

capture the bunting. McAleer and Jennings are both of the opinion that Cleveland will be a strong contender for the pennant. Jones has said right along that if the Sox finish above the Naps they will wop the flag. He looks upon Lajoie's crew as a one-two team.

IN FIRST PLACE.

After the long ride from Cleveland to St. Louis, arriving in the latter city afternoon of April 29, just in time to dress and get out to Sportsman's park, the Naps proceeded to give the Browns a beautiful lacing. Rhoades outpitching Peltz at all stages of the contest, the Naps winning, 6 to 3. That victory put Cleveland at the top of the list for the first time this season. The following day the shoe was on the other foot and the Browns gave three Nap pitchers an everlasting bumping, and as New York did not play, Grif's team tied the Naps for the leading position. Friday, May 1, the Highlanders won, while the Naps were resting, and took the lead.

TWO OUT OF THREE.

The Naps came back strong on the 2d, with Joss on the rubber, and defeated the Browns with Howell up. It was a great game and a glorious victory, as it put Larry and his boys back in first place, New York losing to Washington. Up to the present St. Louis is the only team that has anything on the Naps in the interclub series.

MAY RELEASE TWO.

It is probable that Manager Lajoie will prune down his forces sooner than expected. He had planned to carry 25 men on the roll until the latter part of May, but pitcher Walter Clarkson and infielder George Nill have made such a poor showing in the games in which they have participated that it would be no surprise if both were turned over to Class A clubs within a week or 10 days. Six minor league clubs are said to be anxious to land Clarkson, but Bill Armour will have first call for the ex-Harvard pitcher's services for his Toledo team. As for Nill, Baltimore, Nashville and several other teams want him.

FLICK IS ANXIOUS.

Elmer Flick is still in bad shape and it is doubtful if he will be able to get in the game until the Naps' return from their first eastern trip, if then. Flick is still some 15 pounds lighter than last season. He is anxious to get back in the game now that the crack of the bat is heard in all corners of the land, and if there is a possible chance for him to get in good trim by June first, the Bedford farmer will only be too glad to do so.

NEWS NOTES.

George Stovall continues to clout the ball in a manner that means Ty Cobb will have to look to his laurels this season.

Manager Lajoie has been troubled with neuralgia ever since the team was at New Orleans. Larry spends many sleepless nights. Critics who have seen the Naps in action can't get over the wonderful reversal in form shown by Bill Bradley.

Catcher Harry Bemis had an auspicious debut this season. He made three hits in five times at bat, stole two bases, scored two runs and batted in a third.

Terry Turner has been out of the game for two weeks, having thrown out his arm in the Detroit game of April 25.

M. A. Bobrick, former secretary of the American League Publishing Company, has been succeeded by William Blackwood.

President Kilfoyl says that southpaw Granev will not be retained all season unless Otto Hess is unable to take his regular turn on the slab.

AMERICAN AVERAGES.

The Batting Averages of All American League Players Who Have Batted .225 or Better to Date.

Following are given the averages of all American League players who have batted .225 or better, also pitchers' records, to May 8 inclusive:

CLUB BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	B.H.	S.H.	Av.
Cleveland	15	493	59	130	30	.262
New York	18	619	84	158	19	.255
Boston	20	636	60	150	27	.236
Detroit	15	498	58	113	15	.227
Washington	15	475	66	138	25	.223
St. Louis	18	559	60	131	17	.222
Chicago	16	524	59	110	23	.210
Athletics	20	650	66	135	19	.206

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	B.H.	T.B.	Av.
Criss, St. Louis	6	5	2	2	3	.400
McConnell, Boston	15	38	2	15	19	.395
C. Smith, Washington	5	11	2	4	5	.364
Chase, New York	18	74	16	26	36	.351
Stovall, Cleveland	15	60	10	21	33	.350
Hickman, Cleveland	6	6	0	2	2	.333
Schaefer, Detroit	15	58	14	19	27	.328
Rossman, Detroit	15	59	4	19	27	.322
Turner, Cleveland	9	32	2	10	13	.313
Howell, St. Louis	6	16	1	5	6	.313
Conroy, New York	18	71	6	22	28	.310
Thoney, Boston	19	74	3	21	24	.309
Cobb, Detroit	15	62	6	19	32	.306
Hemphill, New York	18	67	7	20	27	.298
Delehanty, Washington	15	57	10	17	23	.298
Stone, St. Louis	18	64	9	19	28	.297
F. Smith, Chicago	6	17	4	5	6	.294
Lajoie, Cleveland	15	59	8	17	22	.288
Stevens, St. Louis	5	14	2	4	4	.286
Millan, Washington	16	50	7	14	18	.280
Niles, New York	18	78	13	22	31	.282
Laporte, Boston	15	50	3	14	16	.280
Hinchman, Cleveland	15	50	4	12	22	.280
Young, Boston	5	18	4	5	6	.278
Keeler, New York	18	64	8	17	18	.266
Ball, New York	6	22	2	6	7	.273
Stahl, New York	18	66	9	18	38	.273
Spencer, St. Louis	15	42	1	11	12	.262
Warner, Washington	14	18	2	5	6	.259
Oldring, Athletics	14	18	1	13	13	.259
Gessler, Boston	20	70	5	18	24	.251
J. Clarke, Cleveland	15	60	9	15	16	.250
Birmingham, Cleveland	15	52	4	13	16	.250
Williams, St. Louis	18	66	7	16	21	.250
Dougherty, Chicago	16	64	7	16	18	.250
Tannehill, Chicago	16	56	6	14	16	.250
Thomas, Detroit	18	60	11	15	20	.250
Ganley, Washington	16	60	6	15	17	.250
Clymer, Washington	17	61	6	15	21	.246
McHale, Boston	17	61	6	15	21	.246
Collins, Athletics	20	83	8	20	27	.241
C. Jones, St. Louis	18	75	13	18	23	.240
Freeman, Washington	18	67	4	16	22	.239
Hartsel, Athletics	12	72	12	17	20	.236
N. Clarke, Cleveland	14	51	4	12	16	.235
Altizer, Washington	10	17	1	4	4	.235
Pickering, Washington	13	34	6	8	10	.235

1908 American League Schedule

Season Opened April 14; Closes October 8.

DETROIT AT HOME

With Chicago	May 30, 30
With Cleveland	June 1, 2, 3
With Boston	June 4, 5, 6, 8
With New York	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Philadelphia	June 13, 15, 16, 17
With Washington	June 18, 19, 20
With St. Louis	June 24, 25, 26, 27
With New York	July 25, 27, 28, 29
With Boston	July 30, 31, August 1, 3
With Philadelphia	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With Washington	August 8, 10, 11, 12, 12
With Cleveland	August 31, Sept. 1, 1, 2, 3
With St. Louis	September 7, 7
With Chicago	September 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
With New York	September 17, 18, 19
With Boston	September 21, 22, 23
With Philadelphia	September 24, 25, 26
With Washington	September 28, 29, 30
With St. Louis	October 2, 2, 3

PHILADELPHIA AT HOME

With St. Louis	May 16, 18, 19, 20
With Cleveland	May 21, 22, 23, 25
With Detroit	May 26, 27, 28
With Washington	June 1, 2, 3
With New York	June 23, 24, 25, 26
With Washington	June 27, 29, 30, July 1
With Boston	July 2, 3, 4, 4
With New York	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With St. Louis	July 11, 13, 14, 15
With Chicago	July 16, 17, 18, 20
With Cleveland	July 21, 22, 23
With St. Louis	August 14, 15, 17
With Philadelphia	August 18, 19, 20, 22
With Cleveland	August 21, 22, 24, 25
With Detroit	August 26, 27, 28, 29
With New York	September 8, 9
With Washington	September 1, 2, 3

CHICAGO AT HOME

With Detroit	May 31
With Washington	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Philadelphia	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With New York	June 13, 14, 15, 16, 17
With Boston	June 18, 19, 20, 21
With Detroit	June 28, 30, July 1
With St. Louis	July 2, 3, 4, 4
With Detroit	July 5
With Philadelphia	July 25, 26, 27, 28
With Washington	July 30, 31, August 1, 2
With Boston	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With New York	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Cleveland	September 4, 5, 6
With Cleveland	September 13, 14, 15, 16
With Washington	September 17, 18, 19
With Philadelphia	September 20, 21, 22
With New York	September 24, 25
With Boston	September 27, 28, 29

CLEVELAND AT HOME

With St. Louis	May 29, 30, 30
With New York	June 4, 5, 6, 8
With Boston	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Washington	June 13, 15, 16, 17
With Philadelphia	June 18, 19, 20, 22
With Chicago	June 24, 25, 26, 27
With Detroit	July 2, 3, 4, 4
With Detroit	July 24
With Boston	July 25, 27, 28, 29
With New York	July 30, 31, August 1, 3
With Washington	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With Philadelphia	August 8, 10, 11, 12
With Chicago	September 7, 7
With St. Louis	September 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
With Boston	September 17, 18, 19
With New York	September 21, 22, 23
With Washington	September 24, 25, 26
With Philadelphia	September 28, 29, 30
With Chicago	October 2, 3

NEW YORK AT HOME

With Detroit	May 16, 18, 19, 20
With Chicago	May 21, 22, 23, 25
With St. Louis	May 26, 27, 28
With Philadelphia	May 29, 30, 30
With Boston	June 1, 2, 3
With Boston	June 27, 29, 30, July 1
With Detroit	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Cleveland	July 11, 13, 14, 15
With St. Louis	July 16, 17, 18, 20
With Chicago	July 21, 22, 23
With Cleveland	August 14, 15, 17
With Detroit	August 18, 19, 20
With St. Louis	August 21, 22, 24, 25
With Chicago	August 26, 27, 28, 29
With Philadelphia	August 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3
With Washington	September 4, 5, 7, 7
With Washington	October 1, 2, 3, 3

ST. LOUIS AT HOME

With Cleveland	May 31
With Chicago	June 1, 2, 3
With Philadelphia	June 5, 6, 7, 8
With Washington	June 9, 10, 11, 12
With Boston	June 13, 14, 15, 16
With New York	June 18, 19, 20, 21
With Cleveland	June 28, 30, July 1
With Cleveland	July 5
With Washington	July 25, 26, 27, 28
With Philadelphia	July 30, 31, August 1, 2
With New York	August 4, 5, 6, 7
With Boston	August 8, 9, 10, 11
With Chicago	August 31, September 1, 2, 3
With Detroit	September 4, 5, 6
With St. Louis	September 13, 14, 15, 16
With Philadelphia	September 17, 18, 19
With Washington	September 20, 21, 22
With Boston	September 24, 25, 26
With New York	September 27, 28, 29
With Cleveland	October 4, 5, 6

BOSTON AT HOME

With New York	May 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
With Detroit	May 12, 13, 14, 15
With Cleveland	May 16, 18, 19, 20
With St. Louis	May 21, 22, 23, 25
With Chicago	May 26, 27, 28
With Washington	May 29, 30, 30
With Washington	June 23, 24, 25, 26
With Cleveland	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With Detroit	July 11, 13, 14, 15
With Chicago	July 16, 17, 18, 20
With St. Louis	July 21, 22, 23
With Detroit	August 14, 15, 17
With Cleveland	August 18, 19, 20
With Cleveland	August 21, 22, 24, 25
With Chicago	August 26, 27, 28, 29
With St. Louis	August 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3
With Philadelphia	September 4, 5, 7, 7
With New York	September 11, 12, 14, 15

WASHINGTON AT HOME

With Philadelphia	May 6, 7, 8, 9, 11
With St. Louis	May 12, 13, 14, 15
With Chicago	May 16, 18, 19, 20
With Detroit	May 21, 22, 23, 25
With Cleveland	May 26, 27, 28
With New York	May 29, 30, 30
With Chicago	July 7, 8, 9, 10
With St. Louis	July 11, 13, 14, 15
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With Detroit	July 21, 22, 23
With Chicago	August 14, 15, 17
With St. Louis	August 18, 19, 20
With Detroit	August 21, 22, 24, 25
With Cleveland	August 26, 27, 28, 29
With Boston	August 31, September 1, 2, 3
With Boston	September 4, 5, 7, 7
With Philadelphia	September 11, 12, 14, 15

Bradley, Cleveland	15	52	8	12	15	.231
Anderson, Chicago	13	39	4	9	11	.231
Vickers, Athletics	8	13	1	3	3	.231
Atz, Chicago	14	44	4	10	10	.227
Coughlin, Detroit	15	58	1	13	4	.225

PITCHERS' RECORDS.

	W.	L.	B.B.	Hits	Pct.
Dyert, Athletics	3	0	13	27	1.000
Burns, Washington	2	0	3	12	1.000
Manning, New York	3	0	6	12	1.000
Doyle, New York	2	0	8	21	1.000
Lattimer, Cleveland	1	0	4	18	1.000
Chech, Cleveland	1	0	3	8	1.000
Bailey, St. Louis	1	0	5	9	1.000
Dineen, St. Louis	1	0	2	2	1.000
Schlitzler, Athletics	2	0	4	13	1.000
Jones, Cleveland	5	1	3	23	.800
Young, Boston	4	1	3	23	.800
Summers, Detroit	3	1	10	25	.750
Newton, New York	3	1	14	31	.750
Walsh, Chicago	3	1	0	28	.750
Vickers, Athletics	4	2	7	24	.667
Rhoades, Cleveland	2	1	17	29	.667
Owen, Chicago	2	1	10	17	.667
Chesbro, New York	2	1	3	17	.667
Morgan, Boston	2	1	9	16	.667
Graham, St. Louis	2	1	9	16	.667
Hughes, Washington	2	2	12	24	.500
Bender, Athletics	1	1	4	17	.500
Waddell, St. Louis	2	2	10	23	.500
White, Chicago	2	2	7	34	.500
Palenberg, Washington	1	1	5	16	.500
Peltz, St. Louis	1	1	4	16	.500
Powell, St. Louis	1	1	3	16	.500
Plank, Athletics	1	1	2	14	.500
Lake, New York	1	1	8	16	.500
Cicotte, Boston	1	1	2	12	.500
Howell, St. Louis	2	3	12	40	.400
Keeley, Washington	1	2	6	27	.333
Mullin, Detroit	1	2	11	39	.333
Killian, Detroit	1	2	2	24	.333
C. Smith, Washington	4	3	17	32	.250
Winter, Boston	1	4	11	39	.200
Carter, Athletics	1	4	7	42	.200
F. Smith, Chicago	1	4	11	30	.200
Patton, Washington	0	1	1	4	.000
Gates, Washington	0	1	4	24	.000
Suggs, Detroit	0	1	1	9	.000