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HOW OUR MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS WILL TAKE AFTER BIG GAME THIS SEASON JA THE



The Out Look For Major And Minor League for The Season To Come

(By Harry Pulliam, President of the National League.)

It is my conviction that the clubs of the National League * the winter, and I believe that we * the world. will have a better and more exciting race this summer than we * had in .906 or 1907. It seems to me that the changes which have been made by the Boston and New York clubs will aid both, and the Philadelphia and Pittsburg clubs showed by their work at the end of the summer of 1907 that they are steadily improving. Chicago will make a hard fight for the championsleip, no doubt, but I believe that the other clubs in the National League wid make it barder for the "Cubs" to win the penuant this year tuan they did in 1907. There seems to be no reason why the season should not be

cessful advancement of the National ons. League's interests in its earliest days were mostly of the conservative busi-



what there was in the game and was promoted it, not so much for the revenue to be derived from it, for year af-

Thus from early attachments and surroundings, it is found that all through the history of the National League, it leans strongly on the methods which have guided it for years. It can no more get away from conservatism in the management of its club affairs than it can in its ordinary busi-

This is preliminary to the statement that the National League clubs move season to season than clubs in any next season.

from time to time in the American League. This spring it is possible to * take a small exception to the general rule, as there is in evidence through-* out the National League a patient de-* termination to place many of the clubs on a standard approximate to * that of the Chicago nine, which at present holds not only the championhave been strengthened during * ship of its organization but that of

The Minor Leagues.

While the prospects of the teams in the major leagues always will be a subject of interest to baseball enthusiasts, whether they be as far removed from the scene of the games as New York from San Francisco, the possibilities of the season of 1908 cannot be reviewed thoroughly without a word for the minor leagues.

In the East there is a splendid outlook before the Eastern League. Montreal is in new hands. The Newark club has passed out of the control of the Burnham interests to those of George Stallings. The latter is fighter and also a good baseball organizer to the extent of placing a winning team

Toronto is sanguine that it will be able to win another championship Underlying the National League with "Mike" Kelly at the head of the there is unquestionably a stratum, and team, and Buffalo is in line with a a sub-stratum, it may be added, of conservatism. Nor would it be hyperbole City and Providence are well fixed with to state that the heritage of the Na- players, and "Jack" Dunn, the Baltitional League has been conservatism. more manager, says it is up to him to tional League has been conservatism.
It is a tradition as well as a positive quality defining its methods.

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It is a tradition as well as a positive and believe that he has the nucleus of an organization which may win the The explanation of this lies largely of an organization which may win the in the character of the men who have pennant. Baseball has taken a new organization and with the history of the the Eastern League and the "old timleague from its inception to the pres-for Baltimore, and the interest is Men who were prominent in the suc- greater than it has been in three seas-

ness element who loved baseball for be better than any which has been enjoyed by the organization for a long 3 time, and concludes by insisting that a he is willing to stand by that prediction in spite of the fact that this is a \$ "presidential year."

Toledo believes that it has a better |* ball team than it had last year, and on the western end of the circuit addi- 2 tions have been made to some of the | teams which are expected to make a them better able to cope against the

present champions. association this year, and it is doubtful if it attempts anything of the kind * any other year. It is certain that an in a hurry to risk a battle which would

Western League seems prosperous and larger than ever before. its outlook favorable, and the score of under better auspices.

vestments, as for the good of the when the National League and the American League declared peace.

Camden, April 11.-Camden is to fare alone. changing of their players. They cling have another gol:f course and club to men-at times, when it would ap- house. "Sarsfiels," located east of Mill clubs of the American League will age to pay, the total for the season pear that it is useless to expect as street, has been leased for a period of have to travel 95,724 miles, and the amounting to \$3,395.40. The St. Louis much from them as in the past-and five years, with an option at the expi- National League teams 92,465 miles, club in the American League must put they are very loath to part with play- ration of that time to buy it, for this making at the rate of 2 cents per mile up \$5,150.52 for railroad fare, the larging talent which gives some promise purpose. A good brick residence is on and at the average of 18 men to each est amount for any club in that organifor the future, even though it may be this property, which will be converted party, the sum of \$67,765.32 that will zation. The Pittsburgs, heading the a long time in developing. Hence, as into a club house. A force of hands be paid to the railroads for transportalist in the National League, will pay a general rule, it will probably be are now at work laying off the grounds tion. Of this amount the American out \$5,420.52 for the season. found that National League clubs have for the golf links. This means that League will contribute \$34,477.92 and Before the club treasurers can begin a greater nucleus of old players from Camden will have two golf courses the National League \$33,287.40.

other leagues of the past and present. Mr. J. B. Wallace won the hand- ed to do more traveling this year than must pass through the turnstiles. Af-

THE SEASON WITH SOME OF THE MINOR LEAGUES. Connecticut League April 28

YOU AIN'T THE ONLY TIGER

Northwestern League April 18 Virginia League April 18 Cotton States League April 2 Western Association April 30 Northern League..... May 14 Interstate League May 74 Atlantic Association May Southern Michigan League Mac Union League April 15 Atlantic League May 6 South Carolina League May California State League Mary 38 Pennsylvania and New Jersey . . . Apr nroe



Ready Sporting News To "Play Ball"

FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING THE MAJOR LEAGUES.

Season opens April 16 and closes October 5-8; National League to, play 154 games and the American League 152 games.

Opening games in National League: New York at Philadelphia Boston at Brooklyn; Pittsburg at St. Louis, and Chicago at Cincin-

Opening games in the American League: Detroit at Chicago; St. Louis at Cleveland; Philadelphia at New York, and Washington at

The conflicting dates for the entire season have been reduced to 16, Milwaukee will not secede from the * which emphasizes the spirit of peace between the two leagues.

invasion of Chicago will be fought by New York, April 11 .- Weather per- Twice they are to make the jump from ty Matthewson becoming the king of both major leagues, and it is not likely mitting, the baseball season of the St. Louis to Boston—a distance of 1,two major leagues will open Tuesday. 229 miles. The longest jump to result in somebody being financially Judging from the attendance at the American League will be the trip from crippled and somebody else having all preliminary and practice games, the New York to St. Louis, which is 1.056 preparing to make a hard fight to try list on record for this season's the advantage of the fight at the end. interest in the national game is more miles. The longest trip for the Phila- break into the first division of the Na- wrestling championships. That is usually the case in all baseball widespread than ever this year. Predephia will be between Philadelphia widespread than ever this year. The Southern League is to be in the dictions are freely made that this will jaunt of the Washington club will be Freedy Parent of the Treedy Parent of the Tree best of condition: the New York State be baseball's banner year. Some of from the home city to St. Louis, 892 discarded his head protection. As a brought off in the same place next League, with a new circuit, starts more the minor leagues that were in exist- miles.

favorably than it did last year; the ence last season have disbanded, but New England League looks as if it will more than enough new organizations burg will find traveling the most expectation. more than enough new organizations burg will find traveling the most expart of Frederick. be a money maker; the Three I's is have sprung up to take their place. In pensive. They are slated to make 37 in good standing in every way; the will be seen in competition this year is 057 miles. The Philadelphia or the will be seen in competition this year is 057 miles. The Philadelphias, on the signed with Detroit. If he hadn't all 135 pounds and under; welter, 145

American and National leagues are re- tween the two teams being due to the throwers. ever realizing a penny from their in. cellent agreement, which was made umnire to ere "Play ball." umpire to cry "Play ball." According to constantly leave home to fill Sunto the experts who have closely stud-day dates in Chicago and Cincinnati. ied the clubs in both the big leagues The Pittsburgs and the Cincinnati's since they have been in training, the are to make the longest jumps among race for the championship in the re- the National League clubs. The Brookspective organizations will be closer lyn's will make fewer jumps than any than it has been for several seasons other National League team, the schedule calling for them to leave home

It is estimated that the total expense only 23 times, or 14 less than the Pittsof the two major leagues for the sea- burgs. The big jump between Boston of the two major leagues for the season of 1908 will amount to more than and St. Louis will be taken during the season by three of the National League \$2,000,000, including ground rent. sala- season by three of the National League ries, training expenses and railroad clubs-the Bostons, Chicagos and St.

In order to fill their scheduled The Philadelphia club in each league championship dates for the season the will have the smallest amount of milto put figures on the right side of the

The St. Louis Browns are schedul- ledger, something like 350,000 fans

Told In Brief Charlie Comiskey says the White ington team in the new Union League, start the fire works for Atlanta. Sox cleared \$1,000 on the trip to the says there isn't a Tri-State player

that their strike was brought about by the Browns signing "Rube" Waddell.

Eastern League is after "Long John" cis Connolly and Joe O'Brien. Anderson, who is now with the Chicago Americans.

Wagner, still he is doing pretty good furnish the music while the little work for the Pirates and will doubtless brothers danced the "Merry Widow."

pitchers once more. Matty looks to be 229 miles. The longest jump for the all right.

result the pitchers are throwing at his Monday night.

other hand, will have to travel less of the Atlanta sporting scribes would pounds and under, and middle, 158 The 16 clubs that comprise the than 1,000 miles, the difference be have become ararchists and bomb pounds, and heavyweight.

Arthur Irwin, manager of the Wash- weight.

HANS WAGNER

strong enough for the Union League. The St. Louis brewery workers deny enough in talk or ball playing.

The umpires for the New England League this season will be N. J. Stock-Manager Stallings, of the Newark dale, E. J. Murphy, Mike O'Brien, Fran-diamond is a task too great for him

The Chicago Cubs generally get away their exhibition games, but this While Charlie Starr is not a Hans season the minors have made them

New York fans are banking on Chris- Amateur Wrestlers Compete for Honors

New York, April 11.-The Amateur The Brooklyn and Boston teams are Athletic Union reports the largest en-

The preliminaries are to be contested in Madison Square Garden concert Freddy Parent of the White Sox has hall tonight and the finals will be

Bantam, 106 pounds and under;

A. A. U. championship medals will

be given to first and second at each

Hackenschmidt is still kicking about the scratches Gotch gave him in their recent bout and has sailed to Europe, his face looking like a piece of rare steak.

That the whole state is back of the university was evidenced at the Virginia-Carolina game in Greensboro by the large number of enthusiasts that attended from all over the state.

Davidson College is playing in hard luck. A number of their best men are on the sick list.

Charlotte is soon to have base ball given to them in such a manner that college ball will seem tame.

Next Tuesday the ball will be started with a number of the league teams.

Trinity College is now on her southern tour and it goes with out saying that she will bring back her part of the honors.

Last week Wake Forest shut out Colgate in two successive games, the score being 10-0 and 5-0. Temple did the twirling act in both games .

One of the best college games yet ecorded happened "down in Georgia," between the Tech and the Stone Mountain university, the score being 0-0 in a ten-inning game and three hits credited to each team.

Charlotte now has five of her players here, and from the way they han-dle the horse hide, there is going to be something doing towards winning

Tom Brown, who has been chosen He didn't say whether he meant strong to umpire in the Southern league this season, was once considered to be one of the fastest runners of his time. Though Tom is now up in years he still loves the game and to leave the to undertake.



Walthour Not In Good Form

Word from Bobby Walthour would seem to indicate that the Atlanta boy is not having the easy picking this year abroad that he did last season. When he was home in the fall, Walthour was in shape. The broken shoulder he received on one of the German tracks was very painful and was not mending as rapidly as was hoped. His return to Paris was a surprise to his home friends, who thought he should have remained in Atlanta under the physician's care longer than he did. His condition is evidenced by his

hard luck at the long distances, and many of his well-wishers would be glad to see him return to sprint work, at least for a time. And in spite of his announcement that he would never again ride on the dangerous German tracks-where he had three narrow escapes from death-it is said that he has again signed a contract to ride

ROCK HILL TEAM

Rock Hill, April 11 .- A bunch of

prospective players on the local team have arrived here, and will be given a "trial" by Manager Gunter, who is on the ground and making things lively. Experimental playing has already begun on the old grounds in Oakland, but in a few days play upon the new diamond will begin.

This afternoon a game will be played with a team from the Aragon Mill. Mr. Gunter has also arranged for a number of exhibition games which, however, will not be played at home on account of incompletion of park. He will play in Winston-Salem, April the 17th and 18th; in Greenville, the 22d and 23d.

Manager Reynolds Gets

whole team will be in the city, in ord-sacrifice hitter.

noids, was released to Charlotte. ambidextrous with the stick, and can Foley, who is expected to arrive easily put the little sphere in the left here Sunday, and by that time the or right garden. He is also a good

Another Good Infielder Manager Reynolds, who is always er that the exhibition games prelimilooking out for good material has sign- nary to the opening of the season, can ed another infielder, who has the repu- begin. tation of being fast and also good with As to right and left handed batthe stick. This man is Don Foley, who ters, Charlotte's team will be well diwas signed the first of the season by vided. Three of the pitchers including the Terre Haute, Central League team, Wiley Piatt. Plott, and Manager Reyand who, on account of the extreme nolds are left handed men, while Harpersonal friendship between the man-ry Piatt, another pitcher, is right hanager of this team, and maager Rey- ded. Hinton, one of the catchers is ONLY BALL PLAYER EVER

For this reason there are usually not some prize offered by the Hobkirk fun any other club of the American League, ter that, as the saying is, it is all such radical shifts in the National in a golf contest this week. The prize They are down to journey 14,307 miles. "velvet" for the owners of them. League, as a whole, as have been seen is a large sterling silver cup. TWO NEW NATIONAL GEAGUE MANAGERS