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WASHINGTON IS PENNANT MAD

Senators Have Made Remarkable Showing This Season.

IS NOT A FLASH IN THE PAN.

Manager Clark Griffith Has Fine Bunch of Ball Players—Men Are Not Playing Behind Their Speed—Have Greatest String of Victories.

By TOMMY CLARK.

Washington baseball fans, experts and players alike, have the pennant bee buzzing in their bonnets. Never before in the history of the national game—and the capital has had ball teams since 1865—have the people of Washington been so worked up as they are just now over the remarkable and surprising showing the Senators have made during the present season. When the team astonished the baseball world



Photo by American Press Association.
CLYDE MILAN, WASHINGTON'S CRACK OUTFIELDER.

by winning seventeen straight games the fans lost their heads. Then came the slump and much depression. Their temporary setback didn't faze the Senators a little bit, and now they are playing as good as at any time this season, and the Washington experts are figuring the team as a pennant possibility.

"There is every reason for figuring Washington as a pennant possibility," said an expert to the writer. "It may bring sneers to those who are familiar with Washington's baseball history to talk of the team and a pennant in the same breath, but facts are facts, and on what has been accomplished and on what the future promises on form there is no denying that, barring Boston, no team has a better chance to land at the top of the heap than the Nationals. "It is argued, and not without reason, that a team which has pennant aspirations must have a strong pitching staff. Compare the Nationals' corps with that of any other team, and it is hard to figure where Washington has any the worst of it. Johnson undoubtedly compares favorably with the star pitcher of any one of the other teams. On what he has shown there is no choice between Groom and the second best man on any of the rival aggregations. The pitching records of the present season will come pretty near to proving this contention. Take the rest of the staff and compare it with the pitchers of opposing teams, and it will probably be concluded that Griffith is as well fortified in this respect as any of the others.

"The most important department in a ball team after the pitchers have been considered are the catchers. What team in the American league can boast of a pair like Henry and Almsmith, not to speak of Williams, who is given a chance to work only occasionally? Griffith's catchers prevent almost all base running on the part of the opposition, a great advantage beyond doubt.

"There are other teams which are superior in the batting department to the Nationals, yet there is enough hitting strength and more speed than several can boast of. As a fielding aggregation there is no occasion for worry. Shanks, Milan and Moeller are a speedy trio in the outfield. Gandil is one of the greatest first basemen in the country. McBride is conceded to have no superior as a fielding shortstop. Foster is a grand third baseman, and Morgan, a youngster, fields more cleverly every day and has shown a lot of form with the stick.

"Manager Griffith deserves great credit for the way he has handled the team."

LEIFIELD SAYS HEINIE PEITZ WAS SOME SCRAPPER.

"Heinie Peitz, the Flying Dutchman from North St. Louis, was some scrapper," said "Lefty" Leiffield, the former Pittsburgher, now with the Chicago Cubs, during a recent fanning bee. "One day Heinie was catching for the Pittsburgh club. We were playing New York. Joe McGinnity was twirling for the Giants, with Bresnahan behind the bat. Peitz was coaching at third base, and he said something pert to Bresnahan. McGinnity cut in and called Heinie a big sausage.

"Where do you get off with that old roundhouse curve your granddad willed you?" shouted Peitz to McGinnity. Joe was awfully proud of his curve ball and could not stand for any guying. After the inning was over Peitz walked past the New York bench. McGinnity jabbed him in the eye. Heinie then cut loose and wiped up the field with McGinnity. Finally the police raced on the field and separated the belligerent ball players. Somebody said McGinnity started the fight, and the police placed him under arrest.

"Call a carriage at our expense. Don't ride Joe to the station in the hurry-up wagon," said McGinnity to the policeman.

"Did the Turk give Peitz that black eye?" Inquired the policeman of me.

"He's the man," said I.

"Well, he looks like nothing to me, and he'll ride in the wagon to the station house," said the police sergeant. "We'll show him he can't punch a Pittsburgh ball player in the eye and then ride to the calaboose like a steel millionaire on his way to attend a bank directors' meeting."

"So it was the wagon for Joe."

KRAMER SEEKS NEW TITLE.

Speedy Bicyclist Will Go After Honors In Newark Aug. 24, 27 and 30.

Frank Kramer, for eleven years the champion bicycle rider of America, will this season attempt to win the world's championship. The races will be held at Vailsburg track, Newark, N. J., Aug. 24, 27 and 30. Kramer hopes to win the national title for the twelfth time this year. It will be decided in a manner entirely different from that of the past.

When the championship races are run there can be but two contenders. This is due to the fact that the National Cycling association is running both the eastern and western races this year. Heretofore the championship races have been run in the east, and at the end of the season Kramer has always been the winner of the largest number of points.

Two men are after his honors—Jackie Clarke and Alfred Goulet, who have been battling in Salt Lake City.

ALEXANDER IN GOOD FORM.

Phillies' Pitcher Beginning to Show Great Promise of Last Season.

Grover Cleveland Alexander is starting to show the same brand of pitching that made him the sensation of the National league last season. And yet,



Photo by American Press Association.
ALEXANDER, PHILLIES' STAR PITCHER.

he has been unable to beat the Giants, who were easy picking for him in the last pennant race.

Alexander has a long road to go before he wins his thirty games. That was the agreement entered into with the club owners when he signed his contract in the spring.

Birmingham Club Is Cosmopolitan. There is some mixture of nationalities on the Birmingham team of the Cotton States league. Almendra is a Cuban, Yantz a Dutchman, Hardgrove an Indian, Elliam a Swede, McGivary a Scotchman, McBride and Messengue Irishmen and the remainder American.

NO SUCH THING AS CINCH IN BASEBALL.

Rounding into the stretch in the big league derbies, we look over our future book tickets with some apprehension. The ready money we were to win on the Athletics and which we had already spent in imagination in outings down on the Current river we may have to hand over before the season is over, and while we look with satisfaction on the easy stride and long lead of old Gotham we are wont to recollect that many things can happen in two furlongs, particularly to front runners. They pay off at the finish, says Ed Wray, sporting expert.

Here's how they shape up nearing the three-quarter pole:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

New York—Breathing a bit; will need its big lead.

Chicago—Coming strong and fresh.

Pittsburgh—Bud early ride, but has stamina of the bunch. Will close strong.

Philadelphia—Thrown back and bumped at the start, is settling into stride. Lost too much ground to make it up, however.

Cincinnati—Rank quitter; apprentices rider.

Cardinals—Slow beginner, just settling into stride; may pass one more entry.

Brooklyn—Doesn't class at all.

Boston—Runs for (HUB) Sweeney.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Boston—Running easily; not yet extended. Well handled.

Washington—The "dark horse," going well, but keep your change hidden when they ask you to back this entry.

Philadelphia—Under whip and spur, good and game, but may have been held too far out of the running. Jockey is nervous.

Chicago—Rider has used whip and spur too freely and mount shows signs of sulking. Has run its race already.

Detroit—Slowly improving position, but seems to lack speed to get up. May nose out Chicago if jockey rides to the limit.

Cleveland—Good nag; getting a bad ride. Too late to get up in any event.

New York—Slick horse, needs a cartridge. St. Louis—Out for exercise only.

CRAWFORD HELPS COBB.

"Wahoo Sam's" Reliable Old Bat Has Aided Tyrus in Run Scoring.

In pointing to Ty Cobb as the greatest of ball players few stop to think of the assistance he gets from Sam Crawford, who as cleanup man in the Detroit batting order lies back in the shadow while the full glory is reflected



Photo by American Press Association.
SAM CRAWFORD.

on Cobb. Cobb has the speed and accuracy of eye which enable him to get on base often.

But without as reliable an old hand as Crawford following him to nick in with a timely hit Tyrus would not score as many runs as he does, nor is it likely that he would shine on the bases with such brilliancy working with a less brilliant partner than Crawford.

MAY CHALLENGE AGAIN.

Sir Thomas Lipton Anxious For Another Try at America's Cup.

There may be another race for the America's cup. According to reports from England and the sentiment that exists in yachting circles here, Sir Thomas Lipton is anxious for another try at the prize. He wants to build a challenger to conform to the present rules of the New York Yacht club. In measurement he wishes to build a smaller boat than his former challengers. The club, however, has decided that under the deed of gift there should be no restrictions or limitations to cup yachts and is not in favor of building to conform to its own rules for an international contest. There is, however, the mutual agreement clause, which practically allows the challenger and the challenger to agree to almost any conditions.

J. P. Morgan is laboring to bring about another race. The commodore is still keeping up a lively interest in yachting. He still owns the Columbia. He has great influence with the New York Yacht club and may be able to arrange another series of races on terms the organization will agree to. It is Morgan's interest in the matter that has created the sentiment among yachtsmen to have another race.

A. A. U. Championships In New York.

This year's junior track and field Metropolitan Association of the Amateur Athletic union championships will be held at Celtic park, New York, Aug. 31, and admission will be by invitation, of which 10,000 will be sent out.



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