

NATIONAL LEAGUE TEAMS STRONGER

During the Past Few Months All Clubs Have Strengthened Lineups.

SEASON OPENS TOMORROW

CINCINNATI UNDER MANAGEMENT OF GRIFFITH LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE UP IN THE HUNT AT ALL TIMES.

The National league opens its season tomorrow. The following is the line up of the various clubs:

Cincinnati—Manager Griffith.

Catchers—McLean, Roth, Pearce.

Pitchers—Ewing, Campbell, Karger, Fromme, Dubuc, Ragon, Savidge, Rowan, Casper, Durbin.

First Base—Hoblitzel.

Second Base—Huggins.

Third Base—Lobert.

Shortstop—Mowrey.

Left Field—Paskert.

Center Field—Oakes.

Right Field—Mitchell.

Utility Men—Downey, Moriarity.

Hulswitt, Bescher, Egan, Autrey.

Chicago—Manager Chance.

Catchers—Kling, Moran, Needham, Archer.

Pitchers—Brown, Overall, Reulbach, Pfeister, Lundgren, Kroh, Frazer.

First Base—Chance.

Second Base—Zimmerman, Evers.

Third Base—Steinfeldt.

Shortstop—Tinker.

Left Field—Sheard.

Center Field—Browne.

Right Field—Schulte.

Utility Men—Hofman, Kane, Howard.

New York—Manager McGraw.

Catchers—Schlet, Myers, Snodgrass.

Pitchers—Mathewson, Wilts, Ames, Marquard, Durham, Crandall, Raymond, Weimer.

First Base—Tenney.

Second Base—Doyle.

Third Base—Devlin.

Shortstop—Bridwell.

Left Field—Murray.

Center Field—O'Hara.

Right Field—Donlly, Devore.

Utility Men—Merkle, Herzog, Seymour.

Pittsburgh—Manager Clarke.

Catchers—Gibson, O'Connor, Schriver.

Pitchers—Willis, Maddox, Cannitz, Leffeld, Lever, Philippe, Braneom, Frock, Vail.

First Base—Austine.

Second Base—Abatocchio.

Third Base—Leach, Barbeau.

Shortstop—Wagner.

Left Field—Clarke.

Center Field—Thomas, Miller.

Right Field—Wilson.

Utility Men—Storke, J. Miller, Kane, Hyatt.

Philadelphia—Manager Murray.

Catchers—Doolin, Jacklitsch.

Pitchers—McQuillen, Covaleski, Corridon, Moore, Moren, Sparks, Foxen, Richie.

First Base—Bransfield.

Second Base—Knabe.

Third Base—Grant.

Shortstop—Doolan.

Left Field—Magee.

Center Field—Osborne.

Right Field—Titus.

Utility Men—Gleason, Shean, Deininger, Clement.

Brooklyn—Manager Lumley.

Catchers—Bergen, Marshall, Dunn.

Pitchers—Rucker, McIntire, Scanlon, Pastorius, Bell, Wilhelm, Stricklett.

First Base—Jordan.

Second Base—Pattie, Alperman.

Third Base—Lennox.

Shortstop—Hummel, McMillan.

Left Field—Burch.

Center Field—Sebring.

Right Field—Lumley.

Utility Men—McElveen, Catterson, Kustus.

Boston—Manager Bowerman.

Catchers—Bowerman, Smith, Graham, Ball.

Pitchers—Lindaman, Dorner, Chapman, McCarthy, Mattern, Tuckey, Boules, Ferguson.

First Base—Stem.

Second Base—Ritchey.

Third Base—Sweeney.

Shortstop—Dahlen.

Left Field—Bates.

Center Field—Beaumont.

Right Field—Becker.

Utility Men—Starr, Beck.

St. Louis—Manager Bresnan.

Catchers—Bresnan, Phelps, Bliss.

Pitchers—Beebe, Lush, Rhodes.

Higginbotham, Sallee, Higgins.

First Base—Konstechy.

Second Base—Charles.

Third Base—Byrne.

Shortstop—Reilly.

Left Field—Delahanty.

Center Field—Shaw.

Right Field—Murdock.

Utility Men—Osteen, Gilbert, Morris.

A SENSIBLE COURSE.

One level headed farmer whose case came to our attention the other day, desiring to locate ultimately in the west, has sold his holding in the Mississippi valley and has rented a small farm for a year near a good market town in Washington and will move there at once. His idea is that in this way he will have abundant opportunity to look around, discount where necessary the undue claims of overzealous land boomers, see things without bias or pressure and after having done this make his choice of a location which, in the many important respects which should be taken into account, is nearest to his liking. It will cost something to carry out this plan, but the all around satisfaction which will be derived will more than compensate for the cost.

BASEBALL CHIPS.

Groom is the tallest of the Washington pitchers, having more height than Tom Hughes. He is six feet four inches in his socks.

Manager Roger Bresnan of the St. Louis Nationals may play an indeed position this year, but the chances are that he will be seen behind the bat nearly every day.

Murray, O'Hara and Herzog are McGraw's selections as regular outfields for the Giants. McGraw wants Donlin, but Donlin balks. Seymour wants to be restored to good standing, but McGraw balks.

Earle Moore seems to be in the very best of form for the Phillies. With Moore and Coveney to help out last year's Philadelphia pitchers, it is hard to see how the Phillies are going to be kept from running one-two-three.

Only four men who played in the Southern league in 1904 are now in the big leagues. They are "Nig" Clarke of the Naps, Charley Smith of Washington, Ats of the White Sox and Outfielder Stanley, on trial with the Chicago Nationals.

TAKE NEW LEASE ON FIRST PLACE

Yale Strengthened Its Position Last Night by Defeating Illinois.

A HARD FOUGHT CONTEST

BOTH TEAMS INDULGED IN SCRAPPING AND MUCH ROUGH PLAY AND GAME WAS NOT A GOOD ONE TO WATCH.

LEAGUE STANDING.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Yale	6	2	.750
Chicago	4	3	.571
Illinois	4	4	.500
Cornell	3	4	.429
Princeton	3	4	.429
Carlisle	2	5	.286

Yale 25; Illinois 14.

In the roughest and hardest fought game of the season Yale again triumphed over Illinois in the basketball league last evening. The game was not an especially beautiful contest as each team went into the contest to win. For the Suckers to win, it meant a tie with Yale for first place and for the blue to pull out ahead meant a comfortable leadership. As the result all the players were antagonistic and the largest number of fouls of the season was called.

The feeling was there among the players in the first half but it was held somewhat in reserve. Illinois strove hard but the half ended with Yale leading 10 to 7. It was in the second half that the fur began to fly. Both teams were scrappy, but besides taking care of itself in the clinches the Yale five managed to drop the ball into the basket with more regularity than Illinois. It was this fact that won the game. Illinois added to its score by 7 and Yale doubled this piling up 14 in the half. It has been Yale's ability to put up a strong finish that has won its games. The team is not composed of stars but each fellow works his hardest and the percentage column shows the result.

Lineup and summary: Illinois—Thornburg, Spangler. Yale—Thornburg, Forward. Buell, Forward. Brown, Center. Mendenhall, Porter. Moek, Compton, Right Guard.

Goals from Field—Thornburg, Mendenhall 2, Brown, Spangler 2, Farrow, Welchman 4, Compton. Goals from Foul—Thornburg 5, Spangler 8, Welchman. Referee—Overman. Timer—Kelsey. Scorer—Genn. Time of halves—15 minutes.

ENTERTAIN SPEAKER

Commercial Club Committee Provided Interesting Reception for Durbin.

SHORT BUSINESS SESSION

Ex-Governor Winfield Durbin, who is to address the Commercial Club members this evening, will be entertained by John Nicholson at a six o'clock dinner at his residence, Nineteenth and Main streets. Mr. Nicholson is chairman of the entertainment committee of the club, which also includes Walter Bates and Nettleton Neff. Mr. Nicholson will also preside at the club's meeting.

Mr. Durbin will arrive this afternoon from Anderson and will be taken in charge by the entertainment committee. The subject of his address this evening will be "Business in Politics." A large attendance of the members is expected.

A short business session will probably be held by the club. Announcements will be made in all probability, pertaining to the banquet to be held May 4. It is also probable that a report will be made by the legislative committee.

MR. FAN IS HAPPY; BASEBALL IS HERE

Eastern Clubs of the American League Opened the Season Yesterday.

GAME POPULAR AS EVER

AT PHILADELPHIA 31,000 BUGS SWARM INTO THE NEW MILLION DOLLAR PARK—NATIONAL OPENS WEDNESDAY.

At Washington. R. H. E.

Washington 4 8 1
New York 1 4 3
Batteries—Smith and Street: Newton Brockett and Kleinow. Umpires—Evans and Egan.

BASE BALL NOTES.

Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and St. Louis do not open the season until tomorrow, while the teams playing yesterday, play again today at the places as scheduled yesterday. The National league also opens tomorrow and from the on until October 15, base ball will be one of the important national questions.

It's Manager Billy Sullivan from now on. He was introduced to the public yesterday by President Comiskey of the Chicago American club. Exit ex-manager and center fielder, Fielder Jones. The latter has made good in his determination to stay in the lumber business on the Pacific coast.

Marquard and Durban, the pitchers who were instrumental in winning for the Indianapolis club the championship of the American Association last year, pitched for the Giants yesterday, in the exhibition game with Newark of the Eastern league. Marquard pitched five innings, allowed one hit, and striking out five men, while Durban pitched the remaining four innings, allowed but one hit and struck out two men. Both were reasonably steady. "Iron Man" McGinnity, formerly the star pitcher for New York, but now manager of the Newark club, pitched against his old team mates.

The American League opening yesterday between the Philadelphia and Boston clubs at Philadelphia, and Washington and New York at the former city, was attended by the largest crowds in the history of either "home" club, and demonstrated the intense interest the bugs are taking in the game. Washington won by the score of 4 to 1 while Philadelphia defeated Boston, before 31,000 admiring fans, by the score of 8 to 1.

Charles Smith, pitcher for the Washingtons, allowed the Yankees but four hits, a rather remarkable performance, considering the earliness of the season. He also struck out ten of the opposing batmen. Washington got its start in the first inning, making three runs and scoring the fourth time in the third inning. New York scored its only run in the fourth inning. There were 15,000 fans present.

MILLION DOLLAR PARK.

The Philadelphia—Boston game was played in the new million dollar park and its facilities were much less than the demand, for after 31,000 fans had been seated, in fact, stuffed into the park, the gates had to be closed excluding several thousand other fans, late in arriving at the park. Plank pitched the pener for Manager Mack, while Arellanes and Ryan worked for the Red Stockings. Summary:

R. H. E.
Philadelphia 8 13 2
Boston 1 6 2
Batteries—Plank and Powers; Arellanes, Ryan and Carrigan. Umpires—Hurst and Connolly.

MR. BROWN IS SICK

Man Who Raised Money for Local Y. M. C. A. Building Critically Ill.

RECOVERY IS DOUBTFUL

C. H. Brown, subscription secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association in this city, who was instrumental in raising the \$100,000 with