# Boston Teams Favored to Win Two Pennants

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The club will occupy this season their handsome new clubhouse and greens at 614 Dovercourt road.

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Back at U. S. Border

A whole ball team of foreigners is permitted to come over to Toronto for hire to entertain us for weeks at a stretch at Uncle Sam's national pastime, but a single coach is tabooed on his way across the line to coach a lacrosse team in the States. That's what happened yesterday at Ningara Falls. N.Y. to Billy Fitz-

TO BASEBALL CLUBS

Clubs in Both Circuits Have Been Strengthened and Two More Championship Races Are Anticipated-Last Minute Forecast.

Phillies last season, are considered by many experts to be the class of the National League this year. The team has been strengthened by the addition of several former Federal League players, including Ed. Konetchy, Frank Allen and Elmer Knetzer. George Stallings will again appear in the managerial role. The infield and pitching departments are unusually strong, with a fair outfield and catching corps.

Brooklyn, which wound up the 1915 race in third position, appears to be fully as efficient as a year ago. The infield and pitching corps are the strongest features of the Superba combination. The catching department, due to the acquisition of Chief Meyers, is stronger than last year.

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The winning ability of the Chicago club, which finished fourth a year ago, is uncertain. Joe Tinker has been valiantly trying to produce a winning combination from the amalgamated Cubs and Chicago Federals, but has found some of his veterans lacking in the speed he desires. Team play suffered somewhat from the face that the players are not entirely accustomed to each other, which unexpected weakness in the initied and poor hitting have developed. Nevertheless, critics in Chicago believe the team will soon round into formidable shape. Pittsburg is another club which starts the season with a new manager at the heim. Jimmy Callahan, the 1918 leader, expects his team to finish in the first division in place of fifth last year. The Pirates have a number of new players and it will probably take the best part of the season to weld the old and new material into an effective combination.

Miller Huggins, manager of the St. Louis Nationals, winners of sixth place last lyear, predicts a good season for his team if his infield will stand the strain. Cincirnati is picked by many to make the best showing of any of the western clubs. The Reds have secured a number of former Federals since last season, when the team finished in seventh place, including the famous Hal Chase. If Chase puts his heart and head into his play he will be a great assistance to Manager Herzog, who has an excellent pitching staff, good outfield, fair infield and catching corps.

From last place a year ago to a first division berth is the prediction made by the supporters of the New York Club. The Glants undoubtedly have been strengthened since last season, but it appears unlikely that Manager McGraw's clan can come back and make a successful fight for the pennant this year. The addition of Kauff, Rousch and Rariden from the Federal ranks will helpmaterially. The outfield is the best that the Glants have had in many seasons i

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### Tris Speaker's Bat

Tris Speaker, ranked with Ty Cobb as the greatest of all out-fielders, who was sold by the Boston Red Sox to the Cleveland club, has an enviable record with

the teams. Boston, Detroit, Chicago, Washington and Philadelphia took few. Washington and Philadelphia took few. Washington and Philadelphia took few. Washington and St. Louis have all strengthened their combinations from various sources, and the race should prove unusually close.

Just what effect the absence of Tris. Speaker from the world's champions will have on the season's play of the Boston.

Americans is problematical. The man agement of the Redere Walker will fill the outfield vacancy satisfactorily. With these two changes and the addition of Sam Agnew to the staff of catchers, the playing strength of the club is as a formidable as it was a year ago, and its chances to repeat as a pennant winner are seemingly more than promising.

Detroit and Chicago tively, last year, will enter the present campaign with veteran teams, although the veterange of the players of whom he is in meed. The most important change in the line of the players of whom he is in meed possible by the ability, in Manager Rowland's opinion, of Zeb Terry, the Los Angeles recruit, to take Weaver's place at shortstop. Byth Lynn has fulfilled expectations, and with Jack League the players of whom he is in meed possible by the ability, in Manager Rowland's opinion, of Zeb Terry, the Los Angeles recruit, to take Weaver's place at shortstop. Byth Lynn has fulfilled expectations, and with Jack League the players of whom he is in meed to managers, is satisfied that his team, the walkington Americans, will this year not be troubled with dissension, and are prepared stoutly to support Water Johnson and the other members of the will be a possibility that the washington on any American League Club his season, and the pitching and catching departments are very strong.

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The New York Club, which won fifth place in last season's chase, has been greatly improved with the purchase of Lee Magee, Cullop and Gedeon, from the Federals; Home Run Baker from the Athletics, and a number of promising recruits from the minors. Every department appears to be strong in both fielding and batting, while the pitching and catching staff is much superior to the old combinations.

Thru the acquisition of several Federal League stars the St. Louis Americans, sixth last year, are also considered much stronger. Plank, a former pitcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, and last year with the St. Louis Federals, is on the hurling staff, together with Davenport, Groom and Crandall, a trio of Federal League pitchers.

The Cleveland American League team's chief additional strength lies in the acquisition of Tris Speaker from Boston, and Arnold Gandil from Washington. Speaker's all-round ability is a known asset, Gandil is a strong batsman, a good fielder and fast on the bases, but he smokes too many cigarets.

Connie Mack, manager of the oncefamous Athletics, is making no predictions. The root of all evil! We've heard poor man accused of being it time and again—yes, and even fair feminimity—to say nothing of drink, thousands of times; but every now and then another "root" crops to the surface. Guess what it is in this story. What! You can't? Well, it's nothing more nor less than a cigaret, a poor, anoffensive little "pill."

It takes a long time for the truth to come out, but it's bound to crep to the surface some time. And now, says a Cleveland writer, we're going to let you in on the why and wherefore of the transfer of Arnold "Chic" Gandii from the Washington Nationals to the Cleveland Indians.

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No, it wasn't because Clark Griffith, boss of the Nationals, figured Gandii hadrun his race as a major league performer. Far be it from such. It was that little, insignificant eigaret that came between Griff and his star first baseman.

It seems that Gandii, like Byeaker and other star players, is an inveterate eigaret smoker, and, altho they hit the pill pretty hard, it does not zeem to affect their playing in the least.

Now, if there is anything on this green earth that Clark Griffith hates more than an umpire h's a cigaret. He tried repeatedly to break Gandii of his habit, talking to him like a father to his son time and again, but to no avail. Chic just couldn't or wouldn't quit the "coffin nails."

The story comes that Gandii's cigaret smoking became a real serious matter between Chic and Griff last season. On occasions Gandii longed for a drag, a puff, a pull or whatever you will, at a pill, and was guilty of the unpardonable offence of getting a "taste" between innings. Griff caught him at it and fined him \$10, not once, but any number of times. The probs and the American League umpires for the opening games in the big leagues today are:

At Cleveland—Fair and warmer. Evans and Chill.

At Chicago—Fair and warmer. Hildebrand and O'Loughlin.

At New York—Showery. Connolly and Owens.

Owens.
At Boston—Colder and showers. Dineen and Nalley.
—National League.—
At Cincinnati—Fair and warmer.
At St. Louis—Fair and warmer.
At Philadelphia—Fair and warmer.
At Brooklyn—Showery. How Those Pro. Hockey Men Like to Lose Money

MONTREAL, April 11.—A mightily disgruntled lot of hockey players, members of the Wanderer and Quebec teams, are back from the Boston trip. The players are all out money on the trip. President Lichtenhein of Wanderers paid out of his own pocket the hotel and railway bills of his players. For the two games, each team received \$103, which was applied on their transportation and hotel accounts. What money they spent came out of their own pocket. The players agree that the trip was made far too late in the scason, and that the advertising was very poor. The semi-annual meeting of the Rusholme Lawn Bowling Club was held last evening. It was one of the most enthusiastic and largely-attended meetings ever held by this live and energetic club. One of the most important features of the coming season will be the adoption of the individual handicap system, that will be utilized in all inter-rink matches. E. W. Miller, 78 Shannon street, was appointed games secretary, and all requests for friendly games should be addressed to him.

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Briefly it might be summarized by the statement that the Amateur Union does not believe that civilians of military age should ask the public to support their sport at the present time, in view of the many other calls which are made upon the public and that while there might te special cases where men capable of competing in senior athletics have good and sufficient reason for not enlisting, in the majority of cases athletes of military age should be in ktaki. He also made it plain that unless the executive of the union gave special Annetion in some unusual case, registered civilian athletes would forfeit their amateur, standing, automatically, by competing in athletics where a gate or collection is taken.

After the war registered amateur athletes who have competed and have asked the public to support them, will have to apply for reinstatement.

The question srose over the agitation and apparent misunderstanding in Calgary over the ruiling of the union. It seems that effort is being insued to all baseball players, whether professional or amateur, to attend organization meeting. It has also been stated that after expenses were baid the profits of games would be turned over to charitable and patriotic funds.

Professor Edwards made it plain in his statement that such a league if organized and if a gate or collection was taken, would be an unsanctioned meet and amateur athletes competing would automatically lose their amateur standing, whether there were professional athletes competing or not. The offences would be even worse if amateurs and professionals mixed in such a meet.

"It's not in an arbitrary way that we have made this ruiling." said Prof. Edwards, "but we believe that we are backed up by public sentiment. We believe the time is not proper in this period in the empire's history, for the indulgence of our men in athletics: that is civilians who are capable of competing in senior athletics

civilian athletics. If men of military are so who have a good reason for not been so have a good reason for not ball or any other sport, there is no reason why they should not do so. But they should not ask the public to pay for their uniforms and paraphernalia. If they can't enlist and play merely for the love of the game they can do so by buying their own uniforms and outfits, and not ask the public to contribute.

"Before the war an amateur who took part in an unsanctioned meet immediately lost his amateur standing. The game is true now, only we are not issuing any sanctions."

Ball Players See First

Hockey in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 11.—Out classing their opponents at every stage of the game, the Canadien hockey team, winners of the Stanley Cup, and considered the world's professional hockey champions, here tonight defeated the Portland, Oregon, team. 13 to 2, in a very uninteresting and one-sided exhibition. Arbour scored five goals, Irvine having developed pleuro-pneumonia after Saturday's game, and was taken to a Chicago hospital by Tobin, who had started to take him home. Without these stars, Portland played listlessly and allowed the Canadiens to score at will. The contest, twhich wound up the hockey season in Cleveland, was witnessed by nearly all the Cleveland Ball Club, many of whom had never seen a hockey fame before. Some of them, in fact, had never been inside an lockey for the started to take him home. Without these stars, Portland played listlessly and allowed the Canadiens to score at will. The contest, twhich wound up the hockey season in Cleveland, was witnessed by nearly all the Cleveland Ball Club, many of whom had never seen a hockey game before. Some of them, in fact, had never been inside an lockey for the provided kanasa City, which traded him, If will any the difference in salary limit, and houst and the provided kanasa City, which traded him, if the provided kanasa City so the started to take him home. Without these stars, Portland played listlessly and allowed the Canadie Arbour.
Portland (2)—Goal, Murray; joint, Johnson; cover, Barbour; centre, Oatman; left wing, Dunderdale; right wing, Harris.

### BASKETBALL

Two games were played in the Elementary Basketball League at Central Y. last night. The first was a very close-checking affair, as the score will show, when Winfield's team won out by a single point from Jobson. The second game was rather easy for Rodgers' team, which trimmed Lickers', 14-6. The score was tie at half-time, but the good shooting of Scott and McMinn put the game on ice. Teams and scores:

W. Winfield (captain, 5), J. Burton, W. Reddy, G. D. Martin, A. Harris, S. Litz, I. Levinsky.

J. Jobson (captain, 4), A. McFarquhar, W. Armitage, S. Nugent, P. Webber, H. Fitchett, M. E. Morriss.

—Second Game.—

A. V. Rodgers (captain, 14), E. C. Chamberlain, J. McMinn, P. Lumbers, H. T. Scott, E. Harold.

J. Lickers (captain, 6), H. Morris, R. Finley, H. Golden, G. Duckworth, J. Theining.

### HOCKEY AS SHE IS PLAYED IN BOSTON

QUEBEC, April 11.—The Quebec team has returned from Boston, a sadder but wiser crowd. Not that we lost the scries. There was no scries, if it really comes down to brass tacks, for Ottawa wouldn't play-off with the winners, as there was not enough money in it.

The Boston people, some of them, cherish the idea that the Arena team could wallop the professionals. A game between Quebec and the Boston Arena team was almost arranged, but the Amateur Athletic Association set on it. Fancy Patsy Seguin as an amateur.

Jack McDonald, Joe Malone, Jack Marks and Henri Boivin blew into town and gave a good display of the styles of the States.

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## FIELDER JONES HAS GRAND HURLING CORPS

Branch Rickey Turned Over Nice Squad of Pitchers to New

Branch Rickey may not have be-queathed Fielder Jones much of an in-field, but he did turn over to his succes-

Evidently Kid Elberfeld is not serious when he says he will play shortstop for his Chattanooga team, for he has purchased a second short fielder in Weddel from a Northern League club. A few days before he bought Smykal from Ottors.

Another Titus breaks into the game this year. His front name is Elmer, and he hails from Philadelphia. He will play with Wheeling in the Central League. He has had a checkered career. He was for a time a soldier in Mexico under Villa, and once was an acrobat with the Barnum circus. He is a real soldier of for-

To Millions of People the Word Motorcycle" Means Nothing

STILL PLAYING BALL

While Myers and Meyers were working as a battery for Connie Mack the other day, Adams and Adams were in the points for the Phillies. Some troubles ahead for the Philadelphia scorers is right.

Harry Bemis, ex-Leaf catcher, recently released from Edmira, has signed with Utica of the New York State League. Amby McConnell is the Utica manager. The Bridgeport Bastern League Club has signed the ex-Leaf pitcher, Emer Steele. He is said to have developed into a capable first-sacker since his pitching

With Steve Evans with Toledo, Hub Perdue with Louisville, and Albert Dolan with Indianapolis, American Association fans should have a lot of fun this season. This trio, all former St. Louis Cardinals, are among the greatest comedians in baseball.

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