

Playing the Field WITH BILLY EVANS

WHEN Connie Mack signed the two veteran stars, Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, to Philadelphia contracts last winter, the baseball public didn't quite get his angle. It was the belief of fads, these two players had passed the peak of their game, that neither would help the Athletics. Pressed for his reason, Mack replied:

"I realize that both Cobb and Speaker have slowed up in the field, but neither is a speed demon on the bases, but I feel both of them can still hit the ball. Throughout their career their batting feats have stood out and I feel that both still pack a punch at the bat that can be of great help to the Athletics in trying to floor the Yankees at their own game."

Ossie Orwell The few smarier men in baseball than Connie Mack and Tris Speaker are to suppose that regardless of whether the two veteran stars had slowed up, that they still pack the old punch at the bat.

Unfortunately, these two master batsmen have disappointed to a certain extent. Cobb boasts an average of .327, but injuries have kept him from being in the lineup as a regular. Speaker, on the other hand, has had the worst year of his famous career.

THINGS have broken badly for Speaker and he has hit in hard luck from the very start of the year.

However, the failure of these two great batters to accomplish the thing that Mack had hoped has not deterred him from his original purpose. He still believes that power will win the American League pennant, that the club able to offer a stronger offensive than the Yankees will take down the flag.

Working along those lines, Mack is now using a lineup that for originality is without an equal. Having the courage of his convictions, that batting power is the greatest present day asset in baseball. Mack is juggling his lineup in a way that few other managers would dare.

On the Philadelphia pay roll are two mighty fine third basemen, Sam Hale and Jimmy Dykes. On any club other than the Athletics, either would be holding down a regular berth, yet neither is in the lineup.

ON the same club are two clever first sackers, one is Joe Hauser, the other Jimmy Foxx, yet neither is playing first base for Mack.

The infield combination of the Athletics is at present made up of Catcher Jimmy Foxx at third base, Joe Boley at short and Max Bishop at second, the regular guardians of those two positions, with Pitcher Orlie playing first base. The reason, Foxx is hitting .342 and Orwell, .317, much higher than the other players eligible for the two positions. While Mack realizes that possibly neither Foxx nor Orwell rate with the other players in the field, he sticks to the theory that they will win far more games with their bats than they will lose in the field.

It'll be interesting to see if Mack's theory that power is now a baseball asset is proved true, by the result of the American League race.

Gar Wood keeps Speed Boat Title

By United Press DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 4.—The international speed boat racing title remained in possession of Gar Wood today, his Miss America VII clinching the trophy Monday in the Harmsworth international trophy race.

Wood's boats finished one-two in the race, with Gar Wood piloting the Miss America V, which finished second.

BIG LEAGUE CHATTER

Everett (Pld) Purdy, Cincinnati Red outfielder, returned to the line-up Monday and singled in the ninth inning to score the tying run in the first game between the Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals. Purdy's double in the eleventh with Critz on base with two out scored the winning run to give the Reds a 6-to-5 victory. The Reds won the second game from

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Indianapolis Triangles defeated the Indianapolis Athletics Sunday, 11 to 4. Hoffman, Triangles' mound star, was in great form and struck out 14 batters in his first contest. Scott, in his first start for the Indians in the opening game, was held to a perfect record.

YESTERDAY'S HOMERS

Terry (Giants) 2, Hafer (Cafes) 2, Culver (Cubs) 1, Scott (Athletics) 2, Kehler (Reds) 2, Williams (Phillies) 2, Gehrig (Yankees) 2, Myatt (Cleveland) 2, McGowen (Browns) 2, Williams (Red Sox) 2.

Fights and Fighters

ERIE, Pa.—Meyer Grace, Chicago, was outpolled in six rounds by Buck Lawless, Syracuse. Jimmy Hogan and Ted Neil drew the short straw and Lawless outpolled Fred Fitzgerald, ten rounds.

NEWCASTLE, PA.—Johnny Datto, Cleveland, won by technical knockout from Jack McLean, 10th round, eight rounds. McLean stopped out in the second round further punishment. Mickie Dunn outpointed Andy Stahura, six rounds.

MARIETTA O. Howery, Mayberry knocked out Stanley Williams, seven rounds. Frank Moran outpointed Franklin Williams, ten rounds.

WINS BELMONT FEATURE

By Times Special NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Flintie won the Fall Highweight Handicap here Monday, feature of the opening day program at the Belmont Park autumn meeting. Flintie was a 7-to-1 choice in betting.

PITCHERS TO BREWERS

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 4.—Pitcher Bob McIntyre, southpaw, of the Martinsburg Blue Ridge team, has been purchased by the Milwaukee Brewers. He will report at once.

Washington Important Factor in American League Flag Race

Formidable Senator Aggregation Consistently Upsets Athletics and Yankees; Open Series With Champion New York Club Wednesday.

BY FRANK GETTY

United Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—While they are definitely out of the race for the American League pennant and are having a hard fight to remain in the first division, the Washington Senators are playing a most important role this week in the September stretch duel between the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Athletics.

It was the decaf administered to

Ownie Bush Slated New Tiger Pilot

Won't Return to Pirates Even If Wanted, Telegram Writer Hears.

BY JOE WILLIAMS

Sports Editor, New York Telegram

NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—From a reliable source it is learned at least two managerial changes in the big leagues already have been more or less definitely decided on. They are as follows:

(A) George Moriarty of the Detroit Tigers.

(B) Ownie Bush of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

An added news development to this situation is the report that Bush will move from the National League to the American, where he will step into the shoes formerly filled by the well-caloused Tributes of Moriarty.

Where Moriarty will move has not been hinted. Bush, in leaving Pittsburgh, will do so strictly on his own accord. If he prefers to stay he can sign another contract at his own figures.

Doesn't Care to Return

But Bush has confided he does not care to return to Pittsburgh under any circumstances, and since he is a gent whose decisions, once made, are not easily changed, the betting is even or closed that the little game cock of baseball will see no more of Forbes Field after this Sunday.

The Yankees are none too well prepared for their week's work. Miller Huggins' pitchers are performing raggedly. Waite Hoyt had to be rushed into the opener against the Red Sox Monday to keep the lowly Boston crew from winning. Herb Pennock is not ready for work. George Piggans has been doing more than his share. Tom Zachary has shown that he cannot beat his former teammates.

Team Has Spirit

On the other hand, the Senators are bringing to New York a staff of capable flingers who may stand "murderers' row" (or what is left of that once fearsome line-up of destruction) upon its collective heads. Braxton, Marberry, Hadley and Jones' can beat the world's champions, and have done so.

The position occupied by the Washington club in the current pennant race is vital—not to the Senators, but to the Yankees, and Athletics.

Meets Obstacles

These two trades, the way they worked out, naturally would have been enough to make his task of repeating his championship triumph simple; but unlock-for drawbacks held the Pirates back.

It was during these days of skidding and floundering that the custodians hopped aboard Ownie's diminutive frame and began to give him the whip.

He isn't coming back. Not even if the Pirates should to some of their own turn manage to come up from where they are and run over the rest of the field in a stretch drive. He has told one of his closest friends he is through, and he probably means it.

Five Races on Grand Circuit Card at Fair; Futurity Pace Feature

Etta Volo Victor in Rich Horesman Trot Labor Day; Spencer in Second Place.

A splendid program of five races was to be staged at today's Grand Circuit meeting at the State fair-ground track. The feature race was the \$3,488.66 Western Horsesman futurity pacing stake for 3-year-olds. Also on today's bill was the Trotting

horse club stake, \$4,000 estimated, free-for-all trot.

The Indiana Trotting and Pacing Horse Association 2-year-old pace, \$500, was on the program in addition to the 2:20 trot for half-mile horses, \$1,000, estimated, and the 2:12 trot, \$1,000 estimated.

Eight star thoroughbred pacers were entered in the Futurity race. They were David Jr., Flying Signal, Great Guy, King Direct, Mimsy, Peter Wilkes, Sam Woodford and Tramponium.

Eita, driven by Dickerson, won the feature event on the Labor Day program, the \$7,121.20 Western Horsesman futurity for trotters. Eita won in two straight heats from a splendid field, including Spencer, recent winner of the \$66,000 Hambletonian stake; Gaylworth, Blonde Lady and Scotland. The teams are evenly balanced and a close-down.

The Washington League will use the Indians' alleys on Friday night. Fourteen teams will be in the first race.

The Silver Flash added Jerry O'Grady to his team. The team is composed of Eddie Streibach, captain, at Streibach, Roy Halsup, Eddie Horner, Frank Huber and Jerry O'Grady. Huber

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Horses Club Stake, \$4,000

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The New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox had a 10 to 10 tie on the first game, 8 to 8 and lost the second to 3 to 3. The Red Sox had two doubles and three hits. The Yankees had one, a home run by Gehrig and a single by Foxx.

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