

FRISCO STRONG EXCEPT INFIELD

Pitching Staff Promises to Be Better Than During Past Season

By Wm. C. Etheredge NEA Service Writer SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 25.—The San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast league figure to be pennant contenders this year, as usual, with perhaps even brighter chances than they enjoyed last year.

Their chances, however, involve so many "ifs" and "buts" that in advance of the season's opening it is not possible to make any accurate prediction as to just what will happen.

Chief among the problems that must be met by the club is that of the infield, and everyone knows that to be a big hump to get over. If the infield is weak there is much base running and, consequently, much scoring by other teams.

The Davis presents the difficulty. Star shortstop with the White Sox in 1925, and out of play last year because of injury, he has been given an optional release to the Seals for one year, but has been holding out. If he reports it probably will mean that Sheehan will play second base. Team bosses seem to think this would be the ideal infield.

But, if Davis doesn't report, there will have to be some shifting and experimenting to find the right kind of combination. Sheehan can also play the short position, and he might team with Suhr on second. Or Dittmar might rival him for the shortstop place with Sheehan and Suhr battling for the second sack.

The Seal pitching staff promises to be better than last year. The club has a gang of hard hitters. Everything combines to make the team a serious contender "if" the infield can be properly handled.

And that still is to be determined.

BADE RUTH'S SHOES ARE SOON WORN OUT

ST. PETERSBURG—Babe Ruth has one record not in the books. He wears out more shoes than any other player in either league. The big fellow normally uses 10 pairs a season, and sometimes 12.

Dave Baneroff is said to go to the other extreme, frequently getting by on three pairs. The average player, shoe drummers say, needs four pairs.

FAST-MOVING PLAYERS ON SEALS' LINEUP



Here are a number of San Francisco baseball players who claim their middle names mostly range toward speed. Mails, O'Doul and the others are expected to make things lively for the other Pacific Coast league clubs.

Intersectional Games Dot Grid Map This Year

NEW YORK, Mar. 25 (AP)—Shifting of the football slate to make room for a brilliant array of new intersectional features is an outstanding high spot of the schedule arranged by many of the big Eastern cleveles for 1927.

Such fixtures as Chicago-Pennsylvania, Michigan - Navy, Yale-Georgia and Army-Notre Dame remain on the list, which sparkles with the addition of battles between Ohio State and Princeton, Navy and Notre Dame, Pittsburg and Nebraska, Carnegie and the Oregon Aggies.

These are the head-liners of an

Walter Johnson Will Miss First Game But Hopes to Pitch Again Soon

By Brian Bell TAMPA, Fla., Mar. 25 (AP)—There was a world of regret in Walter Johnson's voice when he said, "I guess I won't be able to pitch the opening game this year."

The big Washington pitcher, on the club for 20 years and one of the great figures of the game, was struck on the left by a batted ball in practice and suffered a broken bone above the ankle.

He looked ruefully at a plaster cast in which his leg was encased as he said: "I have pitched the first game of the season for Washington 15 or 16 times, but it seems too much to hope that I will be ready to start the ball rolling this year."

"The Doctors say the cast will have to stay on there for three weeks and I suppose that will not leave me enough time to get in shape before the start."

"I was counting a great deal on getting away good, too, this year. My arm felt good and I was counting on a good season. I still am, for that matter, but a good start would have helped a lot."

Spring Winner in Big Steeplechase

MINTREE, England, Mar. 25 (AP)—Spring, owned by Mrs. M. Partridge, won today's classic national steeplechase.

NEW ZEALAND SPRINT CHAMP TO OLYMPIAD

WELLINGTON, New Zealand—It. A. Rose, the New Zealand champion long distance runner who failed to produce his best form in England last summer, is putting up excellent performances again here this season.

Rose traveled half way around the world to obtain a race with the Olympic champion, Paavo Nurmi of Finland, but because of the Finn's conflicting engagements

Track Threat



Good football players also make good track athletes. Here is Ray Harbutt, captain-elect of the 1927 Syracuse University eleven who is also "their outstanding" quarter-miler. He is doped to finish first in the intercollegiate meet.

ST. LOUIS CAMP HAS PLENTY OF BRAINS TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—There is no scarcity of brains in the camp of the St. Louis Browns.

Manager Dan Howley is assisted in his master minding by two coaches and three scouts. Jimmy Austin is on hand again as coach and has been joined by Bill Kuhlfer, who assisted Rogers Hornsby in putting the Cardinals across last year. The scouts are Buck Freeman, Ray Cahill and Otto Williams who was a Hornsby lieutenant with the Cards last year.

BERTHS PASSING CHICAGO—The berths of a nation are passing. New type Pullman cars contain 14 rooms with regular beds.



"Each performance brings with it its attendant nervousness and I relish the opportunity for a soothing smoke while playing. During the course of 'The Play's the Thing' I am called on to smoke at frequent intervals. It is always a Lucky Strike. I know from many years' use of this cigarette that my throat is constantly protected and that it will give me the greatest enjoyment."

Holbrook Blinn

The Noted Actor, Holbrook Blinn says—"it is always a Lucky Strike"

Lucky Strikes are mild and mellow—the finest cigarettes you ever smoked. They are made of the finest Turkish and domestic tobaccos, properly aged and blended with great skill, and there is an extra process in treating the tobacco. "It's toasted"—no harshness, not a bit of bite.



"It's toasted" Your Throat Protection

When in New York you are cordially invited to see how Lucky Strikes are made at our exhibit, corner Broadway and 45th Street.



The invigorating drink of the West—Hills Bros Coffee

WESTERN vigor—western cheer is in every fragrant cup of Hills Bros. Coffee. Every sip always has an inspiring influence that makes a "big day" look easy.

Hills Bros.' patented process of Controlled Roasting is the reason for such uniform excellence. Ask for Hills Bros. by name and look for the Arab on the can. Send for free copy of "The Art of Entertaining." Address Hills Bros., 2 Harrison Street, San Francisco, Calif.

HILLS BROS COFFEE



Fresh from the original vacuum pack. Easily opened with a key.

LOOK OVER OUR WANT ADS FOR BARGAINS

Advertisement for Lowe Brothers Varnishes and Paints, featuring a boat illustration and text about floor enamel and dust pans.

Advertisement for Harris Grocery, Inc., listing products like Special for Saturday Free Long Handle Dust Pan and Highest Price Paid for Eggs.

Advertisement for Track Threat, featuring a portrait of a man and text about intercollegiate sports.