

PHILLIES CLASH WITH PIRATES IN FINAL RACE IN SCHOLASTIC BASEBALL LEAGUE

BATTLING SLUMP OF PHILLIES MAY SOON COST LEAGUE LEAD

Whole Team Weak With the Willow—Luderus and Killefer Needed to Bolster Club—Sensational Fielding of Pirates Robs Moran's Men of Victory.

The batting slump of Cravath was a bad enough handicap to the Phillies, but it seems that the slump has become general and it is only a matter of a day or two before the team will be out of first place unless there is a sudden brace.

Bobby Byrne may slow up considerably in the heat of summer, but that does not greatly affect his batting. He is a natural .285 hitter, now going at about half that clip.

Last season Bert Niehoff was one of the best clubbers in the league, although he did not hit .300. He was one of the league's most timely hitters and ranked fourth in the number of runs driven in.

With one run in, a man on third and a man on first in this season, Demaree caught Schang napping off first.

Bob Harmon was hit hard throughout the game, but he either tightened up or his support came through just at the right time.

Wagner looked like the Wagner of old in the opening game of the series Wagner looked slow in comparison with the Wagner of old, and most likely he will look mighty slow before the end of the season.

Manager Clarke's shift in his line-up was unquestionably responsible for the victory. He switched Baird to center field in place of Costello and sent Gerber to third.

A play turned up in yesterday's game that caused much discussion in the stands. Carey singled sharply to right field and naturally turned first at a good clip.

The questions were: Should Carey have gone to second and should Cravath have thrown the ball to first?

There are many ways of looking at the play, and what was passing in the minds of the players figures largely in the argument.

It seems that Carey was right in going to second, as it took two perfect relays and a clever tagger to retire a runner of Carey's ability.

Faber's 67-Ball Mark Two Short of Mathewson Record A report from Chicago states that Urban Faber, Rowland's sensational young pitcher, had broken a world's record when he retired Washington in nine innings by pitching only 67 balls.

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KELLY—WAITING FOR A TABLE



"FANNING" WITH GRANTLAND RICE

The Original "Wondrous Wise" One There was a man in our club, And he was wondrous wise; When he was beaten in a game He had no alibi.

There was a bloke in our club, And he had quite a brain; His short end of the score—Or any such refrain; He never said in answer to His short end of the score: "While I had something on the ball, The other guy had more."

The Western Arising Last season the West had no entry among the first three clubs in the American League and only one among the first three in the National.

After a Month's Play At the end of a month's play we still figure the Braves as the most formidable National League entry.

On the Other Paw Still, we are guessing for the most part, while Pan-fan says he knows. "I predicted," he writes, "Walsh's downfall."

Wilding When Anthony Wilding played in his last international championship the shadow was even then upon him.

Asking Another Why I know why a fan gives the war whoop When an Indian enters the stall; But why does a bloke holler "Sign him" When a spectator catches the ball?

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MAYER, PIRATES' JINX, IS SLATED TO PITCH IN WIND-UP CONTEST

Chalmers Also Ready If Needed in Final Game Against Pittsburgh—Luderus and Killefer Expected in Battle Today.

Erskine Mayer probably will be sent against the Pirates this afternoon instead of George Chalmers, who has been the logical choice for pitching duty for the last three days.

Disappointed at the batting slump of the entire team, Manager Moran had the boys out in uniform early today and the batting work was much longer than usual.

Either Al Mamaux or "Babe" Adams will be Clark's selection for mound duty, depending entirely on how they look in the warming-up process.

PHILS' AND ATHLETICS' BATTING AVERAGES Following are the batting figures of the local clubs to date:

Table with columns for Club, AB, R, H, TR, SB, Pct. Lists batting averages for Phillies and Athletics players.

Oh! You Billy Moran

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WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN BASEBALL TODAY

Table showing National League and American League standings with columns for Clubs, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss.

Table showing Federal League standings with columns for Clubs, W, L, Pct., Win, Loss.

Table showing today's schedule for National League, American League, and Federal League.

Table showing runs scored by majors this week for National League and American League.

Table showing athletic will rest today to brood over defeat.

Good Game Kicked Away to St. Louis in the Ninth.

ST. LOUIS, May 14.—The Athletics and Browns are idle today, which will give the Mackmen much time to kick themselves for tossing away an easy victory yesterday.

Wally Schang, McInnis and Walsh also helped along by making errors of omission and commission, in this game round.

WEST PHILLY TACKLES N. E. NINE IN CRUCIAL LEAGUE BATTLE TODAY

Speedboys Chance of Winning Title Depends on Result of Game—Central and Catholic High Nines Also Clash.

Whether or not West Philadelphia High School's team is still in the run will be decided this afternoon when the Orange and Blue nines line up against the scholastic League race.

Upon the result of today's match depends the chances of the Speed Boys slipping off with the championship.

A victory over Coach Aiker's nine will give the Red and Black an advantage over the slumping team of a game and a half.

Central High School, out of the run for the title but making a hard bid for second place, will tackle Catholic High School this afternoon.

Buffalo at Jersey City, clear. Toronto at Newark, clear. Rochester at Richmond, clear.

Side showing up well in the bid for Southern High School, although he has been given rank support, Shoffe also has proven himself a reliable man with the willow.

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