

Fourteen Teams Will Open Baseball Season in Two Major Leagues Today

INDICATIONS ARE
THAT SEASON WILL
BE BIGGEST EVER

As Usual, All Managers Are
Predicting Success for
Their Clubs.

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NEW YORK, April 13.—Fourteen
teams start out Wednesday to
begin the season.

Fourteen battle scarred hands
reach out for a plum that only two
will get their fingers around.

Fourteen managers transplant
Wednesday from the sunny training
grounds of the south into the sod of
their northern ball parks, a base-
ball plant doomed to die before the
frost hits it.

Baseball of 1920 is on its way
Wednesday over the old 154 game
course to October 3.

For its debut season, the National
league has the champion Reds and
the Cubs at Cincinnati; the Braves
and the Giants at New York; the
Pirates and the Cards at St. Louis;
and the Phils and the Robins at
Brooklyn.

Inaugural Ceremonies.

The inaugural ceremonies in the
American league will be in charge
of the Tigers and White Sox at Chi-
cago, the Browns and the Indians at
Cleveland; the Yankees and the
Athletics at Philadelphia; and the
Senators and the Red Sox at Bos-
ton.

Just like the circus press agents,
the oracles of the diamond are pre-
dicting a season—"bigger'n better'n
ever."

"Baseball had one of the most
successful years of history in 1919
and the records should be broken
this season," John A. Heydler, pres-
ident of the National league said to-
day. "The team are all evenly
matched and it seems to be anyone's
race."

"Everything points to a banner
season in baseball," said Charles W.
Murphy, former owner of the Chi-
cago Cubs and an ardent fan. "I
look for a great renewal of interest
in the national sport and think many
will find a welcome relief in these
days of industrial and commercial
chaos following the world war."

The pessimists claim the "boom
in the gate" will cut down the tempo
of the turnstiles' song but it is not
likely.

With the exception of the Babe
Ruth deal, very few changes have
been made in the personnel of the
major league clubs. They all go to
the wire with practically the same
make-up that finished last season.
They are all evenly matched.

All Confident.

The club bosses, managers, of
course, are all confident of winning
as is indicated by these "before the
battle" statements:

August Herrmann, president of
the Cincinnati Reds: "Manager
Moran, as is characteristic
of him, isn't making any prom-
ises or predictions. But I am opti-
mistic. We have the same team that
won the championship last year."

Charles Comiskey, owner of the
White Sox: "Barring accidents, I
expect to see the White Sox at the
top all the way through the season.
We have a stronger pitching staff
than last year and the team is just
as strong in other departments."

Manager Huggins of the Yankees:
"The Yankees are the strongest
team in the league. With good luck
we should win."

Frank J. Navin, president of the
Tigers: "Detroit has to be reckoned
with this season. The Yankees and
the Indians are the only ones to
bother us. I think we'll win."

Tris Speaker, manager of the
Indians: "Everyone is picking Cleve-
land to win the pennant. I don't
think it will be a big disap-
pointment. We have a strong club,
a better balanced pitching staff than
last year and you know what a race
we made them."

Nothing But Cubs.

William Veck, president of the
Cubs: "There's nothing to it but the
Cubs. They have the best team in
the league and they are going to win the
pennant. It's going to be the big-
gest season in baseball history."

Barney Dreyfuss, president of the
Pirates: "Manager Gibson isn't mak-
ing any rash statements. Neither
am I. We have a strong club and
we'll be up close to the top."

Manager Robinson of the Dod-
gers: "Brooklyn is strong where the
club was weak last year. Our
pitchers are in excellent condition
and we have a lot of reserve power.
We'll be in the first division."

Branch Rickey, president and
manager of the Cards: "Don't count
the Cardinals out of it too soon. The
Reds proved that anything is possi-
ble. Watch us grow."

Manager Cravath of the Philles:
"Count on the Phils to make a good
race. We'll be there with the rest
of them when the going gets going."

Manager Stallings of the Braves:
"Everything depends on the Boston
pitcher. If they live up to hopes
we'll land in the first four."

Browns Cocky.

Manager Burke of the St. Louis
Browns: "We have a ball club that
will keep the boys busy to keep
ahead of us. We are not much on
claiming pennants but we will try
and let the rest of the clubs know
we are in the league."

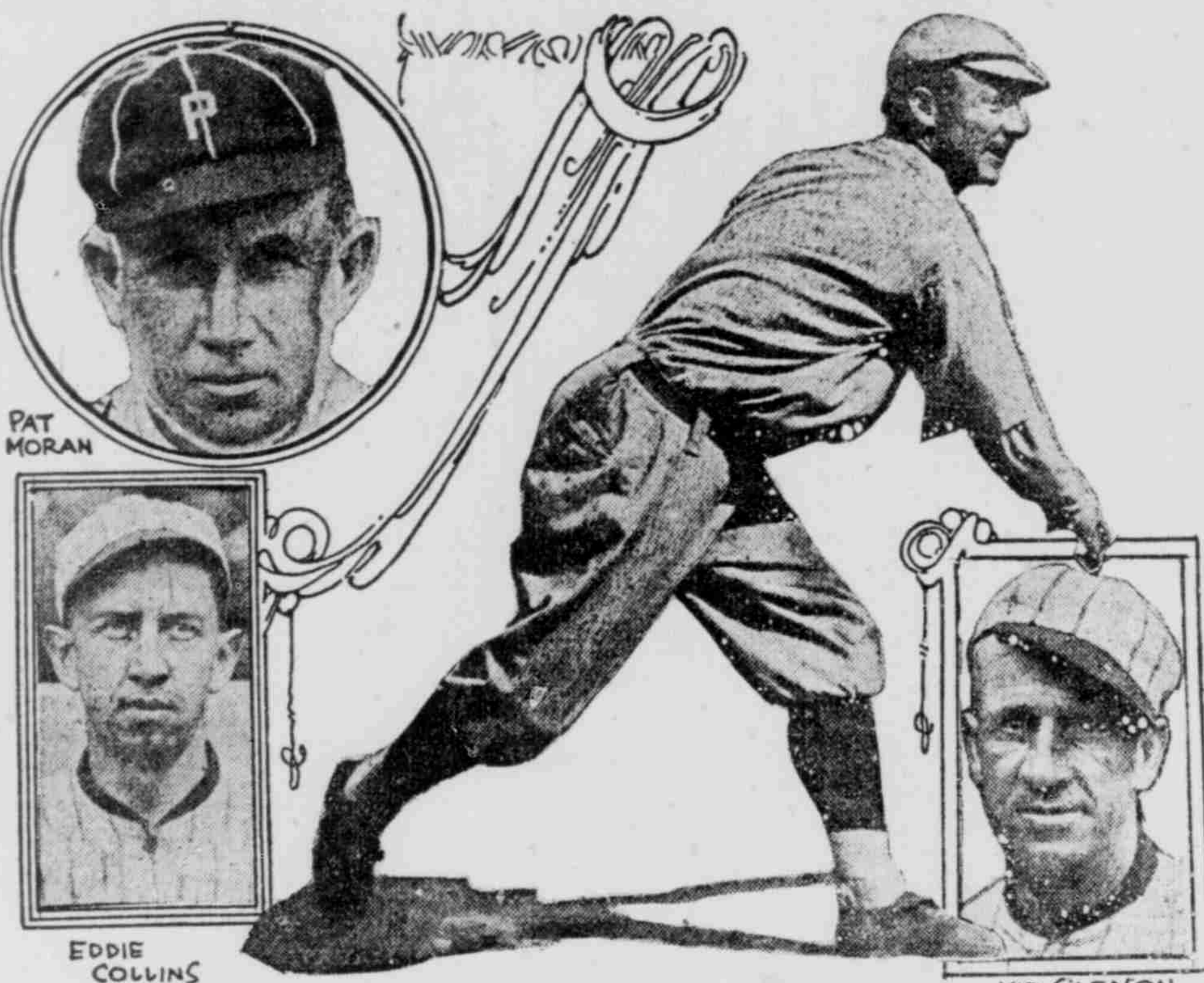
Manager Mack of the Athletics:
"Our club is composed of young
players entirely. I think well of
them and feel sure we'll make a
good race."

Harry Frazee, president of the
Red Sox: "The Red Sox are not
hooked for the cellar. We still have
a strong club."

Charles Griffith, president and
manager of the Senators: "Wash-
ington is going to be heard from in
the race this season. I'm not
claiming a pennant or anything like
that, however."

NEW YORK, April 13.—Jay
Gould retained his title as world's
court tennis champion yesterday
when he defeated C. Snydam Cut-
ting in straight sets 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.
Gould won the title in 1906 and has
successfully defended it annually un-
til 1916, when championships end-
ed, being resumed this year.

WILL THEY DELIVER AGAIN



PAT MORAN

EDDIE COLLINS

KID GLEASON

HEINIE GROH

FANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WILL

FOCUS THEIR ATTENTION UPON THE

SPORT FROM NOW UNTIL OCTOBER WHEN

THE WORLD'S SERIES IS PLAYED OFF.

THEY ARE WONDERING WHETHER LAST SEASON'S

CHAMPIONS WILL AGAIN DELIVER THE

GOODS. MANY FIGURE THAT PAT MORAN

AND HIS REDIEGS WILL REPEAT BUT THERE

IS MUCH SPECULATION AS TO KID GLEAS-

ON'S CHANCES OF COPPING THE GON-

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