

If as Hard to Take as to Pronounce, it Must Have Been Some Battle - Drawn for The Bee by "Bud" Fisher



SIZING UP THE INFIELDS

How the Braves and Athletics Compare Around Diamond.

AMERICANS SHOW THE BETTER

Connie Mack's Machine Has Slight Advantage in the Dope So Far as the Season's Record Shows.

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—In the coming series of the world's baseball championship the infields of the Boston Nationals and the Philadelphia Americans are expected to contribute many sensational plays both offensively and defensively during the struggle for premier diamond honors. In fact, it would prove most extraordinary if the reverse should be the case since combinations which include players of the type of Johnny Evers, Eddie Collins, "Rabbit" Maranville, "Stuffy" McInnis, "Home Run" Baker and Heinie Schmidt execute thrilling catches, throws and stops in every game of the pennant schedule.

A comparison of the two infields shows that both the American and National league championship clubs have quartets of players stretched around the base lines that are far above the ordinary run of those of the big league clubs. Regardless of whether the players are veterans or promiscuous youngsters, with but a year or so of major league experience, they are either leaders or close to the top in their particular position. Just how these two infields will play against each other in the series which begins this week is hard to forecast, but an individual comparison of the season's work of each of the eight players most likely to cover the positions from first to third, shows that they are quite evenly matched in general skill with glove and bat.

Man for Man. Beginning with first base the Athletics will be represented by McInnis and the Braves by Schmidt. The National league player is older and bigger physically than McInnis, but the latter has the advantage of longer base ball experience and the 1914 season records prove him to be stronger with the stick. Schmidt had a fielding average of .987 for 137 games which puts him third in the list of the National league first basemen. His batting average for 133 games is .236. McInnis is second among the initial sackers of the junior league, with .394 for 147 games. At bat he has a far better average than Schmidt his record being .317 for 146 games.

Evers and Collins will be opposed at second base and here are two names to be confounded with. Both are famous and both have had plenty of world's series experience. As the pivotal point in the double play and infield strategy there is little to choose between them. Both cover wide areas around second base and throw in almost any position. In age and experience, Evers is older than Collins, being 31 years of age and with twelve years of league service, against Collins, 27 years and seven seasons on the diamond. In holding the former Chicago Cub star back the Mackmen by twenty-six points, the average being: Evers, .978; Collins, .952. In hitting, however, the positions are reversed since Collins shows .344 to Evers, .318.

Barry and the Rabbit. At shortstop it is a case of a steady veteran against a youthful phenomenon. Barry is 27 years old, while Maranville has just passed his twenty-first birthday.

Standing of Teams

Table showing the standing of teams in the Federal League and American League. Columns include team names, wins, losses, and percentages.

BRAVES WIN AND LOSE

Superbas, by Grabbing Game of Double Bill, Finish in Fifth Place.

SECOND PRAY TO THE CHAMPIONS

"Red" Smith Breaks Leg in Initial Contest and Will Not Be Able to Play in World's Series. BROOKLYN, Oct. 6.—By defeating Boston, 3 to 2, in the opening game of the double-header which closed the National league season here today, Brooklyn finished in fifth place, one full game ahead of Philadelphia. This is the best showing a Brooklyn team has made since 1907, when the Superbas ended the season in fifth place. "Red" Smith, the Boston third baseman, broke a leg in the first game today and will not be able to play in the world's series against the Philadelphia Athletics.

YANKEES DEFEAT ATHLETICS

Mack Sends in Two Veteran Hurlers and Wyckoff.

FINAL SCORE IS TWO TO ONE

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CHIFEDS LOSE THEIR LEAD

Drop Behind Hoofeds When Beaten Twice by K. C.

INDIANS FULL ONE TO GOOD

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—Chicago's chances for winning the Federal league pennant grew dubious today when the locals dropped both games of a double-header to Kansas City, 1 to 0 and 5 to 3, while Indianapolis was beating St. Louis. Indianapolis now is a full game ahead of Chicago, and if it wins one of its two remaining games will retain the championship. For Chicago to win the pennant Indianapolis must lose both remaining games and Chicago must win its single one. One of the games played today was scheduled for tomorrow and set ahead to avoid a conflict with the opening of the Cubs-Sox series. The final game will be played here Thursday. Kansas City won the opening game on Chadbourne's single and Ferring's double in the fourth. The visitors routed Plank and his emery ball in the second contest, which went only seven innings. Score: first game: R.H.E. Kansas City...0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 7 1 Chicago...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 1 Batteries: Packard and Brown, Hendrix and Wilson. Second game: R.H.E. Kansas City...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-5 9 0 Chicago...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-3 8 0 Batteries: Johnson and Brown; Sko, Lange, Prongerast and Wilson. Hoosters in Lead. INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 6.—Indianapolis took the lead in the Federal league race today by defeating St. Louis, 7 to 4,

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BALTIMORE, Oct. 6.—Baltimore had a walkover with Pittsburgh in the first game today, defeating the visitors, 11 to 1. The second went ten innings to a tie, 1 to 1, when darkness stopped the game. Score: first game: R.H.E. Pittsburgh...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 1 8 5 Baltimore...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 1 Batteries: Keupper and Chapman, Moseley and Rariden. Ferrapins Have Walkover.

Tipstons Lose to Buffs

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 6.—The Buffeds made it two straight from Brooklyn by winning today's game, 3 to 1. Picher Lafitte scored the visitors' only run on his single, followed by an error and an outa force and another single by Evans. The other four hits of Schultz were well scattered. Score: R.H.E. Buffalo...0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0-3 10 1 Brooklyn...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 0 Batteries: Schulz and Allen; Lafitte and Owens. Browns Beat Cards By Two to One Score ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6.—Runs by Wellman and Shotten on Pratt's single to right, won the opening game of the fall series for the St. Louis Americans today, the team defeating the local Nationals, 3 to 1. Score: R.H.E. Americans...0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0-3 1 1 Nationals...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 0 Batteries: Americans, Wellman and Brown; Nationals, Deak, Griner and Wingo. Dr. King's New Life Pills for constipation, torpid liver, sallow complexion. Their frequent use will strengthen and add tone to your system. See All drugists.—Advertisement.

Physically there is little advantage one way of the other, both being about average in weight and height. Barry has had two years more experience in the National game, which, perhaps, accounts for his better fielding average, which is .978 for 133 games, to Maranville's .945 for 131 games. The youthful Brave is a more consistent batter, however, showing .351 to Barry's .332. Both fit in to the defensive scheme of their respective infields in splendid style, being fast, accurate throwers and capable of ranging over a wide stretch of territory between second and third bases.

The one position in the inner defense, where the world's champions appear to have an advantage over the Braves, is at first base. The past and present seasons can be depended upon, is at third base. Here J. Franklin Baker will hold forth during the coming series. Baker is 25 years old, weighs 175 pounds, and has had six years of professional base ball experience. "Red" Smith, Boston's regular third-sacker is out of the game with a broken leg, sustained at Brooklyn today. Smith is 24 years, weighs 161 pounds and has played ball for five years. The 1914 records of the two players in question show that Baker has fielded .947 and batted .310, to Smith's .912 and .285.

Unofficial Records. The unofficial batting and fielding records of the two infields just previous to the close of the pennant season showed the following standing:

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Advertisement for Brewers Win Third From Birmingham. Text: 'MILWAUKEE, Oct. 6.—Milwaukee won the third game of the series for the championship of the minors league from Birmingham, by the score of 10 to 1. Score: R.H.E. Birmingham...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 1 Milwaukee...2 0 0 0 3 5 0 0-10 13 0 Batteries: Birmingham, Hargrave and Wallace; Milwaukee, Havlik and McGraw. SMITH BREAKS LEG SLIDING TO THIRD NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—James C. Smith, third baseman of the Boston National League club, broke his leg above the ankle in sliding to second base in the ninth inning of the first game of the double-header with Brooklyn today. Smith will be unable to play in the world's series. Deal, Ducey or Whitted will probably play in Smith's place in the big series. Plattsmouth Blanks Avoos. AVOCOA, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The Avoca ball team closed a successful season yesterday when they lost a close game to the Plattsmouth Red Sox through errors. Score: R.H.E. Avoca...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 0 Plattsmouth...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 0 Batteries: Avoca, Hargrave and Mead, Vernon and Harold.

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