

MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING FIGURES—WEST PHILADELPHIA HIGH SCHOOL NOW IN THE LEAD

PHILLIES FEAST ON SOUTHPAWS, BUT ENEMY HAS FOUND IT OUT

Record of Recent Campaigns Shows Rival Managers Chary About Using Left-handers—Jack Coombs' Nerve, Brain and Control Save Him From Defeat.

Another National League manager has decided that the Phillies will face no southpaw pitching so long as the right-handers of his staff are in fit shape. Wilbert Robinson, pilot of the Dodgers, was asked yesterday if he would send Raleigh Aitchison, his star left-hander, against the Phils, and he replied: "No more southpaws against that club. They seem to have southpaws beaten before the game starts."

Robinson is only dropping in line with the rest of the National League managers. Roger Bresnahan was the first in recent years to discover that the Phillies slaughtered southpaws. Bresnahan had "Slim" Sallee going at his best for the Cardinals in 1911, but every time the Phillies came along Sallee was knocked out of the box. After that Bresnahan kept southpaws away from the Phils. When Huggins succeeded Bresnahan he followed his predecessor's policy, and in the last three years Sallee has started but two games against the Phillies. He has been used to finish up many games, but always has poor success.

McGraw's Experience With Marquard

Two of the best southpaws in the game, Rube Marquard and Nap Rucker, have been easy for three years. Marquard occasionally pitches a strong game against the local team, but these good exhibitions are few and far between. Manager McGraw has evidently learned his lesson also and in the opening series did not use Marquard, despite the fact that he had shut out Brooklyn without a hit during the previous series.

Even when George Tyler was at his best last season, George Stallings switched his pitchers so that Tyler was not used against Doolin's team during the last half of the season but once, and on that occasion he was driven from the box. This season he started Strand, but that was more of an experiment than anything else, because his staff was in bad shape.

Benton, the One Exception Against Phils

The only left-hander in the league who has had any degree of success against the Phillies in the last three seasons has been Rube Benton, of Cincinnati, and Herzog has stated that he always switched his pitchers so that Benton could work twice in the series before he comes here, unless Boston happens to be the team played before the Phillies. Herzog believes that the Braves and Phillies can beat a left-hander any time with breaks of luck running even.

Chicago has Jim Vaughn as its kingly southpaw, and the peculiar work on Vaughn's side-arm fast ball makes him just as effective against right-handed hitters as against those who hit from the other side of the plate, yet he has not been able to get an even break with the Phillies. Pittsburgh has no southpaw to speak of. Young Kanthler should develop, but has not troubled the Phils yet.

Record of Batters Who Have Slaughtered Southpaws

It is a peculiar freak of the game, and it seems as though southpaws have been easy for the Phillies as far back as the oldest fan can remember, except for a few seasons in the early days of the American League, when any pitcher could trim the local team. Since Ed Deleahanty and Lajoie were in the Phillies' batting order, southpaws have been forced to face three or four right-handed hitters who just killed southpaws, and they invariably broke up the game.

After Deleahanty and Lajoie jumped to the American League the Phils had no clean-up hitters for three years, but then along came Magee and Kitty Bransfield; and then Magee, Lobert, Paskert and Cravath, great hitters against southpaws. Now Moran has five men who fatten their averages on southpaws. They are Byrne, Paskert, Niehoff, Whitted and Cravath, to say nothing of Killefer, who frequently poles out long drives.

Giants Speedily Convinced of Their Folly

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The New York Club's action has endangered the peace arrangements which were progressing, and it is thought that the New York Club was severely reprimanded for making such a move unknown to the rest of the league and the National Commission. It has been said that the whole league was aware of what the Giants were doing, but this is not borne out by the speedy decision of President Tener and the sudden switching of Mr. Hempstead's manner from bravado to contrition.

Coombs Won, But He Is Not Coombs of Old

Jack Coombs' exhibition in the final game against the Phillies here was a great surprise and a pleasant one, for the larger part of the crowd were pulling for the old-time "iron man" to show his old-time form. Coombs won, and deserved to win, but at that his work was not the sort to convince those present that his "come back" was to be a lasting one. Coombs' headwork was a treat, but control was his greatest asset.

Five Philly players were walked, but this was not due so much to lack of control as to Coombs' policy of working each batsman to the limit. Unless a Philly player was willing to be pulled on a bad ball, Coombs generally worked on him until the count stood three balls and two strikes. It is no exaggeration to say that not more than a half dozen balls pitched by Coombs during the game cut the centre of the plate. He was working the corners in a rare fashion. First inside, then out or high and then low. That was Coombs' system, and it was a good one.

A Pitcher's Nerve, Head and Control

When Coombs was in his prime he was one of the speediest pitchers in the country, but now he has little of that speed. Rucker and others have gone along for a year or two on control and head, but the end is always in sight when that speed disappears.

Philadelphia fans hope that Coombs can show many more flashes such as that of yesterday, particularly against the Braves and Giants. But the fans should not become too hopeful and start "panning" Manager Mack just because Coombs won one game.

Cravath's hitting against Coombs was most disappointing. He had men on base three of the four times. He batted, but aside from walking once he did nothing. A man cannot be expected to hit all the time, and Cravath is merely in a slump. The mighty slugger's base hits are badly needed now, and it is to be hoped that he will start soon.

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Youngster Loses Game at Critical Point

Between the failure of the heavy artillery to hit with men on the bases and the beautiful fielding of Schultz, the Dodgers' third baseman, the Phillies had little chance until they staged a ninth-inning rally. This rally was cut short just when it seemed the Phillies had a fine chance to win out. Young Weiser, a pinch runner, was caught asleep off second base. Two men were out at the time, and the blunder ended the game.

In placing the blame it should be remembered that two veterans, one of whom was Manager Moran, were on the coaching lines, and were just as much to blame as Weiser, who should not have been sent in with a clever base-runner like Stock sitting on the bench. There may have been many reasons why Manager Moran selected Weiser, but from the outside it looked as though an experienced man would have been a better selection.

Phillies' Pitchers Look Still Better

With luck breaking his way, Eppa Rixey would have won easily. He was nicked for 11 hits, but he scattered them through seven innings, and was unusually good with men on bases. An error by Becker on an easy fly ball was responsible for the second run scored by Brooklyn, and this was just enough to permit them to win. On the whole, Rixey's work was most pleasing. It was his second good game in a week's time, and his work makes the pitching staff look much better than it did, even though three games have been lost out of the last six played.

CELTICS PLAY BETHLEHEM AT SOCCER TODAY



Players of Brooklyn Celtics F. C. From left to right: Standing—T. McCampbell, secretary and manager; A. Robertson, F. S. Mather, H. McWilliams and D. Winchester. Kneeling—D. C. Flanagan, J. McElroy and J. Broadbent. Sitting—J. McQueen, A. Lomie, R. O'Halloran (captain), M. King and T. McGreevey.

WEST PHILLY WIN OVER CENTRAL HIGH CINCHES TITLE FOR SPEEDBOYS

Five Games Remain on Leader's Schedule; Friends' Central Tops Academy Circuit After Episcopal's Victory.

West Philadelphia High... Won. Lost. P.C. Germantown Academy... Friends' Central... Penn Charter... Episcopal...

Interscholastic League Standing... Won. Lost. P.C. Friends' Central... Penn Charter... Episcopal...

With five more games left on West Philadelphia High School's interscholastic league schedule, the Speedboys virtually clinched the Princeton Trophy by their victory over Central High School yesterday afternoon, 5 to 2.

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The Lay of Old King Cole... 'Old King Cole was a merry old soul—a merry old soul was he'—But he never was caught in a hard, close mesh... 'How,' queries a frothing fanatic, 'do you pronounce Kauff?' The 'u' is elastic—as in j-u-m-p.

As owner, Robert B. Ward observed Benny Kauff rising lightly for a flying jump from Brooklyn to New York he is said to have rushed a cordon of guards around his bakery before that, too, was enticed out of his eager care.

At the same time Mr. Ward is said to have admitted that he made a clerical error or a tactical blunder when he figured any philanthropy into his baseball debut and believed that he was eradicating sedition from the pastime.

When interviewed concerning the spectacular leap of Mr. Kauff across the Brooklyn Bridge, Manager Lee Magee had the following comment to make: '... Beyond this he didn't care to be quoted.'

Ducking the Spotlight... Hereafter Rube Marquard should refrain from establishing any extraordinary stunt. Three years ago he won 29 straight, and then was hammered to a pulp the rest of the year; last season he won a 21-inning battle and was then toppled 12 times in a row. This spring he opened with a no-hit affair and has been thrown to the lions ever since.

A Pair of Collapses... When the Red Sox were picked to canter in with the American League pennant they were figured to have the stoutest pitching staff in baseball. They had no winning edge on the rest of the league in other ways. So far this pitching staff has flattered badly, and if Wood and Gregg remain useless, as the case now looks, the Red Sox margin will be wiped away and the race will turn into a free-for-all.

The Phillies, being under a new regime, may refuse to break and scatter as they have done before—but this is peering a trifle too far ahead to be listed among the authentic incidents of the dope.

Young Pierce Refuses to Fight at Quaker City A. C. Tyrone Costello defeated Frankie Hart in the wind-up at the Quaker City Athletic Club last night. Costello forced the fighting all the way and had a good lead at the end. This pair were substituted for Young Pierce and Leo Tracey.

Young Weyman Outpoints Mills... BRIDGEVILLE, Pa., May 1.—Young Weyman, of Girardville, defeated Mills, of Mahanoy City, in a fast ten-round fight. The two fighters were evenly matched for his opponent and having the better of the 'go' all through. The semi-stopping was confined to the eighth round, when Weyman struck Mills with his head and knocking him. The curtain raiser was a good fight from start to finish between Jackie McDonald and Knockout Brown.

Walter Mohr Defeats Robideau... BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 1.—In one of the greatest heavyweight battles ever held in this State, Walter Mohr of Brooklyn outpointed Sam Robideau, of Philadelphia, in ten rounds at the Quaker City Athletic Club. Mohr's superior strength and ability to land his punches were the main factors in his victory. Robideau was saved by the bell in the seventh round, after his opponent had weakened him with stomach blows. Mohr weighed 137 and Robideau 134.

Maupone Wins Over Two Rivals... MAUPONE continued his winning streak at three-ocean billiards yesterday when he defeated Philip H. Burt, 25 to 20, and John H. Burt, 25 to 20, in the evening. Maupone—2 0 0 1 3 0 0 3 1 0 0 3 1 2 1. Burt—2 0 0 1 3 0 0 3 1 0 0 3 1 2 1. Total, 25 to 20.

Frankie McManus... He is a Boston product and after nine straight preliminary wins here, Frank believes he can whip local star boxers.

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ALEXANDER LEADS PITCHERS WITH A PERFECT AVERAGE

Luderus Second to Joe Connelly in Batting—McInnis High Up in American League Swatting List—Eddie Collins Slowly Crawling Upward

Fred Luderus, the Phillies' first baseman, is leading Pat Moran's men in batting, with an average of .405 and he is runner-up to Joe Connelly, of Boston, for the National League leadership. The latter has a .467 percentage. Whitted, the Phils' second best batsman, is tenth on the list with an average of .384. The averages include last Thursday's games.

Of the Philly pitchers who are leading the league, Alexander, Chalmers and Rixey are among the 12 twirlers with a perfect percentage. Erskine Mayer has won three games, with 1 defeat, giving him an average of .750.

Stuffy McInnis, of the Athletics, tops the backmen in batting. He has an average of .387. Fournier, of the White Sox, leads the organization with a .484 percentage.

None of the Athletic pitchers are in the 1.000 class, which includes an even dozen twirlers. The best Mackinn moulder is Penneck, with three games won out of NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Players who have taken part in five or more games up to and including Thursday, April 29, 1915.

Table with columns: Player Name, Team, AB, R, H, TB, AV.

Connelly, Boston... Luderus, Phillies... Gresh, Cincinnati... Doyle, New York... Good, Chicago... Schmidt, Boston... Whitted, Phillies... Killefer, Chicago... Schang, Pittsburgh... Sawyer, St. Louis... Niehoff, Phillies... Cravath, Phillies... Myers, Brooklyn... Byrne, Phillies... Wingo, Cincinnati... Curren, Boston... Miller, Brooklyn... Lutz, St. Louis... Moran, Boston... Dauter, Brooklyn... Baner, Boston... Baner, Phillies... Beckert, Phillies... Paskert, Phillies... Fournier, Chicago... Lapp, Athletics... Foster, Boston... Cicotte, Chicago... Coffey, Detroit... Jacobson, Detroit... Cobb, Detroit... McInnis, Athletics... Strunk, Athletics... Graney, Cleveland... Jackson, Cleveland... McNeil, Boston... Thompson, Athletics... Williams, Washington... Kavanagh, Detroit... Henry, Washington... Egan, Athletics... Mueller, Washington... Ruppel, Boston... Roth, Chicago... Seaver, St. Louis... Pratt, St. Louis... E. Collins, Chicago... McInnis, Athletics... Barry, Athletics... Walsh, Athletics.

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White Sox Release Players... CHICAGO, May 1.—The Chicago White Sox cut their roster down to the legal limit by releasing Howard Baker, utility infielder, to Little Rock in the Southern League, and William Lathrop, the Notre Dame pitcher, to Kansas City in the American Association.

Cornell Makes It Clean Sweep... EASTON, Pa., May 1.—Cornell made a clean sweep of the lawn tennis match with Lafayette yesterday on the Lafayette courts, rolling up a score of 6 to 0. Reynolds gave Thompson a hard fight in the singles and Captain Burn gave Hunter, the Notre Dame pitcher, the rest of the matches were easy for the Libians.

DEVON HORSE SHOW MAY 27, 28, 29, 31 NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK PHILLIES vs. NEW YORK

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