

PHILS VS. BOSTON BRAVES IN NATIONAL LEAGUE OPENER—ATHLETICS ENGAGE RED SOX

PHILLIES' GREAT START ROUSES FANS HERE TO HIGHEST PITCH

With Chalmers and Demaree to Aid Alexander and Mayer, Moran's Club Now Regarded as Serious Pennant Contender—Troubles of Athletics Begin.

Never in the history of baseball in this city has a National League Club excited such wild enthusiasm among the fans as Manager Moran's team which opens its home season today against the Boston Braves...

Such a beginning is enough to excite comment at any time, but when a rank outsider in pennant consideration wins these games from the world's champions and the Giants, teams looked upon as likely pennant winners...

Philly teams have a habit of starting the season in a blaze of glory, only to fall down badly in the closing months of the season, and the fans naturally were skeptical for three days. But when Demaree and Mayer continued the winning streak it became apparent that it was not a flash in the pan.

Demaree and Chalmers May Solve Problem

Even with this assurance that the team was not a flash, not even the most rabid Philly roster was prepared for the shock that Moran gave him when George Chalmers, the diamond, was sent to the mound in the final game and held the Giants to two hits.

Chalmers was released unconditionally by the Phillies last season, and the impression was general that he was through as a big leaguer. But he "came back" (his agent) in the South with the Giants, Manager McGraw, who had not signed Chalmers to a contract, was slow in making a deal with the ex-Philly.

Then Moran appeared at the Polo Grounds; one look convinced him that Chalmers was right, and Moran immediately signed him. The general impression was that Chalmers might come back when the warm weather set in, but his pitching against the Giants yesterday seemed absurd.

Moran with keen perception figured that it was the psychological moment to put Chalmers to a test. That the big finger stood the test in a starting manner is well known to the fans, but they may possibly have overlooked just how much he means to the club.

Manager Moran told the Evening Ledger readers on Monday through this column that the discovery of two pitchers who could win 90 per cent of their games would make the Phillies a serious contender. Demaree's victory over the Giants presages better things for him, while Chalmers' performance was the one thing Moran had been wishing for.

How the Pitching Staff Will Work

As stated before, when right, George Chalmers is considered almost invincible, and the New York and St. Louis Clubs would rather face any pitcher in the league than Chalmers. With Rixey's effectiveness against Chicago and Chalmers' ability against the Cards and Giants, Moran has little to worry him so far as pitching is concerned, even if this pair are only fairly effective against the other clubs.

Reports from New York and Boston indicate that the Phillies are showing the faster defense, a heavy, rapid-fire attack and plenty of ginger. In the matter of ginger, Boston is not so sure, but they frankly admit the Phillies surpass anything they have seen in years. In Boston the fans confess that the Braves were outgamed by Moran's team.

Moran's Method of Handling Pitchers

Doolin's great fault was that he failed to realize that the pennant race was a long one and thought only of each individual game. In this way pitchers may easily be overworked. Moran insists he realizes that the schedule calls for 154 games and will work his pitchers accordingly.

If Moran does this, the Phils' chances are better than ever before with a pitching staff such as he appears to possess. Alexander and Mayer are certain, while Chalmers may be looked upon in the same light, with a possibility of surpassing either if the rheumatism has entirely left him. Demaree has shown in great shape, and even should he fall there seems to be a great chance to find another consistent performer from Tincup, Oeschiger, Rixey and Baumgartner.

Record of the Phillies' Six Victories

Baseball fans today gaze upon a group of players who have been in six contests this season and who have won every one of their starts with ease. In Boston the Phillies brushed aside the champion Braves in a most disconcerting manner. Alexander shut out Stallings' men, while Mayer allowed but one run. This lone tally made by the Beaneen in two games shows how tightly the Philly defense was from the beginning.

In New York the defense was no less strong. Alexander took the first game, having one run scored off him; Demaree followed, shutting out his erstwhile teammates; Mayer was next, and the Giants scored twice; then to cap the climax, "Dut" Chalmers, who won South with the Giants this spring at his own expense and who was only two days ago resigned by the Phillies, burst into the lime- glare by trimming the New Yorkers yesterday 5 to 1.

The games played by the Phillies to date at Boston and New York resulted this way:

- Phillies, 3; Boston, 0.
Phillies, 7; Boston, 1.
Phillies, 7; New York, 1.
Phillies, 3; New York, 0.
Phillies, 5; New York, 2.
Phillies, 6; New York, 1.

In these six games the Phillies have scored 31 times, an average of over five runs a game. The opposition, counting just five times in the half-dozen games, has averaged less than a run per game. Although the Phillies have met good pitching on their eastern tour, they have hammered the enemy safely 51 times, an average of 8.5 runs per game. Their opponents have made 24 hits off Alexander, Mayer, Demaree and Chalmers, a daily average of five and a fraction.

While the lion's share of credit for the six victories must go to the pitchers, there is not a single member of the Phillies' team who did not uphold his end. The mighty slugging of Cravath was, of course, the prime feature of the offensive play, although the ability of Becker, Bancroft and Byrne continually to occupy the bases afforded Cravath his chance to do the clean-up act. A remarkable feature of every Philly rally was that Bancroft was invariably mixed up in them. It seemed that Cravath came through with a hit every time Bancroft was on the paths.

Demaree Did His Part; So Did the Outfielders

Concerning Al Demaree's victory over his former teammates, the New York Giants, the base ball critic of the Evening Telegram, says:

"It was a great day for 'Al,' particularly as he made a hit, a stunt which he 'pulls' only about once each season; but if he 'had a heart' he certainly took Outfielders Cravath, Becker and Watted out and bought them the best dinner to be had along Broadway. Without the assistance of this trio he never could have taken the game, Cravath and Becker literally climbing the fronts of the stands and fences to rob the Giants of tremendous wall-pops which looked absolutely sure of being extra base hits. It was by far the best and most spectacular fielding seen at the Polo Grounds so far this season."

"And in addition, Cravath was there with his war club, and pounded the horsehide safely three times in four trips to the plate, and once for an extra cushion."

"Demaree's pitching was good, but nothing startling. Twice the Giants had him in tight places, and would have scored if they had only put a little more left into their bats."

In view of the fact that there are nine men on a baseball team, and that outfielders are well as well as the others as expected to tribute their part, it should occasion no surprise when they perform their duties. And, their work in nowise detracts from the work of the pitcher. The box score, which seems to indicate that the Giants garnered only four hits, tells the story of Demaree's pitching."

Athletics' Pitching Staff Crippled

Suffering three defeats in a four-game series with the lowly Yankees is a bitter enough pill for the Athletics, but it was made even more so by the accident which will deprive the already badly crippled pitching staff of the services of Joe Bush for at least three weeks.

The only joy of the day for Manager Mack is that he has discovered a young man who is almost ripe for regular major league duty in Joe Harper. This youngster twirled the last six innings, after Bressler was again taken from the mound, and allowed but one hit. This hit was a drive that Lajoie nearly speared. Aside from Peckinpaugh, who made the hit, not a New York player reached first base on Harper.

Frank Baker Cannot Be "Blacklisted"

That Connie Mack can change his mind more quickly than any ordinary person, or that somebody has his dates mixed, is evident from the publication today of a yarn to the effect that J. Franklin Baker is to be "black-listed" from Organized Ball if he plays with the Upland club. In the article Manager Mack is quoted as saying that Baker would be out of Organized Baseball if he did not join the Athletics before a month's time and that he knew Baker had signed with Upland.

Just before the final game with the Highlanders Mr. Mack was asked if Baker was not subject to "blacklist" in case he signed a contract with Upland, or if the latter club could not hold him to his agreement in court, and Mr. Mack replied:

"There is no chance for legal complications. In the first place, Baker is too wise a fellow to sign a contract with anybody when he is already under contract. I am given to understand that he merely has signed an agreement to play with Upland, and that is all."

"I don't see how there could be any punishment for Baker, because he had a clause in his contract which stated that he could leave my club any time he cared to, and he can say that he is playing on Saturdays with Upland for his own amusement. We can do nothing and do not purpose to do anything. When Baker gets ready to live up to his contract he can report. If he does not, I'm not care."

If Baker's name is placed on the "blacklist" his contract would automatically be nullified and he would be free, in the eyes of the court, to sign with the Federal League, which has already offered him great inducements, provided he can get his release.



"FOR YOU, PAT, AND YOUR PHILS"

Advertisement for 'FANNING' with Grantland Rice, featuring an illustration of a fan and the text 'Old Nap Rucker'.

Advertisement for 'ALL-FOR-GLORY' RACE SCHEDULED TOMORROW, West Branch Y. M. C. A. Will Stage Event at 7:30 P. M. Drew Coming for Sprints.

Old Nap Rucker
Though you, old Nap, with perfect aim
Should some day pitch a No-hit game
And hold all rival batsmen tame—
Though you should curb the Batting Eye,
Nor yield a run to low or high,
The best you'd get would be a tie.
I wonder under what black star
Your lot was cast that Fate should mar
Your record with the Things That Are!

The Return Journey
For three years the Giants peeled off
National League pennants. For another
half season they held the pace. Then last
July they broke and from that point on
traveled at a 455 clip or at a second-
division canter.
Now they are struggling to get back,
but, as usual, the return journey is the
hardest headway in the game to follow.
One flash against Brooklyn set their
admirers cheering, but the flash passed
quickly and they are beginning to find
that an extra year doesn't add speed to
a hoof or lustre to a batting eye.
A slump that started one June and is still
in evidence the next April begins to as-
sume what might be described as ap-
proaching the serious stage.

MONROE, COLUMBIA STAR,
HURT; OUT OF RELAYS
Chances of New Yorkers Marred for
Events Here.
NEW YORK, April 22.—Coach Bernie
Wefers, of the Columbia track team, said
yesterday that only a freshman relay and
a broad jumper would represent Col-
umbia in the Penn relays. This decision
was reached when H. Monroe, a star
quarter-miler, turned his ankle while
practicing on South Field.

Wefers has not a fourth man suitable
to put in Monroe's place. S. E. Graham,
the broad jumper, who performed 22 feet
in the recent class games, is counted as
a sure point scorer for the Blue and
White.
Russ Beatty and Duke Olmsted had
both been entered in the weight events,
but work on their senior theses cannot be
cast aside for a two-day stretch.
Manhattan College's relay practiced
on South Field yesterday and looked fine,
especially the flying Ward brothers.

HARVARD ATHLETES IN CITY
Two Strong Relay Teams Arrive for
Penn Carnival.
Harvard's two strong relay teams and
several individual entries for the Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania relay carnival on
Friday and Saturday arrived today.
E. A. Teschner will be the Crimson's
representative in the 100-yard dash, while
Camp and Johnstone, both of whom can
clear 6 feet or better, will be in the high
jump. For the pole vault there are three
12-foot men—Camp, Greeley and Haydock
—while Sturgis, for the hammer throw, is
an intercollegiate point winner.

Table titled 'ATHLETICS' AND PHILS' BATTING AVERAGES' showing statistics for various players like Murphy, O'Brien, Lajoie, etc.

PRINCETON'S RELAY MAY WIN TWO-MILE TITLE ON SATURDAY

Tiger Four, Cooley, Hayes, Atha and Mackenzie, Made a Clean Sweep Indoors and Appear Best in Penn Meet.

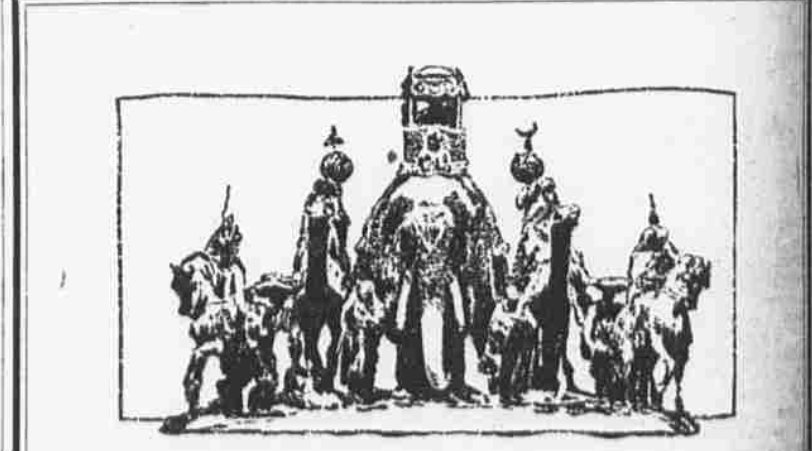
Yale University has sent a belated entry for the two-mile relay championship to be held at the relay carnival which takes place tomorrow and Saturday of this week. Yale should have a good team of its representatives. Loveman, Overton, Barker and Poucher made a good showing last winter in the indoor meets. All four can do the half mile under two minutes.

Princeton also entered its team in the event, their men being Cooley, Hayes, Atha and Mackenzie. This team was considered the indoor two-mile champions as it defeated, during the winter, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton and Cornell. They are favorites for the event. In last Saturday's Caledonian games, Atha, Cooley, Mackenzie and Hayes finished close together in 1 minute 59.5 seconds. This proves that the Princeton team is in fine shape and probably will make a new record. Dartmouth, Michigan, Chicago, Cornell and Harvard are also in the event, each with exceptionally fast quartets. Pennsylvania is also entered, but with a poor team.

Tomorrow's meet has aroused the attention of sport lovers both because of the novelty of the various events and because many of them will have as their favorites some of the greatest athletes in America. Contrary to the expectations of the managers of the carnival, there will be class in all of the college events listed for Saturday.
The medley relays will have a wonderful lot of runners on the various teams. For inch races, in the sprint medley, Harvard will present Teschner, who has done 21.25 seconds for 220 yards; Blinham, 4.4 seconds for the quarter, and Capper, 4.3 seconds for the half. Penn will have Patterson or Lockwood for the 220 yards; Lippincott for the quarter, and Meredith for the half. Chicago will put the mark Knight and Baranek, their top sprinters, for the furlong distances; Diamond, their great colored quarter-miler, with a record of 43.25 seconds, and Campbell, one of the best half-milers in the West.
Michigan will have in her ranks Smith, who scored five points in the sprints, last year's intercollegiate, and their exceptional young runner, Carroll, for the half-mile.
The distance medley will be just as classy, while the special events will have some of the best men in the country at the mark.

BICYCLE HANDICAP MAY 16

New York Entry List Exceeds That of Former Years.
NEW YORK, April 22.—The annual spring 10-mile handicap bicycle road race, which is being promoted by the Century Road Race Association (New York district) is to take place this season at Grand City, Staten Island, on Sunday, May 16, 1915. From present indications the committee looks to a bigger list than the race of 1914, which drew 107 entries and which was the largest race held in the last decade, and which resulted in a new American road record for 10 miles. Solid support has been received from manufacturers and contributors, in the way of prizes, and so far the prize list surpasses last year's list.

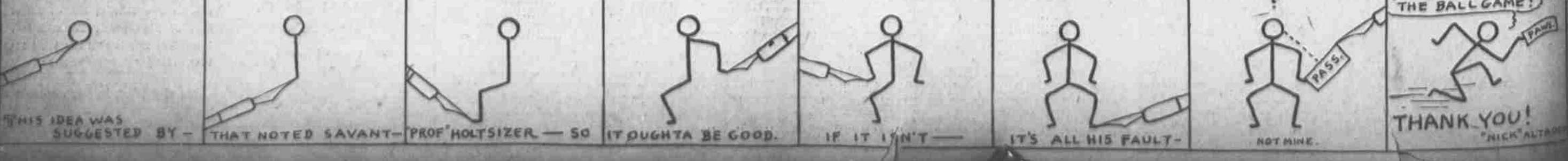


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Form titled 'CONTESTANT'S ENTRY BLANK' with fields for name, address, and other details.

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