wright and W. Bowden, backs; F. Wright, N. McLeod, and T. Garrity half backs; F. Usher, G. Glanville, W. Rushen, D. McLeod and A. Baker forwards; versus Nuttcomb, goal; S. Cox and F. Houston, backs; W. Taylor, Shanks and T. Cooper, half backs; G. Johnson, T. Mitchell, H. Laing, E. Hodson, and A. Beate forwards. The kick off is timed for 5.45.

Y. M. C. A. Football Club

All players of the above team are requested to be on Agricultural Park on Saturday evening at 6 o'clock sharp for a practice game.

Joe Wood Fans 12; Every Man a Face Him.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 4.—Manager Jake Stahl invaded Illinois field with the world champion Red Sox to-day and shut out George Haffa Illinois 10 to 0. It was a case of pupil against the master. Stahl lined out three wicked singles, Hooper, Speaker, Yerkes, Lewis and Wagner also starred with the stick.

The feature of the game was the pitching of "Smoky Joe" Wood, introduced in the sixth. Wood struck out every man of the twelve who faced him. Collins held the Illinois to a single hit.

KILBANE DOESN'T FEAR RIVALS

Featherweight Champion Thinks Others in His Class are Poor Lot.

LOS ANGELES, April 4.—Champion Featherweight Johnny Kilbane is among us and he isn't hiding any of his sentiments, especially in telling what he thinks of the stock of hopes there are in the featherweight division. The hopeless case, he says, is his coming opponent, Johnny Dundee.

Johnny is comfortably located in a cottage situated at Venice, along the canal, where he, Mrs. Kilbane, their two babies and Jimmy Dunn, his wife and baby, and Cal. Delaney are all comfortably housed and enjoying all the comforts of home. Champion Kilbane was taking a stroll this afternoon with his oldest daughter. He stopped long enough to say:

"I am sure glad to get back here; among you people. Especially to defend my title. As to the likelihood of my losing it very soon I can't see where there is a contender that has any license to give me a fight, let alone cop the title.

"Johnny Dundee, did you say?" "Honest, I can lick that fellow with one arm tied behind my back. I took things easy in New York with him and others I fought. There was no use me going in to try to knock them out when my title wasn't at stake."

From now until about April 15th Kilbane doesn't figure on doing any training. A daily plunge in the sea, a long run up and back along the surf line in the morning and a good rub down, he thinks will be all he needs until ten days before the battle.

Manager Clarke Is Ill.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 4.—Manager Fred Clarke of the Pirates and his wife have left for their home at Winfield, Kan. The Corsair leader is reported very ill and will not be able to be with the team for several days at least.

Hans Wagner will be in charge of the team in Clarke's absence.

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