

OFFICIAL WESTERN LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Table with columns for teams (AT DENVER, AT LINCOLN, AT TOPEKA, AT WICHITA, AT ST. JOSEPH, AT DES MOINES, AT SIOUX CITY, AT OMAHA) and rows for dates and game times.

YOUNG PLAYERS EXCEL

REASON WHY AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADS OLDER RIVAL

Sentiment Seems to Cause Nationals to Keep Old Stars in Regular Lineup—Comparison of Roster is Quite Interesting.

(By FRANK G. MENKE.) Because they persist in hanging on to their veterans long after their real usefulness is gone—that's the reason why the National league, once the classiest organization in baseball has had to yield first place to the American league.

There has been no denying of the fact that for the past four years the American league teams have had it "on" their National rivals. The American leaguers have been triumphant in the last four world series combats, and in the majority of post-season games between the Americans and Nationals the teams of the younger organization have been triumphant.

LEADING PITCHER IN NATIONAL LEAGUE



Christy Mathewson, Veteran of Giants' Staff.

Christopher Mathewson, veteran of the Giants' pitching staff and one of the greatest heavers the game has ever known, was born in Factoryville, Pa., Aug. 12, 1878. He first attracted attention by his work for the Keystone academy team of Factoryville.

RECORDS OF PLAYERS CAREER OF CICOTTE OF THE WHITE SOX

HUSKY TASKS THAT CONFRONT AMBITIOUS YOUNGSTERS.

George Gibson of Pittsburgh Worked in 140 Consecutive Games During Season of 1905—Other Interesting Figures.

Each season ball players individually and as a team start out with the determination of smashing some of the old records and establishing new ones for themselves. Here are a few of the records—taken from Spalding's 1914 Guide—which show the rather husky task that confronts the players of this era who have record-breaking ambitions.

In 1909 George Gibson, the Pirate catcher, worked in 140 consecutive games. In July, 1908, Roger Bresnahan, then with the Giants, did not have an assist or put out in a ten-inning game. An average of 950 for the season was turned in by Joe Suggen of the Browns. In 1906 by Jack O'Connor of the Browns. In 1907 by Frank Howserman of New York. In 1909 by Forrest Cady of the Red Sox and also by George Gibson of Pittsburgh.

In the pitching line, Charles Radbourne, with Providence, in 1882 worked in 37 consecutive games and won 28. In 1884 he pitched 72 games in one season—a record that was duplicated in 1889 by John Clarkson, then with Boston. Keefe, pitching for the Giants in 1889 and Marquard, pitching for the same team in 1912, are tied with 19 consecutive victories in one season.

Charles Sweeney, pitching for Providence against Boston in 1883, struck out 21 batsmen. Amos Rusie, in 1892, gave 261 bases on balls in one season. In 1875, Al G. Spalding pitched 63



Eddie Cicotte, One of Comiskey's Stars.

Edward V. Cicotte, the Chicago White Sox pitcher, was born in Detroit June 19, 1884. While playing semi-professional ball in Detroit in 1905 he was tried out by the Detroit Americans and then sent to the Augusta (Ga.) team, with which organization he finished the season. He began the season of 1906 with Indianapolis, but

was traded to Des Moines. The next season found Cicotte twirling for the Lincoln team, and his good work in the Western league that year caused the Boston Americans to buy his release. He joined Boston in the spring of 1907 and was one of the mainstays in the box for the Red Sox until traded to the White Sox.

In the record fielding percentage for second basemen—990. Lobert of the Phillies holds the third basing record, having acquired .976 in 1912. Turner of the Naps grabbed .973 while short-stopping in 1910. Lajoie in 1908 accepted 988 chances, Collings of the Red Sox accepted 601 chances at third in 1899 and Allen, the Phillies shortstop, accepted 955 chances in 1892.

In the outfielding line, Frank Schulte of the Cubs hung up a record of .992 in 1906 in right. Patsey Dougherty of the White Sox (1906) and Fred Clarke, Pirates (1907), are tied with .987 at left fielding, while Harry Bay, Cleveland (1904); Amos Strunk, Athletics (1912), and Tommy Leach, Cubs (1912), are tied with .990 at center fielding.

Clarke of the Pirates made four assists from the outfield in one game in 1910 and had ten putouts in one nine-inning game in 1911, both being record performances. George McBride, the Washington shortstop, enjoys the distinction of being the only infielder who ever went through a game without having had one chance to clutch the ball.

In the clubbing line, Hugh Duffy's record of 438 for one season, made in 1894, is the mark the star batter must shoot at. Ty Cobb of the Tigers made 248 hits in 1911. Brown, playing with Louisville in 1892, was at bat 653 times in one season. The Phillies, back in the late '90's, made 36 hits in one nine-inning game off John Wadsworth of Louisville.

Olympic Committee Meeting Called. The International Olympic committee has summoned a congress of representatives of all national Olympic committees to meet in Paris from June 13 to 24.

OUTFIELDER GEORGE BURNS

Justified McGraw's Confidence Last Year by His Timely Hitting and Clever Fielding.

No ball player in either major league has developed faster and none has a brighter future before him than Outfielder George Burns of the New York Giants and his refusal to listen to the siren song of the Federals is another testimonial to the fact that young players of intelligence know where their future lies, says the Sporting News. Burns came to the Giants late in the season of 1911 from the Utica team of the New York State league. For his release \$4,000 in cash is said to have been paid. Following McGraw's method he was allowed to



George Burns.

absorb baseball on the bench in 1912, being used in only 29 games, but his advancement was so rapid that when the 1913 season opened he was assigned a regular berth and McGraw revised his outfield almost entirely to make a place for him. Burns justified the confidence placed in him. He played in 150 games, hit for .286, stole 40 bases and scored 81 runs, some record for a lad in his first real season. Burns was born in 1882 and makes his home in St. Johnsville, N. Y. He is stockily built but fast on his feet, hits the ball hard and is possessed of a powerful arm, as indicated by the fact that only three outfielders in his league last year had more assists than he.

Cincinnati May Go Insane.

Would Cincinnati know how to act if the Federals put a winning team in its midst? For years the Reds have been supplying their rivals with the best of material. At one time or another in the last decade Herrmann has sent Mathewson, Huggins, Oakes, Mowrey, Mitchell, Paskert, Lobert, Bridwell, Phelan, Humphries, Overall, Bescher, Grant, Fromme, McLean, Crawford, Dubuc, Donlin, Seymour, Steinfeld, Tinker and Brown—all good men and true—to fight for other teams. It has been the grandest recruiting station for stars in the land.

Field Meet for Women.

A field meet for women students, similar to the meets given by eastern colleges, was held at the University of California, February 14. Representatives of each of the four classes participated. The events were the 100, 200 and 50 yard dashes, 100-yard hurdle race, eight-pound shot-put, broad, standing and running jumps; hop, step and jump, high jump, three-legged race and relay race.

In a Class by Himself as Runner.

C. W. Hart of London recently covered the distance between Brighton and London three times, making a total of 156 miles. He accomplished the feat by continuous running. Hart states that in April he intends to run 1,000 miles in 15 days, averaging 66 2/3 miles a day.

Slosson Giving Exhibitions.

George F. Slosson and the Jap. Koji Yamada, are putting on a tour for exhibition purposes together; but will be back in New York in time to enter the 141 tournament for the first title at that form of billiards, April 23.

Rich Kentucky Derby.

The Kentucky derby this year is expected to set a record. Close to \$15,000 will be the object of the riding jockeys at Churchill Downs.

Sold to New York State League.

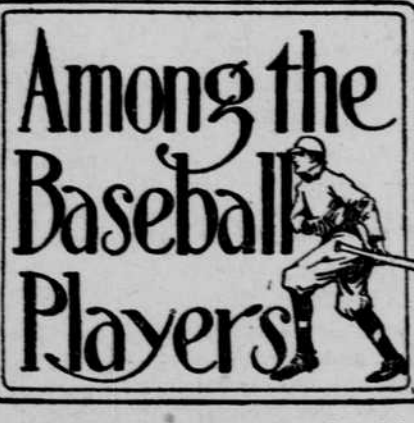
I. C. Ehrigott, who managed the Lincoln team in the Illinois-Missouri league last year, has been sold to Troy of the New York State league for \$300. He is a first baseman, and he landed two pennants for Lincoln.

Russia Plans Big Chess Tournament.

Eighteen masters have been invited to compete in the international chess tournament to be held at St. Petersburg this year in celebration of the ten years' jubilee of the St. Petersburg Chess association.

Harvard Opens With Colgate.

Harvard's first baseball game at home this season will be with Colgate on April 9.



Among the Baseball Players.

Frank Chance looks for the Athletics to repeat this year.

Fred Snodgrass has signed a three-year contract with the Giants.

If the dates don't conflict, maybe King Cole will play in both leagues.

Hugh Bradley, ex-Red Sox, who is said to have jumped to the Feds, takes with him a reputation as a singer.

Vincent Campbell, former Pirate player, and now a Boston Brave, will play with the Indianapolis Feds this season.

George Moriarty is spoken of as the next manager of the Detroit Tigers. What's to become of Hughey Jennings?

Bad news for the batters. Joe Wood is recovering rapidly and may be able to pitch with all his old strength about July 1.

Clarke Griffith is willing to pay \$100,000 for T. R. Cobb, but Frank Navin says his lowest cash price is \$100,050.

The Giants are said to have the tallest battery in either league. Rube Marquard and Larry McLean are called the Eiffel tower twins.

Fred Toney is on the Cleveland roster in an attempt to get back in the majors. The former Cub is doing his best to make the Nap team.

Sam Agnew, St. Louis Browns catcher, says that the recruits with the Browns this spring are the best lot of youngsters he has seen together in a long time.

"Chief" Myers will help coach the Giants' young pitchers. McGraw believes that the Indian is as good a coach of young heavers as there is in the league today.

Umpire Jack Sheridan was lost in Egypt, one of the worst countries in the world to be lost in. Besides, Jack doesn't smoke cigarettes, can't read hieroglyphics, and cares nothing for the Nile.

Jimmy Williams, former Oriole and Brown, is said to be the only player to get six hits in one game. And there are not very many who made as many as five, either.

Even Connie Mack got so excited over the Murphy-Evers episode that he boldly broke into print with the statement "Murphy should be chased out of baseball."

Tiller Cavet, the young Detroit hurler, wears a shade when he is on the slab. He'll have to have a little more than a shade to stick in the big tent.

Fritz Maisel, the third sacker for the Yankees, says that he signed with Farrell because he had promised to do so after he heard from the Players' Fraternity. That is why the Federals lost him.

The veteran Charley McCafferty, a pitcher who has worked a score of leagues from the majors down to Class D, has been named a member of the Western league staff of umpires.

WHY JAKE STAHL DECLINED

Former Boston Leader Persuaded by Business Associates to Remain in Banking Business.

It was announced that Jake Stahl will not manage the Brooklyn Federal league team, neither will he manage any other Federal team or be connected with the league in any way. This decision on the part of Stahl came as a result of a meeting of the board of directors of the Englewood bank, with which Stahl has been connected. The bank officials hastily met, and as a result of the conference, Stahl was persuaded that his



Jake Stahl.

place was with the bank and that he should not return to baseball at this time, if at all. Stahl declared that he was not influenced in his decision by the threats of Ban Johnson to expose him and force him out of baseball. If he joined the Federals, asserting that there was nothing in his past that he was afraid to have made public.

Parker Was Too Good.

The University of Chicago has a new one in athletics. Charles Parker, captain of the track team, has been dropped because of excellence in his studies. Sounds funny, but true. Parker is taking a six-year course toward an LL. D., but has already made 36 major credits, which entitle him automatically to a bachelor degree. The western conference bars degree holders, so Parker must step down and out. "Kinder rough" on athletes when they get socked on both ends.

Emulates McGraw.

Following the innovation set by John McGraw of the Giants last season, when he quartered his Giants in a fashionable family hotel during their stays in St. Louis, it is announced that Manager Herzog of the Reds will also have his team stop at the same hotel—the Buckingham, which first came into baseball notice when Roger Bresnahan stirred society guests there by punching the nose of a clerk who had called him too early.

Binghamton Buys Backstop.

The Binghamton club, champions of the New York State league have purchased Catcher Mike Konnick from Vancouver of the Northwestern league. Fans of Binghamton are joyous over his acquisition, as he is said to be one of the most thrifty receivers in the minors.

NOTES of the DIAMOND

Jack Knight can't say: "I never had a chance."

Pitcher Thompson of Georgetown college has signed with the Yanks.

Jimmy Williams, former Oriole and Brown, is said to be the only player to get six hits in one game.

Players that will be on Ward's roster will never go broke. Ward will always let 'em have some yeast to raise the dough.

Jimmy Esmond, who played with the Reds when Hank O'Day had charge of the team, will play with the Indianapolis Feds.

A string has been attached to Birdie Cree, who was shipped to Baltimore by the Yanks, and he will be pulled back whenever the Highlanders want him.

Sammy Strang, former Giant fielder, will coach the Army baseball team this season.

St. Joseph has traded Second Baseman Ochs to Wichita for Outfielder Davis, each club thus filling a position that was vacant.

Connie Mack has signed another youngster, Jimmy McAvoy, a Rochester semi-professional with but one year's experience, is to be given a trial with the Athletics.

Howard Shanks says he'll make good with Griffith's crew this season or bust.

Fred Toney is on the Cleveland roster in an attempt to get back in the majors. The former Cub is doing his best to make the Nap team.

The Indianapolis Feds will not move to Toledo, as was the rumor. Magnate Krause of the Hoosier town says he expects his club to be a paying one this year.

Fred Snodgrass has signed a three-year contract with the Giants.

Ralph Glase, one time member of the Red Sox, and former pitcher of the Dartmouth nine, has been signed to pitch for the Topeka team of the Western league.

Christy Mathewson will stay with McGraw for awhile longer. McGraw has promised Matty the job of coaching the pitchers when Big Six has become too old to pitch.

Hugh Fullerton has started Jim out under a handicap this year. Hugh picks Thorpe to be a "sensation" in the coming season.

Ervin Jensen has been engaged to manage the Boise team in the Union association by the club owner, M. R. Evans, the Salt Lake millionaire.

J. A. McLaughlin, captain of the Colgate university baseball team and an outfielder, has received a three-year contract from the Washington club.