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TWO GREATEST BALL TEAMS OF THE PRESENT DAY

A COMPARISON OF THE GIANTS AND ATHLETICS—MCGRAW AND MACK AS LEADERS—SNIPPY BASEBALL NEWS FOR FAITHFUL FANS—POINTERS WORTH NOTING.

The public sits in admiration and awe of Connie Mack's world's champion Athletics. The team which humbled the Giants in the world's series last fall is universally conceded to be one of the very best aggregations produced in the history of the national pastime. Yet, in its veneration of the capability of that wonderful machine, the public is prone to overlook the genius of the man who fashioned it.

Connie Mack did not fall heir to any such collection of stars. He had to dig up each and every one of them. His ultimate success is but a tribute to the foresight and rare judgment. For in his own unassuming, quiet way Mack has changed the business policies of the great organized profession.

Mack Developed Youngsters.

The leader of the Athletics was a pioneer in his way. He foresaw ten years ago the great development to which this sport would attain in a decade. He realized that each year it would become more difficult to secure desired talent through purchase and trade. Before the rival managers ever dreamed of paying serious attention to the scouting end of the business, Connie Mack had raked the minor organizations and colleges with a fine tooth comb.

No club in organized baseball has such a perfect scouting system as that of Connie Mack. He himself is the great chief of the sleuthing department and his is the final judgment. He is tipped off to more good "green" players than any other three managers, simply because his great network of espionage was established before rivals woke up to his wonderful advantage. The Athletics were in on the ground floor, and so long as Mack remains in the game Philadelphia's Americans will continue to have first call.

New Developments.

Until Connie Mack entered the major league field managers looked little further ahead than the tips of their noses. They were content to dwell upon the present so far as results were concerned. Mack studied the future. He planned fully five years ahead. He looked the situation squarely in the face. He saw in a star not his present capacity, but the day when he must begin to pale and fade. He figured to have by that day some newcomer to step into the declining veteran's shoes; and he always planned on having in his substitute a man far more capable in every department of the game.

Connie Mack was caught napping just once. That was in 1906. He was fooled by his champion aggregation of 1905, the bunch that was so badly shown up by the Giants. Mack overestimated the period of usefulness of many of his veterans. The series with the Giants opened his eyes to his mistake. There was a general house cleaning the following year. Then it was that the wily Quaker set out in earnest to develop almost single handed the great machine he now controls.

Giants Have Great Team.

His case was similar to that of McGraw. The gallant leader of the polo grounds was in identically the same fix as Mack, though he did not know it. Half of the old champions of 1905 had cracked on McGraw's hands during the hot pennant race. The world's series of that year gave McGraw no warning. A disastrous campaign followed the next season. The New York leader immediately began the weeding out process, which eventually resulted in the wonderful team now at home in Brush stadium.

The 1912 Giants appear to outclass the National League as far as the 1914 Athletics outclassed the American League. Eliminating unusual misfortune each should have a strangle hold on its pennant long before fall. In many respects the rival aggregations are very similar. McGraw specializes on speed, Mack on hitting ability. Each, of course, attempts to combine all possible of the one with the other. Both are solidly established in the matter of youth. Yet each is fortified with unusually brilliant substitutes. McGraw maintains that as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, a team is no stronger than its substitutes.

Athletics Are Strong.

Of the two teams the Athletics appear the stronger. Whether they would prove so at the end of a strenuous campaign may remain for the next world's series to show. Mack's players have the advantage of longer experience together. It is even thought the players may be every bit as young in years as New York.

Mack has far more seasoned pitchers than has McGraw. Mathewson is New York's sole veteran standby, while Bender, Coombs, Plank and Morgan have shown year in and year out for seasons that there are few better so long as they can cheat Old Father Time. Mack also has a lot of promising young tossers who may deliver when the opportunity arises. None have shown the promise of "Rube" Marquard.

McGraw has the greatest catcher of the age in Chief Meyers. Wilson is as fine a second string man as could be found anywhere. But the world's champions are not weak behind the bat. Thomas and Lapp are among the best in the league perhaps almost the equal of McGraw's Indian in plain backstopping and throwing, though not, of course, so deadly with the ash.

Mack's Men Heavy Hitters.

McGraw's team is the faster; Mack's the much more powerful in hitting. A club that hits close to the .300 notch collectively can do fairly well in any league behind even mediocre tossing. Give it one of the finest battery departments in the game, such as the Athletics boast, and it will prove night invincible.

In the opinion of most experts, Connie Mack has the greatest infield ever known. This goes doubly strong if little "Stuffy" McInnis can deliver such goods at first as he showed last season. Baker, Barry, Collins and Mc-

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And take notice that such sale is made under and by virtue of Section 346 of the Railway Act, being Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1906, in order to collect tolls, charges for storing, advertising and selling such goods.

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Commencing at a post planted about five chains in a northerly direction from the north end of Hermon Lake, thence north 89 chains, thence west 40 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 210 acres more or less.

SOREL DEMETROFF BACLIE,
T. L. Elliott, Agent.
Pub. May 23, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that I, J. E. Stark, of Naas Harbor, occupation prospector, intend, sixty (60) days from date, to make application to the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works at Prince Rupert, B. C., for permission to purchase the following described land, situated at the head of Alice Arm, B. C., commencing at a post planted alongside the northeast corner of the Rivermouth mineral claim, thence south along the east boundary of the Rivermouth mineral claim 3,272 links, thence east 358 plus links to west boundary of Indian Reserve, thence north 2,272 plus links along said boundary line, thence west 141 plus links to point of commencement, containing about five (5) acres more or less.

J. E. STARK,
Pub. May 27, 1912.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range 5.

Take notice that Lotie McTavish, Vancouver, occupation married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 40 chains north and 40 chains east from the northeast corner of Lot 1145, Harvey's Survey, Coast District, Range 5, thence 80 chains east, thence 60 chains north, thence 80 chains west, thence 60 chains south to point of commencement, and containing 430 acres, more or less.

LOTIE MCTAVISH,
F. W. Bohler, Agent.
Dated April 16, 1912.
Pub. April 20, 1912.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range 5.

Take notice that I, Hilda King, of Montreal, occupation spinster, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 4.3 chains west of southeast corner of Lot 5148, thence west 48 chains more or less to east by Lot 4131, thence south 20 chains more or less to southeast corner of Lot 4131, thence east 10 chains to north-east corner of Lot 2658, thence south 20 chains, thence east 25 chains more or less to west by Lot 5149, thence north 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 160 acres more or less.

HILDA KING,
W. R. Flewin, Agent.
Dated Lakelse Lake, April 19th, 1912.
Pub. May 15, 1912.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range 5.

Take notice that Alfred E. Wright, of Prince Rupert, occupation surveyor, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 421, thence east 25 chains, thence south 10 chains more or less to Lakelse Lake, thence along the shore to southeast Lot 421, thence north 20 chains to place of commencement, containing 35 acres more or less.

ALFRED E. WRIGHT,
W. R. Flewin, Agent.
Dated Lakelse Lake, April 15th, 1912.
Pub. May 15, 1912.

Skeena Land District—District of Coast, Range 5.

Take notice that John McVicar, of Glasgow, occupation railway signalman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:

Commencing at a post planted 12 chains north and about 30 chains east of the southeast corner of Lot 2658, thence north 20 chains, thence west 30 chains more or less to east by Lot 2655, thence south 20 chains to north by Lot 4134, thence east 30 chains more or less to place of commencement, containing 60 acres more or less.

JOHN MCVICAR,
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Dated Lakelse River, April 30th, 1912.
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