

# DETROIT CLUB MINUS PLAYER YET TEAM IS 100 PERCENT BETTER

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Following is one of a series analyzing the major league clubs at the start of the 1927 season:

**Detroit Tigers**—1926 lineup: Blue, 1b; Manush, cf; Cobb, 3b; Heilmann, lf; O'Rourke, 2b; Gehringer, 2b; Taverner, ss, and Munson c. 1927 lineup: Taverner, ss; McManus, 2b; Manush, cf; Fothergill, lf; Blue, 1b; Hamler, c, and Gehringer 2b.

Here is a club which has lost the greatest all-around ballplayer of all time and looks 100 per cent stronger therefore.

The Detroit Tigers have been slipping year by year, lower and lower in the final standings of the American league. This year, unless all signs fail, they are due to rebound out of the second division.

The loss of Ty Cobb is irreparable, which probably is a good thing for the club. The "Georgia peach" not only was a failure as a manager, but for all his greatness his legs were failing him in 1924, his batting eye was growing dim and he was forced to swallow his pride and put years old Fothergill in his place in his line-up toward the end of the season.

George Moriarty should be a success as a manager. This is the first requisite of a successful season for Detroit. The pitching staff, always weak, should be better than it was in 1926. It must be, of course, if the Tigers are to finish among the leaders.

Club morale is the most important consideration Detroit has to consider, and there is evidence that

this has been improved greatly under Moriarty.

Take first base. Lou Blue couldn't place ball for Cobb, who worried him to distraction. Moriarty has appointed Lou Field captain, and expects to make him the best first sacker in the league.

Marty McManus, obtained from the Browns, has strengthened the infield immeasurably. Although the ideal combination would be McManus at second and Taverner at shortstop, Moriarty has yet to find a fourth man to round out the combination. McManus is such a great infielder that he probably will be shifted to third base, for Gehringer can play second better than third and some of the other candidates can handle the job at the hot corner.

This will weaken Detroit's double play possibilities, which would be considerable with Taverner and McManus operating around the key-stone sack, but it seems the best bet until a real third baseman appears. Lou Blue, who led off last season has been moved down to where his heavy hitting can add discomfort to the life of any American league pitcher who gets past the devastating stockwork of McManus, Manush, Fothergill and Heilmann.

The last named is due to lead the league in batting, something Manush accomplished in 1925. Fothergill can stick along with his fellow outfielders and all three are good for something over 110. The return of Hamler, who was injured last year, will add both offensive and defensive strength.

## HANDBALL CHAMPION NEAR 80



At 78, James Maloney of San Diego, Calif., has won 79 handball trophies in American cities. Now he is training for his 80th.

## Ball Players Lead Rocky Existence; Fame Very Fickle

NEW YORK, April 6. (U.P.)—A niche in baseball's hall of fame one season and where is he the next?

A survey by the United Press as the major league clubs edge up to the barrier for the 1927 pennant race, finds some of the players who stood out as leaders in their respective departments last year, wearing new uniforms and some wearing no uniforms at all.

Bob O'Farrell, St. Louis catcher, voted the most valuable player in the league, has been elevated to the management of the Cardinals. George Burns, Cleveland first baseman, selected as the most valuable American league player and is still the mainstay of the Indians in the infield.

Johnny Mottl, the fastest man in the American league, leader in stolen bases in 1926, and generally rated as the best outfielder in the circuit from a defensive point of view, is at his home at Whiting, Ind., recovering from an attempt at suicide.

Hughie Critt, the leading second sacker in the National league in 1926 is a holdout back in Mississippi.

Jim Cooney of the Cubs, who won his way to the hall of fame as the best shortstop in his league, is out of the game with a bad arm, replaced by a youngster named English.

The leading pitchers, Ray Krumpholtz in the National, and George Uhlen and Lefty Grove in the American are at their old posts.

J. L. Dwyer, Detroit backstop, who didn't make an error in 1926 and allowed but one past ball is back in shape behind the bat. Forced out by injuries last season, Dwyer led the league catchers and has returned to first string form.

George Kelly, who entered the hall of fame as the leading first baseman of the National league has been traded to the Reds and apparently will have to shift over and

play secondbase this season. Paul Waner, who hits the most triples and Hack Wilson of Chicago, leading home run hitter of the National league, are at their old posts.

And just now there is but one hall of fame so there is just one Babe Ruth, now the highest salaried player in the game, drawing \$79,000 a year for the next three seasons.

### INDIANS IN MARATHON

EL PASO, Tex., April 6. (U.P.)—Tarahumara Indians, famous long distance runners will run an exhibition marathon race at Juarez. The El Paso chamber of commerce is sponsoring the race.

If the Indian runners break or come near breaking the world record, then record in this race, El Paso will sponsor a trip for them to the Olympic contests at Amsterdam next year.

For results see News-Press Ads.

## "IS THAT NICE"

To Handle the Fruit and Bruise It SEE  
GEORGE O'HARA  
in  
"Is That Nice"  
at the  
Orpheus Theatre

## Youth Breaks Two Swimming Records

CHICAGO, April 6. (U.P.)—A 17 year old boy, Althea known, has started the swimming world by twice defeating Johnny Weissmuller and twice breaking the world's record for the 100 yard backstroke in the national A. T. swimming championships here, all in one day.

George Keller of the Bears' club, and Detroit Clinton high school, New York, broke the record for the distance in the qualifying round Wednesday afternoon by negotiating the 100 yards in one minute 42 seconds. Johnny Weissmuller trailed.

The experts believed Weissmuller would come through in the evening, but George again improved the world champion's time, this time covering the distance in one minute 33 1/2 seconds.

## Reiselt Regains Billiard Title

CHICAGO, April 6. (U.P.)—Otto Reiselt of Philadelphia has regained the world's three cushion billiard championship from Argo Knechtel of Chicago.

Playing continuous billiards through all five 40 point racks of their 200 point match for the crown, the two Philadelphia men won the title Wednesday night 246 to 242.

## REALISTIC ROLE IS VIEWED AT ORPHEUS

A role that is played with tremendous realism in George O'Hara's "Is That Nice", one of his starring vehicles for F. B. O. now showing at the Orpheus Theatre. George plays the part of Ralph Tremain, a cub reporter on one of the daily papers in a large city. O'Hara is an every body youth with a reputation and since his arrival in the movie has tended to play a role similar to the one he has in this picture. When the newspaper sequences are being shot, the audience's attention is held by the realism of the scenes, which are very realistic and in reality are office scenes and conversations as to just how to achieve the greatest sale of securities. Throughout the rest of the picture, however, George is being consistently at the heart of the business of being one of the greatest comedians in the screen.

## PACIFIC COAST GAMES

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| PORTLAND                                                                     | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| OAKLAND                                                                      | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| San Jose and Portland; Chicago;<br>Seattle, Dallas and New<br>York           |   |   |   |
| DETROIT                                                                      | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| KANSAS CITY                                                                  | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| St. Louis and Chicago, Seattle,<br>Kansas and St. Louis                      |   |   |   |
| SAN FRANCISCO                                                                |   |   |   |
| SAN DIEGO                                                                    | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| San Jose and St. Louis, Chicago and<br>Portland                              |   |   |   |