WEATHER CONDITIONS UNFAVORABLE FOR AN EARLY MAJOR OPENING

Several Games Have Been Postponed on Account of Opening in Mid-April.

COLLINS VS. SPEAKER?

White Sox Star Leads Former Red Sox Outfielder in Offensive Department; Both Play Great Defensive Game.

By Frank G. Menke.

New York, May 11.—Will the money mad baseball magnates ever absorb the sad lesson concerning early openings?

Year after year they have defied the elements and pried off the baseball lid in mid-April. And year after year they have run into weather of the kind that has forced many postponements. Year after year only half of the games scheduled during the early part of April have been played, because rain, snow, sleet, cold weather and soggy fields have made the staging of diamond combats impossible.

And yet, in face of what has happened in other years, the magnates still insist upon defying the elements. Aren't they ever going to learn—and use that knowledge—that an early opening is folly?

Magnates Want Long Sked.

The magnates insist that a 154 game schedule is what the fans want. That's doubtful. If the question were put to a vote of the fans throughout the big league cities, it is likely that the vote would result in favor of 130 or 135 game schedule.

If the magnates opened the season the first of May and closed it the 30th of September, they would have a schedule calling for 130 or 135 games. Such a season would mean few, if any, postponements in the spring, and that in the fall the baseballers wouldn't run afoul of the football folks.

But, no, gentle reader, the magnates won't do that. They want to baseball the folks to death. They insist upon feeding them baseball before the folks have cultivated a real appetite for it. They'd start the baseball season on Washington's birthday, and end it on Christmas day if they thought they could get away with it.

Collins vs. Speaker.

Ever since we expressed the opinion that the new Cleveland owners foozled somewhat by paying out $55,000 for Tris Speaker, some folks from the old home town—Cleveland—have written us letters taking exceptions.

"You say that Eddie Collins was worth $50,000 to the White Sox, but that Speaker isn't worth $55,000 to the Indians," writes one loyal "Sixth City" fan. "Well, Speaker is just as valuable as is Collins."

Is he? Well, let us "give a look at the records.

Collins joined the Athletics in 1906, but didn't become a regular until 1907. Speaker signed a Red Sox contract in 1908, but it wasn't until 1909 that he became an outfield fixture. So let us compare the batting and base running records of both from 1909 on until the close of the 1915 race:

The Figgers.

	Collins.			Speaker.		
Year.	Batav.	SB.	Rns.	Batav.	SB.	Rns.
1909...	.346	67	104	.309	35	73
1910...	.322	81	81	.347	35	92
1911...	.365	38	92	.327	25	88
1912...	.348	63	137	.383	22	136
1913...	.345	56	125	.366	46	94
1914...	.344	58	122	.338	42	100
1915...	.332	46	118	.322	29	108
Totals	.343	379	779	.342	264	691

The above figures show that Collins, over the sweep of seven campaigns, leads Speaker in the offensive departments of the game. True, his margin over Speaker in a batting way is slight—but, nevertheless, Collins must be given the top position.

In base running, Speaker must yield to his fleeter foe. Collins pilfered 379 sacks in seven seasons—an average of 57 per year—while Speaker's total is 264—average a fraction beyond 37.

In five of the seven years involved Collins has topped Speaker in run scoring. The two had a great race in 1912, but Collins won out, scoring 137 times against 136 for the "Spoke." Collins has scored 779 runs in seven years—an average of 111—while the best Speaker could do was 691, which averages about 999 per season.

Each Wonderful on Defense.

Speaker undoubtedly is the greatest fielding outfielder in the game. His equal does not exist—probably never existed. But has he any noticeable bulge on Collins? The White Sox star is one of the grandest fielders that ever pulled on a mitt. He is sensational—and more. He is always reliable. And, greatest of all, he is as brainy and a fighter.

The figures seem to back up our argument that Collins is a more valuable player than Speaker. But here's another point. It's one we advanced in our other story: When Charlie Comiskey paid $50,000 for Eddie Collins, he got a player who then was only 27 years old—a player who had at least seven or eight years of baseball in his system.

But the new Indian owners paid $55,000 for a player who, in all around value, is slightly inferior to Collins, and who, at that time, was nearing his 33d birthday—only a short jump from the end of the big league lane.

If Collins was worth only $50,000 to the White Sox, a pennant possibility, do you think that Speaker is worth $55,000 to the Indians.

BILLINGS TO USE UHLAN AS A SADDLE HORSE

It is not likely that the trotting tracks will again see Uhlan, the champion trotter, whose mark of 1:58 is a record, in active competition. C. K. G. Billings, New York millionaire sportsman and owner of Uhlan, has announced that he will not campaign the horse again, but will use him s a personal saddle horse.

Rapp Goes to Peoria.

Los Angeles, May 11.—(P. N. S.)—"Goldie" Rapp, who was tried out by the Angels this spring and then turned over to the St. Joseph club, has been sent to Peoria in the Three I league.

Ladies' Team Defeats Goldenrod.

The Knights and Ladies of Security baseball team defeated the Goldenrod baseball team Sunday by the score of 8 to 4 at Crystal Lake Park. The Evergreen ladies' team won from the Royal Purples by the score of 6 to 5, and Judge Gatens' "leans" triumphed over Judge Tazwell's huskies, 4 to 3.

Ceylon's first sugar refinery recently was put in operation and will use the sap of the palmyra palm from which to extract both sugar and alcohol.

Transfer Printing Machine Is Tested

Device Designed to Simplify Work of Getting Out Transfer Slips for the Streetcar Company.

Tests of a transfer printing machine are being made today on the Brooklyn line of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company. The machine is built like a cash register and is designed to save the enormous waste involved in the wholesale printing of transfers in advance and also to ensure greater accuracy.

The conductor merely presses a couple of levers and the transfer is printed, with the name of the issuing line, the line of transfer, the date, hour and conductor's number.

None of the machines have been purchased, the manufacturers merely making this test as a demonstration.

Military Spirt Is Keen in Marshfield

Plans for Forming New Naval Militia Unit Meet Approval of Entire Community.

Adjutant General George A. White and Lieutenant Commander George F. Blair have returned from the recent visit to Marshfield to confer with leading citizens there regarding the formation of a naval militia unit. They report that the entire community is behind the movement.

It is expected that at least 100 men will enlist. A number had signed the rolls last Monday. To secure the use of a torpedo boat there must be one division of 48 men and three officers, together with 20 or more men for the engineer and other sections.

Electrical machinery has been installed in the world's richest iron mine, which is in Lapland.

WHITE AND FRED WELSH TO FIGHT IN BUENOS AIRES

Terms Are Accepted and No Hitch Appears in Sight at Present.

Chicago, May 11.—(I. N. S.)—Charlie White and Freddie Welsh are to all intents and purposes to battle 25 rounds or less to a decision in Buenos Aires, South America, with the lightweight championship at stake, some time during next July. This much was announced by Nate Lewis, who manages White. Nate is in New York to close the deal definitely. Terms have been accepted by both sides, and though the articles have not been signed, there is no chance of a hitch, according to those interested.

In telegrams exchanged between Billy Gibson, who is representing the Buenos Aires people; and Lewis, and in conversations held in New York between the same Gibson and Harry Pollock, who pilots Welsh, all details concerning money matters have been arranged. Welsh is to get a guarantee of $26,000, an additional $2500 for training expenses, and four round trip tickets from New York. White is to take down a guarantee of $7500, an extra $1000 for training expenses and three round trip tickets from Chicago.

Lewis is to confer with Gibson and Pollock in New York today, and it is believed that everything will be settled satisfactorily to all parties involved in the big match.

Hayward Selects His Team for Track Meet

University of Oregon, Eugene, Or., May 11.—Under a tropical sun and with Kincaid field in fairly good condition, Trainer "Bill" Hayward sent his track squad through the events in their best time yesterday, preliminary to the meet with O. A. C. Friday.

Rain fell with a vengeance during the week and kept the tracksters indoors. Today they made up for lost time. Chester Fee did not perform on account of blood poisoning, but is expected to enter Saturday. Many of the men made the best time of the season so far and the team is expected to give the Aggies a hard run.

Those selected for the Friday meet are:

Mile—Don Belding.

Shot—Everett Callison, Leo Furney, Chester Fee.

440 yard run—Kent Wilson, Ray Staub, Graham McConnell.

Pole vault—Chester Fee, Ernest Watkins, Moose Muirhead.

High hurdles—Fee, Muirhead, McConnell.

High jump—Muirhead, Fee.

100 yard dash—Floyd Westerfield, Oscar Goreczky, Bert Peacock.

Discus—Kenneth Bartlett, Fee.

Two mile—Bostwick, Wagner, Garbade.

Broad jump—Wilson, Fee, Muirhead.

880 yard run—Martin Nelson, Montague, Brunkow.

Javelin—Fee, Muirhead, Wilson.

Low hurdles—Fee, Muirhead, Goreczky.

220 yard run—Peacock, Thompson, Wilson, Goreczky.

Relay—Wilson, Staub, McConnell, Warner, Nelson, Thompson, Muirhead, Goreszky.

Ham Fighter Loses By La Blanche Swing

New York, May 11.—(I. N. S.)—Young Fulton, the east side welterweight, was disqualified last night in the third round of his bout with Anthony McGowan of the west side, at the Pioneer Sporting club in West Forty-fourth street. Fulton was penalized for using the pivot blow, a punch that has been barred in all boxing exhibitions since the day when George La Blanche knocked out Jack Dempsey with it some 20 years ago.

Up to the time he was disqualified Fulton was winning easily. In the third round he caught McGowan flush on the jaw with a backhand blow, and the latter fell to the floor of the ring. Referee Haley immediately waved Fulton to his corner. It was several minutes before McGowan recovered.

Greek Wrestler Beats Three.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 11.—(P. N. S.)—Gus Caveres, the Greek wrestling champion, easily won his handicap match with three wrestlers at Pasadena last night.

The big Greek won from Hassam the Turk in 2 minutes and 35 seconds, with a body hold and an arm lock. He beat Tony Ball in 15 minutes with a body scissors and defeated Jack Cannon after 8 minutes, with the latter quitting when the going became too rough.

Shubert Weighs Too Much.

Manchester, N. H. May 11.—(I. N. S.)—Al Lippe manager of Frankie Brown, the New York bantamweight, would not allow his boy to enter the ring with Al Shubert of New Bedford, the New England champion, last night, owing to Shubert's failure to make the weight. The limit agreed upon was 120 pounds ringside. Shubert appeared at 126, while Brown weighed only 116.

Twilight League to Open.

Albany, Or., May 11.—The Sunday School Twilight Baseball league of this city will open Friday with a game between the Methodist Sunday school team and a similar team from the Grace Presbyterian church. The schedule will continue until June 14. Games will be called at 6 o'clock in the evenings, and will go five innings.

Graney Feat a Record.

According to Ernest Lanigan's dope Jack Graney is the first American league player to hit two home runs in one game since the season of 1914. Graney made his two in the game with the Browns on April 23, one off Hamilton and the other off Park. Graney formerly pitched for the Portland Beavers.

Frankie Burns Arrested.

San Francisco, Cal., May 11.—(P. N. S.)—Frankie Burns, lightweight pugilist, is under arrest here today on a charge of grand larceny preferred by Helen Moore, who claims Burns stole her $300 diamond ring. Burns declares that the woman gave him the ring.

Franklin High 11, Concordia 2.

Errors and a hitfest in the first inning cost Concordia college the game with Franklin high school yesterday afternoon at the Concordia grounds. The score was 11 to 2. Laue failed to warm up for the first inning and the high school boys scored six runs.

The batteries: Brown and Wilson, Franklin; Laue and Meyer, Concordia.

Eastern Oregon Boys' Annual Track Meet

Baker, Or., May 11. — The annual eastern Oregon interscholastic track meet will take place in this city next Saturday, May 13, and entries have been received from a dozen or more schools. As usual the championship will be between Baker, Pendleton and La Grande, with indications of a close contest. Athena, Heppner, Milton, Union, Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, Prairie City, Canyon City, John Day and other high schools will be represented and some of the smaller schools are conceded first place in a few of the events, some having athletes whose records are ground for the concession.

Last year Baker, La Grande and Pendleton were tied for first place in the meet until the relay was run, Pendleton taking first place and the meet, with Baker second. Baker figures on the relay this year and Coach Williams is hopeful of landing the championship for the local school. Francis, the Baker captain, took 21 points in the southern Idaho meet and 28 points in the local interclass meet.

In connection with the meet, the Baker high school will play two games of baseball with the Payette, Idaho, high school, one on Friday preceding the meeting, and the other Saturday morning.

Friday evening will be held the annual eastern Oregon interscholastic oratorical contest, in which Baker will be represented by Earl Ward. The local students are making plans to entertain the visiting athletes and rooters, several hundred of whom are expected to accompany their teams.

Married Women, Here Is a Tip-Off

San Francisco, Cal., May 11.—(U. P.)—Mrs. B. F. Roller, the "physical culture bride," has discovered the way to keep a husband.

Here is the recipe:

"Wrestle for 10 minutes every day.

"Know something about all the sports he knows about. Be able to talk of the baseball game intelligently and outpoint him on the plays if you can. This keeps him from the club, where he goes to talk of sports, and lends an air of companionship which makes a wife seem like a pal.

"Keep in athletic trim so he will admire your suppleness; and by constant exercise be able to indulge in some of his sports, such as wrestling and boxing."

Mrs. Roller is the wife of Dr. B. F. Roller, the wrestler, formerly of Seattle, but now in the east. Mrs. Roller just returned from a trip to Honolulu.

Dillon and Moran to Battle in New York

Indianapolis, Ind., May 11.—(I. N. S.)—Jack Dillon has been matched to meet Frank Moran. Manager Murbarger wired from New York that Dillon and Moran will hook in a 10 round battle at Washington Park, Brooklyn, on June 24, and that Jack's share is to be $10,000, with the option of 25 per cent of the gross receipts, a share in the motion pictures and training expenses. Murbarger stated that Moran's share was to be $20,000 flat.

American Association.

Toledo, 7; Milwaukee, 5.
Columbus, 3; Kansas City, 0.
Indianapolis, 9; Minneapolis, 18.
Louisville, 13; St. Paul, 12.