

REAR COX CHANGES TO WIN DISCUSSED

Matty Says Possibility Rests on Wood's Ability to Get Back His 1912 Form.

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Star Pitcher Cannot See Any Team but New York and Philadelphia in Pennant Race—Detroit Depends Solely on Cobb.

BY CHRISTY MATHEWSON.

NEW YORK, July 4.—(Special.)—Baseball enthusiasm is running high over the Red Sox in Boston, and a lot of the fans believe that Chicago has a good chance to come through and take the pennant yet now that "Smoky Joe" Wood is back in harness. There is some bitter feeling against Speaker since he has had some very big breaks in his hitting this year, and the fans are sore because he held the club up for a big salary and then batted below the mark of other seasons. They probably are not any sorer than Speaker is at himself. I have heard several fans say that if Speaker had played his best this year, the Red Sox would be up with the leaders now.

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The Athletics are palpably weak in the pitching department, and Connie Mack has been struggling along with had trying to get since the schedule was broken open.

I consider Mack the best man in the country to take a couple of stars and a flock of mediocre pitchers and jockey them along through games to the greatest advantage. He won the pennant doing this last year, and he will do it again. He would have to repeat on the same platform this year. His young pitchers are not doing any better than they did last year, and he is not getting any more from them. Almost any pitching will look better with that club than it would with the Athletics.

In spite of all the hum and buzz about the championship contenders, I can't see anybody besides the Athletics and Giants in their leagues now. They are the strongest clubs all the way through down to the grain.

Washington Chance Gone. It looked for a chance, until Walter Johnson began losing games. Then the whole club was started and stripped of its spirit and its heart.

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