

Cleveland Is Dark-Horse of the American

New York, April 7.—A baseball forecaster here says that while the St. Louis Browns and the Detroit Tigers appeal to a majority of the baseball fans the most dangerous rivals of the Yankees in the coming American league race, the Cleveland Indians are making unexpected progress in reconstructing the Cleveland Indians. According to the latest information from Florida, the Indians are beginning to look so formidable that close observers are rating them among the first division contenders.

Speaker realized last season that the Cleveland team need a generous infusion of young blood. The Indians who won the world championship in 1920, had slumped down as a result of too many veterans in the lineup. So Speaker started his big shakeup last fall by deciding to release several veterans, and now it is believed to be thoroughly seasoned. Brower was obtained from the Washington club in exchange for Evans and is considered a stronger batsman than Guisto, who, however, will have first call for the time being.

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Made Room for Guisto.

McInnis was released outright to make room for Louis Guisto of Frank Brower at first base. Guisto has been the property of the Cleveland club for several years, and now it is believed to be thoroughly seasoned. Brower was obtained from the Washington club in exchange for Evans and is considered a stronger batsman than Guisto, who, however, will have first call for the time being.

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Jameson in Outfield.

Speaker and Jameson as usual will play in the outfield; Sewell will cover shortstop and Wambach will return to second base. On paper the Indians look like one of the heaviest batting combinations in the American league. Regarders of the achievements of the Yankees and Browns, Cleveland and Detroit are bound to be the bitterest of rivals this year. Led by Speaker and Cobb, respectively, the Indians and Tigers are slowly but surely gaining strength. Cobb, since taking hold of the Detroit team, has made remarkable progress. As a manager, he compares favorably with Speaker and, being two of the greatest outfielders and batsmen ever seen in baseball, they are eager to excel as field marshals.

Cobb and Speaker are natural rivals and, unless present indications are misleading, they will land their respective teams high in the pennant race.

George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns, the greatest of all players, is sure to follow in the footsteps of Cobb and Speaker. Although Sisler frequently has declined the management of the Browns, it is only a question of time before he will accept the managerial reins.

Knox County Track and Field Meet to Be Held April 27

Bloomfield, Neb., April 7.—The first annual Knox county field and track meet will be held in Bloomfield on Friday, April 27, with the majority of schools in the county represented. The final game of the baseball tournament will be played that day. In the preliminary, Creston plays Verdigris, Wausa drew a bye and Bloomfield played Crofton. Twelve events will be on the card for the track and field meet: 100-yard dash; 220-yard dash; 120-yard high hurdles; 220-yard low hurdles; 440-yard dash; 880-yard run; 880-yard relay; pole vault; shot put; discus throw; running high jump and running broad jump. Silver loving cups will be given the winning track team and the champion baseball team. Medals will be given to the three athletes scoring the most points in the field meet and a trophy to the winning relay team.

Tri-County Baseball League to Be Formed at Meeting

Plainview, Neb., April 7.—Ball players and fans are much interested in the proposed Tri-county baseball league to be composed of teams within Cedar, Knox and Pierce counties. A meeting will be called soon at Randolph or Wausa to perfect plans. Representatives from Plainview, Coleridge, Laurel, Hartington, Randolph, Bloomfield, Wausa, and Pierce have been requested to be present at such a meeting.

Re-Elect Southern President.

William Ammons was re-elected president of the Southern league of the "Muny" association at a meeting held last night at the city hall. Managers of all six teams which will play in the league were present. Ammons' choice was unanimous.

The Corr. Electrics, Union Stockyards, Y. M. H. A., West Side Boosters and Christ Child Centers have already joined the league. Other teams may join the league, but must present a written application to Jake Isaacson, muny secretary. Isaacson may be reached at the American Legion headquarters.

Managers of the teams voted to split the forfeit money, which will amount to \$105, on a winner take all basis.

Play will commence, April 22.

Musser Likes Wichita.

Pitcher Paul Musser objected so much against being sent to the Texas league that Frank Isbell of the Wichita club has canceled the deal and Musser will remain with Wichita in the coming season. He says he is in great shape to give the club the best he ever delivered.

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Sir Patrick Moran, of Redland and vicinity, believes the greater consistency of his pitching staff will more than offset the greater strength of the Giant infield and that he has at least an even chance to top the October count or two when the last October count is completed. Sir Patrick also figures that no ball club has won a pennant three times in a row for the last 10 years, and so force of habit is working for him. McGraw, however, is one of the few leaders who ever ran off three successive pennants, and he also might figure on the force of habit stuff. One of the chief features of Cincinnati's strength is the all-around managerial ability of Moran, his hustling leadership and his great knack of developing and handling pitchers.

Walter Koppisch of Columbia, already well known as a brilliant athlete, would have been lifted to an even higher peak if Columbia's football team had given him a chance to show. One of our first recollections of Koppisch happens to be from a game where he played the right end in quarters with a right shoulder that he couldn't move, the right arm dangling in helpless fashion by his side. Yet in spite of this heavy handicap he played fine football and refused to ease up in any part of his play. He must be rated as one of the great all-around athletes of the collegiate realm.

Miss Alex Stirling, three times women's golf champion and now Metropolitan crown wearer, will face this season the hardest competition in defense of her title that any Met champion has known in a long drift of passing Juniors. In addition to Miss Marion Hollins, now back on her game, Miss Stirling may also have to face Miss Glenna Collett, the present national champion. Miss Collett is a resident of Providence, R. I., but is also a member of the Westchester-Biltmore club, which may entitle her to enter. Miss Collett is uncertain what the regulations are in a case of this sort, but, if eligible for the Met district, will almost surely cast her wood and iron into the arena.

Jess Willard's change against young

Floyd Johnson depends fully as much upon his mental attitude as it does upon his physical condition. When Willard fought Moran he put on an easy-going exhibition, not taking the match too seriously. There was none of the instinctive fighter's dash and determination to his attack or defense. He opened with the same attitude against Dempsey, piking along without any touch of grimness or dash to any lead or punch until he suddenly found himself sitting in the resin. If Willard can add about 67 per cent in the way of aggressiveness to his stuff he may provide something closely allied to a young sensation. But the art of arousing an easy-going citizen is one of the most difficult of all operations known to the human race.

Walter Hagen, British champion, is now facing his fourth trip into the midst of British golfing circles. Hagen worked his way down from 56th place in 1920 to first place in 1922, which shows the big value in knowing conditions and getting accustomed to strange surroundings. Jack McDermott, for example, failed to qualify at his first British onslaught, and then finishing fifth in his second counter-charge. Hagen this time has to defend a title, in place of attacking to win one, which is a vastly different matter in golf. Defense in golf is harder to pull off than it is in any other sport, but if any one can achieve such a triumph Hagen seems to be the man, as there is no greater competitor in the world today, no matter what the field of play.

Frank Frisch, of Fordham and the New York Giants, after a brilliant young career is now due to reach even greater heights. Frisch at last picked up enough experience to know every inside angle of his game, and instinct and habit will come to his rescue. He is one of the fastest men baseball has known for many years, the type of player that captures the sudden fancy of the multitude. Frisch has been in the middle of the infield, where no one entry has been able to outshine the other, but with the golden gift of youth on his side he may easily be one of the sensations of the year.

Eligibility of Competitors at Collegiate Meet to Be Watched

New York, April 7.—Coincident with the official announcement that the annual championship track and field meet of the National Collegiate Athletic association would be held at Stagg field at the University of Chicago on June 15 and 16, it is made known that hereafter the association will scrutinize closely the eligibility of all athletes entered in the competition.

The freshman rule, restriction to competition for not more than three years, and amateur and scholastic eligibility are the sole regulations governing the meet, which began before the war as more or less of an experiment, has grown since to commendable proportions. While officials of the association, and especially Maj. John L. Griffith, "director-general" of the western intercollegiate conference, who is chairman of the N. C. A. A. committee having charge of the championship, are of the opinion that there have been no infractions of the rules in the past, yet they feel that with the growth in importance which has marked the competition in the last two years eligibility statements should be examined as closely as possible.

Tiger Gridsters to Have Tiger Mascot

Princeton, N. J., April 7.—The "Tigers" are to have a real tiger for a mascot. Word came by cable today that J. F. Howard, a Princeton graduate, had captured a tiger in India and was sending it to the university football team.

Employees Form Team.

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"Jocko" Conlon Shows Up Well at Short With Braves

By THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY.
By Universal Service.
New York, April 7.—It appears "Jocko" Conlon, star ball player of Harvard, has an excellent chance of playing short for the Boston Braves. He has been improving right along down at St. Petersburg, Fla., the training camp, both in fielding and hitting.

Jim O'Leary and Paul Shannon, veteran Boston scribes, told us, when we were down there recently, that he reminds strongly of "Rabbit" Maranville, when that famous shortstop came to the Braves from New Bedford in 1912. They aver "the Rabbit" didn't look any better.

If Conlon makes the grade, he is sure to be a hit in the Hub, and very likely all around the circuit. "Jocko" as we watched him, seemed to know what to do with the ball when he got it, even in the most trying situations. Another fine point we noted was that he did not let a bobble bother him. Manager Fred Mitchell would talk to him on the bench, giving advice, and he would listen, and then say:

"Yes, yes, I see. Watch me, I'll get it next time." And invariably he would.

"Jocko" is the first player from Harvard to come to the big leagues since the late Eddie Grant, killed in action in France, became a third baseman of the Giants.

Unless Frank Chance makes something out of the hedge-podge Red Sox the Braves seem sure of getting far and away the best patronage in Boston. Resentment against Harry Frazee, owner of the Sox, still runs high because of his wrecking of the famous team by wholesale sale of stars to the Yankees. A "tip-off" of how the Boston papers felt about it was simply mirrored by the fact all the "first string scribes," so to speak, are with the Braves. Christy Mathewson as president of the Braves, has made a 19-strike, too, by all indications.

The way the Yankees have started in whipping the Brooklyn is to be construed as boding ill for the National leaguers in the big grind. They

McGraw and Jennings Observe Birthdays

New York, April 7.—Manager John J. McGraw of the New York Giants and his first assistant, Hughie Jennings, formerly manager of the Detroit Tigers, consider their birthdays today at Memphis, Tenn., en route home with the club.

McGraw is 50 years old, and Jennings will be 51 tomorrow. McGraw was born at Truxton, N. Y., in 1873, and Hughie at Scranton, Pa., in 1872.

The two have been associated off and on for years, first at St. Bonaventure college and later with Baltimore.

Cady a Free Lance.

The Memphis club decided it could not use Forrest Cady, veteran catcher, and canceled the deal it has made with the Augusta club for his services. At last accounts Cady was slated to play independent ball in California.

Lewis Throws Two Foes.

Springfield, Mo., April 7.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, world's champion wrestler, met George Hills and Jack Solar here last night in a handicap

Will Not Open Race Track.

Windsor, Ontario, April 7.—The Windsor Jockey club has definitely decided not to open its park here this summer, owing to heavy taxation levied by the Ontario government, it was announced today.

Battle to a Draw.

Globe, Ariz., April 7.—The 10-round bout at Miami, Ariz., between Billy Alger, Safford, Ariz., and "Toughhouse" Charley Burns of Vancouver, B. C., was declared a draw by judges.

Omaha Athlete Wins Nine Letters at Kemper Academy

Boonville, Mo., April 7.—W. A. Cogilizer, of Omaha, star end on the Kemper Military School football 11, winner of four "K's" for his work on the gridiron, started the final stretch of his career as a prep school athlete this week when he reported to Coach Clingenpeel for the Kemper baseball team.

Cogilizer has won a total of nine "K's," including four in football, two in basketball and three in baseball. His record at Kemper is exceeded only by Capt. E. E. Browning of the class of 1907, who is now director of intra-mural athletics at Kemper.

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