

PHILS PLAY GIANTS AGAIN TODAY—ATHLETICS TRY FOR ONE AGAINST DONOVAN'S YANKS

DEMAREE'S PITCHING NEW BOOST TO PROSPECTS OF PHILLIES

Remarkable Showing Against Giants Yesterday Augurs Return to Form of Great Moundsman—Moran's Strategy in "Percentage" Baseball—Athletics' Miserable Showing.

One victory does not make a pitcher, nor does it win a pennant, but the game Al Demaree pitched yesterday against the Giants means more to the Phillies than a half dozen won later in the year, because it will give the men a confidence they could hardly have hoped for at this stage of the race.

The discovery of a man who apparently has returned to the form that enabled him to be classed as one of the best twirlers in a league two years ago lightens Pat Moran's burden. It does not necessarily follow that Demaree is going to be a sensation, but any time a man can come through with a brilliant shut-out victory against his old team-mates, he is certainly not "all in," as Manager McGraw and New York critics were wont to believe.

All that needs happen now for the fans to go really crazy over the Phillies and their prospects is for Eppa Rixey to show a flash like that shown when he first joined the team. That the Phillies have the fans on edge now is evident. When the final score was placed upon the scoreboard at Shibe Park yesterday the crowd cheered for several minutes.

Demaree's Record Basis for Confidence

Two years ago Demaree turned in 18 victories out of 23 starts for New York and was unquestionably one of the mainstays of the team, because he could beat the Phillies and Cubs so easily. The Giants had a great deal of trouble with both of these teams and they were contenders the greater part of the season. Mathewson and Marquard always were easy for the Phillies, but Demaree was invincible.

Last season Demaree had a bad year. Local fans are hoping that it was merely an off year. He could not win, no matter how well the Giants hit behind him, and he apparently lost his confidence. When the club started slipping back the other members of the team blamed the slump on Demaree and Marquard and roasted them continually. Demaree's disposition was not one that would stand that sort of treatment, and he was anxious to get away.

Demaree is no youngster, but there is nothing to warrant the belief that he will not be just as good as he was in 1913. It is a long way home, and many Phillies teams have led on into July only to go completely to pieces. But a few more exhibitions like that given by Demaree against the Giants may—well, let's wait until we have seen them in action.

Moran's Strategy in Choice of Demaree

Moran's selection of Demaree, in preference to Mayer for the second game against New York is perhaps a little item which may be overlooked, but there was some strategy attached to it. Moran is strong for this percentage baseball, and hopes to be able to manipulate his pitching on this basis.

Treasure is one of the best pitchers in the game and a spitballer. When a spitballer is right he is almost unbeatn, and there would have been little use of putting Mayer in to lose a 1-to-0 or some other low score game, when any pitcher has a chance to beat a spitballer who is not right. Moran figured Demaree as an uncertainty. He looked mighty good warming up, and the Phil leader knew that there was that chance of winning even if Treasure was right. In other words, Moran could not see wanting one of his trump cards against a man who is admittedly one of the best in the game, when he could send him in against a more erratic twirler of the Marquard or Peritt type.

Have Fans Turned Against Athletics?

The loud cheering when the final Phillie score was posted at Shibe Park and willingness of the fans to roast the Athletics has caused many of the older fans to wonder if the public has turned against the Athletics.

After the Phillies' opening and a few subsequent games the attendance will tell the story, but why should the fans be so anxious to pan the ball team that brought pennants and world's championships to this city so often? Has the releasing of Bender and Plank before they had outlived their usefulness caused this feeling, or have the sale of Collins and the disagreement with Baker brought about this feeling?

On the latter subject it is only right and not in criticism of what any one has done to say that the crowd has continually shouted for Baker. Perhaps it has been the absence of those fence-breaking drives that has caused this feeling to crop out.

When the Athletics' young twirlers showed signs of taking balloon ascensions, which is only natural at this stage of the game, the crowd was only too anxious to yell for Connie to send Bender in to stop the rally.

A few victories and the rounding into form of the young pitchers will make the public soon forget that they ever roasted the wonderful Mack machine. The return of Baker, which is said to be slated for Thursday, owing to Frank's unwillingness to make his first appearance at home, will also help to make the fans forget the last four games played here.

Umpires Could Hustle Games Along

Yesterday's game at Shibe Park, although but nine innings, was prolonged over two hours and a half. That is far too much baseball for the average fan. The spectators enjoy seeing a hitting feast occasionally, but they do not care to see slow play. This is one of the reasons for the slumping attendance at the local American League park during the last two years.

If the umpires of the American League would agree to hustle the contests along they could do it easily. But there seems to be a disposition on their part to allow the players, particularly the pitchers and catchers, to stall along at their leisure.

The majority of real pitchers go through their preliminary motions in short order. Mathewson, Alexander, Mayer, Walter Johnson and others approaching their calibre hurl fast ball. Eddie Plank was one of the exceptions to the rule. Eddie Plank was the greatest time-killer.

The National League play is far faster than that of the American League, because the umpires will not stand for stalling. In Ban Johnson's circuit there is no rule which compels the teams to wait for the return of a foul ball to the diamond, hence the games in his league should be faster than those of the National League. The sooner the managers and owners in the American League realize that the average fan likes a peppery contest and one finished in time for him to get home to his dinner, the better will be the attendance in every city.

Records of No-Hit Baseball Games

In pitching his no-hit game, Rube Marquard added another record to his long list of records. Marquard holds a record for consecutive victories, consecutive defeats, contract breaking, and now adds that of pitching a no-hit game earlier in the season than any pitcher has since the organization of baseball leagues.

Marquard's game made the 41st hitless game in the history of major league baseball.

Addie Joss, now dead, held the record previous to that time. He held Chicago hitless on April 21, 1910. It was Joss' second no-hit game. In 1908 he held the same team hitless and did not permit a man to reach first base. The Giants have the largest number of hitless-game pitchers, with Amos Rusie leading the way. Rusie was the first New Yorker to turn the trick. He did it against Brooklyn on July 31, 1891.

World's Best on Throws From Outfield

The unusual throwing of the entire Boston outfield has caused numerous arguments as to the greatest throwing feats in baseball. Four assists for Patry Donovan have been credited as the record, but in looking over box scores of baseball since its inception we find that Outfielder Knowell, of Trenton, threw out five Phillie players on April 12, 1885, a record that has never been equaled.

Trenton was in the Interstate League, while the Phillies were in the National. Four men were thrown out at the plate and Fogarty was nipped trying to stretch a double to a triple. Aside from that, Knowell has eight put-outs and one wild throw to first base trying to complete a double play. On the Trenton team was Mike Tiernan, for years after a wonderful outfielder with the Giants, and Bill Shettline, now business manager of the Phillies.

The brilliant work of Jack Coombs against the Braves in the morning game at Boston may herald the return to form of the famous "iron man." Coombs worked three innings and not a ball was hit out of the infield. On the other hand, there is bad news from Eddie Plank. The famous southpaw has caught cold in his shoulder and the lameness is slow in leaving the veteran.



BILL DONOVAN—"AND THEY CALL ME WILD"

FRANK BAKER TO PLAY WITH UPLAND CLUB

Home-run King Signed in Delaware League "Until He Rejoins Athletics."

Officials of the Upland Athletic Association of Chester this morning confirmed the report that J. Franklin Baker had signed to play with the baseball club representing that organization. This probably means that the Athletics' home-run merchant will not join his former team's roster Wednesday night when they leave for Boston.

According to the terms of the document which Baker signed at Chester, he will remain with that team "until he decides to return to the Athletics." What salary Baker is to receive for services in Chester cannot be learned. However, "Baker" is likely to get a fairly good sum, as the Upland club is backed and financed by John P. Crozer, baseball "boss" and millionaire of Chester.

The Upland team is in the Delaware County League. This league is not in organized baseball, which accounts for the fact that Baker was able to sign a contract. He could not, according to the laws of baseball, sign with any club in organized baseball unless he had been signed by Connie Mack, or else all clubs in the major leagues had waived on him.

The Delaware County League has games on Saturdays and holidays only, hence, Baker's duties as a baseball player in that organization will not be heavy. Baker will report next Saturday for the first time, when the Upland team meets Rockdale in an exhibition game at Chester. On the following Saturday the league opens. Thus far Baker has no practice with any of his club-league friends of Delaware County.

It is understood that Frank Miller, who conducts the business of the Upland team, signed Baker at the behest of Crozer. Connie Mack said this morning that he knew nothing of the signing of Baker by the Upland Club, nor did he care whether he did or not.

ATLANTIC BASEBALL LEAGUE TO STICK IT OUT THIS YEAR

Six-City Circuit in New Jersey Will Have Sport.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The Atlantic League has decided to operate this season after all. A meeting was held yesterday in the office of Rosslyn M. Cox, in the Woolworth Building, and the circuit was reorganized with six New Jersey cities as members. Dr. Carlos Henriquez, of Long Branch, was elected president, and William Pfau, of Perth Amboy, secretary. The season will open on May 29 and close on Labor Day.

Pateron, Long Branch and Perth Amboy, of last year's circuit, will be represented, while the Danbury franchise has been transferred to Red Bank. H. F. Spelman and Milton H. Baker will take the Asbury Park club to Pateron. The other club will be in Hackensack.

Another meeting of the league will be held in Pateron on May 5, when the Schedule Committee will get to work. The schedule will be announced about May 15. Middletown, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie were not represented at the meeting, and their franchises were forfeited to the league.

ATHLETICS AND PHILS' BATTING AVERAGES

Table with columns for Player, AB, R, H, T, E, B, P, C. Lists batting averages for Athletics and Phillies players.

Advertisement for Fanning and Grantland Rice. Includes a small illustration of a person and the text 'FANNING' and 'GRANTLAND RICE'.

Fritz Maisel's feat in pilfering second, third and home at Philadelphia calls further attention to this remarkable young bundle of steel springs and abounding energy.

It may be that Hans Lobert or Ty Cobb is a faint breath swiftier at moving from the plate on to first. But having gained first, there is no longer any argument as to the fleetest pair of feet from first to second or from second to third.

The Pilfering Phenom Maisel can get under headway at greater speed than any man in baseball. Fritz wastes no precious time warming up any stride. He starts much after the manner of a rubber ball rebounding from a brick wall. If Maisel can bat 275 this season he'll steal 100 bases as sure as the pink sun rises on an April morning.

"If I can bat over .300," says Fritz, "I'll come close to stealing 125 bases—and maybe more." We believe him.

Maisel vs. Cobb and Collins Cobb batted .429 his best year and stole 82 bases. Collins, batting around .250, averages 60 steals. Maisel, batting under .200, stole 74 bases his first year in the Major Circuit.

This shows how far Maisel outclasses two such actors as Cobb and Collins, supposed to be fairly deft at working their way from spot to spot. Any citizen who can outclass this pair has no great bother ahead over his base-running future.

The Duffer Exclaims Conversation is exaction. A slice from the tee craves me And a slunk drives me wad.

A conservatively estimated group of 55,000 souls saw the first four Giant games. This averages only a trifle under 15,000 to the contest. Which is no striking indication that baseball interest is upon any general decline.

The Philly Uprising Pat Moran deserves a fat cargo of credit for the way he has maneuvered the Philly situation up to date.

The Phillies, after losing Seaton, Knabe and Doolan last season—added to the loss of Magee, Lobert and Doan this spring—were supposed to be the final word in cheese.

"How," argued the fanatic, "can a ball club lose six stars and continue making first division gestures? It can't be done. The Phillies will be lucky to finish in Pennsylvania—much less the first division."

And then, to the mild astonishment of FAMOUS "BONEHEAD" PLAYS "PULLED" ON THE BALL FIELD

Rube Waddell has been called the most eccentric character the national game has ever known, but Rube probably gained this reputation because he was a great twirler and constantly before the major league public. But the real eccentric person is Rube Evans, southpaw pitcher, who was never quite good enough for the majors.

Evans has pitched in almost every minor league of note in the country, and earned a nation-wide reputation as a "squirrel." His most amazing stunt probably was the biggest "bone" that ever was "pulled" on a ball field. He was pitching for Portland a few years ago when the squeeze play was all the rage because of the manner in which the Athletics were executing the play. The opposing teams were using it with such regularity that Manager McCredie was in a rage when men were on third with none or one out.

On the way back to the hotel, McCredie said: "The next time they try that play, bend him, (meaning, of course, the batsman), that will stop them."

An inning later the opposing team tried the squeeze. "There he goes," was the cry set up by Evans' teammates. Imagine the surprise and excitement in the grounds when Evans whirled about and threw straight as an arrow at the base runner. His aim was good and the ball struck the runner just back of the ear and stretched him out cold. A riot almost followed and Evans was lucky to escape being mobbed.

On the way back to the hotel, McCredie said: "What the h— were you thinking of, you big lunkhead?" "You told me to bend him, didn't you? Why didn't you say the batter? I thought you meant the base-runner."

COLLEGE SWIMMING TIE MAY STAND FOR SEASON

Yale, Columbia and Penn Deadlock May Not Be Broken.

NEW YORK, April 20.—No further news in all probability will be held by the Intercollegiate Swimming League to settle the triple tie among Yale, Columbia and Pennsylvania for the second time this season by Columbia's defeat of Pennsylvania in the third of the extra session meets held at Princeton on Saturday.

Although H. K. Marcy, of Pennsylvania, president of the league, was not at Princeton, none of the members of the Quaker team felt that it would be feasible to swing another series, and E. H. Edinger, of Columbia, secretary of the league, said yesterday that he did not believe another series would be held. Whether a special meeting of the league will be called to discuss the question has not been decided. This lies with Marcy, and although Yale and Columbia would prefer a special meeting, it is not believed that either will do so. The chief reason advanced is the interest of the season.

TY COBB VS. PIERCE FOR FAIRMOUNT BILL

George Stucke and Willie Lucas Also Fight—Good Card at Norristown.

A six-bout program is billed for the Fairmount A. C. tonight, with two star scraps as the attraction. George Stucke, a New Yorker, will make his debut here in a ten-round fight with Willie Lucas, of Fairmount, while Ty Cobb, of Southwark, and Young Pierce, Germantown's veteran nearo featherweight, appear in the good night go.

The program follows: First bout—Lad O'Leary, 47th Ward, vs. Al North, Kensington. Second bout—Jack Brady, 20th Ward, vs. Al Fox, 6th Ward. Third bout—Mike Langlin, Fairmount, vs. Johnny McKeon, 15th Ward. Fourth bout—K. O. Cuban, 18th Ward, vs. Black Dixie, Memphis. Fifth bout—George Stucke, New York, vs. Willie Lucas, Fairmount. Sixth bout—Young Pierce, Germantown, vs. Ty Cobb, Southwark.

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Points of Strength The Phillies have a fine catcher in Killefer, one of the two greatest pitchers now extant in Alexander, and one of the most valuable sets of outfield flesh at work in Cravath, Becker, Whitted and Paskert.

If Moran can handle two details he may furnish the shock of the season by staying in the hunt. One factor will be his limited strength and the other will be the preservation of his club's morale—in which latter asset the Phillies have always been weak.

Alexander's Year Grover Cleveland Alexander was the best pitcher in the National League last year. With a ball club that floundered badly he won 27 games—a mark that was not passed by any other pitcher in his circuit.

He looks better now than he has ever looked in his well-known life—which means that he will be as valuable to Moran as Walter Johnson has been to Griff. He has never received the advertising others have drawn, but for all that you can enter him in the Dope Book as the star workman of his league—possessing an enormous quantity of stuff, control and courage—the Triple Alliance that manufactures Success.

LOUISIANA BEATS TAYLOR, WHO STALLED THROUGH BOUT

Low Tendler Again Wins, Defeating Willie Mack by Shade

Jimmy Taylor railroaded over from New York, held on and stalled through six rounds with Louisiana in the wind-up at the Olympia A. A. last night, collected his purse, and railroaded back to the metropolis. The local lad, although wild throughout the encounter and over-anxious in his endeavor to connect with a finishing punch, was an easy winner at the conclusion of hostilities.

At the beginning of the set-to Louisiana landed two consecutive left hooks with plenty of sting behind them, but the big brute boxer stood up under the blows without weakening. Then the Philadelphia began to shoot haymakers at Taylor's jaw, but the latter had little trouble in making the local entry miss. In fact, Louis fell to his haunches on two occasions as a result of missing wild left swings to the jaw.

Louis tipped the beam at 131½ pounds and Taylor scaled 117.

The scuffling was the best bout of the night. Low Tendler, 116½, added another victory to his long string by shading Willie Mack, 117½, in six stalling sessions. Low's advantage over the ever-willing Willie was a slight margin, his rally in the last round earning the decision for the newshy champion.

Walter Brown, a game youngster, 151½, from San Antonio, Tex., who does not know the first thing about boxing, assimilated the vicious left hooks of Joe Heffernan, 144 pounds, for two and a half rounds, then, in the latter part of the third period, he fell a victim to the southpaw slant.

In the other two numbers Young Diggs, 116½ pounds, gave a fine exhibition in defeating Young Allen, 123 pounds, and Fingus Bob Glover, 128½ pounds, defeating the decision over the Belmont, 120½ pounds, in an interesting slugfest.

Smith and Wagner Matched Harry Smith, of the 18th Ward, and Harry Wagner, of North Penn, will clash in the final at the Quaker City A. C. Friday night. In the other bouts Young O'Donnell will battle Eddie Kelly, Marty Kane will square off at Mickey Brown, Arthur Short will mingle with Noah Mitchell and George Meshan will tackle Joe Hunting.

PHILADELPHIA MAN LAUNCHED BASEBALL IN CUBA; THE RESULT

Henry B. Fisher, of Baldwin Locomotive Works, Introduced Game for the Workmen in Slack Hours. Great Cuban Players.

Since Marans, Almeida, Acosta, Aragon, Seigle and a few other Cubans broke into baseball there has been much comment on baseball in Cuba and its origin.

Partly through accident and partly by investigation it has been discovered that the originator of baseball in Cuba was a Philadelphian. His name is Henry B. Fisher. He is now in Rio Janeiro, Brazil, and has also done much toward making baseball popular in South America.

Fisher was sent to Cuba as a representative for the Baldwin Locomotive Works in the latter part of 1887, along with many other American contractors and civil engineers, to build locomotives and put through Cuba's first high-class railroad. Early in 1888 something turned up which brought the work almost to a standstill and the men had much time on their hands.

In trying to find something that would make the time pass faster for his men, particularly the younger men, Fisher hit upon the idea of baseball and sent to the States for some bats and balls. Each afternoon when work was slack, the men gathered away the time playing ball. Finally enough capable players were available to form two teams and the first real game of ball in Cuba was played late in the summer of 1888. The wives of the men made the uniforms that were worn by the players.

The following year the Cubans, who scored the game at first, began to be interested and in the spring of 1890 had organized a team of their own to play with the Americans. The development of the game was slow, however. The Cubans who first took it up were the laborers employed by the Americans, and the general public did not warm up to the game until some of the wealthier young men took it up.

It was along in the 90s when the Cubans began attending American universities and they took an interest in the game. On returning to Cuba they interested the Cuban young men and the game gradually increased in interest until it is now the leading amusement on the island.

Fisher is still in the employ of the Baldwin Locomotive Company and is at work on hand at the games played by the Americans in Rio Janeiro each Saturday.

WOMEN FORM TENNIS CLUB AT WEST CHESTER FOR 1915

Mrs. Minerva Hazard Has Been Elected President of Organization.

A new tennis club has been organized at West Chester, with grounds on South Walnut street, and will be for women only. It is to be known as the Ladies South Walnut Street Tennis Club and the officers elected are: Mrs. Minerva Hazard, president; Mrs. Edith Kip, secretary; Mrs. E. W. Elston, treasurer.

The members enrolled at present include Mrs. Horace Atwood Pyle, Miss Ruth E. Ellinger, Mrs. James LaGrange, Miss Florence Speakman, Mrs. Oscar G. Cunningham, Miss Stella Lyle, Mrs. Harry A. Limberger, Miss Lillian Bartholomew, Miss Elizabeth Dowlin, Miss Margaret Harrar, Mrs. Edward Hoffman, Mrs. Helen Brinthon, Miss Mary Kirk, Mrs. Ethel Retew, Miss Alice Love.

Sager Heads Cornell Mat Men ITHACA, April 20.—P. C. Sager, a star in the Cornell team, has been elected to head the Cornell mat team for the season by the members of this organization's intercollegiate championship team. He is considered by the Cornell men as the best mat player in the country.

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Advertisement for Races Today at Havre de Grace. Six Races Daily—including a steeplechase. Special Train leaves at 12:34 p. m. West Phila. 12:45 p. m. B. & O. leaves 1:40 and Chestnut St. 12:45 p. m. Admission, Grandstand and Paddock, \$1.50. Ladies, \$1.00. First Race at 2:30 p. m.

Advertisement for American League Baseball Today at Shibe Park. Athletics vs. New York. Game at 3:30 P. M.

Cartoon strip titled 'A DRUM, A DRUM, MENUTT BOTH COME!' featuring characters and dialogue about baseball and a harpoon. Dialogue includes: 'HALT!', 'YESSIR...', 'WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BASEBALL BAT—', '—AND A HARPOON?', 'S' TOO DEEP FER ME!', 'WELL, WITH ONE YOU WHALE THE SPHERE.', 'WHILE WITH THE OTHER—', 'YOU SPEAR THE WHALE!', 'OH JOHN!', 'GOOME TODAY!', 'FORWARD MARCH!'.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE, CHARLEMAGNE, BETWEEN MIKE DOOLAN'S BAT AND GAVVY CRAVATH'S?