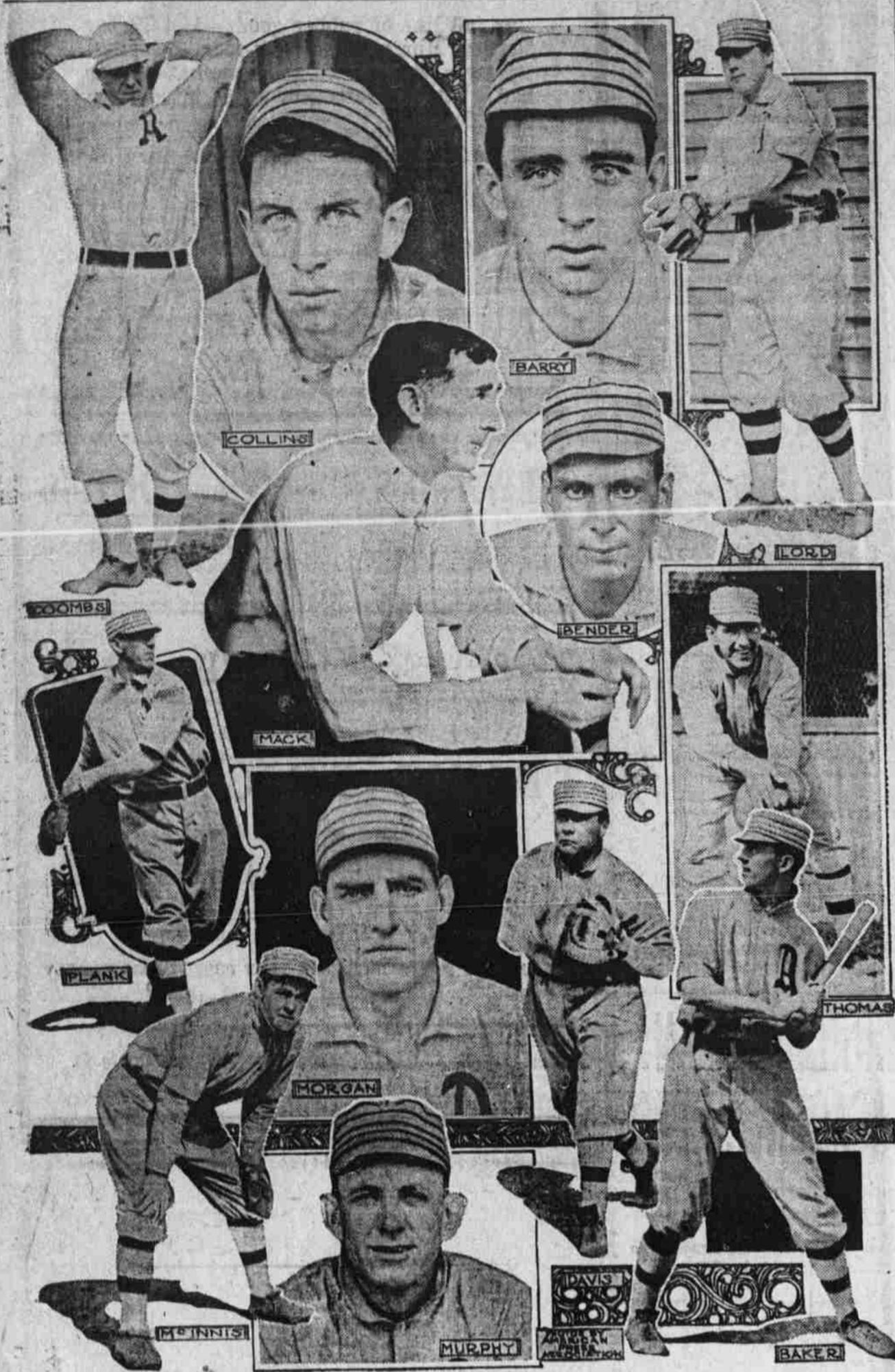


How the Philadelphia Athletics Won the American League Pennant.



MANAGER OF THE ATHLETICS AND SOME OF HIS STAR BALL TOSSERS.

By TOMMY CLARK.

ALTHOUGH the American league season of 1911 was not altogether devoid of sectional and individual disappointments, there was probably not an owner or official in the junior organization who did not feel that the 1911 campaign was as prosperous and as successful as any of the previous years.

Of course there have been no such monetary rewards reaped as those of the years in which the American league races were phenomenally close. There has been nothing like the sustained interest of 1906, for instance, when the White Sox nosed out New York in the last week of the season, nor like that of 1907, when Detroit and Philadelphia fought it out almost to the wire with the Sox and Naps hanging on until near the finish.

There has been nothing like the intense excitement raised and maintained in 1908, when a presidential campaign was compelled to take a side street, while the boulevards were monopolized by an unparalleled spectacle—that of four teams racing almost neck and neck for the wire and the verdict hanging on the result of the final game of the schedule between Detroit and Chicago.

This year's race has been a two team affair, Philadelphia and Detroit monopolizing the gladness of the whole season.

The Tigers started the season on a gallop and at the end of April held a big lead of twelve games won and two lost, while the Athletics were in the second division. During May the Tigers still held the big lead, and many experts predicted they would walk away with the gonfalon. But the more conservative thought that a lead was a handicap to Jennings' men, which later results proved to be true.

The early part of June, when the Tigers held a big lead over the Ath-

letics of twelve games, Mack's chances looked slim. Such a feeling was well justified. With such an enormous advantage it looked as if the Tigers could nurse their lead to no great strain on the players. They had enough of a lead to sustain a slump and get back on a winning streak again.

When the Athletics went on their first trip west they disappointed their followers. They didn't show anything until the trip was almost over. Detroit was the third city in the west where they called.

Philadelphia fans resigned all hope when Detroit beat the Athletics in the first two games. But it was the old story of Mack being best in adversity. His team didn't quit. The tactician whipped his players together the very next day, when they started a sensational winning streak. They took the next two from the Tigers, beat Cleveland in the next four and then traveled east and continued their success.

They won twenty out of twenty-two games before they had a slight reaction. This spurt of the world champions made big inroads on the Tigers' lead. From a twelve game lead advantage it shrank violently, lingering quite a time around the three game mark. But the Tigers couldn't hold this lead, and on July 4 the champions of the world came to their own again by assuming first place in the American league race after it had been held by Detroit since the opening of the season.

The Mackmen didn't have the honor very long. The very next day they toppled out again, and Detroit was back. They went west again and struck a calamity in Detroit, which swept four straight games from their ancient enemy. Therefore in a little more than a week after Independence day Detroit had gained first place and was leading the Athletics by five and one-half games.

With the season more than half finished, the Athletics' chances looked worse than ever, but the Mack wrecking crew saved things. The team was soon back fighting again, and the lead worked gradually but steadily below the five and one-half mark.

The Athletics returned home July 25 to fight the western teams. They struck the westerners quick and hard. First it was Cleveland and then Detroit that were made dizzy by the monarch's speed. Neither was St. Louis nor Chicago spared.

On Aug. 4 the Athletics for the second time this season had fought their way to first place, the difference being that this time they held it. During September their lead increased steadily, and they entered the last week of the race practically eased up.

In all but one department the Athletics are a better ball club now than they were a year ago. The outfield, while it is not a wonderful trio by a long shot, is a shade more reliable than that which bumped the Cubs last year.

There are two or three sets of outfielders in the big leagues that rate higher than Lord, Oldring and Murphy, but Mack's strength always has been in his infields.

There is no quartet in the game today that combines with baseball such intelligence as that of McInnis, Collins, Barry and Baker. The four are wonderfully fast and accurate fielders and possess great throwing arms. The infield was fast in 1910, but it is speedier this season. Last year Harry Davis was on first, but last July he was replaced by McInnis. For all his youth and inexperience McInnis is a big improvement over Davis. Right now "Stuffy" looks the equal of any first baseman in the American league, barring Hal Chase. First station last year was the only comparatively weak one, but it is now well covered.

It is only in the pitching department

that Mack seems to have fallen off from last year. Neither Coombs nor Bender has shown the wonderful form of a year ago. Morgan and Plank performed in fine style all season. The catching department has been well looked after by Ira Thomas. The Athletics are made up of young men who like to play ball. There isn't a lazy player on the team. From the moment the Mack's men put on their uniforms they display energy. In practice they show ginger and speed, while in championship games they never say die. Even though opponents are weak, the champions do not let up. They seem to enjoy the task of fattening their batting averages, and they revel in difficult plays. On the bench they talk baseball, and when mistakes are made there's no ill feeling. Great plays prompt enthusiasm and words of praise, while Mack at all times is the king pin. Lack of jealousy and friction is one of the reasons for the success of the Athletics. Take the case of Harry Davis, for instance. The veteran has been supplanted at first base by young McInnis, yet the latter has no more ardent supporter than Davis, who is always helping the youngster.

Mack's quiet disposition, coupled with firmness, has worked wonders. He knows baseball and how to handle players. His motto is "Play ball," and he never varies it. Umpires are let alone and adverse decisions do not upset the team. In developing the Athletics Mack has tried to strengthen every department, and results thus attained would seem to indicate that he hasn't lost a trick.

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union.

Mary Hug, plaintiff, vs. Louisa H. Becker and J. J. Becker, also all other persons and parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants.

To Louisa H. Becker, and J. J. Becker, also all other persons and parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in, or to or upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants: You and each of you are hereby notified by me to be and appear in the above entitled court and answer the complaint therein filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the first publication of this summons, and defendants and each of you, will take notice that if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiff will, for want thereof, apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint in said cause, to wit: That plaintiff be decreed to be the owner in fee and entitled to the possession of all the real estate described in the complaint, to wit: the east half of northeast quarter of section thirty-three (33), and southwest quarter of northwest quarter and northwest quarter of southwest quarter of section thirty-four (34), and north half of southwest quarter of section twenty-nine (29), and east half of northwest quarter and east half of southeast quarter of section thirty-two (32), in township one, north of range thirty-nine, and north half of northwest quarter of section .ve (5), in township one, south of range thirty-nine (39), east of Williamette meridian, in Union county, Oregon, excepting a tract of about fifteen acres heretofore by Rudolph Hug in his lifetime conveyed, and that plaintiff's title thereto be quieted and for such other relief as to the court shall seem just.

This summons is published by virtue of an order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles, judge of the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the county of Union, bearing date September 13th, A. D. 1911, directing publication of such summons in the La Grande Evening Observer, once each week for six consecutive weeks and the first publication of this summons is on the 13th day of September, A. D. 1911.

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