

# White Sox Notes

Coming Baseball in Comiskey's Wonderful Park

THE crowds which are now so impatient for the season to open will be well rewarded for their long wait when Jimmy Callahan and his White Sox take the field at the magnificent Comiskey ball park. For there, in the finest stadium in the American League, some of the greatest players in either circuit will strive to win for Chicago the pennant of 1912.

The situation in the Windy City is most encouraging. The White Sox have always been noted for their aggressive, gamey qualities. It was this fighting spirit of theirs which won for them in the face of grave obstacles the pennant of 1906. It is this same fighting spirit which makes them so formidable a foe on any diamond, and it is this same spirit which is the greatest factor in their prospects for next summer.

But the Sox have developed other qualities which go well with their scrappy enthusiasm. They are no longer the hitless wonders who once surprised the baseball world with their brilliant showing made in spite of weakness at the bat.

They have developed some heavy hitters and a consistent batting average which will be a factor to be reckoned with even in a league which abounds with famous batsmen.

In fielding the Sox have always shown resplendent. Fielder Jones himself, one of the most remarkable exponents of the art in the annals of baseball, gathered together a band of experts who constituted as finished and perfect a fielding machine as was ever constructed by the genius of a manager. And while the Sox may have suffered a little in comparison with the wonderful team which defeated the Cubs for the championship of the world, they are still in the very front ranks when it comes to scientific and practised handling of their opponents' line drives.

Pitching has always been a forte with the White Sox. With big Ed Walsh as a foundation, they have every year built up a formidable group of slab men. This will be the case in the coming season beyond a doubt, but the White Sox need such bolstering less than almost any other team, as Ed Walsh is a team in himself. The King of the Spit Ball is undoubtedly one of the most dreaded hurlers in the game to-day, and with Walter Johnson of Washington fairly disputes the supremacy of the American League. Walsh is a man of iron endurance who is able to work in many games every season. When at his best he is absolutely unbeatable, and he is almost always good. Last season he pitched one of the two no-hit games recorded in the big league records for the year, and he is likely to repeat this remarkable performance at almost any time. One of the best compliments that could be given the great twirler was paid him by Ty Cobb when he admitted that in his opinion Walsh was the most formidable pitcher on the diamond to-day. The King of Batters has a wholesome respect for the King of American League pitchers.

And to round out the White Sox machine it needed only the addition of Jimmy Callahan with his matchless energy and enthusiasm and his great abilities as a manager.

He is the capstone of the whole structure, the great original come-back in the field of sports. Enthusiastic, energetic, always working, he is almost the ideal manager. And his popularity, which is unbounded, has been built on a sturdy foundation of actual worth and achievement. He is a brilliant player and a most successful manager of long experience. And he will make good past any question in his difficult role in the majors.