

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 fans, these two players had passed the peak of their career, 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 base, but both of them can 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."

There are few smarter men in baseball than Connie Mack and it was reasonable to suppose that regardless of whether the two veteran stars had slowed up, that they would 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 these 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 Fox, yet neither is playing first base for Mack.

The infield combination of the Athletics is at present made up of Catcher Jimmy Fox at third base, Joe Boley at short and Max Bishop at second, the regular guardians of those two positions, with Pitcher Orville Wright playing first base. The reason—Fox is hitting .342 and Orville, .317, much higher than the other players eligible for the two positions. While Mack realizes that possibly neither Fox nor Orville rate with the other players in the field, he sticks to the theory that they can 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

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 4.—The international speed boat race, which remained in possession of Gar Wood today, his Miss America VII clinching the trophy Monday in the Harnsworth international trophy race.

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

Home Run Club

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Ruth (Yankees)	47
Gehrige (Yankees)	23
Hauser (Athletics)	13
Simmons (Athletics)	13
Blue (Browns)	13
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Wilson (Cubs)	30
McKenzie (Cubs)	22
Haley (Cubs)	22
Bissonette (Robins)	22
Hurt (Phillies)	19

Fights and Fighters

BRIDGE, Pa.—Meyer Gracie, Chicago, was outpointed in six rounds by Bud Lewis, Syracuse. Jimmy Hogan and Ted Neil were in six rounds, but Lewis outpointed Fred Fitzgerald, ten rounds.

WINS BELMONT FEATURE

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

PITCHER 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 Staff 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 defeat administered to

Owens 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)—Owens 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-known Tribbles 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 figure.

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 who makes 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 season.

During the winter Bush made a couple of deals. One of them sent Cuyler to the Cubs in exchange for Sparky Adams, a second baseman. Another sent Vic Aldridge to the Giants in exchange for Burleigh Grimes.

Bush got the best of both these transactions, and proved himself to be just about the smartest trader of the season.

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the Yankees by the Senators Sunday which enabled the Athletics to approach to within a game and a half of the league leaders, the closest the Mackmen have been to the top since April.

Then, on Labor day, to evince their impartiality, Bucky Harris' crew tied a double knot in the tail of the White Elephants, defeating them 6-1 and 5-4, just when the Philadelphia club was within striking distance of the top.

Strong Hurling Staff

Belatedly good pitching, hard hitting on the part of several regulars and a fighting spirit have combined at this late date to make the Senators the hardest club for the league leaders to beat.

The double defeat of the Athletics was a bitter blow to Connie Mack's pennant hopes. His club was within a game and a half of the world's champions. It lost well-nigh invaluable ground, especially at a time when the Yankees could do no better than break even with the lowly Red Sox.

The Senators come to New York Wednesday for a five-game series, starting with a double-header. The result of this series will have a great deal to do with the outcome of the American League pennant race. The Athletics, meanwhile, will be enjoying comparatively mediocre opposition in their five games with the Boston Red Sox.

Should the Senators continue to deal destructively with the league leaders, the Mackmen may come to Yankee Stadium for the crucial series of the season next week with half a game or so of first place. If the Washington club falters in the face of the fire of hostile, rabid fandom at the stadium, the world's champions will have the important upper hand when the four-game series with the Athletics starts next Sunday.

The Yankees are none too well prepared for their week-end work. Miller Huggins' pitchers are performing raggedly. Waite Hoyt had to be rushed into the open against the Red Sox Monday to keep the lowly Boston crew from winning. Herb Pennock is not ready for work. George Pipgras 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 fighters 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.

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Earns Job With Boy's Team

New York Girl Would Like to Be Major Leaguer.

By NEA Service
NEW YORK, Sept. 4.—Perhaps it won't be long before some young woman will break into the line-up of a professional baseball team.

The extremely young women have shattered tradition three times this summer and gained positions on teams with boys.

First, there was Alice Buckman at Grimswood, Ia. She made the high school team and was one of the stars the entire season.

Then just recently Margaret Gisolto got on the Blandford, Ind., junior team in the American Legion tournament and she proved a big factor in that team's winning of the State championship.

Now, Carmela Yull, 15-year-old New York girl, has gained a place with the West Side Rangers of Chelsea Park. And they say she's about the best player on the team.

She's the only girl on the team and she got her job because she could hit, field and pitch.

She likes baseball and says she is sorry she's not a boy because she would like to be in the big leagues.

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Kallio Tosses Love

Gus Wins in Straight Falls at Broad Ripple.

Billy Love was tossed in straight falls by Gus Kallio in the feature middleweight wrestling bout at Broad Ripple Monday night. Kallio gained the first fall in fifty minutes and the second in nineteen.

In a prelim bout, Howard McClain defeated Clyde Young, two falls in three.

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Tonight's Card at Ft. Harrison

Ten Rounds—Davey Allen, Panama, vs. Jimmy Hackley, Indianapolis; 130 pounds.

Eight Rounds—Bobby Allen, Chicago, vs. Tracy Cox, Indianapolis; 120 pounds.

Six Rounds—Johnny Brown, Cincinnati, vs. Otto Atterton, Terre Haute; 155 pounds.

Six Rounds—Earl Baker, Cincinnati, vs. Chet Smallwood, Sullivan; 130 pounds.

Four Rounds—Johnny Bass, Cincinnati, vs. Soldier Mead, Ft. Harrison; 138 pounds.

First bout, 8:30 (d. s. t.).

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