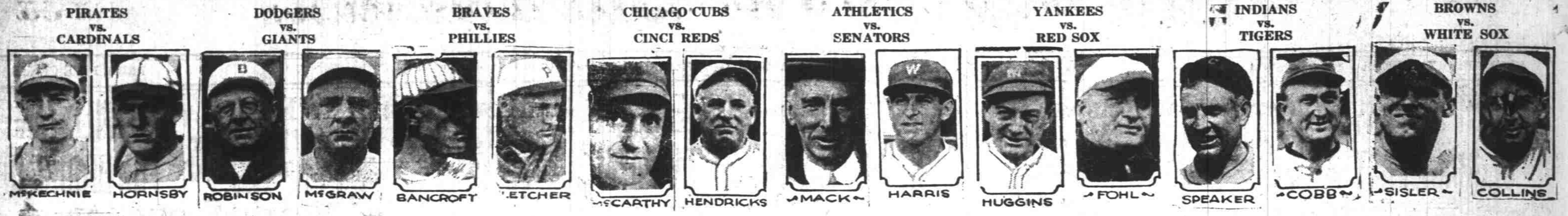


Rival Big League Pilots Pair Off for the Opening Games Today



Bill McKechnie leading champion Pirates, Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis. Game at St. Louis. Wilbert Robinson piloting Dodgers, John McGraw the Giants. Game at New York. Dave Bancroft at helm for Braves, Art Fletcher for Phillies. Game at Philadelphia. Joe McCarthy, newest pilot, leading Cubs; Jack Hendricks the Reds. Game at Cincinnati. Connie Mack leading Athletics, Harris leading Senators. Teams meet at Washington. Miller Huggins leading Yanks, Lee Fohl Boston. Teams meet at Boston. Tris Speaker managing Indians, Ty Cobb Tigers. Game staged at Detroit. George Sisler manager of St. Louis, Eddie Collins of Sox. Game at Chicago.

HOW LAST YEAR'S STANDINGS READ

Here is how the clubs in the American and National Leagues finished in 1925. Clip it out and put it in your billfold for reference. You might also indicate the way in which you think the clubs will finish this year—and find out next fall how good a prophet you are.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Pittsburgh	96	58	.621
New York	86	66	.566
Cincinnati	80	73	.523
St. Louis	77	76	.503
Boston	70	83	.458
Philadelphia	68	85	.444
Chicago	68	86	.442

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Washington	90	55	.636
Philadelphia	86	64	.579
St. Louis	82	71	.536
Detroit	81	73	.526
Chicago	79	75	.513
Cleveland	70	84	.455
New York	69	85	.448
Boston	47	105	.309

Big League Races Promise Real Thrills; Brown Lists Some Interesting Possibilities

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Baseball moruls, to the last man, are predicting that the season of 1926 will be the "best and biggest" in the history of the game. The wish is father to the thought, of course. Tarnishes were made to turn.

But this much can be said. Conditions on the various teams, the introduction and discussion of the resin ball, the much talked of elimination of the "rabbit ball" the fact that it is "show 'em" year for Babe Ruth and many other angles indicate one of the most interesting seasons the game has ever enjoyed.

The rules committee, consisting of four members of each of the major leagues and Judge Landis as the ninth voting member, approved the open use of resin as an aid to the pitcher in drying his hands. The American League magnates hold that, while the committee approved it by a five to four vote (Judge Landis casting the deciding ballot) the four dissenting members were the American League representatives and the use of the foreign substance has not been allowed in the younger circuit and will not be.

Judge Landis recently threw a bombshell into the league by announcing that American League hurlers were free to use the resin bag legitimately, just as the National League hurlers are. The rule does not let down the bars on the use of foreign substances as an aid in pitching," ruled the Judge. "It simply grants the hurler the privilege of using it to dry up his hands."

The conflict may develop into a real upheaval if the season ends and the world's series is thrust upon us without a decision as to a unanimity of opinion on the use of the ball.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, after a surprise victory in the National League last season, during which they apparently overcame the stage

fright or whatever it was that caused them to weaken in the stretch in previous years, are out to repeat this season.

John McGraw has had to patch up his pitching staff as usual and plug a hole in his outfield and bolster his infield in anticipation of a bitter fight to regain the lost championship.

The St. Louis Cardinals grabbed off Bill Killifer, deposed pilot of the Cubs, in the hope of rounding their always uncertain pitching staff into shape.

Joe McCarthy, successful-minor league pilot, left the Louisville club to enter the majors as pilot of the Cubs—and his efforts to raise the team from the National League cellar will draw much attention.

Rogers Hornsby, baby pilot of the league until McCarthy's entrance, is starting his first full year as manager of the Cards and as he and George Sisler give the St. Louis fans the most brilliant pair of leaders in the history of big league ball in that metropolis said bugs are about to go wild with anticipation at least. Whether realization of their pennant hopes will come is another matter.

In the American League Stanley Harris labors diligently to hold a title that he won and held with the oldest baseball team in captivity. Can he keep his "old man's home" intact and in fighting trim through another campaign and turn back the Athletics, Browns, White Sox and others? Joe Bush, cast off by four big league clubs, is the latest addition to the "veterans' association." Will he live up to Harris' hopes and remake the pitching staff?

Connie Mack, after 12 years of effort, seems destined—at least he feels so—to win a pennant. He has employed one of the old masters of the game, a man rated as shrewd as John McGraw, to put into his club the thing it lacked last season—the ability to "fight to win."

He has waited a year for Lefty Groves, in whom Connie has

\$100,000 invested, to deliver some return on that investment in left-handed strikes. Gleason is said to have remedied the pitching fault that has made Groves wild and uncertain for years. Has he?

The New York Yankees are in the process of rebuilding. Shorn of the glory that was theirs in 1921-22-23 and which clung to them a year or so afterwards, they are out to regain a place in the sun.

Babe Ruth starts out a repentant player, shorn too of much of his glory that was theirs in 1921-22-23 and which clung to them in the hope that his new contract next fall will approximate in total the one he is now laboring under.

On that very same team is Tony Lazzari, the "Babe Ruth" of the minor leagues and outstanding slugger of the Pacific Coast. Will he take Babe's place as the Gotham Idol if Babe fails to hit his stride? Lazzari is booked to play second and form part of a rookie infield. Eyes will be upon him there, as well as upon Mark Koenig, infielder purchased from St. Paul. These three men and Earl Combs, brilliant young centerfielder and .300 hitter, have it in their power to put the Yanks in the running.

The St. Louis Browns, as mentioned above, are aiming at the flag, the first (if it is won) to grace a St. Louis ball park.

The so-called "rabbit ball" is said to be a thing of the past, we are told. The use of resin was urged to help check the wave of batting which has threatened to rob baseball of its "inside" features and versatility of action. If the magnates counted on such a move why was the ball changed at the same time? Pitching and batting records of the first few weeks, in the National League at least, may furnish some very interesting figures.

Material for plenty of fanning bees in these conditions mentioned.

It ought to be a great year if the quality of baseball is of the right kind.

ONE NEW FACE IN MANAGER RANKS

The major leagues start the 1926 campaign with but one really strange face in the managerial ranks. That belongs to Joseph McCarthy, pilot of the Chicago Cubs. McCarthy, manager of the Louisville American Association club, was signed over the winter and will make his debut the opening day. Rogers Hornsby took charge of the St. Louis Cardinals in mid-season last summer. Here is the complete list of managers:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
New York	John J. McGraw
Brooklyn	Wilbert Robinson
Boston	David J. Bancroft
Philadelphia	Arthur Fletcher
Chicago	Joe V. McCarthy
Cincinnati	Jack Hendricks
Pittsburgh	Wm. B. McKechnie
St. Louis	Rogers Hornsby

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
New York	Miller J. Huggins
Boston	Lee Fohl
Philadelphia	Connie Mack
Washington	Stanley B. Harris
Chicago	Edward T. Collins
Cleveland	Tris Speaker
Detroit	Tyrus R. Cobb
St. Louis	George H. Sisler

BIG LEAGUE TEAMS READY FOR BATTLE

Quarter Million Spectators Are Expected to Witness Opening Frays.

Armed for battles such as they seldom have had before, baseball's major league hosts gathered today to enter the opening frays and fight it out on the base lines of summer.

Close to a quarter of a million spectators are expected to see the varying forces of the sixteen National and American league clubs come to grips tomorrow.

The eve of the 1926 campaign finds the war correspondents agreed that it will be a fight to the finish on both fronts but they differ widely when it comes to picking the winners. However strongly the world's champion Pittsburgh Pirates and Washington Senators American league title holders may have been entrenched last fall, observers now see a decided menace to the positions of both in the strength of rival forces.

So far as the National league is concerned, these critics believe that it will take all of Pittsburgh's confidence, resourcefulness and making power to stand off the challenge of the New York Giants, led by that seasoned campaigner, John McGraw, or the sensational drive of the St. Louis Cardinals troops, inspired by their chief, Rogers Hornsby. These three are picked to fight it out for major honors, but the Cincinnati Reds and Boston Braves both figure as front line factors with outside chances of upsetting the advance "dope."

In the American league sector, the Senators, seeking their third straight pennant, face even greater odds with no less than five clubs conceded to have prospects of carrying off the main prize. Connie Mack's Athletics loom as the most formidable contenders to most observers but Yankee hopes, almost a month ago have rebounded under the impetus of an astonishing battling spree while participants of the White Sox, St. Louis Browns and Detroit Tigers figure these entries also in the thick of the fight.

SALEM SENATORS TO ATTEMPT COMEBACK

Disastrous Results of Sunday's Game Are to Be Counteracted

When the Salem Senators meet the WOW team next Sunday in their second Greater Portland-Willamette Valley league game, they will throw in their whole might in an attempt to rectify the disastrous results of last Sunday's clash with the Portland Cyclops.

Starting out in the initial act, the Cyclops romped off with a three run lead. Not once after that did they allow the Senators to so much as tie the score. Salem's only bid for the game occurred in the fourth inning when she rang up five tallies.

Proctor started it with a single. Preston walked. Rankin singled, but forced Preston out at 2nd. Proctor going third. Bishop snapped out a Texas leaguer for one base, bringing Proctor home and sending Rankin to 2nd. Johnson sacrificed, the men advancing a base each. Then Barham took a healthy hold on his bat, sunk his feet in the dust, and let fly at a



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BUTLER TAKES STAND AS COURT MARTIAL WITNESS

Three or four steals to second—a matter of no difficulty for the Portlanders as Johnson couldn't find the range in the second; a run forced in on a walk given to Feldman the weakest batter; and the umpire hit on the head with a fast one that set him reeling while the crowd cheered.

"Did you call a physician to determine whether Colonel Williams was sick or intoxicated?" "No, I did not," replied the witness. "A doctor might have helped the intoxication some, but he could not have cured the situation Colonel Williams created."

SEALS WIN CLOSE MISSION CONTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—A single by Earl Averill, San Francisco rookie outfielder, which scored Lloyd Waner from third base, broke up a 14-inning ball game between the Seals and the Hollywood Stars here today and gave the San Francisco team a 2 to 1 victory.

Score: R. H. E.
Hollywood..... 1 9 6
San Francisco..... 2 7 2

O'Neill, Mulcahy and Peters, Cook; Griffin, Williams, Moudy and Agnew, Yelle.

LATE FIGHT NEWS

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 12.—(AP.)—Pal Moran, veteran New Orleans boxer, battered "Rocky" Khasas, lightweight champion of the world in a 10-round no-decision bout here tonight.

WICHITA, Kans., April 12.—(AP.)—Young Stribling, Georgia won a ten round fight from "Chuck" Burns of San Antonio, here tonight, in the opinion of newspapermen. Stribling had all the best of it from the start, but his lack of punch displeased the fans.

Creswell—Plant being built for manufacturing pottery, to employ 25 to 50 men.

TODAY'S GAMES

Pacific Coast:
Portland at Seattle; San Francisco at Mission; Sacramento at Oakland; Los Angeles at Hollywood.

NEW YORK, April 12.—(By Associated Press.)—Opening day major league games are scheduled as follows:
American League:
New York at Boston; Philadelphia at Washington; St. Louis at Chicago; Cleveland at Detroit.
National League:
Brooklyn at New York; Boston at Philadelphia; Pittsburgh at St. Louis; Chicago at Cincinnati.

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