## EVENING LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, MONDAY, MAY 17, 1915.

# GREAT PITCHING HOLDS PHILLIES IN LEAD-GOOD FIGHTS AT OLYMPIA A. A. TONIGHT

## **DOWNFALL OF DOAK BLOW** TO ST. LOUIS CARDINALS' HOPES

Last Year's Leading Pitcher of National League Has Failed Huggins This Season and Team Is Down-Alexander's Pitching Is Sensation, But Oh for a Record!

Just how much one star pitcher means to a ball club is apparent in the wh of the St. Louis Cardinals to date. Last season Huggins' team was in the National League pennant chase until the last two weeks of the season, and pitching alone kept the Westerners up in the race. One pitcher did more to put the Cardinals in the running than all others, simply because he was not expected to show strongly his first season in the big show.

That pitcher was one William Doak, who turned in 19 victories out of 25 sames pliched. This mark entitled him to the honor of leading pitcher in the National League, and placed him above Grover Cleveland Alexander, Big Bill James, Dick Rudolph and Jeff Tesreau, all of whom are considered better pitchers because they are able to stand more work than Doak, who must be carefully nursed.

But 19 victories are 19 victories, and that makes a great difference in any ball club's standing, and the fact that Doak led the country in percentage of earned runs scored by opponents makes his 1914 performance all the more impressive. This season he was counted upon to turn in just as good, and perhaps a little better average, as he is much heavier and stronger than he was last year.

## a - 16 J.A. Without Doak Cardinals Have Scant Hope

When Perritt was turned over to the Giants, Manager Huggins gave up a good pitcher, but he was not counting on Perritt so strongly as he had Niehaus, a southpaw, and the veteran Purdue, who was slated to work regularly this year. Doak's success was taken as a matter of course by Huggins, but that is where his "dope" went wrong, and that is why the Cardinals are in seventh place, with indications pointing to a drop into eighth before the team leaves the East.

In 256 innings last season Doak allowed only 79 runs, or an average of 1.72 er 9-inning game, which is remarkable in itself. But still more remarkable is the fact that but 49 of the 79 runs were earned. This means that 30 runs were scored against Doak through misplays by his teammates, and perhaps at least 10 more runs were tallied through errors of omission. It was truly a remarkable season's work, and clearly entitled Doak to the honor of leading pitcher of the National League. To strengthen this claim Doak turned in more shut-out victories than any other twirler in the old league.

The present season finds matters completely reversed. Instead of being the effective pitcher that Huggins was counting upon. Doak has been hit hard in all but two games he has pitched. This is proved by the fact that prior to Saturday's game against the Phillies he had been found for 25 runs in 50 innings. To further the belief that Doak has lost much of his effectiveness is the fact that 24 of the 25 runs have been earned by his opponents. . . .

### Last Year's Record Compared With This Season's

On Saturday the Phillies drove Doak from the box in one inning, and tallied four earned runs. One run scored by Bancroft on a walk is not counted as earned in the box score, but is charged to Donk in the pitching records because he was responsible for the man reaching first. Add four runs to the total to date and one will see that Doak has been found for 28 earned runs in 51 innings against 49 earned runs in 156 innings last season. This difference is just about the difference between St. Louis' finish last season and where it is today.

With Doak in form, the Cardinals will climb in the race, but without him they must remain in the second division unless another sensational performer is discovered and Huggins' young pitchers have not shown enough to warrant the belief that any of them will be a Doak. It is also no sure thing that Doak will come back strong.

Often a young pitcher proves a sensation in his first season and never comes through thereafter. The remarkable career of Harry Krause, with the Athletics, in 1909, is an example of this uncertainty. Doak's chances are better than Krause had, because the latter failed to keep himself in condition, while Doak is always in grand physical trim. 2 20 3

## Alexander Performs Remarkable Feat

Alexander's pitching against the Cardinals on Saturday was even more remarkable than the 12 strike-outs would indicate. Prior to that game the season's strike-out record was 11, also held by Alexander, while the National League record is 14, made by Nap Rucker, of Brooklyn, several years ago.

Had Saturday's game with St. Louis been close enough to keep Alexander going at top speed, there is every reason to believe that he would have hung up a new strike-out record for the National League. After the Phillies had gained their second group of four runs in the fifth inning Alexander let up and did not use so many curve balls, which delivery was breaking faster than ever before-and it has had some break to it in the past.

But two batsmen faced Alexander in the entire game who succeeded in hitting the ball before a strike had been called, while all but six others had two strikes called upon them before they hit. When one considers that 35 batsto the plate. Alexander's record is one of the most rer made in this city. In the first inning, Beck sacrificed on the first ball pitched, and in the fourth Dolan lifted a fly to Paskert on the first ball thrown. Every other batter had at least one strike called. Dolan was the hardest man on the St. Louis team for Alexander in this respect. In the first inning he grounded to Niehoff after taking one strike, while in the sixth, after missing one swing, he sent out a fly which Becker muffed.

GREAT AND NEAR-GREAT IN BASEBALL



Grover Cleveland Alexander is the sensation in National League

pitching. Bill Doak was the league leader last season and kept the St. Louis Cardinals up in the race. This year he has failed to come

through, and the Cards are 'way down. There's a reason for "Alex's" smile.

Doctors-Attention!

I know that anti-toxin helps a diphtheritic

case; That certain famous serums hurl tuber-

culosis back;

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whirls to an attack;

glued against the mat-They have turned the dreadful colio

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## COFFEY MUST BEAT FLYNN BEFORE HE MEETS WILLARD

New Heavyweight's Demands. NEW YORK, May 17 .- "I want to say just one word regarding Billy Gibson's challenge and offer of \$25,000 on behalf of Jim Coffey's contention that he be given a match with Jess Willard," writes Jack Curley. "Let Coffey meet and defeat-if he can-Jim Flynn before his claim be given serious consideration.

"Coffey did everything in the world to Flynn except hit him with a base-ball bat when they last met. Flynn was winning and Coffey knew it, and as a result committed every foul on the calendar, He was boxing at Gibson's club with Gibson's referee, and Coffey got away with everything short of downright homicide. Coffey has signed a contract to box on Decoration Day at the Brighton Beach racetrack against any man select-ed. If he wants a match with Willard then let Gibson give Flynn this match. That sounds like an ultimatum, does it not? Well, it is. I think Flynn can beat Coffey, and if he can, then where does Coffey figure to meet Willard?"

### WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN RASERALL TODAY

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NA	TIONAL	LEAGUE

Clubs.	w.	L.,	Pct.	Win.	Lose.
Phillies	16	8	.667	.680	.640
Chicago	15	11	.577	.593	.555
Boston		11	.542	.560	.520
Pittsburgh	13	14	.481	.500	.464
Brooklyn	12	14	.462	.481	.444
Cincinnati	11	14	.440	.462	.423
St. Louis	12	16	.429	.448	.414
New York	10	14	.417	.440	.400
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Clubs,	w.	L.	Pct.	Win.	Lose.
New York	16	8	.667	.680	.640
Detroit	18	11	.621	.633	.600
Boston	13	9	.591	.609	.565
Chicago	16	12	.571	.586	.552
Washington	11	14	.440	.462	.423
Cleveland		16	.407	.429	.393
Athletics	. 9	16	.360	.385	.346
St. Louis	10	18	.357	.375	.345
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Clubs.		L.	Pct.	Win.	Lose.
Pittsburgh	19	10	.655	.667	.633
Newark		12	.571	.586	.552
Kansas City	15	12	.556	.571	.536
Chicago	16	13	.552	.567	.533
Brooklyn	14	13	.519	.536	.500
*St. Louis		14	.462	1997	
Baltimore	12	17	.414	.433	.400
*Buffalo	8	21	.276		
*Not schedule	d.				



Palace A. C., Norristown.

J. HEFFERNAN HOPES

Meet at Olympia Tonight.

lie Moore, Says Trainer.

Young Erne Can Beat Wil-

The Olympia Club patrons may not see

a repetition of the Willie Moore-Joe

Heffernan battle at the Broad street

arena tonight, when the latter endeavors

105-pound amateur tournament at Gayety Theatre Wednesday night. I

Although many of the fistic followers in this city believe that Young Erne is most positive that YI YI could take the At that, Erne always showed up won boxing in good form.

Gibbons, has arrived in New York from St. Paul, and his manager, Billy McDonald, believes the Irishman will make even a bigger hit than Pompadour Mike. Sul-livan originally hails from Bantry, Coun-Sulty Cork, Ireland. He has had 10 bouts, knocking out all of his opponents within three rounds. He is training in New York with Jim Coffey.

Before the boxing game is over for the 1915 season Harry Diamond is anxious to show just once more with the mittens. Furthermore, he says that Frankle Mc-Manus is the boy he wants to clash with. Harry is of the cpinion that he can re-verse the decision of their last encounter.

After trying for two years to get a match with Ad Wolgast, Leach Cross finally has been booked to meet the one-time champion at the St. Nicholas Rink, New York, June 2. Leach may not be too sure of opposing Adolph, as the lat-ter probably will break his hand, as he generally does, while training.

Billy McCarney, of this city, is a matchmaker now. He was appointed to book bouts for the new American Sporting Club, New York.

city, will oppose Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, at the Broadway Sporting Club, Brooklyn. In another 10-round number Dutch Brandt will battle Battling Lahn. I know that vaccination-though a pesky

## visitation-Has a strangle hold on typhus when it PHILS' AND ATHLETICS' I understand they even have the leper breathing hope; And cripples have been lifted who were **BATTING AVERAGES**

These figures include games played to date. PHILLIES. AB, R. H. TE, SE, P.C. 81 8 18 24 0 222 84 14 21 20 9 256

LEADING NORTHEAST TO KNOCK OUT HIRST NINE HAS TWO GAMES STILL TO BE PLAYED

> Scholastic Leaders Meet Lowly Southern Nine Tomorrow - Central High Will Get Second by Beating Speedboys.

Interscholastic League Standing

Northeset High School, West Philadelphia High School, Central High School Catholic High School Southern High School

feats.

Final Interacademic Standing

The added two defeats handed West

Philly by the lowly Southern High nine

and Northeast High last week, which

made four consecutive losses for the

Speedboys, crimped the Orange and Bine

Speedboys, crimped the Orange and Blas from romping off with the Interacholastic League championship, as was predicted two weeks ago. Two games are to be played still by Northeast, and as the Red and Black hold a lead of two full games, even if it loses one of the matches Coach Brachold's boys will annex the laurel.

even if it loses one of the matches Coach Brachold's boys will annex the laurels. The Speedboys' only hope for the cham-pionship is a post-season series in the event of a tie, which would come about if the West Phillies get out of the ra, win both its games and Northeast High drops its remaining brace of battles. Is this case, which is unlikely, the West Phils and Red and Black each will finds the season with 8 victories and 4 de-feats.

feats. Southern High's nine, with 8 defeats and but 1 victory, will be the opponent of the league leaders tomorrow. Wilh the Speedboys at the top of the list last

Friends' Central ..... Interscholastic Games This Week

West Philadelphia High, at Central High, Southern High, at Northeast High, Catholic High, at West Philadelphia High, Central High, at Southern High, Tomorrow night at the Fairmount A

C., Preston Brown and Young Pierce, two of the cleverest negro featherweights in the city, will meet in the star bout. Tommy Carey is down on the cards to tackle Freidy Kelly in the final at the

Young Nelson and Harry Kates will be the principals in the final bout of the 105-pound amateur tournament at the Kates will meet Al Moore in the special show at the National Club Friday night, show-ing all of the Moore brothers in action.

through as a fighter and should hang up the gloves for good, a well-known fight trainer told the writer that he was almeasure of Willie Moore. "Remember Yi's houts with Mickey Gannon, Johnny Willetts and Young McCartney? Why, Erne can beat any of the lefthanders. Yi can beat Willie or I miss my guess." derfully well against southpaws, but in the days he met the three mentioned fighters the Gray's Ferry master was

the speedooys at the top the term sprang Tuesday the cellar-position team sprang the biggest surprise of the season by trimming the Orange and Blue Hence Paddy Sullivan, said to be another Mike the Northeast team should not be too confident of whipping the lowly bunch of baseballians from South Philadelphis. Northeast's final fray will be played next Tuesday. West Philly will take part in both of

West Fhilly will take part in both at its last contests this week. Tomorrow Coach Alker's team will clash with Can-tral High School on Houston Field. The Crimson and Gold nine is making a grandstand fight for second place, and Coach Doctor O'Brien's boys are primad up for a stiff contest. A victory for the Broad and Green streets aggregation will place it in second place, with an ad-vantage of 11 points over the siumping vantage of 11 points over the slumping Speedboys.

> The first no-hit game of the season in The first no-fit galles occurred in the local scholastic ranks occurred in the final game of the Interacademic League last week, when Penn Charter continu last week, when Fenn Charter continued its hold on second place by defeating Germantown Academy. Guyer, who also showed sensational form on the griding for the Little Quakers, worked in the box. When the game was over not s

single clean hit had been made off his delivery. However, five errors were male by his teammates and, coupled with aim free passes by Guyer, the Germantow Tomorrow night Eddie O'Keefe, of this were able to send three men over the

Two important tennis matches are scheduled tomorrow afternoon. Friesde scheduled tomorrow afternoon. Friends' Central will play Penn Charter on the latter's courts at Queen Lane, while Northeast High School will meet the Germantown Academy racquet wielders Penn Charter's team has been playing in grand form.



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Butler flied to Becker in the seventh, with one strike; Wilson singled to right with one strike in the seventh, while Long singled and Butler flied out in the ninth, with one strike called. All other batsmen during the entire game had two strikes or more called upon them before they either hit safely or were retired.

After being given a 7-run lead in five innings, Alexander did not exert him self, or it is likely that at least three more players who had two strikes called would have struck out. Another thing that made it evident that Alexander was not pitching his arm off for a record was the fact that he wasted so few pitches after getting batsmen in the hole in the closing innings,

### . . . Oh! For Just One Record for the Great "Alex"

For Alexander's sake it is a pity that the game was not a pitchers' battle, as would have placed the Nebraskan's name at the head of the list for strikeouts. Though a wonderful pitcher, in fact the best in the land, Alexander has no real record that will stand out prominently years after he has departed the way all must go. Inferior pitchers have no-hit games and other odd achievements to place their names forever where they must be seen when one refers to pitching records in the future, but Alexander has none unless he breaks the National League pitching record for number of games won this season.

Should Alexander break Mathewson's record of 36, made 10 years ago, it is likely to stand as a mark for all time, as the present-day pitchers, aside from a few, get but half the work the pitchers did 20 years ago. Barring accidents to himself, or a wholesale crippling of the Phillies, Alexander may better Matty's mark and all fandom is pulling for him to accomplish his task.

#### Pitching Has Held Phillies in Lead.

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The Phillies' batting slump is over. The team may not hit all pitchers as they hit Doak. Adams and Madows since awakening from their siesta, but the average clouting will be by far greater than it has been to date.

All ball clubs seem to get about three batting slumps in a season, and their position in the race is generally determined by the length of time the club remains in this slump. If the pitchers break while the club is in the slump there is no telling where it will finish, but if the pitchers hold out through a slump, a team is going to be dangerous to the finish.

The remarkable pitching of the Phillies' entire staff in the face of such discouraging batting and fielding presages bright things. Alexander, Chalmers, Mayer, Rixey and Demarce continue their consistently brilliant clip and may he counted upon to go even better when the team is giving them a few more They will not always be forced to pitch against a lead of a run or two WILLIAM. every day. Pitchers' battles are fine things for the fans, but bad things for pitchers, as the constant strain takes away much of their effectiveness as the race gets hot. The main reason for the remarkable effectiveness of Rudolph, James and Tyler last season was that the Braves were invariably getting the jump on their opponents and sending this trio off to a lead of one or two runs.

CLASH IN OLYMPIA FINAL TONIGHT Joe Heffernan, West Philadelphia's knockout artist, is the figure of the left. He was confident this morning that he would knock the even lasting daylights out of Joe Hirst, of Southwark, on the right, whe they get together in the feature fray at the Broad street arend

In an instant of a frolic. But what will make a pitcher well when Crawford comes to bat? O, scientists who range at large to help a fellow bloke; Who yearn to help prolong the day that	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	MITAWAUKEEE, Wis, May 17,-The world's record for the 200-yard four-man relay swim- ming race was lowered 11-5 seconds has night by the Illinois Athletic Club hear in a match with the Hamilton Club of Chicaga. The time was 142 2-5. George Moore Plays De Oro
knows a living breath; Why spend your time in wooing or in courting and pursuing Certain remedies for something that may bring a painless death?	Model	NEW YORK, May 17.—George Monte will begin tonight the defense of the three-cushins billiard championship he won in the receiv teurnament in Chicago. His challenger is Affredo De Oro, a former champio. Der will play three nights in the New York The atre Concert Hall.
For the fever's but a fever, and the plaque is but a plaque; And at the worst they only in a grave- yard leave you flat; But I call your quick attention To the need of an invention Of a serum for the pitcher when S. Craw-	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Polo Player Badly Injured HONOLULU, May 17Lieutenant Clarmot Lyman, of the 4th Cavalry, United Balis Army, collided with Walter Dillingham in a polo game here yesterday and suffred a fractured skull. Doctory may his recovery B
ford comes to bat. One day last season Harry Tuthill, the Tiger trainer, slipped us this information:	Walsh	doubtrul.
"This Dauss is the best pitcher in base- ball, barring nobody." Now Dauss has six straight to his credit. It may be that Mr. Tuthili wasn't guessing after all.	FOURTH STREET CLUB WINS Clinches Championship of Interclub League on Saturday. The Fourth Street Club, composed of young bankers and business men of the	GARAGE RENT" Own your own portable farmer Portable farmer
Recreation and Interest Here in this country we go to ball games and play golf or tennis about the same as usual. We still look for our ex- ercise and recreation, but the old inter- est isn't the same. Back of us, around us and beyond us there are too many heavy shadows from far greater events. The times are too tense for one to play with any buoyancy of heart or heart or lightness of soul.	downtown district, repeated its record of last year, winning again the champion- ship of the Interclub League. The vic- tory over Philadelphia Cricket Club Sat- urdsy by a score of 23 to 13 clinched the title, as Fourth Street had already beaten the Racquet Club and Troop A. Germantown Cricket dropped out this season after being defeated by the Rac- quet Club, 23 to 12.	Retail grages bingalows of has bourses, that hourses, that hou
To explain this, on two occasions this last week we saw two happenings be- yond all parallel: 1. A fanatic without change of expres- sion while the winning tally was being deposited by the home club.		ard Lighting
2. A golfer miss an 15 putt without blinking, just as if nothing of any im- portance had occurred. Forced Marches Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut-and you can write your own ticket.	on the what to do	put your storage battery d condition, tell you how just the generator and to avoid all chances of ghting troubles.
The entry who looks for the best but is prepared for the worst is sure of an even break. Nothing Doing Sir: What chance do you think Jess Willard or Jim Coffey would have against Corbett or Fitzsimmons back in their	Have Your Batte Philadelphia, Pa-J. G. Duncan 1811 Race St. Allentowa, PaP. W. Frey, 951 Columbia, PaColumbia Teloph Lasenster, PaElectric Equipm Realitor, PaBerks Auto & Ga Seranton, PaBerka Suto & Storage	, Jr., 131-133 S. 24th St., and
R. K. H. a. It is tough enough comparing con- tenders of the same year without attempt- ing to go back over a range of twenty years to invoke a guess.	Dilamaport, PaHarer-Wurste Ilkenbarre, PaKlisco Batter uten, N. JBrock's Garage,	



DEEP STUFF HEY