

THE COURIER CARRIES ALL THE SPORTING NEWS

The Impossible Boy

By WALT MASON



I do not wish to go and fish, as other lads are going. I'd rather take the spade and rake, or spend the long day hoeing. I'll plant the seeds and pull the weeds where grow the beet and radish, nor yearn at all to play baseball or other pastimes faddish. When I am done, at set of sun, with cabbage, bean and onion, I won't forsooth, read tale of sleuth—I'll read the works of Bunyan. I do not care to see the bear or elephant performing, or watch the clown come tumbling down when up a pole he's swarming. To do my task is all I ask, all day, till light is dwindling, to saw the wood, as children should, and split the morning kindling. Let other lads distress their dads and in the brook go swimming, with knife on edge I'll prune the hedge and give the trees a trimming. I'll clean the yard which now looks hard, and in the garden the shed and stable, and fix the fence with zeal intense, and toil while I am able. I do not see how there can be a joy in foolish pleasure; the one best bet is honest sweat, and toil's our greatest treasure.

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Chance Sweet on Keating

Greatest Compliment Ever Paid a Recruit is Given Ray By His Boss.

Anybody who knows anything about baseball will admit that Manager Frank Chance is one of the best in the business when it comes to judging the qualities of pitchers. When he says that a man had a lot of stuff you may depend upon it that he has. Seldom has a boxman on whom he has placed his O. K. mark gone wrong when it comes to the matter of pitching ability. Following the victory over the Red Sox which incidentally lifted the Yankees out of the despondent cellar, Chance made an assertion which should bear close scrutiny for the future.

Chance is not a leader given to making predictions, but he made this startling statement that he thinks Ray Keating, the 19 year old boxman who won for Chance his first victory as the Yankee leader, is the most promising youngster that he has seen on a ball field for years. Coming from such a capable leader as Chance, this should be more than words for the fans who are pulling for the Yankees.

Furthermore, Chance predicts that the former Lawrence spitballer, whom President Farrell purchased last season for a goodly sum, with careful guidance will develop into one of the season's sensations. Anybody who watched Keating pitching his debut game as a big leaguer will not give Chance an argument over the point. Keating is a pitcher who will bear watching. There is very little room for argument.

He really looks like a comer. And Chance was so well pleased with the youngster's work that he handed over the bill to Keating for winning the game.

"That youngster," said Chance, "looks like a seasoned pitcher at this time. He pitched a game that would have been a credit to any pitcher. The way that he stood up in the box made me forget all my ills. He is one of the best youngsters I have seen in years, and mark my words, he will rank with the best of them before he has had more experience."

Keating is a natural born twirler. He is wonderful control and speed to boot. That spitter, his best ball, won't lead. I have seen a lot of ball pitchers in my time, and this lad will class with any of the top ones.

Keating looks like a natural hurler and there isn't any reason why he shouldn't make a good boxman. He has plenty of confidence, speed to turn and works like an old-time pitcher. The coolness that he displayed on his first time out actually was remarkable. Chance remarked last night that he had never seen a pitcher break into fast company as auspiciously as Keating did. The first

three innings he tried to put the ball over the plate all the time, the result being that the Sox got six of the eight hits in these frames, but after that Chance told him to work the batters, and as he followed instructions he was able to baffle the batters to better advantage, allowing but two hits in the remaining innings.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.
Newark 2 0 1.000
Buffalo 2 0 1.000
Rochester 2 0 1.000
Baltimore 1 1 .500
Toronto 0 2 .000
Providence 0 2 .000
Jersey City 0 2 .000
Yesterday's scores: Newark 1, Toronto 0; Baltimore 4, Rochester 2; Buffalo 2, Jersey City 0; Montreal 2, Providence 1.
Games Saturday: Toronto at Newark, Buffalo at Jersey City, Montreal at Providence, Rochester at Baltimore.
Games Sunday: Toronto at Jersey City, Buffalo at Newark, Rochester at Providence.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.
Washington 3 0 1.000
Philadelphia 1 1 .500
Chicago 5 3 .625
Cleveland 4 3 .571
St. Louis 4 4 .500
Boston 2 4 .333
Detroit 2 5 .286
New York 1 4 .200
Yesterday's scores: Cleveland 4, Chicago 0; Boston 8, Philadelphia 5; Washington 7, New York 5; St. Louis 3, Detroit 2.
Games Saturday: Washington at New York, Boston at Philadelphia, Cleveland at Chicago, St. Louis at Detroit.
Games Sunday: Cleveland at Chicago, St. Louis at Detroit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Clubs. Won. Lost. P.C.
Philadelphia 2 1 .667
Pittsburgh 3 2 .600
St. Louis 3 2 .600
Chicago 3 3 .500
Boston 2 2 .500
New York 2 2 .500
Brooklyn 1 2 .333
Cincinnati 1 3 .250
Yesterday's scores: Philadelphia 1, Brooklyn 0; New York 13, Boston 4; St. Louis 8, Chicago 2; Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 5, called at end of 12th inning on account of darkness.
Games Saturday: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, New York at Boston (two games), Chicago at St. Louis, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Games Sunday: Pittsburgh at St. Louis, Chicago at Cincinnati.

ROYAL CAFE

15 QUEEN STREET

Is now open. The service is the best obtainable, and our prices most reasonable. Open from 10:00 a. m. to 2 a. m.

Frank Wong, Proprietor

SPORTING COMMENT

By FREE LANCE

Frank Leroy Chance. (Upon the occasion of his welcome home to New York.)

P. L.—old pal—here's "Welcome home!"

"Escaped from yonder western Tyre. Across the drift of April's gloom. For you we smite the laurelled lyre."

No epic fit of cheering bliss— Nor olive wreath athwart your brow—

We'd rather let it go at this — "Here's how."

Let others start the jubilee

Or kick in with the raving cheer

We grudge no vocalistic plea,

Though it should split an aching ear;

But whether it should oar dowsd ra

Or whether Fate shall lift you up

Or break for you olive bough—

Still, at the trail's end, tilts the cup—

"Here's how."

Our only regret is that Charles

Webb Murphy is not in New York to

understand a bit more fully what a

good many thousands think of the

man that put Murphy on the map.

But on second thought he will likely

draw an inkling of how several folks

feel towards Chance when the P. L.

leads his Yanks into the south side

corral in Chicago. This date should

be a grand little opening for Mr.

Murphy to use in blowing himself to

an extended eastern tour.

Last season we saw a rough winter

and a raw March. April and the

league opening was worse.

This season we drew a mild winter

and a balmy March. And April

has been worse than ever. Judging

from these advance conditions, mag-

nates, knowing what they are likely

to get through this season of April,

might as well either postpone the

opening affair or switch their train-

ing camp into the middle of the At-

lantic for proper conditioning.

Kriff, on Wednesday, had to call

the roll of his troop to see if anyone

was missing. The Old Fos has al-

most forgotten that he was manag-

ing a club in the time that elapsed

since his first battle.

We should know a good bit more

about Connie's outlook when the

crafty Mr. Mack begins to unfurl

Messrs. Wickoff, Bush, Nenock, etc.,

before big game firing. If his young-

sters look as good under a further

test as they looked against the Phil-

lies there will be quite an upheaval

necessary before the Athletics are

blocked away from the top of Octo-

ber's heap. There's no question

about the rest of the rest of the

club if he can show a cluster of lar-

vae properly equipped to help out

Coombs, Bender and Plank.

The Red Sox this season may

whale the padding out of the Yanks

at several spots along the trail, but

they have about given up the hope of

wrenching off nineteen out of twenty

one games as they did last year. It

took Frank Chance two starts again,

the Champs to nick his first vic-

tory from them where Harry Wol-

verton traveled into his fifteenth bat-

tle vs Stahl before cracking the dead-

lock of defeat. Something of a dif-

ference, as such things go.

Gunboat Smith is still in the offing,

but there appears to be a small dent

in his armor plate. Also the essence

of a wrap to one of his fourteen-inch

guns.

Mr. David Lyle urges all in the

East End, desirous of playing in the

Soft Ball League to communicate

with him 233 Drummond Street.

Amby Kane

The Brantford Ball Club manager,

who reports to-morrow.

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HERE TOMORROW

And The Brantford Squad

Will Arrive in City

Next Week.

Manager Amby Kane will leave his

home in Whitman for Brantford to-

morrow night and will be here to

greet the players who land here

on Tuesday morning.

English, the catcher, who is to be

given a trial behind the bat, will

come along with Kane. In a letter to

Manager Nelson states that the play-

ers who he has agreed to give a trial

for a place on the team, come very

highly recommended, and expects

they will be great rivalry for a place

on the team.

The players will get right down to

good hard work just as soon as they

arrive, and then is the time to see

just how good they are.

Most of the players come from

"way down East," and leave Boston

on Monday, and will be joined at

Springfield by Ivers, and the whole

aggregation will be trooping down

Market street for T. J. Nelson's of-

fice and secure their meal tickets.

When the players get down to hard

practice the fans will go over to see

how good the candidates for places

are, and as they have to play the

games on the grass instead of on

the regular diamond, it is probably

best to see them in action before any

comment is made either one way or

the other.

A number of men have been em-

ployed fixing up Agricultural Park

grounds and getting the diamond in

best possible shape. A lot of sod will

be taken off the grass around sec-

ond base and short stop, which will

make the grounds much faster. Con-

siderable repairs have been made to

the centre grand stand to make it

more comfortable for the spectators.

Dover Beach Threatened.

It is proposed in the Dover Har-

bor Bill now before Parliament, to

make a sea front dock which will in-

volve a considerable invasion of the

foreshore. At an indignation meeting

resolutions were passed protesting

against the project and also against

the decision of a special meeting of

the Town Council by the casting

vote of the mayor, to withdraw their

previous opposition.

Balloon Company Disbanded.

A War Office notice in the "London

Gazette" states that the London Bal-

loon Company, Royal Engineers (T. F.)

has been disbanded.

BRANTFORD LEAGUE OPENS

Local Soccer Enthusiasts Are Ready For Start of Season To-Day.

This is opening day in the city football league and the various teams who have been waiting patiently for the season to commence will be out on the green this afternoon. As this is the first game for some of the teams it is hard to say anything in regard to their relative strength and to pick the winners would be difficult task.

There is a lot of young blood on the various teams and just how they are going to act is a question, but those who are supposed to know say that the older players will have to step lively to keep pace with the youngsters. The older players in many cases will be used to steady and encourage the youngsters.

The league officials have made it clearly understood that the teams are to play clean football and do all they can to further the interest of the game and make it popular in the city. The Council have given the referees full power when handling games and will look to them to keep the players in line and make them play football and stop any undue roughness.

The games that are being played this afternoon are:

S. O. E. vs. Cockshuts United, at the Mohawk Park.

Dufferin Rifles vs. Tutela, at the Agricultural Park.

Y. M. C. A. vs. 25th Brant Dragoons at Recreation Park.

All Scots vs. Holmedale Tigers at the O. T. B. grounds.

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