

White Sox Have Hit Stride, Now Look out

Chicago Americans Now a Well Balanced Team, Says Rowland; Enthusiastic Over Their Chance For Pennant

The White Sox's great spurt for the pennant has given Manager Clarence Rowland a fine chance to discuss his managerial policies. He speaks as follows:

They say Comiskey spent a fortune to build up the White Sox—he did. They claim he has added the strength to the club which should bring it home a winner—he has. They said the White Sox should win and when they didn't what was the inevitable conclusion? The manager, of course, incompetent leadership, the same old story in the same old way.

You cannot buy a pennant. It is conceivably possible but it is practically impossible. Could some manager gather Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker and Walter Johnson and a few others on the one club much might be done. But, of course, as a practical matter it couldn't be done. The seven other club owners would not then suffer their leading stars to go. And if they should, even then there would be no absolute guarantee of a pennant. Say it once and for all, then lay it away on the shelf among moth balls and camphor. "You can't buy a pennant."

Great strength was added to the White Sox by the acquisition of Collins and Jackson. I regard Collins as the prince of second basemen. I consider Jackson the greatest natural hitter the game ever saw.

Last Year's Weakness. But I believe it is but fair to admit that the White Sox last year were not a well-balanced ball club. We were not dependable at first base and third was a source of much worry. Two of my best pitchers failed me in the pinch. Faber was incapacitated by sickness when he was going great and I needed him most. Scott, one of our star twirlers, had a very poor season, which of course could not have been foreseen. And Eddie Collins started very, very slowly and didn't get his proper stride until way late.

On paper we were a wonderful team but there are two fallacies at work in a paper reputation. First you don't play with the stars of last year and you don't see the batting averages they gained in the previous season on to-day's ball field. For instance, Scott was good for twenty-five ball games on paper. But the games he won the previous year didn't help us any last season. Collins is one of baseball's great hitters, good for 330 but the first half of the season he was a batting perhaps 250. The last half of the season he came through in great shape and so, if you will remember did the club. The White Sox played as good ball as any other club has done, the last half of the season; but they were set back at the start and the competition which they encountered has never been equalled for well balanced power. No, you can't play your stars for what they have done. You win to-day's ball game on the merit of to-day's showing in the field. What your players were yesterday makes no material difference to anyone except the statisticians.

Square Deal for Men. Another point to be remembered is this with reference to a team of stars. If I am the greatest

pitcher in the game and I go to a club which also numbers the greatest outfielder, I have some faith in my own opinion. So has the greatest at once. It is human nature and it is just that things should be so.

You can't take stars and make them over into a well balanced club in a minute or ten minutes. It takes time. I have not a shadow of criticism of any one of my men in making this statement. I am strong for all my men and I believe they are strong for me. I have always given them a square deal and they have done the like by me. But what I mean to say is, you can not take a team of stars and mold them together into a well balanced machine. You can do this with youngsters, perhaps, but not with stars. The star has a certain amount of individuality. He has earned the right to have it. And no matter how he may want to work for the best interest of the team he is bound to have it still.

The White Sox failed to win the pennant in 1914 and surprised some people. But they didn't surprise me and they didn't surprise Mr. Comiskey. He knew and I knew it would take longer than that to make a machine which could cope with such powerful combinations as the Red Sox and Detroit. Last season I frankly confess I had big hopes. But certain things happened as I have already mentioned. Furthermore, our infield was not well balanced and remained a source of worry.

Now the infield is complete. Gandy, I am confident will do very well. Weaver is the best third baseman in the league. And Risberg is a comer. Collins is a world beater and if he could get started in good time and do anywhere near as good work as he has done in seasons past I am as confident of the pennant as any manager has a right to be.

BASEBALL RECORD

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Newark	48	30	.615
Providence	48	33	.593
Toronto	47	34	.580
Baltimore	45	36	.556
Rochester	41	41	.500
Buffalo	34	39	.466
Richmond	31	47	.397
Montreal	28	52	.350

Monday's Scores			
Providence 10, Toronto 4.			
Newark 5, Rochester 3.			
Buffalo 5, Richmond 8.			
Montreal 15, Baltimore 9-2.			

To-day's Games			
Providence at Toronto.			
Baltimore at Montreal.			
Richmond at Buffalo.			
Newark at Rochester.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	48	26	.649
Philadelphia	40	32	.556
St. Louis	44	37	.543
Cincinnati	46	42	.522
Chicago	43	41	.512
Brooklyn	36	39	.480
Boston	32	43	.427
Pittsburg	24	53	.312

Monday's Scores			
Boston 8-7, Pittsburg 7-2.			
Philadelphia 1, Cincinnati 0.			
New York 4, Chicago 2.			
St. Louis 3, Brooklyn 1.			

To-day's Games			
Pittsburg at Boston.			
Cincinnati at Philadelphia.			
Chicago at New York.			
St. Louis at Brooklyn.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Chicago	51	31	.622
Boston	50	31	.617
Cleveland	46	40	.535
New York	41	38	.519
Detroit	41	39	.513
Washington	33	45	.423
Philadelphia	29	47	.382
St. Louis	32	52	.381

Monday's Scores			
St. Louis 2, Boston 0.			
Cleveland 3, New York 2.			
To-day's Games			
Washington at Chicago.			
Philadelphia at Detroit.			
New York at Cleveland.			
Boston at St. Louis.			

The Home Economics Society held a convention recently at Boissevain, Man.

Fifty Against Two. It is not reasonable to expect two weeks of outing to overcome the effects of fifty weeks of confinement. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla along with you. It refreshes the blood, improves the complexion.

Sporting Comment

The Giants behind Christy Mathewson, one day at the Polo grounds, had outfitted the Chicago Cubs, with Lew Ritchie pitching, by about two to one, but had lost the game. The score was close. The "Old Master" had pitched great ball, while Lew's work was rather sloppily.

A Giant far was complaining querulously. "That Ritchie's the luckiest guy I ever saw in my life," he whined. "He never had a thing but luck against this club."

The aged baseball man arose and stretched his senile arms. "What you say is true, my son," he remarked. "He's lucky. But let me tell you something; I'd rather have a pitcher who is lucky, even if he hasn't got so much on the ball than a great pitcher who is unlucky. Give me the kind that win. I don't care how they do it—just so they win."

Years ago, when John McCloskey was managing at St. Louis, a certain young ball player started hitting the ball fiercely. It was his first trip in the majors and the fact elated him.

When he made his sixth or seventh straight single he stalked back to the bench and flopped himself near where McCloskey was sitting.

"Well, I stung that one, eh?" remarked the recruit. "Right on the beam, too. Let's see, how many straight singles is that I've made?" McCloskey eyed him sternly. "Young fellow," he said finally, "if you want a place on this ball club you have to hand out a double or a triple once in a while. These singles aren't enough."

The Cards paid \$15,000 in cash and players for Pitcher Goodwin of Milwaukee. When the Cards gave \$15,000 for a hurler he's got to be a Goodwin.

Birmingham has a pitcher named Loveless. He ought to be an umpire. Nobody loves an ump.

Additions to Baseball Language. With the season under way it must be painfully obvious, even to the most conservative fan, that the English language is becoming sadly deficient of suitable expressions to depict the game.

son—great ball games, immense crowds, lots of scrapping. It is evident that new adjectives, nouns and adjectives must be found to meet the demands of such a thrilling season.

Here are a few titles and definitions thereof. Study them at leisure, and select whatever samples may seem to fit the particular umpire that may need them.

Gladiator—An extinct animal which was encased in armor and had no brain.

Amoeba—A microbe totally devoid of intelligence.

Parallelogram—A figure that is so square it's lopsided.

Judge Jeffreys—An English magistrate noted for the injustice of his decisions.

Ornithorhynchus—A beast with a bill.

Yogi—A Hindoo mystic who is always seeing impossible things.

Siberian lophound—A canine with a fearfully loud bark.

Opaque—Unable to see or be seen through.

Pithecanthropus—The real connecting link between man and the apes.

Select two or three of these, say them to the umpire and see if he isn't crushed beyond repair.

HORNSBY IN LIMELIGHT

Cardinals' Young Phenom Figures In Defeat of Brooklyn

Brooklyn, July 17.—St. Louis took the first game of the series with Brooklyn to-day by a score of 3 to 1. The score was tied up to the eighth, when, with two out, Hornsby singled to centre. Cruise followed with another to right. Pfeffer intercepted the toss to third and threw into right field in an attempt to catch Cruise advancing to second. Johnson muffed Stengel's return, and both runners scored. Meadows allowed only three hits, receiving brilliant support in which Beitzel and Hornsby excelled. The score:—

R. H. E.			
St. Louis	10	0	0
Brooklyn	0	1	0
Umpire	3	9	0
Meadows and Snyder, Pfeffer and J. Meyers.			

LEAF BEATEN IN ONE BAD FRAME

Had Three Pitchers In Box In First Inning Yesterday

Toronto, July 17.—About everything disastrous that could happen did happen in the first inning of yesterday's Toronto-Providencia game at the Island Stadium, and the Leafs took down eight runs. The Leafs made valiant efforts to overcome the lead, and did fairly well in that respect, but as the sailormen say, "a stern chase is a long chase," and that it surely was. By winning the game 10 to 4 the Rhode Islanders broke the tie for second place that existed when play was called. The Leafs are now third, with a chance to get even again to-day. Baltimore lost two games at Montreal, and thus placed a comfortable distance between the Leafs and the Birds.

The crowd was of larger proportions than the usual wash day assemblage, and it got a lot for its money. For those who like "fireworks" in their baseball that first inning was enough and more. It was a pyrotechnic debauch.

Whitcomb's Lucky Escape. Outfielder George Whitcomb did a spectacular fall over the concrete wall in left field while in pursuit of a foul fly. He turned a complete somersault and hit his head on the pavement, inflicting a long but not serious gash. Whitcomb was dazed and unable to continue. He might have been much more seriously hurt.

Al Leake started the pitching against the Grays. He tried his "spitter," fast one, curve and everything else he could think of, but his effectiveness was nil. He had "nothing on the ball," and the Clam Diggers belted and slammed to their hearts' content. After he had been hit for four singles, given two walks and made an error he was taken out in favor of Warhop. The latter twirled until Whitman fell over the wall, when he went to left field and Dan Tipple assumed the pitching role. Thus the fans saw three Toronto pitchers at work in one inning.

BRAVES TAKE DOUBLE BILL

Annex Both Games From Pirates Yesterday, First Eleven Innings

Boston, July 16.—Boston started its second home series with Pittsburg to-day by taking two games, the first in eleven innings by the score of 8 to 7 and the second 7 to 2. In the opener, which was a slam-bang affair, Boston won by a score of 8 to 7. The game was a close one, with Grimes' scratch single and Grime's error on the late throw to first.

Barnes had things very much his own way in the second, after Boston made five runs off Jacobs in less than two innings. The Scores:—

R. H. E.			
Pittsburg	3	0	0
Boston	2	0	0
Cooper, Grimes and Schmidt: Allen, Ragan, Nehf, Tyler and Traggessor.			

Second game:—			
Pittsburg	0	0	0
Boston	7	1	1
Jacobs, Grimes and Schmidt: Barnes and Traggessor.			

DOUBLE LOSS FOR ORIOLES

Montreal Took Brace Of One Run Victories From Falling Birds

Montreal, July 17.—Montreal took two games from the Baltimore Birds yesterday afternoon by a score of 10 to 9 and 3 to 2. Montreal collected eighteen hits in the first game, and Zimmermann's scored home run in the ninth inning with a man on base won back the game after it was seemingly lost. Duffy's good pitching won the second game. Scores:—

R. H. E.			
Baltimore	0	0	0
Montreal	10	0	0
Thormahlen, Appleton and McAvoy: Hoyt, Gerner and Howley.			

Second game:—			
Baltimore	0	1	0
Montreal	3	0	1
Hill and McAvoy: Duffy and Maden.			

CUBS BEATEN BY NEW YORK

Tesreau Went Well For The Giants Until Fifth, When He Was Pulled

New York, July 17.—New York defeated Chicago in the opening game of the series here yesterday by a score of 4 to 2. Vaughn pitched good ball for the Cubs, but was poorly supported. Tesreau did not allow a hit until the fifth inning, but weakened in the seventh, when Chicago scored twice and had the bases full when Benton was sent to his rescue. A barehanded catch by Robertson off Doyle in the first inning was the feature. The score:—

R. H. E.			
Chicago	0	0	0
New York	4	1	0
Vaughn, Douglas and Dillhoefer; Tesreau, Benton and Holke.			

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